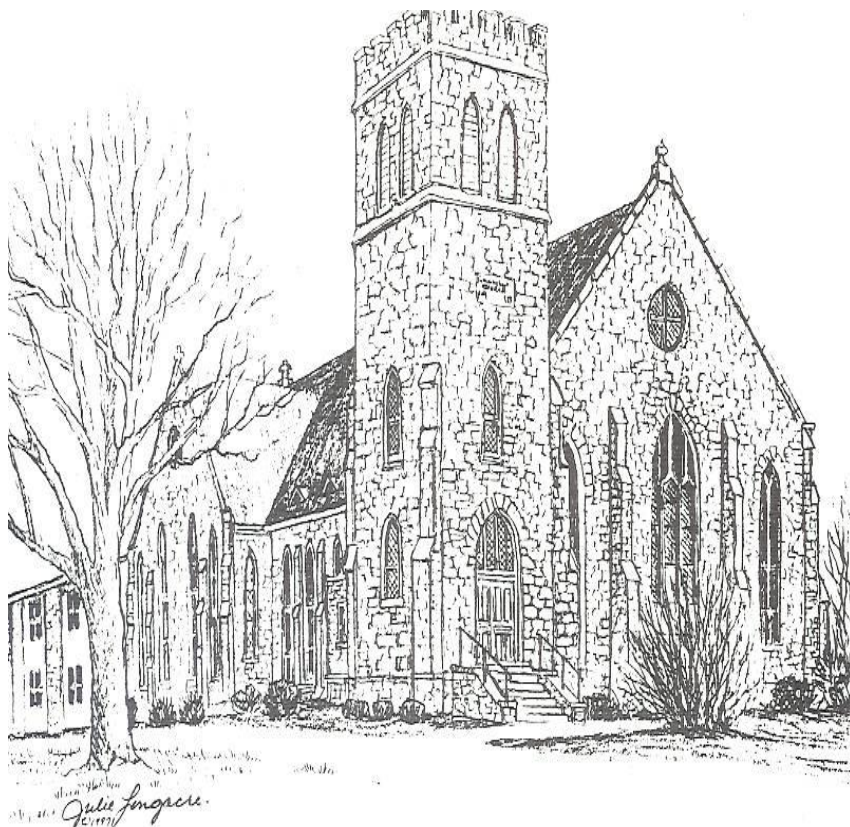


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016

YOUTH SUNDAY

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Prelude

Nicholas Pence

***Call to Worship** (Acts 4:24)

Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the sea, and everything in them,
We, born of your grace, praise you!
Let us sing our faith.

***Hymn #48** "God of Creation, All-Powerful"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

But often we have wanted what does not lead to true life.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

And we have resisted God's call to rest.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

But we have chosen to walk our own path, and seek our own way.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

But we have lived in fear rather than by faith, and ignored God's comforting presence.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Yet we still pursue our own advantages, putting ourselves before others.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

By our faith, may the Good Shepherd forgive us, and lead us to new birth. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"He's Got the Whole World"

Verse 1

He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

Verse 1

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Verse 1

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Chorus

We Exalt You
We Exalt You
We Exalt You, O Lord
(repeat)

Recognition of Graduates

Elias Gabel-Tripp	Payton Keyser	Tori Leh
Darrell Manley	Pierce Wright	
Whitney Leh	Stephanie Mundy	Lauren Schultz

Prayer

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 "Something in the Water" Selia Werth

***Doxology** Brent Master

**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

**Loving God, we give you thanks for our births and our new
birth in you. Bless all of our gifts and lives that we might truly
praise you. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Hymn #146** "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

*Benediction

Postlude "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Selia Werth

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of our fathers by Alex and Joanne Jalowy.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Francis Miller by Mae Gerhart.

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:

Dorothy Parker, Carmen Davis, Sharon Stevens, Pierce Wright, Sarah Gentry, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Helen Miller, 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

King Saul's story in 1 Samuel 26 advances several whole-Bible themes. This week's online Bible Study will dive into the Chapter and try to sort out the messages. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

June Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday...

Ethan Reynolds (6/12), Margo May (6/29)

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 Picnic

The church picnic will immediately follow the worship service **today** (Honest. This time it's right). Hope all can attend this fun event to end the Sunday School year.

Vacation Bible School Snack Donations

It's that time of the year again! VBS is right around the corner! Please take a moment to view the Snack Donation List posted in the Narthex. If you are able, please sign up for an item or two and place it in the designated VBS Snack Box, also located in the narthex (or directly in the refrigerator/ freezer if needed). We need to collect donations **by next Sunday the 19th**, in order to prepare the snacks for the children each night. Thank you in advance for supporting VBS again this year.

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.

August Opportunity

August offers unusual opportunity to honor someone by sponsoring Bulletins or Altar Flowers in their name. Dates generally fill-in within weeks after the charts are posted. At last count, there were 6 opportunities for flower sponsorship and 9 chances to sponsor bulletins still available for 2016. Sign-up Charts are on the wall outside the Church Office. Any Deacon or Church Officer will help you with any questions about the process. Getting your name in an available slot will hold the date for you.

Washington Meeting House

Join us **next Sunday, June 19th** for the first of our summer meetinghouse services at Washington Meetinghouse Site. Special musical guest Suite Brass will provide the music for the worship service. The Washington Site is located at the corner of Kutztown Road and County Line Road. Please bring lawn chairs. Temporary restroom facilities will be available onsite. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at Palm Church.

Make Music Upper Perk

Here is a great way to spend the first day of summer, Tuesday, June 21st: 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 18th; on Sunday, a flute recital, featuring Evelyn Gerhart at Pennsburg UCC (June 19th at 2:00 p.m.); and at the Community Meal where pianists are providing dinner music on Monday June 20th at 6:00 p.m. Join us to celebrate music on (and around) June 21st! Watch the Town and Country for more information. Or go to ValleyArtScene.wordpress.com for details. You can also “Like” and follow MMUP on Facebook for up-to-date information.

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.

Dogs of Falkner Swamp

The Dogs of Falkner Swamp, a male vocal trio featuring the voices of Robert Schnaars, Robert Erb and Glenn Moser, one guitar and occasional percussion, will perform at the historic Dillingersville Schoolhouse, [Schoolhouse Lane, Dillingersville](#) on Saturday, June 25th at 7:00 pm, under the tent. A picnic style supper will be available for purchase beginning at 5:00 pm hosted by the members of the Upper Milford Mennonite Church. The group will sing old time spiritual favorites and hymns, original spiritual music and goodies from the 50's, 60's and 70's era pop music. They have performed together for ten years in area churches and community events; a highlight has been their being invited to sing the national anthem in Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, Coca Cola Park in Allentown, and First Energy Park in Reading.

Questions or more information? Call Marjorie Geissinger at [610-966-2733](tel:610-966-2733) or email marjgeissinger@gmail.com

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!

Treasurer's Report – May 2016

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash On Hand Start of Month/Year	\$11,238.57	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$24,185.95	\$122,790.45
Operating Expenses	\$16,681.00	\$139,807.96
Operating Cash On Hand - 5/31	\$18,743.52	\$ 18,743.52

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 7th & 14th; October 9th; November 6th, 13th, 20th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

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

November 6th & 12th.

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!

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God Is Still Speaking,

Stillspeaking. It's the shorter form of "God is still speaking," a campaign by the United Church of Christ to remind us that God still has a lot more to say. Since 2004, Stillspeaking has worked with thousands of UCC churches and individuals across the country to make religion relevant again and to extend an extravagant welcome to all—**because no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. Here at the United Church of Christ.**

In 2004, it was concluded that there was a present and real need for the United Church of Christ to spread its message of extravagant welcome which continues to historically re-shape our understanding of the Christian faith and proclamation. The UCC responded to this call and challenge with a new [identity and marketing campaign](#) to let all others know that anyone could find a spiritual home in the United Church of Christ, be strengthened and nurtured in their faith and be blessed to reach out to others with their God-given gifts and talents.

Today, under one collective identity, we can enthusiastically lift up that the UCC is a welcoming, justice-minded Christian community. At a time when religion is too often portrayed as narrow-minded and exclusive, many are raising their VOICES for an alternate vision:

- Where God is all-loving and inclusive
- Where the Church of Jesus Christ welcomes and accepts everyone as they are
- Where your mind is nourished as much as your soul
- Where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary
- Where together we grow a just and peaceful world

Epler's Church UCC

1151 W. Leesport Rd., Leesport, PA 19533



Epler's Church is a 278-year-old congregation that is only in its third building. We have 200 members and a wonderful and diverse group of people with a number of young families up to our oldest member at 103. Our current pastor, Rev. Gary Rarick, has been serving since November of 2013.

Our worship services are enhanced by the singing by our children about once a month; our monthly healing service held as a part of our regular service the last Sunday of each month; and the musical talents of our 20 member choir under the professional direction of Mr. Brian Gibson. During the school year, we have three Sunday school classes including an adult discussion group.

On our church grounds next to our historic cemetery dating back to the Revolutionary War we have our Labyrinth. This is open to the community and once a year we hold an Interfaith Labyrinth Walk with participants from many different faith traditions. We focus on building relationships with many people which includes those that we interact with at the distribution at the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry when we participate once or twice a year sharing the responsibilities with other local faith communities. A special outreach includes our annual Easter Dawn Service that we hold at Blue Marsh Lake for the community.

In May of 2016, Epler's Church sanctuary became the worship space for House of Restoration Church. This Pentecostal and predominately Hispanic congregation worships every Sunday afternoon. Our building and church grounds are also the host of a Boy Scout Troop, Cub Pack, and Little Lamb Nursery School



Prayers are requested for Epler's UCC in Leesport and Rev. Gary Rarick.

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Please join us in worship:

Washington Meeting House Cemetery

Sunday, June 19th

(please bring lawn chairs)

10:15am Worship Service

**Kutztown Road & Country Line Road
Hereford, PA 18041**



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, June 12

- 9:00am Combined Sunday School
- 10:15am Youth Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Sunday School Closing Picnic
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, June 13

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 14

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

Wednesday, June 15

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

Thursday, June 16

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

Friday, June 17

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

Saturday, June 18

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

Sunday, June 19

- 10:15am Washington Meetinghouse Site Worship Service
w/Suite Brass
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Vacation Bible School Begins

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Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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