

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

MOTHER'S DAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Charles Converse

***Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and praises.

We will sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of the horn.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

We will sing you a new song, O God, for the marvelous things you have done.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #77** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture 1 John 5:1-6 (NRSV p. 991; LP p. 1913 – 1914)
 John 15:9-17 (NRSV p. 878; LP p. 1688)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church No Children's Church Today

***Hymn #622** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Sermon “Called Friends”

Senior Choir Anthem

“Peace in the Valley”

Thomas A. Dorsey
arr. Larry Shackley

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Blessed Assurance”

Sarah Douglas

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous and loving God, we dedicate to your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts, and our vision for the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus Christ. Let our offering bear fruit in the lives of all who are helped by it. Amen.

***Hymn #514**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord”

Johann Gottfried Walther

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Dorothy and John Brunner by the family.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Barbara R. Goda by Anne Goda, Daryl, Whitney, Victoria Leh, and Kerm Goda.

The carnations today are sponsored in loving memory of Minnie Davis by her son, Ray Davis on his 90th birthday, and in honor and memory of all mothers.

Mission Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.

Vision Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.

... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family ...

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Bob and Lucille Jones, Randy Reinhart, Jr., Jean Gentry, Bob Croll, Glenn Hoffman, Mary Hartman, Erin Beighley, Bob Frey, Sandy Zuchero, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Lucile Jones, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Rick Jones, Bryan Schwoyer, Clara Graber, Anna Bieler, Earl Yerger, Donald Long, Jen Fries, Doris Masemore, Wanda Gentry, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Karen Freed, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, John Hathaway, Betty Pope. Please also keep in your prayers the men and women serving in the United States Military. This month from our Schwenkfelder Prayer list we uplift The Board of Music Ministries.

Bible Study

This week's online Bible Study will examine King Saul's response to David's rising popularity in 1 Samuel 18. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

May Kindness Look-Out

Music Ministry and Choir ☺, Please help us catch those kids being kind! Punch cards are located in the Narthex. You may punch the fish card yourself or you may ask the youth to punch the fish card. Thank you for helping! **“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”** Matthew 4:19

May Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Andrea Simon (5/6), Emily Badman (5/7), Selia Werth (5/10)

Bible App for Kids

Current new stories: Waters Part and Walls Fall (Entering the Promised Land), A Hairy Tale (Samson), A Voice in the Night (Samuel is called to God), Stones Slings and Giant Things (David and Goliath). This is a great app for kids of all ages. Download it for a fun interactive way to read about God's holy word.

You Version Holy Bible App

This is a wonderful app for daily Bible reading. You can choose plans that focus on family, devotionals, youth, religious times of the year, reading partial Bible segments at a time, or a plan that helps you read the whole Bible so it doesn't feel cumbersome. It also includes some plans with music and some plans with videos. It keeps you on track and gives you many choices so you can choose what's right for you. Current New Plans: Pray, God Is..., Finding Hope at Home, Fearless, Chosen, Ambition and Your Work, and Deeper Into Scripture: 2 Thessalonians

Confirmation Class

On Sunday, May 31st, at 1:00pm the Confirmation class will be touring Animals in Distress located in Coopersburg. Bring a lunch or meet back at the church at 12:30.

Confirmation Retreat/Lock-In

Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, May 23rd

The Confirmation class is invited to join us on a mini-spiritual retreat with fun and fellowship at Palm Church starting Friday evening at 6:00pm and ending Saturday morning around 11:00 am. Please sign up during Sunday school class.

Camp Discovery ~Vacation Bible School

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Journey down the trails of Camp Discovery and step out in faith! Explore Bible truths that point to Jesus, our True North. Kids discover that God has a plan and a purpose for us. He calls us to serve our neighbors. Join us on Sunday, June 21st thru Thursday, June 25th 6:15-8:30pm. Registration is on Sunday, June 21st at 6pm or you may pre-register by filling out a form and handing it in to the church office. Our program is for ages 4 years through 5th grade. Older youth volunteers are needed and very welcomed to help.

Sunday School Calendar

Sunday, May 24th – Class Presentations by the Confirmands

Sunday, May 31st – Last teaching day for Sunday school teachers

Saturday, June 6th – Youth Sunday rehearsal at church, 2:00pm

Sunday, June 7th – Youth Sunday during worship with a rehearsal at 9:00am

Sunday, June 14th – Combined Sunday school – closing program

Summer Music

Spring is in the air, and summer will be here soon. This means our regular choirs get a break. Summer special music for Sunday worship services is being scheduled. If you know of anyone who would be willing to share their musical talent, please speak to any one on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the office.

Relay for Life Meeting

There will be a brief Relay for Life Team meeting in the Library after today's worship service.

Relay for Life Gift Card Super Raffle

The May 16th Upper Perk Relay for life is **only 6 days away**. Your help is once again needed to make our Palm team's Relay for Life "Super Raffle" a success. Our prizes this year consist of gift cards to a wide variety of vendors including retail stores, restaurants, food markets, etc. Please consider purchasing one or more chances to win one of these great prizes, while helping us finish the fight against cancer. There will be \$5 tickets available in the Narthex after worship today, or at the Relay event next Saturday.

Spread The Word About Palm

Are you on Facebook? Did you know the church has our own Facebook page? Please consider "LIKING" our Facebook page to see the weekly happenings at church – and enjoy occasional inspirational messages. If you already follow the church's Facebook page – please consider asking your fellow "Facebook Friends" to like our page, so they too can see our upcoming events and enjoy our church's activities. Thank you.

Chester County Migrant Ministries Donations Drive

Since the 1970s, migrant farm workers, and their families, have arrived in the area to harvest a variety of crops. Most of these migrants live and work year-round in the area, and they arrive with very little to their names. Typically, they come unprepared for the colder northern temperatures. In addition, the majority have not learned English, which makes it difficult to ask for help and receive various services. Palm Schwenkfelder Church participates in the annual drive to collect basic necessities. Palm Schwenkfelder Mission Board would like to invite you to participate in our annual drive. The drive is going on now and will end **next Sunday, May 17, 2015**. Current needs include:

Health Kits: Toothbrushes/toothpaste, bath towels, wash cloths, disposable razors, soap (Ivory, med. size), pocket mirrors, toilet paper, plastic coffee cups, heavy plastic ware, shaving cream, combs and women's feminine products.

Other items needed: new/used blankets (used blankets must be clean and in good condition), first aid kits, paperbacks, Spanish/English dictionaries, and Bibles. Please place all items at the Migrant Ministry Display by **next Sunday, May 17, 2015**. Furthermore, a list of necessities will be posted on the Mission Board's information center in the Narthex. Thank you for your assistance, as all donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated. *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" Hebrews 13:16.*

Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2015

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand - Start	\$ 3,082.89	\$ 29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$37,141.27	\$100,740.31
Operating Expenses	\$34,690.88	\$124,532.81
Operating Cash on Hand - End	\$ 5,533.28	\$ 5,533.28

Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference meeting of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for **next Sunday, May 17th** at Palm Schwenkfelder Church. The meeting will begin at 3:00pm and will be followed by a light supper. **Donations of desserts will be needed for the meal.**

The Annual Meeting's business will include election of Officers, and reports on Conference activities and announcements. Any lingering concerns or questions regarding the settlement between The Schwenkfelder Church and the Perkiomen School will be addressed. Please attend and learn about our Conference activities.

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship on:

June 14th; July 12th; August 2nd and 16th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14th and 21st; August 9th and 16th

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

Break for the Quilters

There will not be any quilting this Tuesday, May 12th. But the quilters will be back on the following Tuesday, May 19th.

Spring Cleaning!

The Ladies' Aid has scheduled a time to "house clean" the church kitchen and pantry on Wednesday, May 20th. Help is needed from 9:00am to 12:00 noon and will be greatly appreciated. All are welcome to join us in the fun!

Nursery

When there is no one available to supervise the nursery, parents are welcome to use the nursery but are responsible for their children. If anyone is interested in providing child supervision, please contact Gregg Hoffman.

Address Changes/Updates

As a service to our members, any address changes that come through the office will now be listed in the bulletin. There will also be a section in the Palm Leaves that will list new addresses. If you have any information on members who have may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.



Penn Dry Goods Market

at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center on Friday, May 15th, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday, May 16th, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm to experience the Penn Dry Goods Market. The traditional definition of "dry goods" is textiles, clothing and other related merchandise. At the

PENN DRY GOODS MARKET you can shop with fantastic dealers who will be featuring antique and vintage textiles, including needlework, quilts, coverlets, linens, clothing, buttons and textile-making equipment ranging from spinning wheels to pin cushions! Our dealers will also have selections of wonderful American antiques from their inventories-there's a little something for every taste. We have opened up the first floor gallery, meeting room and the library for our dealers-a great space that is handicapped accessible!

The **PENN DRY GOODS MARKET** is an amazing opportunity to learn from noted experts in textile history. In 2015 we will be offering a superb roster of speakers on a potpourri of topics, ranging from Baltimore Album Quilts, Gothic Clothing, and Berlin Wool Embroidery to the costumes of *The Wizard of Oz*. Register early as seating is limited.

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We Matter -

Meet the nominee for UCC General Minister and President

Written by Connie Larkman, Managing Editor & News Director, UCC



The Rev. John C. Dorhauer, nominee for general minister and president, believes the United Church of Christ has a relevant message of love and inclusivity that the world will find hard to ignore. He believes that our small but mighty denomination, in partnership with the Holy Spirit, is a voice that is sorely needed in the faith community and as part of his leadership he looks forward to making it heard.

Dorhauer, the current conference minister of the Southwest Conference of the UCC, was approved as the nominee to become the denomination's ninth general minister and president in March by the UCC Board of Directors.

Approval by delegates of the 30th General Synod (taking place June 26-30 in Cleveland) is the final step in confirming Dorhauer's candidacy. That vote must pass with a 60 percent majority to make him the leader who would take the church of nearly 1 million members into the future.

Dorhauer, who pledges a closer relationship between the national leadership and the local church, also advocates for partnerships with organizations sharing the same message as the UCC.

To view a short recorded message from Rev. Dornauer, visit ucc.org and search for "We Matter."

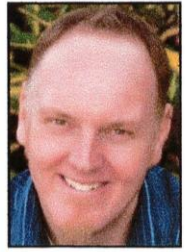


Faith in the Inventive Age with Rev. Doug Pagitt on May 19

Last day to register online at psec.org: Monday, May 11

We live in exciting and fast changing times. There are many opportunities to be encouraged by and many changes that will be demanded. The last two centuries can be divided into four epochs: Agrarian, Industrial, Informational and now, Inventive. The Inventive Age-our currently reality-presents distinct opportunities for how faith communities think, what they value, and the tools we use. This raises interesting questions for us including: What kind of communities are we forming? What story are we telling? How can we tell it more effectively?

Rev. Pagitt is a possibility enthusiast who seeks to find creative, entrepreneurial and generative ways to enlist people to join in the hopes, dreams and desires God has for the world. Doug is a speaker and consultant for churches, denominations and businesses throughout the United States and around the world on issues of Inventive Age culture, social systems Christianity and Leadership. Doug has worked in churches, for a non-profit foundation and has owned three businesses in Minneapolis. You can learn more about Pastor Doug on his website: dougpagitt.com.



Faith in the Inventive Age is the second in a series of four workshops hosted by PSEC in partnership with the Center for Progressive Renewal. Save August 19 for ***Social Media***, a workshop presented by Rev. Ashley Harness and October 20 for ***Radical Welcome***, a workshop presented by Rev. Stephanie Spellers. Join us from 9 am to 3 pm at the Hampton Inn and Suites Oaks, 100 Cresson Blvd., Phoenixville.



Bethany UCC Ministry in Haiti

Bethany United Church of Christ, in NE Philadelphia, is partnering with Christian Fellowship for a ministry trip to Haiti. Christian Fellowship is a robust Haitian congregation with Pastor Sem Pierre as their spiritual leader. Among their many Christian endeavors is an annual mission trip to Haiti. The intent of this annual mission project is to promote human development and Christian education through the donation of relief, medical and educational supplies and equipment. They assist the people of Haiti on the basis of need, NOT creed, gender, race or birth place. This year will be no different. What will be different is that the 2015 mission project, which will run from July 18 to 25, will include seven members of Bethany United Church of Christ!

Through a number of fund raisers, Bethany United Church of Christ has been able to donate 200 book-bags complete with school supplies, 100 tote bags filled with baby items, various medical supplies, such as stethoscopes, bandages, sterile masks and gloves, alcohol wipes and band-aides. We also donated \$2,000 to off set the shipping costs of these items to Haiti.

The seven volunteers from Bethany will be working to spread God's word while staffing a medical clinic, teaching a Vacation Bible School, conducting an adult Bible study, and supplying manual labor as needed. The seven volunteers, with the full support of the entire Bethany congregation, are looking forward to working with our Haitian sisters and brothers from Christian Fellowship to bring relief and the word of God to the people of Haiti. Five years ago Bethany United Church of Christ invited Christian Fellowship to use Bethany as their church home. This has truly turned into a "match made in heaven!"



Prayers are requested for mission and ministry at
St. Peter's UCC in Pine Grove

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 10

- Deadline for June/July Newsletter
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Mother's Day Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, May 11

- 11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Bld. & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, May 12

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop
- 7:15pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 13

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Thursday, May 14

- 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, May 15

- 10:00am Penn Dry Goods Market @ Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, May 16

- 9:00am Relay for Life
- 10:00am Penn Dry Goods Market @ Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, May 17

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 3:00pm Spring General Conference Here @ Palm

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Gail Brown

Ushers: Nancy Hoffman, Tim Hoffman, Richard Kleppinger, Lisa Stitt

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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