

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014

YOUTH SUNDAY

“RICHNESS IN FAITH”

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Lani Smith

***Call to Worship**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

We are the people that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and celebrate our faith!

***Hymn #692**

“Faith of our Fathers”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess that we have not lived by your commandments. We cling to our possessions, and judge others by what they have. We overlook those in need around us and walk past your children who are hurting. Forgive us Lord, and fill us with your grace that we might celebrate the gifts of our faith in Jesus Christ.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Rainbow Bells

Scripture

Luke 18:18-30 (NRSV p. 853; LP p. 1640 – 1641)
Luke 16:19-31 (NRSV p. 851 – 852; LP p. 1637 – 1638)

Skit

Praise Team

(Lyrics printed on pages 4 – 6)

Recognition of Graduates

Rebecca Callodonato

Shawn Johnson, Jr.

Christopher Mundy

Ryan Rothenberger

University of Pittsburgh

Daniel Boone High School

Upper Perkiomen High School

Upper Perkiomen High School

This is the Day

Les Garrett

This is the day (This is the day)
That the Lord has made (That the Lord has made)
We will rejoice (We will rejoice)
And be glad in it (And be glad in it)

This is the day That the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day (This is the day)
That the Lord has made

CCLI Song # 32754

I will call upon the Lord

Michael O'Shields

The Lord liveth
And blessed be the Rock
The God of my salvation be exalted
(REPEAT)

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)

CCLI Song # 11263

We Have Come into His house

Bruce T. Ballinger

Verse 1

We have come into His house and gathered in His name
To worship Him
(REPEAT)

We have come into His house and gathered in His name
To worship Christ the Lord worship Him Christ the Lord

Verse 2

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him
And worship Him
(REPEAT)

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him
And worship Christ the Lord worship Him Christ the Lord

{INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE}

Verse 3

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name
And worship Him
(REPEAT)

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name
And worship Christ the Lord worship Him Christ the Lord

CCLI Song # 17212

Behold what Manner of Love

Patricia Van Tine

Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us
Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us

Chorus

That we should be called the sons of God
That we should be called the sons of God

CCLI Song # 1596

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

CCLI Song # 117947

Great is the Lord

Deborah D. Smith | Michael W. Smith

Verse

Great is the Lord He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

Chorus 1

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord

Chorus 2

Great are You Lord and worthy of glory
Great are You Lord and worthy of praise
Great are You Lord
I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice
Great are You Lord
Great is the Lord

CCLI Song # 1149

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of PFC Douglass Needs, stationed in Cuba, by Mae Gerhart.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Bill Schultz and Naomi Kriebel by the Library Class.

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:

Jean Gentry, 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 Trustees.

On-Call

During Pastor Nick's sabbatical, there will be a schedule of ministers taking turns to be on-call for any emergency needs. From May 27th through June 8th, Rev. Becca Stephens will be on-call. (484) 529 – 8369

Bible Study

The online Bible Study this week will look at the word and theater around King Saul's great sin in 1 Samuel 15. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Sunday School Dates

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.

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!

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! ☺

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.

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 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!

VBS Snack Donations Needed

We Need Your Help! Again this year, we will be providing a snack during each evening of Vacation Bible School. The snack is designed to reflect the message of the night. Please see the list of needed food items posted in the Narthex. If you are able to help supply any of the items on that list, it would be greatly appreciated! Please place any non-perishable food items in the box located in the Narthex labeled "VBS Snacks." Perishable items should be labeled "VBS" and placed in the Church's basement refrigerator/freezer. All food items will be needed for the start of VBS on Sunday, June 22nd. Thanks for your help!

Build a House to Make a Home

The Mission Team is ready to take on its next challenge, and in July 2014 it is to make this year's mission trip a truly inspirational one. The team will be putting their hands and hearts to work in Long Branch, NJ to help re-build a home devastated by Hurricane Sandy, while their faith in God will provide the strength to accomplish such a mighty goal. The community of Long Branch, like many along the seashores of New Jersey, was devastated and it has been a long road to recovery for its residents. The Mission Board would welcome your invaluable support through contributions that will help make the Mission Team's efforts a success in Long Branch. Please see the fundraising campaign display in the Narthex, which details how you can help purchase the materials needed to build a house, so that a New Jersey family will once again have the opportunity to make it a home and welcome the Lord into it. Any and all donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. Contributions are payable to: Palm Schwenkfelder Church, re: Mission Trip 2014. **"I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety" Psalm 4:8.**

Thank You

To my church family, thank you for the beautiful card and flowers. I know all your prayers gave me the strength to walk again. Pastor Nick's visit was so very enjoyable. Praise the Lord for His healing power and for His love.

Love, Ty McNeal

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 office.

Pick-Up Anthem

Ever wonder what it would be like to sing with the Senior Choir? Here's your chance to find out! Next 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.

Salford Pilgrimage

Join us **this evening** at 6:00 p.m. at the Salford Meetinghouse 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!

No Quilting

Because of the work being done to replace the boiler, there will be no quilting this week.

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.

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

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June 1, 2014

Mark there Upcoming Events on your Calendar

Sep 23-25 Ventures - [The Gift of Days and Years](#) - Reading

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship as we explore the hidden and not so hidden treasures of growing older. It is a time for renewing friendships and making new friends as well as a time for personal reflection. Visit psec.org/psec-events to learn more or register online. Deadline: Aug 22.

Oct 20-24 Community Nights at Schools - Berks

Speaker & Author Bob Lenz presenting assemblies (Value, Courage, Respect) at Wilson West Middle, Wilson Southern Middle, Daniel Boone Middle & High, Brandywine Heights Middle & High, and Milton Hershey Schools. Come join us in the evenings (7pm) for community nights back at the schools where Bob Lenz will present the Gospel message to the community along with AJ the Illusionist! Rita's is supplying free Italian ice! Churches and youth groups around these schools are encouraged to attend to connect with students and families who need prayer and/or a local church.

The Reilly Band and Holly Starr will perform as well at the end of the week (Oct 24th) at a local church in Wyomissing. UCC churches that are sponsoring/helping so far: St. Paul's of Douglassville, Community of Exeter, St. Peter's of West Lawn. For more information visit our website berksbase18.org or contact Mitch Racine 610-763-8043 mracine09@gmail.com.

Jun 26-30 General Synod 2015 - [Unexpected Places](#) - Cleveland, OH



In June 2015, thousands from across the country (and abroad) will gather for General Synod 30 in Cleveland, Ohio — the birthplace of the United Church of Christ. Together, we will discern resolutions of witness, church structure, and function.

We will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness. And we will join together in worship each day to lift up the Still-speaking God.

At General Synod 30, we will lift up all of the 'Unexpected Places' we find (and hear) God, and the places where we find church. And all of the unexpected places where we find the United Church of Christ lifting up its witness in the world. To learn more, visit: ucc.org/synod.



Schwarzwald (Jacksonwald) UCC in Reading and Rev. John S. Dawson request that you join them in praying that they will be able to follow the way our Lord leads and accomplish all that He calls them to do.

Getting to Know:

SCHWARZWALD (JACKSONWALD) UCC 75 Church Lane, Reading, PA 19606



Two years ago, we celebrated our 275th anniversary as a worshipping community of faith operating from the same hillside site. We looked at where we came from and how we got where we are. This past year, we turned to look at where God is leading us. The central insight of the past year has been that there are things we can do with the cooperation of another, nearby congregation that we just couldn't do on our own.

Community UCC, located in the neighboring community of St. Lawrence, was born out of the dissolution of the Schwarzwald Union Church back in the early 1950's. As we celebrated our 275th anniversary, we invited them to participate in one of our joint worship services. In response to that event, the same question was raised in both congregations; "Why are two congregations of the same nomination, located less than 3 miles from each other, trying to go it alone? What could we do, together, that would enhance the ministries of both?" Out these questions was born our "Partnership in Ministry" with Community UCC. Even before we could put the structures of our partnership down on paper, groups within both churches were reaching out, inviting cooperative participation in each other's activities. The possibilities just seemed to explode into existence.

The "Partnership" was approved at the Annual Congregational Meetings of both churches. A "Ministries Council" was established with five members from each church, and the council began searching for more ways in which the two congregations could work together, cooperatively.

For our church, the Partnership has meant the re-establishment of some efforts which had been allowed to die due to a lack of support and participation. By working together, we re-established the "critical mass" necessary to complete these projects.

This past year, we have developed a combined Confirmation Class. In recognition that we join not only a local congregation but the universal church of Jesus Christ, we will have two ceremonies for confirmation. One recognizing the confirmands' infant baptisms and thus joining the universal church, and another service with their own congregation recognizing that they're becoming members of their local church.

Maybe the most exciting and enjoyable joint effort was our combined Church Picnic. Our participants exceeded our best estimates. We ran out and bought more food and barely got everyone under the picnic shelter for worship. The event was also unique in that Schwarzwald celebrated an infant baptism witnessed by both congregations. The two pastors presented a dialogue sermon identifying some of the possibilities we each saw God placing before both churches, individually and cooperatively.

This year, as we continue to look forward, the Ministries Council is focusing on outreach ministries and the needs of the people of the communities we are serving. Our "in house" cooperative efforts are well established, and with the strength we have gained, we now seek to serve others as well as our own members. From the beginning, these efforts have been generated and sustained by the prayers of many.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, June 1st

9:00am Rehearsal for Youth Sunday

10:15am Youth Sunday Worship Service

Hurricane Sandy Mission Team Meeting Following Worship Service

6:00pm Salford Pilgrimage

Tuesday, June 3rd

(No Quilters this week)

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Daisies

Thursday, June 5th

9:00am Staff Meeting

6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, June 8th

9:00am Closing Program for Sunday School

9:30am Rehearsal for the Pick-Up Anthem

10:15am Pentecost Sunday Worship Service - Choir Inviting All to
Join Pick-Up Anthem

11:30am Sunday School Closing Picnic

3:00pm Upper Perkiomen Baccalaureate @ St. John's
Sumneytown

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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

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

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