

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

PENTECOST

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Spirit of the Living God”

Robert Thygerson

Senior Choir Choral Introit

“Surely the Presence”

Lanny Wolfe
arr. Joel Raney

***Call to Worship**

We gather together because God has called us.

We wait in expectant awe for God’s appearing.

We are together, old and young, rich and poor.

We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.

On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises:

the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit.

What will happen if we let the Spirit in?

On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God.

We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the Spirit.

We will risk stepping into God’s vision for us.

***Hymn #578**

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have built cities for ourselves. We have sought fame and fortune. We have rushed through our days with unseeing eyes, stopped-up ears, and dulled emotions. We are more often enslaved by our fears than freed by your grace. We demand proof of your existence but ignore the work of your hands. We reject Jesus Christ as an impractical visionary. Your Holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on being in charge. Have mercy on us, holy God, and save us from ourselves. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Acts 2:1 – 21 (NRSV p. 885; LP p. 1703 – 1704)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church No Children’s Church

***Hymn #717** “Lord of the Church, We Pray for Our Renewing”

Sermon

Senior Choir Anthem

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Traditional Spiritual
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

“Come, Holy Spirit”

Paul Manz

***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**

**God of wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world
because of these gifts we return to you. Grant us enhanced
capacity to carry your revelation to others in ways they can
understand. We seek to be to one another channels of your
love and peace, both in person and through outreach of our
offerings. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger: you who believe in me shall never thirst.

In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

Communion Prayer and Consecration

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Eternal God, you have called your people, young and old, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we, like those on the first Pentecost, may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*Hymn #723

“Revive Us Again”

*Benediction

Postlude

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Raymond H. Haan

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored and the flowers are presented today in loving memory of Herbert Frey by Bonnie, Nancy, Bob, and families.

Communion Note

The Lord's Table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. The Deacons will serve the congregation in the pews. Trays should be passed halfway through the pew and then returned to the same deacon, take the bread or grape juice while the person next to you holds the tray. Please hold the bread and the cup until the Pastor invites everyone to eat or drink. Then quietly place the cup in the holder on the back of the pew.

Note: Gluten-free Communion Wafers (individually wrapped) are provided on the bread trays for people with wheat sensitivity.

“Concerning the Communion Service of Palm Schwenkfelder Church, children of our congregation take communion after confirmation. If you choose to have your children partake in Communion please explain the sacred meanings behind the ritual. If you would like to speak with someone on the meanings of Communion please speak with Pastor Nick or any Deacon.”

Deacons of Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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:

Marian Fox, Helen Miller, Paul Decker, Ray Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, David Dotterer, Edmund Kuhns, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Mary Hartman, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, 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 Trustees.

Bible Study

Who were David and Abigail to one another? Spouse is the easiest part of the answer. Help the online Bible Study wrap-up 1 Samuel 25 by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

May Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday...

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

Happy 18th Birthday to Payton Keyser (5/28)

A Call to Action! Bible App for Kids

Bible story to read (listen to) for next Sunday: Fire from Heaven, Elijah

7 & Up Class

April devotional from the You Version Bible App: Switch, Set Apart. What does it mean to be holy and to live holy lives?

Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

Current plans: Beauty Begins: Making Peace With Your Reflection, Hungry for God: Biblical Reflections on Food, 7 Laws Of Love, A Daily Word For Parents with Ron Hutchcraft, Acts of Repentance

Teens ~ Current plans: Switch TV Presents: ReNew, Set Apart, Anger, Identity, How To Be The Church

Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project

Offerings to support the Migrant Hospitality Project are welcomed. Please mark "Migrant" on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

Migrant Hospitality Project Action Update – New

While MHP is on-call for a single-person household, we seek to add beds and linen. That will make us more flexible for the first household or give us a head start on the second. Donated twin beds are particularly useful. Types of double beds can be used, as well. Forms available in the Narthex are a reliable way to declare your intention to donate a bed. Give your completed form to any Deacon or put it in the slot of the Office door.

Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for **next Sunday May 22, 2016**, at Schwenckfeld Manor, located at 1290 Allentown Road, Lansdale, PA 19446. The Conference will begin at 3:00 PM. Please note that the Center's entrance faces Weikel Road. The meeting will be held in the Center Room which is a short walk beyond the sliding door entrance. Following the business meeting, a meal will be served by Village Caterers.

Red Hill Band

Celebrating its 116th performance season, the Red Hill Band will present a Spring Concert, to be held **next Sunday, May 22, 2016**, at 2:00 pm, in the auditorium of the Upper Perkiomen High School. In addition to the debut of Norman Stull, the band's new Director of Music, the concert will feature Jeff Wohlbach, a member of the Palm Schwenkfelder Church congregation, as the guest trumpet soloist. The concert program will include marches, classic concert band compositions, and contemporary musical selections.

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, and would like to remind you that the last day of the drive is **next Sunday, May 22, 2016**. 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 22, 2016**. 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.*

Community Meeting

You are invited to a community meeting to hear information on the intensive application of HatGro and mixed AG chemical wastes in southeast Berks County and the public health and property risks associated therewith. This meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 25th, at Butter Valley Golf Course. A presentation will be given by researcher Maria Payan from the Socially Responsible Agricultural Project (SRAP)

It's Barbecue Time!

The Men of Palm Chicken BBQ is coming! Join us on Saturday, June 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the best chicken BBQ east of the Mississippi! You won't want to miss this finger lickin' good time! Please contact a member of the Men of Palm for tickets, or see Dan in the office. And if you'd like to help out with the chicken BBQ, contact Tom Long at (267) 307-3512.

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 anyone on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the church office.

Treasurer's Report – April 2016

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash On Hand		
Start Of Month/Year	\$29,517.16	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$21,167.31	\$ 98,604.50
Operating Expenses	\$39,445.90	\$123,126.96
Operating Cash On Hand – 4/30	\$11,238.57	\$ 11,238.57

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

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

August 7th & 14th; October 2nd & 9th; November 6th, 13th, 20th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

July 31st; August 7th, 14th & 21st; September 11th

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office.

And, thanks!

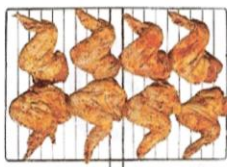
Job Opening at Central

The Central Schwenkfelder Church is seeking a part-time secretary (34 1/2 hours per week) to join our church office staff. Candidates should have strong organizational skills, be proficient with Microsoft Office applications, and have an aptitude for technology and a keen attention to detail as well as good people skills. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: answering phones, preparing various communications such as the weekly bulletin and announcements, maintaining the Garden of Memories records and maintaining all social media. If you're interested in this position, please submit your resume to Leslie Reyburn-Shisler at reyburn@cscfamily.org by May 31, 2016

Annual
CHICKEN BARBECUE

SPONSORED BY
THE MEN OF PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SATURDAY, June 11, 2016



4:00pm to 7:00pm

AT



PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
PALM, PA

Tickets are \$10.00

(Half-Chicken, Pepper Cabbage, Baked Beans, Baked Potato,
Roll & Butter, and Dessert)

Please Buy Your Tickets in Advance. Limited Amount of Tickets Sold at
the Church on the Day of the Barbecue.

TAKE-OUT ORDERS ONLY.
WE WILL DELIVER TO YOUR CAR!

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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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May 15, 2016

From your Conference Minister :

If we didn't know it before, we surely know it now, as the second chapter of Acts unfolds: this is no tame God who comes to us, no safe and predictable deity-- certainly not the one we worship from safe and predictable pews. This is the God whose loving sometimes takes the form of scorching. And should. There are fears, "-isms", and cynical spirits that need to be burned away from the Christian life.

Before he left, Jesus told his friends he would send them the Advocate, the Comforter. Now the Comforter comes as wind and flame, reminding us that comfort is not always comfortable. It makes itself known in community, where we find the most searing challenges—and the deepest blessings—we will ever know.

Jan Richardson's writes about that blessing in a manner that's particularly relevant for all our churches: "To bear this blessing, you must first take yourself to a place where everyone does not look like you or think like you, a place where they do not believe precisely as you believe, where their thoughts and ideas and gestures are not exact echoes of your own.

Bring your sorrow. Bring your grief. Bring your fear. Bring your weariness, your pain, your disgust at how broken the world is, how fractured, how fragmented by its fighting, its wars, its hungers, its penchant for power, its ceaseless repetition of the history it refuses to rise above. I will not tell you this blessing will fix all that.

But in the place where you have gathered, wait, watch, listen. Lay aside your inability to be surprised, your resistance to what you do not understand. See then whether this blessing turns to flame on your tongue, sets you to speaking what you cannot fathom or opens your ear to a language beyond your imagining that comes as a knowing in your bones that...this is the reason we were made, for this ache that finally opens us, for this struggle, this grace that scorches us toward one another and into the blazing day."

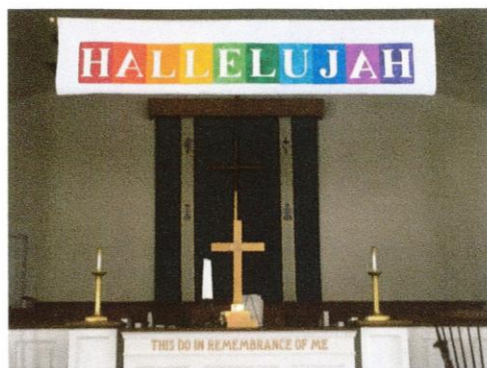
The world is waiting and wondering, 'Is there any fire left in the belly of the body of Christ? Does anything ignite their souls? Are we still the carriers of the grace that keeps the world? Today is our day to offer the world a resounding "YES!"

Rev. William P. Worley
Conference Minister

Getting to Know :

Collenbrook United Church

5290 Township Line Road, Drexel Hill, PA



Collenbrook United Church, UCC/PCUSA, is a union church of Northminster Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's United Church of Christ 41 years ago. As a union church we are one congregation while fully a part of both denominations. Collenbrook United Church is an OPEN AND AFFIRMING/MORE LIGHT congregation. We

welcome, accept, include, affirm, and celebrate all of God's people into full participation and membership regardless of race, color, ethnicity, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or cultural background, or any other socially limiting barrier. It is our mission to be a safe place for all people to explore faith, grow spiritually, and participate fully in the life of this faith community. We also covenant to support and work toward a time when discrimination of all kinds is eliminated from our churches and our communities. Peace and justice for all of God's people and God's creation are crucial to us.

Collenbrook United Church is a MISSION church. Each month we choose a different mission for focus. In 2015, some of our mission offerings included: Doctors Without Borders, Church World Service: Blankets Plus, Life Philadelphia, One Great Hour of Sharing, THON, The Point Foundation (ONA/ML), Chester Eastside, Marine Corp League, KIVA, CROP Walk, Neighbors in Need, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Retired Clergy Funds UCC/PCUSA. Our newest mission has been to provide a free hot meal the last Thursday of the month for anyone and everyone in the community, served in our Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Our recent purchase of three octaves of handbells is enhancing our worship in exciting ways! We are also hosting Jamie Anderson in Concert on May 21st at 7:00 p.m. Watch for us in the Pride Parade!

Like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on our current events!



Prayers are requested for Collenbrook United Church in Drexel Hill and Rev. Melanie J. Lawrence-Caldwell.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 15

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Pentecost Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Sunday School Teachers Meeting Following the Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

3:00pm Memorial Service for Reverend Ron Krick @ Friedens

Monday, May 16

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, May 17

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, May 18

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, May 20

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, May 21

12:00pm Freed Wedding

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, May 22

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

2:00pm Installation of Reverend Barbara Pence
@ Peace in Zion UCC

2:00pm Red Hill Band Concert @ Upper Perkiomen High School

3:00pm Spring General Conference of The Schwenkfelder Church
@ Schwenckfeld Manor

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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

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Piano Accompanist: Ethel Soffa

Piano Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Gail Brown

Ushers: Kenneth Kuhns, Maria Kuhns, Terry Kuhns, Lisa Stitt

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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