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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016
WASHINGTON CEMETERY SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude	Prelude to "Te Deum" Creation Fanfare	Charpentier/arr. Picher arr. Edwards
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***Call to Worship**

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me to the throne of your grace.

Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord, my help and my God.

Then I will go to the altar of God and praise you with the harp, O Lord, my God.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #419** "God of Our Fathers"

1. God of our fa - thers, whose al-might- y
 2. Thy love di- vine hath led us in the
 3. From war's a- larms, from dead- ly pes- ti-
 4. Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil- some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry
 past; in this free land by thee our lot is
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de -
 way; lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing

band of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the
 cast; be thou our Rul - er, Guard - ian, Guide and
 fense; thy true re - lig - ion in our hearts in -
 day; fill all our lives with love and grace di -

skies, our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 Stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 cease, thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 vine; and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and Sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with you, despised some of your children, and accused you of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise you, our actions deny you, and our work is carried out without reference to your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them. O God, forgive us and change us. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Psalms 42 and 43 (NRSV p. 447 – 448; LP p. 876 – 877)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #358**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
 3. O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, thy chil - dren go, pro - tect them by thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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 “Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals”
Karg-Elert /arr. Picher

***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**

Guardian of our destiny, we come in response to Christ’s call to discipleship. We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving with the prayer that you will deem it worthy of your grace. We offer our deeds of goodness; transform them into acts of benevolence befitting your mercy. We offer our treasure; turn it into the means of new life for all. Amen.

***Hymn #9** “Sing Praise to the Father”

1. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, Cre - a - tor and King, whose mer - cy has
 2. Sing praise to the Sav - ior, Re - deem - er and Friend, for grace past all
 3. Sing praise to the Spir - it, the gift of God's love, who quick - ens our
 4. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the Son, sing praise to the

taught us a new song to sing; who made us, and loved us tho'
 tell - ing, for love with - out end; who stripped off his glo - ry, put
 hearts with new life from a - bove, who woos us, sub - dues us, and
 Spir - it, great God Three in One; the God of sal - va - tion, of

reb - els and lost, and planned our re - demp - tion at in - fi - nite cost.
 on mor - tal sin, and died in our stead, full a - tone - ment to win.
 seals us his own, and fault - less pre - sents us be - fore the White Throne.
 glo - ry, of grace, who wrought our re - demp - tion—my soul, sing his praise!

Refrain

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul, for the grace that re -

deems, for the love that makes whole; O come and a - dore him, his
glo - ries pro - claim, and wor - ship be - fore him— the Lord is his name!

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Stanley/arr. Snell

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Janet Slifer by Brian and Renee Shelly.

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.

Thank You

We would like to thank Suite Brass for proving the special music for today’s worship service.

Suite Brass Quintet: Mark Hasson, trumpet; Robert Maxwell, trumpet; John Kraybill, horn; Robert Bugge, trombone; Tom Wetzels, tuba

WASHINGTON MEETINGHOUSE

The original Schwenkfelder immigrants hoped to find land in Pennsylvania where they could live as a group. As such a large tract of land was unavailable, the family groups scattered. The northernmost group settled in Lehigh, Berks and Montgomery Counties. This became known as the “Upper District.”

In the Upper Perkiomen Valley, Schwenkfelders assembled in homes for worship, prayer and Bible study. Eventually three meetinghouses were built: Washington, Hosensack and Kraussdale, to accommodate the larger number of worshippers.

Washington, the second meetinghouse to be built, was erected in 1791 near the village of Clayton in Washington Township. The land was once the property of the three Schultz brothers: George, Melchior and Christopher. Later ownership was vested in the youngest, Christopher. His homestead was located nearby, along Kutztown Road, on the far side of the street, where a large home still stands.

Upon Christopher’s death in 1788, his son David inherited the land immediately adjoining the cemetery. The meetinghouse was erected on this land, along with some additional land adjacent to the property, owned by Jeremiah and Morris Schultz, also descendants of Christopher. The first worship service was held here on the Day of Remembrance, September 24, 1791 at which time Rev. Christopher Kriebel delivered the dedicatory address.

The location was used as a neighborhood cemetery for some time prior to the construction of the meetinghouse, as the grave of Anna Schultz, buried in 1742, testifies. Anna was the first wife of Melchior Schultz, and died at a young age.

Thirty Schwenkfelder immigrants are buried here. Their names are commemorated on a large granite monument. All three Schultz brothers are buried here, along with their wives. Christopher’s original tombstone was later replaced, by his descendents, with one in a more modern style.

The graves in the Washington, Kraussdale and Yeakel family cemeteries are aligned in the direction of due East. It was expected that Jesus’ second coming would take place in Jerusalem, so the graves were faced toward the East, in order to meet Him when He comes. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:16, “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangels’ call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”

A stone wall was built around the burial plot in 1810.

A new meetinghouse was built in 1824 amid protests from some who thought it sacrilegious to destroy the old building. A school was established in the meetinghouse in 1834.

In 1883 the Washington Meetinghouse was entirely remodeled and was in constant use for the next twenty-eight years.

By the turn of the Twentieth Century it became necessary to acquire more space for the growing Sunday School classes, and so the congregations of the three meetinghouses voted to merge, and construct a church. Several of the special congregational meetings called by the Upper District to discuss the construction of the new church at Palm were held at this site. The main inside timbers of the Palm Schwenkfelder Church were cut from trees which formerly stood in the yard of the Washington Meetinghouse, and the site's horse sheds were moved to Palm, where they stood for the next 50 years.

The Washington Meetinghouse was demolished after the completion of Palm Schwenkfelder Church in 1911 and a marker was placed on the spot where the pulpit formerly stood. The stones from the walls of the building were used to enclose the entire plot.

... 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

This week's online Bible Study will seek discussion on frequency and meaning of an "as if" construct observed in several recent passages. 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

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, and of those opportunities, 5 are available in the month of August. At the present time, the sign-up charts located on the wall outside the Church Office are covered by our VBS decorations. Therefore, if anyone would like to sponsor flowers or bulletins for an upcoming Sunday, please call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. Also, 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.

Make Music Upper Perk

Here is a great way to spend the first day of summer, **this 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.

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](#) **this coming 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

Summer Music

Summer has arrived! Ok, well, technically it doesn't officially arrive until tomorrow at 6:34pm, but as far as our music schedule is concerned, it's here! 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

A dumpster will be available **July 8th through July 28th** for our church cleanup. We ask that all groups take this time to examine all areas of the church and make use of the dumpster to dispose of old, broken, unwanted, and unusable things that have been collecting and cluttering up our spaces. Thank you,

The Board of Trustees.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed from Wednesday, June 23rd through Wednesday, June 29th. The office will re-open on Thursday, June 30th.

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 & 20th.

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.

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June 19, 2016

"THE HOLY KISS"

Excerpt from [2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)

"Greet one another with a holy kiss. "



Reflection by Ron Buford

Each morning, my Dad put on a pot of coffee, shaved, showered, and was at the breakfast table by 6:30 a.m. He poured a cup of Maxwell House coffee, opened the well-worn family Bible, struggling over its words...because as an African American born in the South in 1913, he only got a third grade education though he still came to great biblical understanding. After praying, he'd kiss my sleeping Mom good-bye. Then he'd come to my room, gently opening my bedroom door, as the dog, who knew she wasn't supposed to be on the bed, jumped to the floor, scooting under the bed. Pretending to be asleep, I'd lay there as Dad kissed my forehead, leaving behind the smell of Old Spice aftershave before punctually starting the car at 7 a.m. He did this for as long as I can remember, even during my summers home from college...until I left home.

How precious the memories of that "Holy Kiss." I still keep a bottle of Old Spice around just to remind me. And whenever I see a blue can of Maxwell House..."good to the last drop," I think of Dad.

Many men are not strong like my Dad, able to be a "man" and yet tender. Far too many women, men, boys, and girls are terrified at the thought of their Dad opening their bedroom door because some Dads or other father figures have violated the sacred trust between a father and his child. Most of those terrified in this way find it difficult if not impossible to approach God as Father, Divine Dad or Parent.

But I am happy to say that this is not the case with most Dads whom we celebrate today — those whose gentle kisses are holy, wholesome, and healing...forever.

Happy Father's Day, Daddy! .

..Written by Daniel Hazard

Getting to Know :

Pleasantville UCC

3424 Limekiln Pike, Chalfont, PA 18914



Appreciating what is valued in our tradition, developing what is strong in our community, envisioning what is possible for our future; we are Pleasantville United Church of Christ in Chalfont, PA.

Founded in 1840, Pleasantville has grown to meet the needs of its members, most recently adding a new Sanctuary in Fall 2010. We offer a meditative service in our Chapel and a musically and spiritually rich worship service in our Sanctuary. Our music ministry supports multiple choirs and bell groups and we provide a weekly Church School Program for Preschool through 8th grade. Faith-based youth programs for 3rd through 12th grade provide opportunities for fellowship and service, as well as mission trips and retreats. These experiences allow our children and youth to put their faith into action. Christian Education opportunities for adults include Bible Studies, a weekly Sunday Forum, guest preachers, mission trips, and annual retreats – as well as marriage enrichment and parenting seminars. Through diverse programming we aim to provide ministry and fellowship opportunities for members of all ages.

Pleasantville has a long tradition of building partnerships and providing support for people in need – both in our local community and around the world. In addition to supporting Our Church's Wider Mission, each month our members are invited to support a different (often local) organization – including the New Britain Food Larder, the Bucks County Housing Group (Doylestown Shelter), the Bucks County Board of Health collection of baby formula, A Woman's Place, Habitat for Humanity, and many more. Pleasantville also supports and houses a half-day Pre-School program. Pleasantville Pre-School is a state accredited, private academic school for children ages 3-5.

More information may be found on our website at www.pleasantvilleucc.org. This website is updated weekly and includes sermons, newsletters, and "happenings" at Pleasantville. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pleasantvilleucc/ to view images and videos of choir performances, mission trips, weekly activities and more.



Prayers are requested for Pleasantville UCC in Chalfont and Rev. Dr. Hilary J. Barrett.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, June 20

8:00am Office Open

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:15pm Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 21

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:15pm Vacation Bible School

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, June 22

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:15pm Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 23

8:00am Office Closed

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:15pm Vacation Bible School Ends

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, June 24

8:00am Office Closed

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, June 25

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, June 26

9:00am Summer Combined Sunday School

10:15am VBS Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Church Office

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Office Will Re-Open Thursday, June 30th

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