

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

MOTHER'S DAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Matthew Burris

***Call to Worship**

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #689**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess that sometimes we have covered our ears so we cannot hear your word of judgment, holy God. We seek to isolate ourselves from a world in pain. We become enemies and persecutors of Christ, who identified with the poor, needy, and oppressed people. We reject the One you sent as the way, the truth, and the life. We do not pray, as Jesus prayed, trusting that you respond. O God, deliver us from ourselves. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

1 Peter 2:2 – 10 (NRSV p. 984; LP p. 1898 – 1899)

John 14:1 – 14 (NRSV p. 877; LP p. 1686 – 1687)

Children’s Sermon

Children's Church

No Children's Church

***Hymn #612**

"How Firm a Foundation"

Sermon

"The Living Stone"

Senior Choir Anthem

"Declaration of Faith"

Joseph Martin

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

"How Firm a Foundation"

J. Wayne Kerr

***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 commit ourselves to you, gracious God, as we dedicate material gifts that represent our labor. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life, we are filled with awe. When we remember Jesus as the cornerstone of the spiritual house you are seeking to build in our midst, we are eager to help. Let your face shine on us and on this offering that your mighty acts may be proclaimed to all the world. Amen.

***Hymn #517**

"The Solid Rock"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"On Christ, the Solid Rock, I Stand"

Adam Mason

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in memory of Bob Frey by Bonnie, Nancy, Bob and their families.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Marie Hartman and in honor of Dayna Jalowy's college graduation (5/13) and her birthday (5/18) by Alex and Joanne Jalowy.

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:

The family of Donald Guldin, Rebecca Himmelwright, Joe and Sue Cooper, Verna Badman, Shelby Yoder, Renee Shelly, Jeff Treichler, Eleanor Guldin, Ernie Guldin, Leon Wohlbach, Meg Lester, Jean Gabel, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Carmen Davis, Mae Gerhart, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Reverend Ed Winslow, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, 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

Please pronounce and define "bow." That question arose in a recent Study in the Psalms. 1 Samuel 31 and 2 Samuel 1 both renew the issue. Help the online Bible Study wrestle with this topic by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

H.E.R.O.

Helpful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Optimistic!

When you recognize heroic behavior among our youth, please let them know.

Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out!

Holy Bible App by You Version

New Lent Bible reading plans such as 40 days of Lent, come to the upper room devotions, Finding Jesus, and many more.

Bible for Kids by You Version

The Big Picnic: each day's video teaches a memory verse, a key truth, and a song.

May Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to... Andrea Simon (05/06), Selia Werth (05/10)

Happy 18th birthday to Emily Badman (05/07)

Helping Hands

Look for the Helping Hands box located in the narthex. This is a new youth mission. See details on page 10 of this bulletin.

Migrant Hospitality Project

Thank you to all who have supported MHP throughout the year. Financial support and donated time and furnishing have us ready to serve a household of up to four legal, Christian exiles fleeing persecution from anywhere in the world. Cash donations are still appreciated, in anticipation of moving costs and final items that depend on demographics of the actual clients. Please mark your donations "Migrants."

Spring General Conference, Sunday, May 21, 2017

The Spring General Conference meeting of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at 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 and announcements. Attending will be a member of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and there will be a discussion regarding our relationship with them. Please attend and learn about our Conference activities.

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, from **May 7-14, 2017**. 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 **Sunday, May 14, 2017**. 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. **"Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help."**

Isaiah 58:7.

We're Having A Flea Market

On Saturday, June 3rd, from 8:00am to 1:00pm, the Confirmands will be hosting a flea market. Lots will be available for \$10 each, and the cost for each table will be \$5. If there are any lots still available on June 3rd, they will be available for \$15 each. Donations of items would be appreciated. If you have something you would like to donate, please place it in the marked container in the narthex. If you would like to reserve a table please call the church office at 215-679-5321.

Treasurer Report April, 2017

| | <u>April</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Operating Cash on Hand | | |
| Start of Month/Year | \$45,318.42 | \$ 65,440.30 |
| Operating Income Received | \$29,913.51 | \$ 99,360.37 |
| Operating Expenses | \$31,696.02 | \$121,264.76 |
| Operating Cash on Hand - 4/30 | \$43,535.91 | \$ 43,535.91 |

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50. The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart located outside the office. You could also call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. Any Deacon or Church Officer will help you with any questions about the process. Getting your name in an available slot will hold the date for you. Thank You.

Upcoming dates for flower sponsorship: May 28th; June 4th & 11th;
August 6th

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship: June 4th & 11th; July 30th;
August 6th

Did You Know?

We are starting a new feature in our bulletins entitled "Did You Know?" Items of interest to members and visitors will be listed. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

Did You Know?

- LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher. LARGE PRINT Bibles are also available for use during worship services, located on the table to the left between the front and back sections of pews.
- Listening devices are available for those who would like them. Please see an usher to assist you.
- A fully accessible restroom is located in the hallway, across from the office. A baby changing table is there, also.
- There are greeting cards on the podium as you enter the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to sign – you don't need to be a member of the congregation to add your name to the well wishes.

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, May 19-20, SLHC

“The Penn Dry Goods Market is a special kind of antiques show and sale. It features antique and vintage textiles plus things that might have been found on the shelves of an old dry goods store. More than an antiques show, it is built around two days of lectures on textile history and workshops, attended by people from all parts of the country.”

~Lita Solis-Cohen Maine Antique Digest, August 2014

Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center on Friday, May 19th, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm , and Saturday, May 20th, 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!

Ascension Day Celebration, May 25th, Palm Schwenkfelder Church

As part of our 500th Reformation Anniversary observances, Palm will be hosting an Ascension Day Celebration beginning at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 25, 2017. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm with tethered hot air balloon rides and a rock climbing wall (weather permitting). The Valley Choral Society will be uplifting our spirits in song from 7:00 to 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by an Ascension Day hymn sing and closing service. Financial donations or sponsorships to offset expenses are greatly appreciated. Please speak with Pastor Nick if you would like to be a part of our Ascension Day Celebration.

Memorial Day Observance

Sunday, May 28th, Palm Schwenkfelder Church will take a few moments to remember those from our fellowship who entered the Church Triumphant over the last year. In addition to our members, we would also like to extend the opportunity to uplift the names of those that you have lost recently. As we gather outside for the conclusion of our service, you will be invited to speak the name of your loved one, or if you prefer, Pastor Nick will share the name on your behalf. May the promise of blessed comfort to all those who mourn, embrace us.

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May 14, 2017

Highlight YOUR Church at General Synod 2017

Is your church doing something to help build a just world for all? We want to know! Make a 30-60 second video of you or someone from your church telling us what you're doing.

Your video can show us anything you're doing to make a difference in caring for all God's children and God's creation. Some examples include:

- Your food pantry or food drive
- After-school program
- Tutoring
- Participation in community projects
- Help for the homeless
- Working to protect the environment
- Housing rehab

Send your video to jannsoha@ucc.org and your church will be featured on screen at General Synod in Baltimore this summer!

3 things to remember:

- Video should be 30-60 seconds long.
- Shoot your video horizontally (hold the phone sideways).
- Email your video to jannsoha@ucc.org by May 30th

Thanks! We can't wait to see and hear your story!

General Synod 2017

Baltimore, Md



Happy Mother's Day !

In the churches that raised me and shaped my Christian faith, one of the most honored positions was the Mother's Board. It is rare to find this group in the churches of today, but when I was a boy there was no group (and rightfully so) that carried more cache than the Mother's Board. If you wanted to get anything done or approved, the best place to start was the Mother's Board. With their big beautiful hats and purses full of peppermints, these ladies loved the body of Christ, and they were a huge resource to young families and mother's especially. They shared advice, shared in discipline, shared their resources, and were kind enough to let the Pastor believe s/he was in charge.

These grand ladies remind me of the biblical character, Naomi. Having lost both her husband and sons, instead of living a bitter existence, Naomi freely shares her love and wisdom with her daughter-in-law Ruth. Far too often, in the youth focused churches today, we forget that our seasoned sisters still have a lot to give. Their lives have been shaped in the crucible of experience and the wisdom they offer the church is invaluable. We may not all have a Mother's Board, but we should provide the physical and spiritual space for these ladies to offer the church the gifts that only come from a mother with a few seasons at her back.

Happy Mother's Day to these mothers and all mothers on this special day!

- Rev. Cean James, ACM CD



HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands is a youth ministry dedicated to our church family who may need extra “helping hands.” Please fill out the form below and place in the Helping Hands box located at the back of the sanctuary. It will be checked every Sunday and you will be contacted to discuss your needs.

Anyone in need of “Helping Hands” please fill out below:

Examples: house cleaning, yard work, errands, minor repairs, spring/fall cleaning, also open to other needs as well.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

NEED OR
PROJECT _____

BEST DAY/TIME FOR
ASSISTANCE _____

If you have any special skills and would like to offer assistance, please list your name and number below. Thank you.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 14

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, May 15

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Board of Christian Education

7:00pm Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Mission Board Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, May 17

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, May 19

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, May 20

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, May 21

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

3:00pm Schwenkfelder General Conference Meeting

Hosted at Central Schwenkfelder Church

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours

*There will be limited coverage until May 25th.
Please call ahead if you need to stop in to the office.*

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Ministers: All Church Members

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Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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: Gregg Hoffman, Glenn Hoffman, Nancy Hoffman, Lisa Stitt

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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