

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015

### TRINITY SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Robert Hughes

**\*Call to Worship**

Ascribe to God glory and strength;  
Worship God in holy splendor.

**The splendor of our creator meets us here.**

**We are filled with awe before our God.**

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

God offers strength and peace to all people.

**God’s voice thunders over the waters.**

**God’s strength empowers our response.**

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

**The universe is God’s dwelling place.**

**There is no place from which God is absent.**

**\*Hymn #2**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, on this Trinity Sunday, we confess all that separates us from you and one another. We misuse your creation and the creative gifts you have bestowed upon us. We take for granted your redeeming grace which came at great cost. We resist being temples of your Spirit, sanctified for ministry in the name of Christ. Forgive us, Almighty God, and call us again to be faithful. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture**

Isaiah 6:1 – 8 (NRSV p. 553; LP p. 1070 – 1071)  
Romans 8: 12 – 17 (NRSV p. 919; LP p. 1768)

## **Children's Sermon**

**Children's Church**      No Children's Church Today

**\*Hymn #693**      "We Believe in God Almighty"

## **Sermon**

**Special Music**      "Everyday Miracles"  
Words by Kathy Burdette      Music by Donna Butler Douglas  
Sung by Gail Ferry

## **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**      "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"      Wilbur Held

## **\*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**

**You beckon us to follow you, O Christ, and to proclaim our  
salvation to all people everywhere. We are like Isaiah, hearing  
God's voice and responding, "Here I am! Send me." We offer  
ourselves at the threshold of your sanctuary, to be sent forth in  
ministry, as the Holy Spirit will guide us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #9**      "Sing Praise to the Father"

## **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**      "Sing Praise to the Father"      Garrett Parker

**\*All who are able, please stand.**

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

The flowers today are presented in honor of Kasey Schultz's graduation from the University of Baltimore by Kevin and Karen 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:**

Bill Ludlow, Verna Badman, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Bob and Lucile Jones, Jean Gentry, Bob Croll, Glenn Hoffman, Mary Hartman, Erin Beighley, Bob Frey, Sandy Zuchero, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Rick Jones, Bryan Schwoyer, Clara Graber, Earl Yerger, Jen Fries, Doris Masemore, Wanda Gentry, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Karen Freed, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Helen Miller, 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 Music Ministries.

### **Bible Study**

The online Bible Study will move into 1 Samuel 19 this week, looking on Jonathan in comparison to his siblings in 1 Samuel 18. Help us compare Scripture to Scripture by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

### **May Kindness Look-Out**

**Music Ministry and Choir** ☺, Please help us catch those kids being kind! Punch cards are located in the Narthex. You may punch the fish card yourself or you may ask the youth to punch the fish card. Thank you for helping! **“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”** Matthew 4:19

### **May Palm Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

Andrea Simon (5/6), Emily Badman (5/7), Selia Werth (5/10)

### **Bible App for Kids**

Current new stories: Waters Part and Walls Fall (Entering the Promised Land), A Hairy Tale (Samson), A Voice in the Night (Samuel is called to God), Stones Slings and Giant Things (David and Goliath). This is a great app for kids of all ages. Download it for a fun interactive way to read about God’s Holy Word.

### **You Version Holy Bible App**

This is a wonderful app for daily Bible reading. You can choose plans that focus on family, devotionals, youth, religious times of the year, reading partial Bible segments at a time, or a plan that helps you read the whole Bible so it doesn’t feel cumbersome. It also includes some plans with music and some plans with videos. It keeps you on track and gives you many choices so you can choose what’s right for you. Current New Plans: Pray, God Is..., Finding Hope at Home, Fearless, Chosen, Ambition and Your Work, and Deeper Into Scripture: 2 Thessalonians

### **Confirmation Class**

**Today** at 1:00pm the Confirmation class will be touring Animals in Distress located in Coopersburg. Bring a lunch or meet back at the church at 12:30.

## **Camp Discovery ~Vacation Bible School**

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Journey down the trails of Camp Discovery and step out in faith! Explore Bible truths that point to Jesus, our True North. Kids discover that God has a plan and a purpose for us. He calls us to serve our neighbors. Join us on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> thru Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 6:15-8:30pm. Registration is on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm or you may pre-register by filling out a form and handing it in to the church office. Our program is for ages 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Older youth volunteers are needed and very welcomed to help.

## **Sunday School Calendar**

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Last teaching day for Sunday school teachers

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday rehearsal at church, 2:00pm

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday during worship with a rehearsal at 9:00am

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Combined Sunday school – closing program

## **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, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the office.

## **Spread The Word About Palm**

Are you on Facebook? Did you know the church has our own Facebook page? Please consider “LIKING” our Facebook page to see the weekly happenings at church – and enjoy occasional inspirational messages. If you already follow the church’s Facebook page – please consider asking your fellow “Facebook Friends” to like our page, so they too can see our upcoming events and enjoy our church’s activities. Thank you.

## **Relay For Life**

Our 2015 Relay for Life Team members extend their deepest appreciation to the congregation and friends of the church who contributed throughout the year to our fundraising projects. Many lives were touched by your generous gifts to the American Cancer Society. THANK YOU!

We also gratefully acknowledge the following for their contributions of prizes and donations for our “Gift Card Super Raffle:” Lil & Walt Master, Ed & Kathy Bieler, ABE Maintenance, Kevin & Barb Master, Dave & Carol Woodward, Tom & Tammy Long, The Palm Ladies’ Aid Society, Doug Wallinger & Diane Koenig, Blake & Brent Master, Friends of the Relay Team, Lee Schultz, Brian & Renee Shelly, Frank & Ethel Soffa (In Memory of Jim Kresge), The Badman Family, Lawrence Croll, Harry & Diane Irvin, Jeff & Bonnie Treichler. Thank you, everyone!

A big “Thank You” to the youth of our church, who designed and created a “Waving Goodbye to Cancer” banner for the day of the Relay event. Palm’s team walked proudly behind the banner during our team parade.

## **Thank You**

We would to thank Gail Ferry for providing the special music for today's service.

## **Salford Pilgrimage**

Next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, join our Schwenkfelder churches at the historic Salford Meetinghouse 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 13<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.

## **Make Music Upper Perk**

Make Music Upper Perk is a community festival held annually on June 21<sup>st</sup> – invites the congregations of the Valley to join for a special day of fellowship and musical performances. This year several churches will host festivities – the Gazebo at St. Mark's Lutheran and the Porch at Pennsburg UCC's – along with the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, as well as other venues around the Valley. All performances are free to the public and will feature local musicians, bands, and choirs. The day will be a celebration of music in our local community and will include genres for all ages. The full schedule will be released in the Town & Country in June as well as at the [ValleyArtsScene.wordpress.com](http://ValleyArtsScene.wordpress.com).

## **Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships**

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship on:

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; August 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, October 11<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.

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## Fellowship and Educational Opportunity for Church Administrators

On **October 13-14** the Lutheran Congregational Services will present the **Annual Parish Secretaries' Seminar "Checks and Balances" at the Bird-In-Hand Family Inn, Bird-In-Hand, PA.** This seminar is open to all Parish Secretaries and Administrators from any denomination. The Spiritual Leader this year will be the Pastor Cindy Camp. Workshops will be interspersed with devotions, meals, and free time. The workshops this year include ***Clearing Up The Confusion***, which explores the recent changes of the law concerning background checks. ***Can You Afford It***, which explores copyright laws as they apply to the church, ***and It's A Fine Line***, which explores communication and boundaries between the parish secretary and pastors. Registrations are due no later than **August 24**. To learn more and/or register, visit [LutheranCongregationalServices.org](http://LutheranCongregationalServices.org) and click the link for ***Parish Secretaries*** under the **Congregations** column.

## Volunteer Opportunities in Florida from UCC Disaster Ministries

*Notice from Zach Wolgemuth, Executive, UCC Disaster Ministries*

Currently UCC Disaster Ministries is in great need of volunteers to serve in Pensacola, FL during the summer months to help restore lives by repairing and rebuilding homes. Recovery has almost come to a halt. For the families that have been displaced and can't return home the support of our volunteers can't come soon enough. Imagine the letdown that one experiences after seeing progress and anticipating being able to return home only to have construction come to a standstill simply because it is summertime. To find out more about the volunteer opportunities... visit. [ucc.org/disaster\\_disaster-volunteers](http://ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers).

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

**Wurlitzer Organ Giveaway** (posted 5-8-15) Woodcrest UCC in Philadelphia has a Wurlitzer organ for donation. Call 215-242-2227 to make the arrangements.

**Director of Music Needed – Royersford** (posted 5-7-15) First UCC, Royersford is looking for a Director of Music. Inquiries and resumes: [firstuccroy@netzero.net](mailto:firstuccroy@netzero.net).

**Volunteers Needed – Phoebe Wyncote** (posted: 5-7-15) Phoebe Ministries provides health care, housing and support services for seniors. Our community in Wyncote is in need of volunteers. Including: Donations of small items for bingo prizes, Volunteers to staff the gift/snack shop (flexible hours), etc. Expanded list on PSEC website. Please contact Michele Hutson ([mhutson@ohoebe.org](mailto:mhutson@ohoebe.org) or 215-461-2151) to offer your assistance to this senior ministry affiliated with the UCC.



## Getting to Know:

## St. Mark's UCC

211 W. Greenwich Street, Reading, PA 19601



St. Marks UCC began as an outgrowth of a Sunday School which first met in 1883, and in 1891 organized as a congregation known as "St. Marks Reformed Church." Our growth as a city church was rapid, and in 1904, having outgrown our first two facilities, we moved to our present location. With membership continuing to

grow, peaking in the 1950's and 1960's at about 1,900 members, major improvements were made to our facilities in 1963. In 1972 we changed our name to St. Marks UCC.

Throughout our history, St. Marks has been home to a wide variety of groups and activities, including the making and selling of nuts and candies, a Quilting Group, a Cub Scout Pack, Christmas Bazaars, special holiday dinners, and a breakfast group. We've also continued to make improvements to our physical facility, installing an elevator and central air conditioning in the hope of attracting and retaining more members.

Like many other city churches, we continue to be challenged by changing times and changing demographics. While once a neighborhood church within walking distance of most of our members, our congregants now mostly reside in the suburbs, and in spite of attempts to broaden our congregation to attract more neighborhood families and individuals, we currently number about 200.

In spite of this, our desire to spread God's word continues to guide us. Our facilities are a welcoming home to two other congregations, namely the "Hope of Glory" and "Respite & Liberation" churches. For many years we've contributed to our community by hosting a "Project Even Start" program in our facility. This program, sponsored by the Reading School District, offers English as a Second Language and other adult and child services to our neighbors in Reading. We also serve as a Polling Place during elections.

Our Sanctuary and stained-glass windows are beautiful, and with inspiring words from our Pastor and a magnificent organ and wonderful choir, each of us is called to Prayers of Thanksgiving for God's many blessings and mercies, and guidance in our personal lives as well as in our lives as part of the larger community.



Prayers are requested for St. Mark's UCC in Reading and Rev. Walton R. Horn.

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# BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am — 2:00 pm**

Date/Time

**Palm Schwenkfelder Church, Church Classroom First Floor**

Location

**Dan Ferry 215-679-5321**

Contact for more information

**Online Registration Sponsor Code 5488**

Sponsoring Group and Group Number



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# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, May 31**

- 9:00am Last Teaching Day of Sunday School Classes
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Monday, June 1**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:30pm Board of Music Ministry Meeting

## **Tuesday, June 2**

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

## **Wednesday, June 3**

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

## **Thursday, June 4**

- 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council
- 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

## **Friday, June 5**

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

## **Saturday, June 6**

- 9:00am Eschbach Wedding
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Practice for Youth Sunday

## **Sunday, June 7**

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Youth Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Salford Pilgrimage

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**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

## **Church Office Hours for the Week of 6/1/2015**

Tuesday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 1:00pm

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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

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Gail Brown

Ushers: Nancy Hoffman, Tim Hoffman, Richard Kleppinger, Lisa Stitt

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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