

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Benjamin Culli

**\*Call to Worship**

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what the Lord has done for me.

**Truly God has listened and given heed to the words of my prayer.**

You are blessed, O God, because you have not rejected my prayer, or removed your steadfast love from me.

**I will come into your house and pay my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn #52**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, we confess that we have loved our own way more than we love you. The Spirit of truth does not abide in us, for our actions belie the words of praise we utter in worship. We neglect the spiritual disciplines that would draw us close to you and caring outreach that would link us with sisters and brothers who need to know of your love. We have not witnessed to our faith in ways powerful enough to evoke opposition or cause us to suffer. O God, it is hard to follow Jesus! Forgive us, teach us, help us! Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture**

1 Peter 3:13–22 (NRSV p. 985; LP p. 1901)

John 14:15–21 (NRSV p. 877; LP p. 1687)

**Children's Sermon**

**Children's Church**

**\*Hymn #558** "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

**Sermon** "The Hope That Is In You"

**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** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Allan Mahnke

**\*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 come with assurance, O God, since you do not leave us alone. Your presence continues to guide us as we pursue the paths of discipleship. All that we have is a gift of your grace. As we offer our gifts to you, accept them as signs of our commitment to Christ. May all that we do be in praise of your encompassing care. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #20** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Edward Broughton

\*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in memory of our parents by Patti Yokl.

The flowers are presented today in memory of Horace Hoffman by Richard and Merris Ann Hoffman.

**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 Weinder family, Rochelle Ginder Manuel, Deena Updegrove, 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**

"*The song of the bow*" (2 Samuel 1:17-27) will be the focus for this week's online Bible Study. Take part in the discussion 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 today, 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, which culminates 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 **Sunday, May 21, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>; June 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>;  
August 6<sup>th</sup>

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

## **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.

### **Ascension Day Celebration, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Palm Schwenkfelder Church**

As part of our 500<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Red Hill Band Concert**

The Red Hill Band will perform their Annual Spring Concert this afternoon, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 pm at the Upper Perk High School Auditorium. Under the direction of Norman Stull, the concert will feature soloist Walt Groller. Admission is free and all are welcomed to attend.

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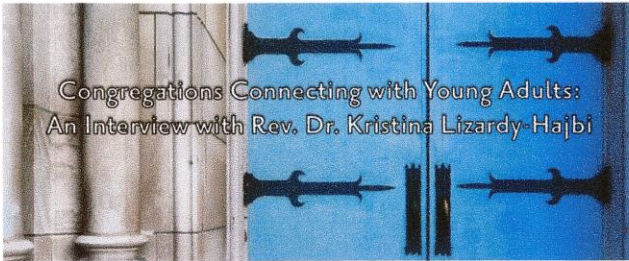
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Is your church looking for ways to reach today's young adults? If so,  
Introducing a **FREE** (yes, I said free!) on-demand course :

***Congregations Connecting with Young Adults;  
An interview with Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi***



This is a **GREAT** resource for congregations looking for ways to engage in or revitalize young adult ministries. Once registered, you'll have access to a series of 6 video interviews to hear Kristina discuss what congregations can learn from this important research as well as apply within their unique contexts.

Each video is topical and runs between 5 – 8 minutes. In addition, you'll receive a group reflection worksheet and recommendations for additional information. The beauty in the on-demand format is you may review everything at your own pace, stop and return when it's convenient for you. Only one caveat: We do not suggest accessing the course from a mobile device due to variances in accessibility. The course is best viewed on a laptop or desktop computer.

To register, go to: <https://carducc.wordpress.com/>  
Click on the "Welcome to Class" button.



## Mental Health Sunday

May 21



*"People with mental problems are our neighbors. They are members of our congregations, members of our families; they are everywhere in this country. If we ignore their cries for help, we will be continuing to participate in the anguish from which those cries for help come. A problem of this magnitude will not go away. Because it will not go away, and because of our spiritual commitments, we are compelled to take action."*

- Rosalynn Carter

### **5 simple things you can do ...to make the world a better place for people with illnesses and their families**

#### **1. Be a friend**

Provide companionship and compassion on the road toward recovery. Offer a ride to church or to a local support group. Listen without judgment. Pray for those you know with mental illness and for their families.

#### **2. Be an Inspiration**

Share your story. Has mental illness impacted you or your family in some way? Your story may empower others to seek treatment or have hope.

#### **3. Watch your language**

Pay attention to the words you use and avoid stigmatizing labels. Do not refer to people as "crazy", "psycho", "lunatic" or "mental".

#### **4. Be a "StigmaBuster"**

Challenge negative attitudes toward mental illness among your friends and acquaintances and in the media.

#### **5. Learn the facts**

Educate yourself about the various mental illnesses. Attend a lecture or class or use the Internet. Good places to start include the National Alliance on Mental Illness, [www.Nami.org](http://www.Nami.org) and the National Institute of Mental Health, [www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov)

# 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 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

### **Monday, May 22**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Tuesday, May 23**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

### **Wednesday, May 24**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Thursday, May 25**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00 pm Ascension Day Celebration Palm Schwenkfelder Church

### **Friday, May 26**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Confirmation Lock-In

### **Saturday, May 27**

9:00 am Confirmation Lock-In Pick-Up

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Sunday, May 28**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Memorial Day Worship 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

Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

*Closed Wednesday*

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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

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

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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