

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2014

MOTHER'S DAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Sheep May Safely Graze" J. S. Bach

***Call to Worship**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #87** "His Name Is Wonderful"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us trust you beyond these limits. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Psalm 23 (NRSV p. 435; LP p. 855)
John 10:1-10 (NRSV p. 872; LP p. 1677 – 1678)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church No Children's Church Today

***Hymn #389** "Happy the Home When God Is There"

Sermon "The Good Shepherd"

Senior Choir Anthem "Search Me Lord" Thomas Dorsey
arr. Joel Raney

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

“Air”

J. S. Bach

***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**

We hear the voice of Jesus the Shepherd, O God, and seek to follow his course for our lives. We bring our gifts now before you as results of our search. Accept them and use them so that others may join in the quest. Bring others to the gates of your promised land, and let them hear you calling them to come, enter in. Amen.

***Hymn #522**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Allegro”

Franz Joseph Haydn

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Mae E. Schultz by Jean & Gregory Ross and Barbara & Gerry Colvin and families.

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

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:

Harold Smoll, Kurt Weiss, Sharon O'Donnell, Caroline Haines, Michelle Eschbach, Wanda Gentry, Jane Shermer, Sue Carlin, Bryan Schwoyer, Charlie Krauss, Kelsie Josie, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Vera Boykin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Buriemek, Barbara Kirwin, Karen Freed, Brad Hoffman, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Harold Smoll, Robert Margerum, Mary and Harold Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, 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

Scholars often point to Hosea 6:6 as the source for Jesus' words in Matthew 9:13. Is 1 Samuel 15:22 an earlier source? What about Jeremiah 7:21-23? Help the online Bible Study discuss this question by contacting the Church Office with an email address.

Church Picnic

To celebrate another wonderful Sunday school year, please join us for a church picnic after worship on Sunday, June 8th. Everyone is welcome to join in fellowship and lunch. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or chips, etc. to share. Bring chairs/blanket. A couple of tables will be set up with seating. Weather permitting there will be a fun surprise for the kids and the kids at heart to enjoy!

Safari Jungle Vacation Bible School

Join us on a Jungle Safari to explore the nature of God as CREATOR, PROVIDER, PROTECTOR, SAVIOR, and KING! Learn that we can all count on Him through Bible stories that start in Genesis and lead you to Revelation. The dates for VBS are Sunday, June 22nd – Thursday, June 26th from 6pm-8:30pm, 5 fun evenings! To register, please fill out a form located in the Narthex or email Barb Master at kb3master@yahoo.com.

Help us spread some cheer at the Frederick Home on Saturday, June 28th at 10:00am. VBS kids will sing and share the daily Bible verses with the residents. Pack a lunch and a blanket for a picnic afterwards. Sunday, June 29th during worship, VBS kids will sing songs for the congregation. So, get ready to KNOW what's so great about God, EXPLORE the nature of God, and SERVE God in practical ways. We can't wait to see you there ☺

VBS Materials Needed

VBS is only a few weeks away! The kids will be using recycled items and making them into musical instruments. If you could save the following items we would greatly appreciate it:

- soup size empty tin cans
- cardboard paper towel & toilet paper tubes
- metal jar lids (eg. from baby food, jelly, relish, spaghetti sauce, etc.)

There will be a box marked VBS donations in the Narthex. Thank you so much!

Kids caught being Kind!

This is the last month to catch our little Christians being kind. I invite everyone to be on the look-out for acts of kindness. You can secretly make the punch in their card or you can let them know you caught them and they can make the punch in their card. Thanks ☺

Sunday School Dates

Sunday May 25th, last teaching day for youth Sunday school teachers.

Saturday May 31st, 9:30am rehearsal for Youth Sunday in Sanctuary.

Sunday June 1st, Youth Sunday and 9:30am rehearsal for Youth Sunday.

Sunday June 8th, Combined Sunday school in social hall. After worship, end of year picnic and Acts of Kindness card drawing.

Sunday September 7th, Rally Day.

Relay For Life Luminaria

This coming Saturday, May 17th, at dusk, at Upper Perkiomen High School, the Relay For Life of Upper Perkiomen will remember and honor loved ones through the luminaria ceremony. Luminaria will line the track. Luminaria are candle lit bags; each luminaria is lit in honor or memory of someone who has battled cancer. The honorees' names are prominently displayed on the bags. As participants walk through the night, the luminaria remind and inspire them that the fight against cancer is about real people in the Upper Perkiomen Valley community. Luminaria forms are available in the Narthex.

Candy Tubes

Just a reminder that the money-filled candy tubes benefiting the Relay for Life Team can be placed in the basket in the Narthex, or given to any Relay for Life team member.

Relay Super Raffle

Attention.....Attention.....Attention! The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay For Life Team has once again put together a "Super Raffle" as a team fund-raiser. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be available from mid-April till the end of the Relay. Many nice prizes have been donated including a \$400 gift card for Boscov's, a \$300 gift card for Cabella's, a Weber Gas Grill, a \$100 Amazon gift card, plus a variety of hand-crafted items and other gift certificates. A complete listing of prizes and sponsors will be posted in the narthex. The drawing will take place at the Relay Event held at the Upper Perkiomen High School on May 17, 2014. You need not be present to win. Please consider purchasing a ticket or two and maybe YOU could be a lucky winner.

Chester County Migrant Ministry

It's time again to collect items for the Chester County Migrant Ministries' Health Kits. About 200 people per month visit the Chester County Migrant Ministry Office for assistance. Most immigrants in this area are Mexicans. The drivers are jobs, better educational opportunities, care for their children and a better life in general. The Mexican immigrants come to America with very little to start out with and have many needs. This is where we can help, by providing the simplest necessities to help make their lives easier.

The Schwenkfelder Conference Mission Board and our Church's Mission Board invite you to participate in gathering blankets and health kits for the farm workers program in Chester County. For the kits we need:

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. In addition we need: new or used blankets (used blankets must be clean and in good condition), first aid kits, paperbacks, Spanish/English dictionaries and Bibles. Please bring these items to church and place them by the Migrant Ministry Display by **today**. Thank you for your help.

Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference meeting of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for May 18, 2014 at the Central Schwenkfelder Church. The meeting will begin at 3:00 PM and will be followed by a light supper. The Annual Meeting's business will include election of officers, reports on Conference activities, announcements, and a report and discussion on the status of the Perkiomen School situation. Please attend and learn about our Conference activities.

Pick-Up Anthem

Ever wonder what it would be like to sing with the Senior Choir? Here's your chance to find out! On Sunday, June 8th, the Choir invites you to join them in presenting a "pick-up anthem" as part of the worship service. The anthem, "Communion Kumbayah," is based on two familiar tunes, "Kumbayah" and "Let Us Break Bread Together." We will meet in the sanctuary for rehearsal at 9:30 am on Sunday, June 8th. Singers of all ages are welcome, so come give it try.

You're invited to a...

*Big Honkin' Party!
Come celebrate Pastor Nick's
40th Birthday!*

What: Pig Roast

When: Sunday, May 25th, After the Worship Service

Where: Church Grove

Please Bring: Lawn Chairs; Side Dishes and Desserts Needed

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 are being scheduled. If you know of anyone that would be willing to share their musical talent, please speak to any one the music committee.

Time to Make the Chow Chow

Ladies Aid will be making Chow Chow on July 25th & 26th. This process actually will start on July 7th, when we will be cutting up cucumbers for pickleing. Then we will need many hands on July 25th to help wash & count jars & chop fresh vegetables (time to be determined). The monumental task of canning will start at 7:30 am on July 26th. This endeavor is no small task and will take many hands. Please save these dates & consider helping with this Ladies' Aid sponsored project.

Bulletin and Flower Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. We have openings for flower sponsorships on:

June 1st and 8th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 22nd, July 13th, August 3rd, 10th, and 17th

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!

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.

Kitchen Manager (Part Time) – The Open Link

The Open Link, a non-profit agency serving the Upper Perkiomen Valley (www.theopenlink.org) is seeking a part-time Kitchen Manager at The Center at 517 Jefferson St., East Greenville, PA. Major responsibilities include: Ordering meals for the Home Delivered Meal (Meals on Wheels) and the Congregate Meal programs, overseeing the packing/meal temperature testing of the program meals, providing information to the MOW volunteers, preparing and serving the congregat meal and cleaning up afterward, receiving order from caterer; checking dates and temperature. Qualifications needed include: Minimum of high school diploma or GED and 2 years' experience in the food industry. Good organizational skills. Ability to communicate with and respect older adults. Ability to use computer and other office equipment needed to perform job. Ability to operate all the kitchen equipment needed to perform the required job duties. Must be able to lift racks of dishes from the dishwasher. Possession of a "ServSafe Certificate" or willingness to obtain one.

Check Out Our Updated Church Website

Have you looked recently at www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com? You will find it has changed and includes a lot of new helpful features. Our home page is an invitation to “Get Started,” “Get Connected,” and to “Get Involved.” You will also find our “Upcoming Events,” “News” and “Recent Facebook Posts” on the home page. Send your friends and family to our webpage where they can explore more “About” our “History,” “Present” and “Affiliation” or “Meet” our congregation and staff. Particularly helpful will be our “Calendar” where you can check out when and at what time things are happening. If you missed church or didn't carry home your bulletin, you can find the weekly bulletin under “Media” as well as our newsletters and photos. Do you need to contact the church office or want to let a friend know how to get to Palm or to one of the other Schwenkfelder sites in South Eastern PA? You can send them to our “Contact Us” page which includes lots of information, phone and email addresses as well as interactive maps. You can also find, to download, our building use forms on that page. Let us know what you think of our updated website and we hope that it will be helpful as we all work together *“To Proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.”*

New Schwenkfelder Booklets

The Publication Committee of The Schwenkfelder Church is pleased to announce that the new *Schwenkfelder Heritage Sites in Southeastern Pennsylvania* booklets will be available for sale. The 70-page booklet contains historical and current information, locations and full-color photographs of Schwenkfelder churches, meetinghouses, cemeteries of the immigrants, and other places of interest. You will find a copy on display in the Narthex. There are maps of the three main Schwenkfelder districts, and smaller maps of selected sites. Two appendices list the immigrants, their “E” numbers, and places of burial. The booklets cost \$15.00 per copy. Please make checks out to “The Schwenkfelder Church.” We'd like to thank the many people who assisted the Committee, in providing photographs, history and information to make this booklet possible. The booklets may be purchased in the church office or by contacting the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center (shipping \$3.95 additional.)

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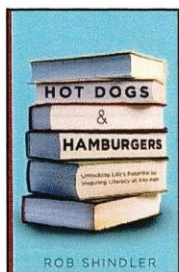
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Reading Changes Lives



The UCC is having a literacy campaign titled **Reading Changes Lives**. One way churches can get involved is through the UCC's One Read book group. The book is **Hot Dogs and Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age**.

The author, Rob Shindler, was inspired to write this book after dealing with his own son's struggles with literacy. In September 2014, the book will be read together over 6 weeks as part of the Reading Changes Lives literacy justice initiative. We're hoping that churches buy and read this book in an effort to raise

awareness of this problem. Reading Changes Lives will be a large part of General Synod 2015, and Rob Shindler will be there as a speaker. No profits will be made by the author or the UCC, and a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Reading Changes Lives literacy justice initiative. This is the first time for the UCC's One Read. Everyone is invited to read the same book and participate in discussion and reflection. Visit uccresources.org to buy a single copy for \$11.99 with FREE shipping or buy a 5-pack bundle for \$45.00 with FREE shipping. A FREE discussion guide will be available as a downloadable PDF. You can sign-up for email updates and learn more at readingchangeslives.org.



ASK DR. PHIL - A Special Service of Dr. Philip Schaff

Dear Dr. Phil, My congregation will be 200 years old next year, and I've been appointed chairman of the Anniversary Committee. I want to plan a blow-out celebration. How can I get some information about our church's history? -Jennifer K



Dear Jennifer, Your own church library may have some old anniversary booklets, and your early church records might be in the vault in the office. Possibly your local historical society has some good information and even microfilmed copies of your records. And of course you're going to want to interview, maybe on video, your old-time members. But your best bet to prepare a grand anniversary celebration that your members will never forget is to get in touch with the **Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, located on the second floor of the Philip Schaff Library at Lancaster Theological Seminary, 555 W. James Street, Lancaster 17603**. You can direct your inquiries to erhs@lancasterseminary.edu or call 717-290-8711 to make an appointment for an on-site visit. The library is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 to 4. A daily pass to do research at the ERHS Library is only \$5 a day, and annual membership in the Society is \$25 for an individual and \$50 for a church.

-Yours truly, Dr. Phil

Getting to Know :

Trinity Reformed UCC

1400 Buck Road, Holland, PA 18966

Testimony from Doug Brong, a member of Trinity Reformed UCC

In a difficult time for many churches, Trinity UCC of Holland embodies the attributes and practices taught by Jesus and later the apostles. In meeting for worship, bible study, music ministry, and all of the other faith based activities, Trinity's finest qualities come forth through the love of Christ, which, I believe, pervades all aspects of church life.



The love of Jesus is most evident in the part of worship when the peace of God is passed from one to another. Finding this part of the service to be lengthy and heartfelt, the Spirit of God certainly lives, breathes, and is very active throughout the congregation.

Trinity is a home where one may receive the love of Christ, the Word of God, and the communal fellowship necessary to encourage, edify, and nurture souls who may be lost, hurting, or searching for a higher form of love and respect. Gratefully, I for one, feel blessed to have been accepted into this wonderful church family, and I thank God repeatedly for all of those who represent the body of Christ at Trinity UCC.



CONVERSATION AND CARE FOR ALL May 12 - Levittown

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow night at **7 pm** at **United Christian Church**, 8525 New Falls Road in Levittown 19054. If you have not registered for this time of listening and sharing with Rev. Wanda D. Craner, Acting

Conference Minister, please call Marge 484-949-8774 x311 to let her know that you will be coming.



Visit these psec.org website pages for:

- Conference-wide events: psec.org/psec-events
- Local Church events: psec.org/local-church-happenings
- Communitas issues/special eNews publications: psec.org/ecommunications

*You can sign up to receive our weekly eNews email by clicking on **eNews Signup** on the left side of any page of the website.*



Prayers are requested for Trinity Reformed UCC in Holland and Mr. Eric Marsteller.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 11

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Mother's Day Sunday Worship Service](#)

Monday, May 12

6:30pm [Building & Grounds Committee](#)

7:30pm [Board of Trustees](#)

Tuesday, May 13

8:00am [Quilters](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts](#)

7:00pm [Daisies](#)

7:15pm [Boy Scouts of America Troop Committee Meeting](#)

Wednesday, May 14

9:00am [Ladies' Aid Food Prep For Dry Goods Market](#)

Thursday, May 15

8:00am [Embroidery Workshop](#)

9:00am [Ladies' Aid Food Prep For Dry Goods Market](#)

Saturday, May 17

10:00am [Relay for Life Begins](#)

Sunday, May 18

6:30am [Sunrise Worship Service @ Relay for Life](#)

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:00am [Relay for Life Concludes](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

3:00pm [Spring General Conference @ Central Schwenkfelder Church](#)

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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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Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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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

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