

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

TRINITY SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Robert Hughes

***Call to Worship**

God finds delight in humanity, and in each of us.

Let us rejoice before the majesty of our Creator.

God of grace and glory, who made all things,

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

In Christ, we are called to endure and to hope.

Let us give thanks for a faith that brings peace.

God of grace and glory, Savior of your people,

How precious to us is your gift of Jesus Christ!

The Holy Spirit is present to guide and direct us,

Let us listen that we may hear and do what is true.

God of grace and glory, ever present with us,

How reassuring is the love with which you surround us!

***Hymn #5**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and love, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We call you God of creation, yet we serve idols of our own making. We confess Christ as our Savior, yet we rely on elaborate security systems for our protection. We claim the indwelling Spirit, yet we abide by our own counsel. Forgive our double-mindedness, and through Christ make us whole. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Romans 5:1 – 2 (NRSV p. 917; LP p. 1764)
John 16:12 – 15 (NRSV p. 879; LP p. 1689 – 1690)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn #693**

“We Believe in God Almighty”

Sermon

“Blessed Trinity”

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

“Father, We Praise Thee”

Austin Lovelace

***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**

**Set apart by your covenant, redeemed through Christ's
sacrifice, and renewed by the refreshing winds of your living
Spirit, we come bearing gifts, O merciful God. They are but a
portion of earth's treasure you abundantly give us; with them
we commit our time and energy to be Christ's faithful servants.
Use all that we bring, and all that we are, to bless your holy
name. Amen.**

***Hymn #2**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Don Hustad

*All who are able, please stand.

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

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

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

This week's online Bible Study will discuss Nabal in 1 Samuel 25. Take part 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)

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

Movie & Pizza Night

This coming Friday, May 27th, there will be a Movie & Pizza Night for youth 5th grade and up. It will be held from 6:00pm - 10:00pm at the church. Details can be found on the Youth Board in the narthex.

Sunday School Closing

Youth Sunday will be held this year on June 6th, and at 9:00am that day we will have the End of Year Sunday School Celebration for youth, parents, and the congregation. The church picnic will immediately follow the worship service. Please bring a covered dish to share. Christian Ed will supply hot dogs, rolls, drinks, cupcakes, and games. Hope all can attend this fun event to end the Sunday School year.

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.

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.

Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for **today** at Schwenkfeld 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 **today**, 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 **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 **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), and Darree Sicher from United Sludge Free Alliance.

Memorial Sunday Worship Service

Join us **next Sunday, May 29th**, as we remember those of our Palm Schwenkfelder family who have entered into eternal life. The worship service will conclude with a brief memorial in the cemetery.

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.

Spring Cleaning Dumpster

Dates that a large dumpster will be available at the Church will soon be announced. We are asking our boards, committees, groups and church members to prepare. Plan to use this dumpster to dispose of unneeded materials throughout the church and church grounds. Time for a big spring cleaning, everyone!

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.

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!

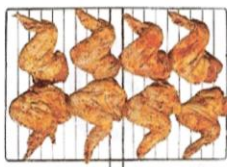
Job Opening at Central

The Central Schwenkfelder Church is seeking a part-time secretary (34 ½ 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 lreyburn@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.

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May 22, 2016

Trinity Sunday

A time-honored symbol of the Holy Trinity has been the triangle, with each side, or point, representing God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit. The Trinity has often been one of the theological issues that denominations have sought agreement on before joining in different kinds of ecumenical relationships. Theological ideas about the nature of God and how we understand the Sacraments played a major part in the discussions among the four denominations that came together to become the United Church of Christ. The idea then was that we would become one and others would join us in our unity.

Today, we have many different kinds of ecumenical and interfaith relationships with many organizations and religious institutions who share our values. And, as John Dorhauer, UCC General Minister and President, says, "Our vision is expanding as we listen to a still speaking God." That vision is one that points to an older ecumenical value of simply bringing churches aligned with Christ together into one body. Reverend Dorhauer has a passion for the mission of our denomination and has called us all to think about the kinds of partnerships we can nurture that will help us to realize the mission of our church—a mission begun long ago in those separate denominations—a mission of social justice and speaking out on behalf of the marginalized in our society.

The United Church of Christ has always spoken of "testimonies" of faith rather than "tests," recognizing that the creeds put forth in the early years of the church were intended to walk a middle way between extreme positions that fought for supremacy. In the twenty first century,

the ideas that bring us together are more often about the vision we have of the Realm of God that includes everybody in the kind of radical welcome for which we have become known.

What we share emphatically about our faith in the United Church of Christ is that God is indeed still speaking. Humans use theological language to describe indescribable realities and experiences that have goaded prophets to speak words of justice and critique inequality and call out oppression. Such testimonies of belief have shaped the mission of the United Church of Christ. What are you doing in your congregation to build partnerships in your community that will further your understanding of the Gospel and its mission in the world?



The vision of Calvary UCC in Barto, Pa. is to share God's love in worship and fellowship while being present in the community. We do our best to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, to care for our sisters and brothers, and to

reach outward in the spirit of love.

As we discover the needs of our members and the community, we respond. It is our hope this service will grow as it fills a need.

In 2015 Calvary formed Calvary United Cancer Crusaders and participated in the Boyertown Relay for Life. We also support Boyertown Area Multi-Service with food, resources, and our presence as they care for God's children. Calvary has a Resource Room with information on many local agencies along with a computer which is available to the community. Those in need are welcome to stop by and use this room.

The folks at Calvary frequently gather for times of learning, prayer, and fellowship including: Monday morning Bible study, monthly lunches with Pastor Linda, and our Spiritual Links prayer chain delving into new spiritual practices. During the months of April through October we offer TGIF—a Friday evening time to gather for food and conversation around the fire pit. Another addition at Calvary is BookWorms—a group of readers who meet to discuss the month's reading and how it fits into our lives. Calvary also hosts dinners for the community throughout the year.



Prayers are requested for Calvary UCC in Barto and Rev. Linda L. Kozlowski.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, May 23

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Red Hill Band Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 24

- 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 25

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

Thursday, May 26

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 29

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Memorial Sunday 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 through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Ministers: All Church Members

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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

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