

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2014
PENTECOST
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Spirit of the Living God" Robert Thygerson

***Call to Worship**

The peace of God be with you today.

Receive with joy the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We feel the winds of God blowing among us.

We sense the tongues of fire empowering us.

How amazing is the power God gives us.

How manifold are the works of our creator.

The breath of God fills us with confidence.

The Spirit creates new life within and among us.

God calls us to be dreamers and prophets.

God gives us a vision for a world of peace.

May the glory of God endure forever.

We will sing praise to God as long as we live.

*Hymn #291 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

With new life all about us, O God, we still cling to old ways. In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance. You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence. The darkness of doubt dispels the new light the Spirit brings. We are afraid to admit what it might mean if we surrendered our selves. So we continue to pursue our flights of fancy, and pretend that we can go it alone. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Acts 2: 1 – 21 (NRSV p. 885; LP p. 1703 – 1704)
John 20: 19 – 23 (NRSV p. 883; LP p. 1697 – 1698)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #297**

“Spirit of the Living God”

Sermon

“The Peace of the Spirit”

Senior Choir Pick-Up Anthem

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

“Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire” Edward Broughton

***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**

**With many voices we praise you, O God; in different ways we
serve you. Take our diversity and mold it into a common
theme of thanksgiving. Weave these gifts that we bring into a
whole cloth of service that will blanket the world with your
love as we announce with one accord your truth which sets us
free. Amen.**

Service of Communion

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week
Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on
that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to
them in the breaking of the bread.

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women,
young and old, come from the east and the west, from the
north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.**

Communion Prayer and Consecration

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*Hymn #302

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

*Benediction

Postlude

"Komm, Heiliger Geist"

Andreas Armsdorf

Reverend Wanda Craner

Reverend Craner has been a member of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference since the early 1980's, as she was a member of St. James United Church of Christ, Limerick. Before that, she was a long time member of Zion Lutheran Church, Spring City. She was drawn to the United Church of Christ because of its focus on "Jesus Christ as the sole Head of the church," and its motto, "That they may all be one," (In essentials unity, in non-essentials diversity, in all things charity). Over the years she has been involved in Christian Education, Youth Ministry, the Choir, Church Council (in the Lutheran Church), Consistory, Worship, Stewardship, Evangelism, Spiritual Growth, Prayer and Healing ministries, not to mention many wonderful Church suppers and picnics! Sensing a call to ministry, she eventually found her way to Lancaster Theological Seminary. After graduating, she went to Shenkel United Church of Christ, as Associate Pastor - Minister of Wholeness with availability to the Larger Ecumenical Church. After nine years of serving at Shenkel United Church of Christ, she was asked to become a member of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference staff as Minister of Spiritual Nurture. And, for almost 17 years she has served the Conference in that capacity; and now serves as your Acting Conference Minister. Her hope is that all may be drawn together by the Holy Spirit in ways which will glorify God through mission and ministry, while experiencing the joy of Christ! She and her husband, Steve, have 2 teenage daughters, and a "rowdy" yellow lab, named "Willow." They enjoy going to orchestra and band concerts and piano recitals, as both their girls participate in school music programs. Reverend Craner enjoys reading, walking and nature, especially bird-watching! The latter harkening back to her years as a biology teacher!

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Pauline Slemmer and Webster & Dorothy Fetterman by Barry & Norma Slemmer.

The bulletins are presented today in loving memory of Ethel Rothenberger by Ray Rothenberger.

Communion Note

The Lord's Table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. The Deacons will serve the congregation in the pews. Trays should be passed halfway through the pew and then returned to the same deacon, take the bread or grape juice while the person next to you holds the tray. Please hold the bread and the cup until the Pastor invites everyone to eat or drink. Then quietly place the cup in the holder on the back of the pew.

"Concerning the Communion Service of Palm Schwenkfelder Church, children of our congregation take communion after confirmation. If you choose to have your children partake in Communion please explain the sacred meanings behind the ritual. If you would like to speak with someone on the meanings of Communion please speak with any Deacon."

Deacons of Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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:

Joan Pusey, 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 June 9th through June 18th, Rev. Chuck Romanowski will be on-call. (610) 368 – 0968

Bible Study

Do we overvalue King Saul's punishment in 1 Samuel 15? Discuss this question with the online Bible Study by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Sunday School Closing and Picnic

Help us celebrate the end of our Sunday school year by joining us **today** after worship for a picnic.

Kids Caught Being Kind!

Thank you to everyone for participating in the Acts of Kindness program for the youth. It has made our youth more aware of their actions and how they can make a difference by helping other people. All the cards were entered into a drawing, this morning during Sunday school, for a Rita's gift card. Congratulations to the winner and to all the youth for being kind to one another.

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 Revelations. 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 Update

Thank you for all the craft donations of tin cans and paper towel rolls. Keep bringing in metal jar lids and place them in the white bucket on the small table in the Narthex. Thanks!

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!

Brown Bag Lecture Series

On Wednesday, June 11th, at noon, come here Allen Viehmeyer present and discuss *The Iron Collar*. This is the English translation by Andy Berky of a historical novel written originally in German by Fedor Sommer (1864-1930) and published in Halle, Germany, in 1911. It is a fictional account of what happened to the Schwenkfelders in Harpersdorf between 1718 and 1740. What is a major theme running throughout the novel? Can you separate fact from fiction in this novel set in the writer's native Silesia?

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.**

Nursery

There will be no church approved personnel to provide child supervision during the summer worship services in 2014. Attendants are welcome to use the nursery with their children, but are responsible for the supervision of their children. If anyone is interested in being available to provide child supervision please contact Gregg Hoffman.

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.

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 one remaining opening for flower sponsorship on:

November 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.

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.*”

Schedule of Guest Preachers

- June 8 – Rev. Wanda Craner
June 15 – Rev. Deb Timmins
June 22 – Kraussdale Meetinghouse – Rev. Frances Chester
June 29 – Rev. Frances Chester
July 6 – Dr. Drake Williams, III
July 13 – Rev. Ronald Krick
July 20 – Washington Cemetery – Historic Sermon of O.S. Kriebel
July 27 – Rev. Deb Timmins
August 3 – Historic Sermon of Martha Kriebel
August 10 – Rev. Mike Tannous
August 17 – Hosensack Meetinghouse – Rev David Luz (Hymn Sing)

MEN OF PALM CHICKEN BBQ

Mark Your Calendars

The Men of Palm Chicken BBQ is coming!



Join us **this coming 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!

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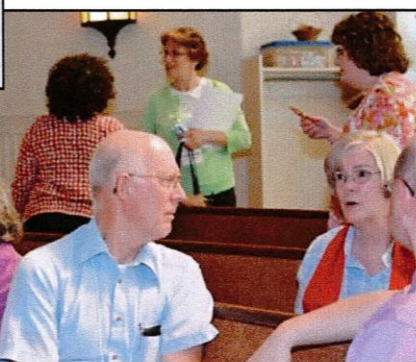
Highlights from Spring Meeting 2014

On May 31, we gathered at Zion Blue Mountain in Strausstown for the PSEC Spring Meeting. The theme for our meeting was ***Together We Are Church***. Rev. Wanda D. Craner, Acting Conference Minister, began the meeting with a prayer and visual presentation honoring the vibrant ministries in our local churches.

In an overwhelming vote, **Rev. William Paul Worley** was elected as the Conference Minister and President of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Worley will be starting on **Monday, August 4**. You can read more about Rev. Worley on psec.org.



Rev. Rebecca Stephens and the Connections Task Group presented **Vibrant Ministry When Money is Low and People are Scarce**. We reflected about the effect that the lack of funds and volunteers



has had on our church ministries. We listened as three churches shared their experiences of successful ministries, and in the afternoon, gathered in small groups to discuss how to bring new life to dwindling ministries and strategized ways to implement new ministries.

We said farewell to **Michael and Barbara Lenhart** and thanked Michael for his faithful service to Mensch Mill. We are grateful for his tireless efforts and great sense of humor that contributed to the great memories so many of our youth and adults will cherish.





During worship, we celebrated communion and sang together accompanied by the organ, piano and guitars, and enjoyed the powerful interpretive dance of the Praise Dancers from Living Water UCC.



We installed Conference Leadership - Executive Committee and Consistory members and General Synod delegates. We honored our Members in Discernment, pastors celebrating ordination



anniversaries, and pastors retired since May 2013. (A list of those honored is available on the Resources page of psec.org.) We also presented certificates to 58 PSEC churches that fully support Our Church's Wider Mission by giving to basic support

and the four special mission offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Christmas Fund and Neighbors in Need. (To learn more, visit: ucc.org and Search: Five for Five.)



Thank you to Zion Blue Mountain UCC for your extravagant welcome and hospitality.

We closed with a brief "Sending" Service where we were challenged to journey on together in and through the Spirit of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen and Amen.



Prayers are requested for United Christian Church in Levittown.



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

Your Blood. Their Hope.



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

BLOOD DRIVE

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Sunday, June 29th
9:45am - 12:15pm

Visit www.GiveaPint.org for online scheduling
and create your donor profile.
Use Sponsor Code 5488.

For more information contact
Amy Pusey at 215-588-9437.



ENTER TO WIN

Register to donate during the weeks of **June 2 – September 7,**
One of (2) weekly ²⁰¹¹ **\$100 Gas cards**

Register to donate during the weeks of **June 23 – July 13, 2014**
One **\$500 Visa® card**

Or a monthly set of tickets (4 tickets
plus parking) to a **Philadelphia Phillies**
game!



Established in 1971 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Community organization,
Miller-Keystone Blood Center is proud to be the *only* blood provider to your community hospitals.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, June 8

- 9:00am Closing Program for Sunday School
- 9:30am Rehearsal for 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 Sunneytown

Monday, June 9

- 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 10

- 8:00am Quilters
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Daisies
- 7:15pm Boy Scouts of America Troop Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

- 12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center

Saturday, June 14

- 4:00pm Men of Palm Chicken Barbeque

Sunday, June 15

- 9:00am Combined Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service

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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

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: Gregg Hoffman

Ushers: Phillip Badman, Bob Croll, Lawrence Croll, Dave Woodward

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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