

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Janet Correll

***Call to Worship**

Come together expecting great things.
Wait for the promises of God.

**Is this the time when God will come to reign?
Will we receive power and authority?**

In God’s time the Holy Spirit will come to you.
You will be empowered as faithful witnesses.

**We are here to learn about all that Jesus did.
We are ready to listen to all that Jesus taught.**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
Sing praises to God, sing praises.

**God is ruler over all the earth.
We seek to experience God’s rule in our lives.**

***Hymn #92**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, it is hard for us to wait for anything. We want instant answers and instant gratification of our desires. We forget the amazing riches of your gifts to us and only want more. We do not take time simply to enjoy being in your presence, singing your praises, delighting in your love. Forgive us for our arrogant, selfish pride and our neglect of values and relationships that would supply all we really need. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Acts 1:1 – 11 (NRSV p. 884; LP p. 1701 – 1702)
Luke 24:44 – 53 (NRSV p. 861; LP p. 1656)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church

Lisa Stitt

***Hymn #562**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Sermon

“Waiting”

Senior Choir Anthem

“In Christ Alone”

Benjamin Harlan

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

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Wilbur Held

***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**

May our offerings leave no doubt that you are head of our church and the inspiration for our lives. Empower our ministries with the fullness of Christ that we may be inclusive in our outreach and effective as teachers and healers. Help us to find joy in our praying and in our serving. For these purposes and to the glory of your name, we dedicate our money and our lives. Amen.

***Hymn #258**

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Lani Smith

*All who are able, please stand.

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

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Melvin and Anna Long by the Donald Long 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:

Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Bob and Lucile 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

King Saul's daughter, Merab, will be the subject for this week's online Bible Study. Help us discuss her by contacting 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 **this 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.

Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference meeting of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for **today** 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.

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 **today**. 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 **today**. 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 Cleaning!

The Ladies' Aid has scheduled a time to "house clean" the church kitchen and pantry this coming 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!

Next Sunday's Celebration

Join us next Sunday, May 24th, as we celebrate Pentecost, welcome our Confirmands as new members of the Church, and remember those of our Palm Schwenkfelder family who have entered into eternal life.

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:

September 6th, October 4th and 11th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14th and 21st; August 9th and 16th, September 6th

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!

PCDS Fund Raiser

The Palm Country Day School is having its last fundraiser of the 2014 – 2015 school year. For \$5.00 you can purchase a Rita's Water Ice discount card good for 10% off your total purchase at the Rita's on Pottstown Avenue in Pennsburg and at the one on East Butler Avenue in Chalfont. The last day to purchase these cards will be Sunday, May 24th. If you would like to purchase one of these discount cards, please contact Dan in the church office.

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.

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PSEC Representatives Attending General Synod 30

Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister

Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship with friends (new and old). In June 2015, thousands from across the country (and abroad) will gather for General Synod 30 in Cleveland, Ohio — the birthplace of the United Church of Christ. Together, we will discern resolutions of witness, church structure, and function.

Thirty five delegates are preparing to represent Pennsylvania Southeast Conference on a wide range of issues and resolutions affecting our Christian witness locally and globally. You can read more about the issues at synod.uccpages.org.

In addition to their participation, **Beth Walker**, member of the Philadelphia Association and Chair of the UCC Governance Committee, will present changes to the UCC Constitution and Bylaws for Synod approval. Several changes to that document have potential implications for the way we organize and conduct our work at the national level.

The **Manual on Ministry Re-visioning Team**, of which I am a member, will make its first presentation of the work that it is doing.

Dwayne Royster, founding Pastor of Living Water UCC in Philadelphia, will preach at the Sunday worship (“Handing on the Mantle”) and...

Nathanael Vissia, Director of Christian Education, at UCC Valley Forge, will be leading a workshop titled, “Youth and Sunday School: We Can Do Better.”

Also, some of the General Synod 30 participants will *stuff the packs*. “**Stuff the Pack**” is a national UCC call to congregations, civic groups, and businesses to collect school supplies to prepare backpacks that will be distributed to children within the Cleveland Municipal School District by our community partner, University Settlement.

Please pray for our Conference delegates as they stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness and join together in worship as you are gathered now to lift up our United voices to the Stillspeaking God.

Getting to Know :

Pennsburg UCC

775 Main St., Pennsburg, PA 18073



Pennsburg United Church of Christ is a small town congregation with big dreams. Our children are at the heart of our church. They faithfully attend our 9 am Sunday School, and they bring their quarters every week. Those quarters are placed in the quarter tower which holds \$140. When the tower is filled, it is sent to Heifer International for the purchase

of a goat, sheep or pig. The children love to tell the congregation every time they have it filled.

At 10:15, our church family gathers together for worship to be rejuvenated for the week ahead. One of the focal points in our sanctuary is our Mission Corner. Here we collect items for Open Link's food cupboard and Church World Service. We have also collected items and money for Bethany Children's Home, Morgan's Magical Ears, and the Souper Bowl of Caring. We are proud to open our doors on the first Monday of every month as we host the First Monday meal. We have partnered with other churches in the Upper Perkiomen Valley to serve a meal to anyone who would like to come.

We look forward to our annual events which allow us to reach out into the community. Our Chicken Pot Pie dinner is always a hit. Vacation Bible School is something we look forward to every summer along with our Peach and Ice Cream Festival. We recently began holding a Spring Bazaar.



As we look to our past 175 years, we are looking forward to the next 175 years and what dreams will come true and what things are yet to come for our family at Pennsburg United Church of Christ. We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates and shares God's unconditional love with each other, the community and the world.

Prayers are requested for the mission and ministry of Pennsburg UCC in Pennsburg.



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, May 18

Office Open

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

- 7:00am Primary Elections
- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, May 20

Office Closed

- 9:00am Ladies' Aid Kitchen and Pantry Cleaning
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Thursday, May 21

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

Friday, May 22

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Confirmands Lock-In Begins

Saturday, May 23

- 11:00am Confirmands Lock-In Ends
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, May 24

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Pentecost/Confirmation/Communion/Memorial Day
Sunday Church Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours (Week of 5/18/2015)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

Closed Wednesday

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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

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Gail Brown

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

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