

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2014

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“God Is Here!”

Robert Powell

***Call to Worship**

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell 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 you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #419**

“God of Our Fathers”

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 the caring outreach that would link us with sisters and brothers who need to know of your love. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

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

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Barb Master

***Hymn #569**

“Living for Jesus a Life That Is True”

Sermon

“Another Advocate”

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

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Lani Smith

***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 #239**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Postlude

“The Power and the Glory”

Lani Smith

Congregation, Please Proceed to the Cemetery

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Introduction

Reading of Names:

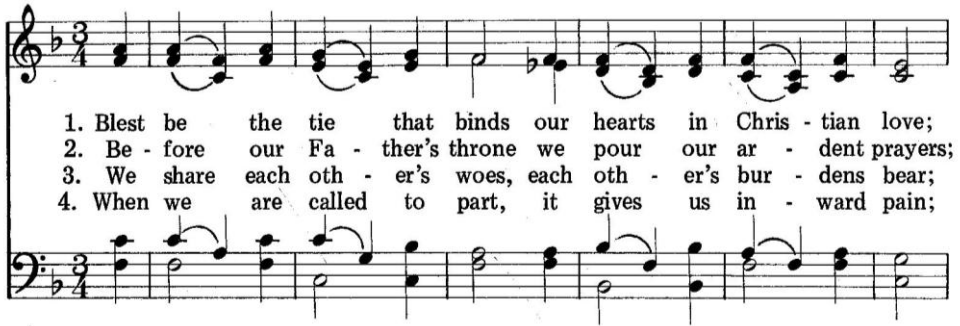
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**William Schultz
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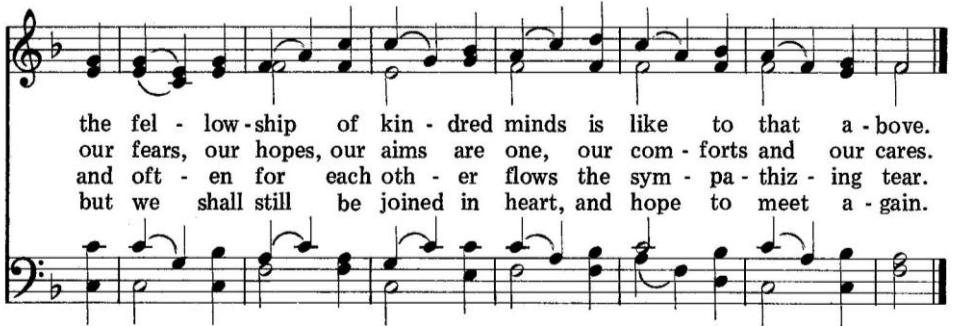
Memorial Prayer

Hymn #708

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear;
 4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and oft - en for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

***Benediction**

Carillon

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Horace Hoffman by Mr. and Mrs. Richard 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:

The family of Harold Smoll, Diana Atkins, 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

1 Samuel 15 as the fulfillment of prophecy will be the topic for the online Bible Study this week. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

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 ☺

Sunday School Dates

Today is the last teaching day for youth Sunday school teachers.

Saturday May 31st, 9:00am rehearsal for Youth Sunday in Sanctuary.

Sunday June 1st, Youth Sunday and 9:30am rehearsal for Youth Sunday.

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

Sunday September 7th, Rally Day.

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is next Sunday, June 1st. The 7-up class is planning the worship service and they are looking forward to sharing God's Word with the congregation. Practice will be held June 1st at 9:00am. There will also be a short practice for speaking parts on Saturday, May 31st at 9:30am.

Sunday School Closing and Picnic

Sunday, June 8th will be combined Sunday school in the Social Hall. The drawing will be held for our *Kids get caught being kind* program.

After worship there will be a picnic in the Grove. The picnic is open to everyone. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish, dessert, or chips to share. Bring chairs or blankets. A few tables will be set up for eating. Weather permitting, there will be a fun surprise for the kids, and for the kids at heart. We hope you can join us!

Youth Movie Time

Youth from the 7-up class will be attending the Grand Theater from time to time to see movies of Christian inspiration. Youth admission is free to all movies. Please bring money for refreshments. Parents are welcome to come, but are not required. Please visit www.kids-in-mind.com to read rating reviews to see if the movies are appropriate for your children.

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 22nd – Thursday, June 26th from 6:00pm – 8:30pm, 5 fun evenings! To register, please fill out a form located in the Narthex or email Barb Master at kb3master@yahoo.com.

Help us spread some cheer at the Frederick Home on Saturday, June 28th 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. And then on Sunday, June 29th 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!

Thank You

I want to thank all the members of the church who sent the wonderful Valentine's Day cards and treats. It truly shows the goodness and closeness of all the church. I miss everyone. Thank you so much. Meg Lester

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.

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 8th, 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 8th. Singers of all ages are welcome, so come give it try.

You're invited to a...

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

What: Pig Roast

When: **Today** After the Worship Service

Where: Church Grove

Please Bring: Lawn Chairs; Side Dishes and Desserts Needed

Salford Pilgrimage

Join us next Sunday, June 1st, at 6:00 p.m. at the Salford Meeting house for an evening of worship and fellowship as we revisit the past and look to the future. The time of fellowship after the service includes ice cream! Directions to Salford Meetinghouse from the Upper Perkiomen Valley: South on Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike) through Harleysville to the traffic light and Clemens Road at Hennings Market Plaza (with a McDonald's on the corner). Turn left onto Clemens Road. Continue on Clemens Road until it meets a "T" on Yoder Road. Turn left on Yoder Road. Continue a short distance to Fretz Road and turn right onto Fretz Road, crossing over the Northeast Extension of the Turnpike. The entrance to the meetinghouse site will be on your left, a bit after crossing the bridge over the Skippack Creek.

Time to Make the Chow Chow

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

October 5th; November 23rd, and 30th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

August 3rd, 10th, and 17th; September 14th, and 21st

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.

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.

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.)

Check Out Our Updated Church Website

Have you looked recently at 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.*"

MEN OF PALM CHICKEN BBQ

Mark Your Calendars

The Men of Palm Chicken BBQ is coming!



Join us on Saturday, June 14th 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!

Jungle Safari

VBS Registration Form

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Sunday June 22nd - Thursday June 26th, 2014

6:00pm to 8:30pm

Age preschool thru Grade 5

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Current Grade _____

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Current Grade _____

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Current Grade _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Home Address _____

Medical Concerns or Allergies _____

Emergency Contact

Name _____

Relationship to Child _____

Phone # _____

Child's Physician Name & Phone _____

Please check all that apply:

_____ yes, my child will perform at the Frederick Home

Saturday, June 28th 10am

_____ yes, my child will perform at church on the 29th

_____ yes, I would like to help during VBS week

_____ yes, I can donate items for VBS

6th Annual Golf Outing hosted by
St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Trexlertown
For the Benefit of
Bethany Children's Home

Saturday, May 31, 2014
Wedgewood Golf Club
Tee Time: 1:30 pm
Shotgun Start
Four Person Scramble
Entry Fee: \$75

Includes Greens Fees,
Cart, Beverages, Dinner
and Prizes

Prizes for:

- Best *Foursome*
- Closest to the Pin
- Longest Drive
- Straightest Drive

CHANCES:

- Pot of Gold - \$5
- Mulligan's - \$5
2 for \$5; limit \$10

Please make checks
payable to: St. Paul's
UCC and mail to:

St. Paul's UCC
PO Box 336
Trexlerstown, PA 18087

Dinner Menu: Pulled Pork, Marinated Grilled Chicken,
Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans New England Style,
Red Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Rolls

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Title Sponsor - \$700

2 Foursomes including entrance fees, carts,
Dinner for 8, 1st and 18th Hole Sponsor
Signage, program recognition
Corporate Banner may be displayed.

Dinner Sponsor - \$400

1 Foursome including entrance fees, carts
Dinner for 4, Hole Sponsor Signage
program recognition

At the Turn Sponsor - \$400

1 Foursome including entrance fees, carts
Dinner for 4, *At the Turn* Hole Sponsor Signage
program recognition

Cart Sponsor - \$400

1 Foursome including entrance fees, carts
Dinner for 4
Company recognition on all carts
program recognition

Hole Sponsor - \$100

Company name on Hole Signage
Dinner for 1
Program recognition

If you have any questions, please call our
Team Coordinator, Andy Rivera at 610-570-4796

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May 25, 2014

How We Feed the Hungry



St Paul's UCC, 1235 Summer Hill road, Auburn, decided as a church wide mission project for 2014 to set a goal of 3000 items to benefit the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry. Items would include food, paper and cleaning products.

Each month in the church newsletter a list of items is published that members can donate. During the first quarter of 2014 these donations totaled 541 items.

Church members also worked 47.5 hours at the Food Pantry to help prepare and distribute items to 380 families during this time frame.

A "Change for a Change" offering was taken every Sunday in March by children before the children's sermon. Members donated loose coins to this offering. Total collection was \$481.79 which was used to purchase 476 items to be delivered to the Haven Food Pantry in April. While the 3000 goal seemed high at first, St Paul's will have reached over one third of their goal by Easter.

Future fund raisers to benefit the "How We Feed the Hungry" goal are a Midler children's class lemonade stand. The stand will be at St Paul's UCC Sunday School's annual community yard-craft sale, May 3rd. This sale runs from 7 AM to 1 PM.

St Paul's also "Feed the Hungry" at the Pottsville Soup Kitchen by providing the evening meal once a month. Combined worker hours totaled 27.5 and fed 30 individuals at the March meal. March attendance was low due to the bitter cold, but often over 50 people are provided with a hot meal.

Members taking part in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine raised \$857.00 as a mission beyond the immediate area.

Prayers are requested for Faith UCC in Delano and Rev. Janet L. Kline.



May-July Events at Locations Throughout the Conference

Visit psec.org/local-church-happenings OR psec.org/psec-events to learn more

- May 27 SPIRIT ON TAP** at 7 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1741 Papermill Road in Reading 19610. "Feeding the Spirit: How Printed Page Shapes Our Soul."
- May 29 ASCENSION DAY CELEBRATION** at 7 pm at Grace Alsace UCC, 2151 Kutztown Rd. in Reading 19605.
- May 30 SCRAMBLE GOLF OUTING** at noon at Macoby Run Golf Course in Green Lane. More info: Facebook at "Golf Outing-One Dream Mission Team."
- May 31 PSEC ANNUAL SPRING MEETING** Registration at 8:45 am at Zion Blue Mountain 6573 Old Rte. 22, Strausstown (GPS use Bernville). Meet our Affirmed PSEC Conference Minister Nominee, The Rev. William Paul Worley.
- May 31 RENEWING, REPROACHING, AND RE-THINKING CHURCH IN AMERICA CONFERENCE** (9-5pm) and **HONORING HAL TAUSSIG** (5:50-8pm) at Chestnut Hill United Church, 8812 Germantown Ave. in Philadelphia.
- May 31 JUNE FEST** 8 am-3pm at One UCC, 1730 New Holland Rd. in Kenhorst.
- Jun 2-4 ASSN FOR REFORMED & LITURGICAL WORSHIP** 2014 Convocation in San Francisco, CA. Info & register: newbeginhouse.org/ARLW-Convocation-2014.
- Jun 3 QUIET DAYS** from 9:30-1pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Rd. in East Greenville. Bring Bible, journal, pen and bag lunch. Donation requested.
- Jun 7 THE AMAZING MAGIC SHOW** presented at 3-4 pm at Carversville Christian Church, 3736 Aquetong Rd. in Carversville 18913. More info: carversvilleucc.org.
- Jun 14 HEALING RETREAT** "Resolving Grief and Resentment" led by Dr. Rob Voyle from 9:30 am-3:30 pm at Shenkel UCC, 1580 Shenkel Rd. in Pottstown. More info, contact Rev. Bonnie Moore at 610-326-3535.
- Jun 29 EXETER COMMUNITY BAND** 6-8 pm at Phoebe Berks, 1 Reading Dr. in Wernersville. Bring lawn chair. More info or inclement weather: 610-927-8200.
- Jul 7-Aug 10 SUMMER CAMP AT NEW GOSHENHOPPEN PARK** 1070 Church Rd. in East Greenville 18041. Learn more: newgoshucc.org or 215-679-2041.
- Jul 9-13 REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT** at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove for youth grades 7-13 and young adults 18-30. Deadline: June 15 at maryeucc.org.
- Jul 10-13 UCC MUSICIANS NATIONAL NETWORK 2014 CONFERENCE** "Make a Joyful Noise" at Congregational UCC in Greensboro, NC. Info: UCCMNN.com.
- Jul 27 WYOMISSING BAND** at Phoebe Berks, 1 Reading Dive in Wernersville from 6-8pm. More info or inclement weather: 610-927-8200.



Classified Ads [Visit psec.org/classified](http://psec.org/classified) for more details

- PT Program Director for Lay Ministry in 21st Century; Deadline: June 30
- PT Christian Education Associate - Pleasantville UCC, Chalfont
- FREE Anthems and Cantatas - Good Shepherd UCC, Tuckerton
- Minister of Music - St. Paul's UCC, Robesonia
- Choir Director - First UCC, Hamburg
- FREE Communion Ware for 250 Plus - First UCC, Schuylkill Haven
- PT Director of Worship Music - UCC Warminster, Warminster
- FREE- Red and Blue Pilgrim Hymnals - UCC Valley Forge, Wayne

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 25

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Memorial Sunday Worship Service

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

Monday, May 26

Pastor Nick Leaves on Sabbatical

11:00am VFW Memorial Day Ceremonies @ Palm

Tuesday, May 27

8:00am Quilters

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Daisies

Wednesday, May 28

7:00pm Boy Scouts Board of Review

Saturday, May 31

9:30am Rehearsal for Youth Sunday

Sunday, June 1

9:00am Rehearsal for Youth Sunday

10:15am Youth Sunday Worship Service

6:00pm Salford Pilgrimage

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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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Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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Organist: Peg Jacob

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