

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Built on a Rock”

Edward Broughton

**\*Call to Worship**

Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God.

Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

**God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.**

**Christ leads us and guides us every day.**

Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God.

You have known the presence of Christ, God’s chosen one.

**Every day we long for pure spiritual milk.**

**Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.**

Then let us lay our troubles at Christ’s feet.

Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

**We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life.**

**We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.**

**\*Hymn #77**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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 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 hear and respond. O God, deliver us from ourselves. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

1 Peter 2:1 – 10

(NRSV p. 984; LP p. 1898 – 1899)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Cyndi Kinsler

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one,  
Holy Zion’s help forever, and our confidence alone;

To this temple where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts and stay;  
Come, with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray,  
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls always;

Grant we pray to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;  
What they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign;

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

**Sermon**

“Living Stones”

**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**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Johann Gottfried Walther

**\*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**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Humphrey Turner

\*All who are able, please stand.

Both the altar flowers and bulletins are presented today in loving memory of Bob Frey by Bonnie, Nancy, Bob and families.

**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 Small, 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 Burianek, Barbara Kirwin, Karen Freed, Brad Hoffman, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, 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**

This week's online Bible Study will offer a few notes on Psalm 68. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**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 ☺

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kb3master@yahoo.com).

Help us spread some cheer at the Frederick Home on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Sunday School Dates**

Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>, last teaching day for youth Sunday school teachers.

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

Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, Youth Sunday and 9:30am rehearsal for Youth Sunday.

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

Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>, Rally Day.

## **Thank You**

Thank you for thinking of me while I am away.

Alyssa Guldin

## **Thank You**

Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and prayers during my recent period of illness! Your concern meant a lot to Bill and me. A special thanks to Pastor Nick for his many visits to many different rooms. Now I'm home and hope to stay. Thank you all!

Jane Shermer

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>. Singers of all ages are welcome, so come give it try.

## **Spring General Conference**

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

## **You're invited to a...**

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

*What:* Pig Roast

*When:* Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, After the Worship Service

*Where:* Church Grove

*Please Bring:* Lawn Chairs; Side Dishes and Desserts Needed

## **Time to Make the Chow Chow**

Ladies' Aid will be making Chow Chow on July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. This process actually will start on July 7<sup>th</sup>, when we will be cutting up cucumbers for pickling. Then we will need many hands on July 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>

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](http://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 congregate 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.

## **Treasurer's Report**

January 1 - April 30, 2014

- Total Budget Income: \$118,140.86
- Total Budget Expenses: \$119,766.39

Note: Includes \$20,000 withdrawn from Endowment Interest, and \$30,000 anonymous donation.

For the detailed income/expense report, please see Treasurer David Luz. The Treasurer's Report will be a monthly feature in the bulletin.

## **Check Out Our Updated Church Website**

Have you looked recently at [www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com](http://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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### **Congratulations to Phoebe Ministries for “Excellence in Care”**

On May 7, the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America (AFA) announced that Phoebe Ministries in Allentown, PA has achieved AFA’s “Excellence in Care” distinction for all of its specialized memory care programs at seven senior adult continuum of care communities throughout Pennsylvania. This marks the first time an organization has applied for and attained system-wide fulfillment of AFA’s national standards for dementia care settings.

Founded in 1903 and affiliated with the United Church of Christ, Phoebe Ministries offers a full spectrum of services and communities to suit the diverse housing needs of older adults living in seven Pennsylvania counties. In recognition of the growing needs of individuals with dementia, Phoebe unveiled the Center for Excellence in Dementia Care in 2012. The center is responsible for ensuring best practices in dementia care across all of Phoebe’s services, providing leadership in the field, and developing home and community-based services for individuals with dementia.

Currently, as many as 5.1 million people in the U.S. have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, and the incidence is projected to nearly triple by mid-century. For information about Phoebe Ministries, visit [phoebe.org](http://phoebe.org).



### **Help and Hope Recommended by PSEC Disaster Response Ministry Team**

In the book’s Foreword, Donna Derr, CWS Director of Development and Humanitarian Assistance wrote, “Help and Hope is an indispensable tool for faith communities to prepare for the critical role they can play when disasters impact their hometowns. This resource provides what the disaster relief and emergency response field has been missing and what North American communities of faith have needed – guidance on how to be an asset rather than an obstacle when assisting those who have been affected by disaster.” Co-author, Amy Gopp wrote, “All the practical tips and tools inside these pages have been applied. They have been tested and can be trusted—offered to you, the reader, as part of the contributors’ lived experiences. Insight is offered from theological, pastoral, spiritual, psychosocial, psychological, liturgical, and ecological perspectives. Experts in spiritual and emotional care, trauma healing, children’s psychology, congregational life, pastoral care—and in the disaster, emergency response, and humanitarian sector—offer vital information for how anyone can not only respond to a disaster but also, and just as importantly, prepare for a disaster.” **Hearts and Minds Bookstore** is giving PSEC churches a 20% discount. Mention PSEC or Karl Jones when you order. Contact: [read@heartsandmindsbooks.com](mailto:read@heartsandmindsbooks.com).

## Confirmation at St. Paul's Summer Hill Telecast to Afghanistan



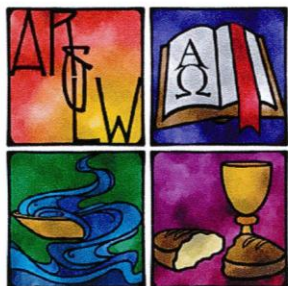
*Miranda Koch, Emily Moyer, Kaylee Clauser, Rev Brad Walmer, Taylor Kerstetter, Jade Phillips.*

**St Paul's UCC, Summer Hill, Auburn** confirmed five 2014 Confirmation Class members during the May 4th morning worship service. Miranda Koch, Emily Moyer, Kaylee Clauser, Taylor Kerstetter and Jade Phillips had completed 2 years of study under the direction of Rev Brad Walmer. The confirmands took part in various parts of the service and after the Rite of Confirmation experienced their first Holy Communion with St Paul's congregation.

The service was special for Jade Phillips as Joel Phillips, her father, is serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan with the 365th Army Reserve from Schuylkill Haven. Earl and Lorraine Phillips, Jade's grandparents with the help of Joel's sisters, arranged to telecast the service to Afghanistan using Skype. This was the first time a St. Paul's UCC service was viewed around the world. Joel was able see and interact with the service. Pastor Brad suggested Joel have bread and grape juice available for the communion service. Joel was then able to celebrate Jade's 1st communion with her while serving his country. Congratulations to all!



### “Go Therefore: Liturgy and Evangelism”



You are invited to join with pastors, musicians and scholars from Reformed Church communities in North America to talk about worship from June 2-4 in San Francisco, CA. This worship conference is sponsored by the Association for Reformed & Liturgy Worship (AR&LW), in partnership with Newbigin House of Studies and City Church San Francisco. To learn more and register online: [newbiginhouse.org/ARLW-Convocation-2014](http://newbiginhouse.org/ARLW-Convocation-2014).



Prayers are requested for Wyomissing (Gouglersville) UCC in Sinking Spring and Rev. Selina Hamilton.

## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **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

### **Monday, May 19**

2:30pm Music Committee Meeting

7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 20**

7:00am Primary Elections

8:00am Quilters

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Daisies

7:00pm Mission Board

### **Sunday, May 25**

9:00am Last Day for Sunday School Classes

10:15am Memorial Sunday Worship Service

11:30am "Big Honkin' Party" Following Worship Service

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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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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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

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Greeter: Gail Brown

Ushers: Nancy Hoffman, Glenn Hoffman, Rick Jones, Brian Shelly

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