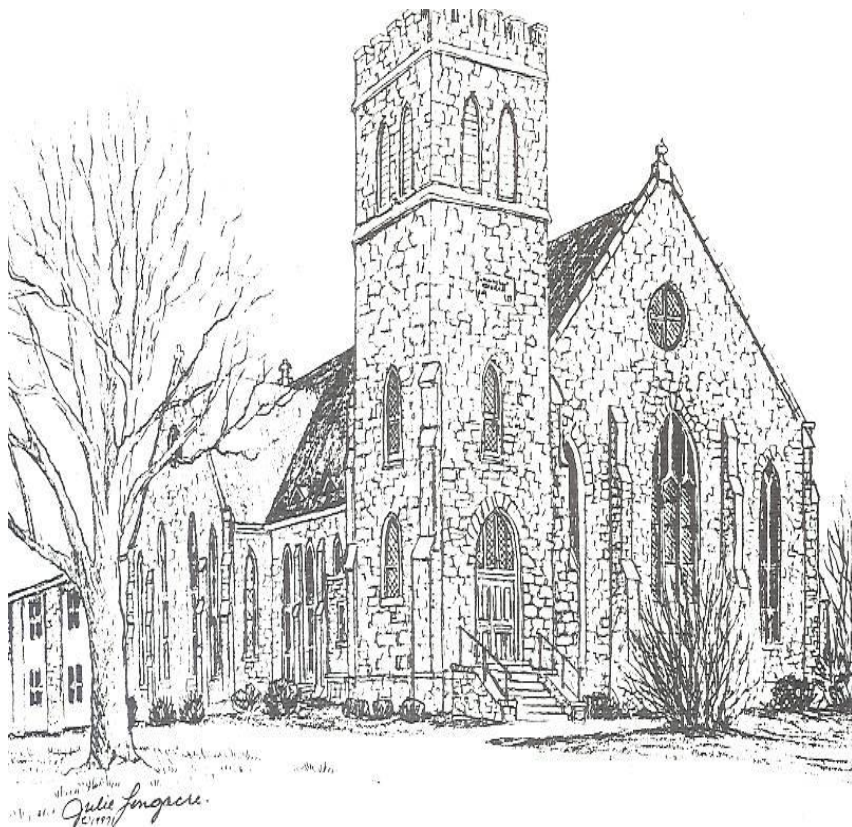


# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016**

### **MEMORIAL SUNDAY**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“Let Freedom Ring!”

James Mansfield

**\*Call to Worship**

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.

**We will sing to you and bless your name, O God. We will tell of your salvation from day to day.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**We come unto your gates with thanksgiving, O God, and into your courts with praise.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn #418**

“America, the Beautiful”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of all peoples and nations, hear our confession and forgive our sin. We make enemies of strangers when we distrust them. Fear and suspicion keep your people apart. Jesus came to reconcile our differences, yet your people do not dine at one common table. Heal our divisions and overcome our hostility. Unite us in the bond of your encompassing love. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture:**

Luke 7:1 – 10 (NRSV p. 839; LP p. 1613)

**Children’s Sermon**

**Children’s Church**

No Children’s Church

**\*Hymn #552**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**Sermon**

“Under Authority”

## **Memorial Day Commemoration**

*“Armed Services Medley”*

*We invite our service men and women to rise during the playing  
of their service anthem.*

## **Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Reverend Ronald Krick (Pastor 1973 – 1997; Pastor Emeritus 1997 – 2016)**

### **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**

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

James Boeringer

#### **\*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**

**Thank you, God, for welcoming us into your household. You  
have given us all the good things we enjoy, and we are grateful.  
You have sent Jesus to demonstrate your healing love for all  
people, and we want to respond as disciples. We seek your  
approval as we present our offerings. May we be as generous  
in furthering the ministry of your church as you have been  
with us. Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn #687**

*“Shall We Gather at the River?”*

#### **Postlude**

*“Faith of Our Fathers”*

James Konkel

***Congregation, Please Proceed to the Cemetery***

## **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

### **Introduction**

## Reading of the Names:

Anna Bieler      Jean Gentry      Clara Graber  
Reverend Ronald Krick      Carolyn Long      Jean Long  
Doris Masemore      Bill Nickerson      Louise Watt      Earl Yerger

## Memorial Prayer

Hymn #708

“Blessed 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

\*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Dan Davis by the family.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Amanda and Clarence Schultz by Larry and Lee Schultz.

## 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:**

Leeann Fichter, 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**

Does Jesus challenge the telling of Nabal's story? This week's online Bible Study compares Matthew 5:22 to 1 Samuel 25:25. Take part in the conversation 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Sunday School Closing**

Youth Sunday will be held this year on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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.

## **Memorial Sunday Worship Service**

Today we remember those of our Palm Schwenkfelder family who have entered into eternal life. Our worship service will conclude with a brief memorial in the cemetery.

## **Special Meeting of the General Conference of The Schwenkfelder Church**

A special meeting of the General Conference of The Schwenkfelder Church has been called for **next Sunday June 5, 2016 @ 6:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Salford Meeting House immediately preceding the Salford Pilgrimage celebration. The sole purpose of the meeting will be to ratify the motions presented at the May 22, 2016, Spring General Conference: namely the approval of the previous year's minutes and the election of Board members to Executive Council and Advanced Living. The meeting is necessitated because the May 22, 2016, meeting of Spring General Conference lacked a quorum. The 34 members in attendance at that meeting did vote unanimously in favor of all motions presented. It is anticipated that this special meeting will be brief.

## **Salford Pilgrimage**

**Next Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, join our Schwenkfelder churches at the historic Salford Meeting House in Harleysville for worship and a hymn sing at 6:00pm. All are welcome to stay for ice cream afterwards.☺ If you are interested in attending, please write your name and phone number on the designated sheet outside of the church office.

## **It's Barbecue Time!**

The Men of Palm Chicken BBQ is coming! Join us on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **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!

## **Make Music Upper Perk**

Here is a great way to spend the first day of summer, Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: A variety of FREE musical events will be happening in 10 different locations around the Upper Perkiomen Valley throughout the day, all open to the public! Stop by any of these locations for some great music: Upper Perk Library 10:00 am– 4:00pm; Community Thrift Shop 10:00 am-4:00 pm; YMCA 10:00 am-7:00 pm; Java Good Day 10:00 am-7:00 pm; Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center 12:00 pm-3:30 pm; Porch at Pennsburg UCC 3:00 pm– 10:00 pm; Art on Main 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm; St. Mark’s Gazebo 3:00 pm – 8:30 pm; New Goshenhoppen Park 9:00 pm– 10:00 pm. Community Life Center 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Lunchtime music is also available at The Wing Man, Goodyz, Mario’s Pizza, and Schultheis’ Carriage House (dinner music there too). Grab a bite and tap your toes! In addition, preview events will be held during the weekend prior; at the Wingman on Saturday evening, June 18<sup>th</sup>; on Sunday, a flute recital, featuring Evelyn Gerhart at Pennsburg UCC (June 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.); and at the Community Meal where pianists are providing dinner music on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Join us to celebrate music on (and around) June 21<sup>st</sup>! Watch the Town and Country for more information. Or go to [ValleyArtScene.wordpress.com](http://ValleyArtScene.wordpress.com) for details. You can also “Like” and follow MMUP on Facebook for up-to-date information.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>; October 9<sup>th</sup>; November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

July 31<sup>st</sup>; August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>; September 11<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

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!

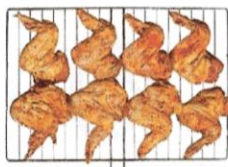
## **Job Opening at Central**

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 [reyburn@cscfamily.org](mailto:reyburn@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

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Tickets are \$10.00

(Half-Chicken, Pepper Cabbage, Baked Beans, Baked Potato,  
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May 29, 2016

## **"Memorial Day"**

### **Excerpt from [Psalm 31](#)**

"My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

### **Reflection by Lillian Daniel**

Memorial Day began after the Civil War as an effort toward reconciliation between the families of veterans in the North and the South. After the war, there was already a tradition in the North of decorating soldiers' graves, called "Decoration Day." But in 1868 an organization of Northern war veterans decreed it ought to be a national holiday. May 30 was carefully chosen as the date because it was not the anniversary of a specific battle, and therefore would be a neutral date for both sides.

Memorial Day did become a time to remember all veterans, a time to visit the graves of family and friends, and to remember their lives. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill moved three holidays off of their specific dates and onto Mondays, in order to create three-day weekends. Memorial Day came to be associated with the beginning of summer, as well as the Indianapolis 500.

Today, let us remember the spirit in which the day was conceived, as a way to bring together those who had once been bitter enemies. After the fighting is over, the loss and heartbreak are shared throughout the human family. God's mercy pours out over all God's children, with no respect for the borders of nation states, which are awfully temporary, from the perspective of eternity.

### **Prayer**

On this day, we pray for comfort for all those who have lost a loved one to the ravages of war. We pray that the peace of Christ, which passes all human understanding, will knit together this weary and war-torn world. Amen.

-written by Rodney Mundy

## Getting to Know:

## Bern Reformed UCC

3196 Bernville Rd., Leesport, PA 19533



At Bern Reformed United Church of Christ, we strive to provide a family-oriented, stimulating, Bible-based and musical worship environment that fulfills the spiritual needs of all those who worship with us.

### Our Mission:

To place God first in our lives.

To share in God's love and grace through worship.

To grow and be strengthened through prayer and scriptural studies.

To accept the joy and cost of discipleship, following Christ's example.

To be good stewards of who we are and what God has given us, while reaching out to those beyond ourselves to be instruments of peace.

"We are a welcoming and caring Christian community whose purpose is to share the love of God for all those needing food for body and soul."



Prayers are requested for Bern Reformed UCC in Leesport and Rev. Paul Cronin.

# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, May 29**

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Memorial Sunday Worship Service](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

## **Monday, May 30**

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

## **Tuesday, May 31**

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)

## **Wednesday, June 1**

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

## **Thursday, June 2**

9:00am [Staff Meeting](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

5:30pm [Men Of Palm - BBQ Clean Out/Prep](#)

7:00pm [Deacon's Meeting](#)

## **Friday, June 3**

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

## **Saturday, June 4**

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

## **Sunday, June 5**

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

9:00am [Rehearsal for Youth Sunday During Sunday School](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

6:00pm [Salford Pilgrimage](#)

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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

Piano Accompanist: Ethel Soffa

Piano Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Gail Brown

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