

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Your Hands, O Lord”

James Mansfield

***Call to Worship**

Arise, people of faith, that Christ may give us life.
This is the day of meeting in Christ’s name.

We reach out for health and wholeness.

We embrace one another with concern and care.

God is attentive to us and hears our cries.

God challenges us to eager engagement in life.

Like those who watch eagerly for the morning,

We wait in joyous anticipation of God’s Word.

The word of life is ours to receive.

The good news is available to be shared.

We will sing praises to God’s holy name.

We will tell of God’s faithfulness day by day.

***Hymn #409**

“Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of forgiveness, grant us your favor as we make our confession. You call us to excellence; we fall short of your confidence in us. You grant to us grace; we abuse your gift. You expect our decisions to match your desires, our love to be genuine in obeying your will. Yet we trust our appetites rather than rely on your goodness. We look to our comfort rather than to our neighbor’s need. In Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

VBS Songs

Scripture

Psalm 130 (NRSV p. 500; LP p. 970)
Mark 5: 21 – 43 (NRSV p. 816 – 817; LP p. 1569 – 1570)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #410**

“He Touched Me”

Sermon

Reverend Jamie Moyer

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.**

Offertory

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Gordon Young

Call to Offering

***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**

**Great God, you called a people and in Christ you named us to
serve you. We present ourselves in response to your mercy.
Magnify your name through our thoughts and actions, so that
we may reflect your goodness in all that we do. Let the seal of
our baptism be your stamp of approval, so that engrafted into
Christ's body we can respond to his will. Amen.**

***Hymn #426**

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Guide Me”

James Mansfield

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Mae E. Schultz by Jean and Gregory Ross and Barbara and Gerry Colvin.

The flowers today are presented by Ray and Miriam Hausman in loving memory of our daughter Audrey.

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, Glenn Hoffman, Mary Hartman, 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 Trustees.

Bible Study

1 Samuel 20 will be the topic for this week's online Bible Study. The story is clear. Subtle allusions and stagecraft may instruct Israel in ways that foreigners would miss. Help discuss the Chapter by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

June Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

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

Thank You From Camp Discovery

Thank You to the congregation for supporting VBS, and to the parents and all the youth and adult volunteers for working hard and making it a fun experience for everyone.

Animals in Distress

Thank you for all the donations to Animals in Distress. You may continue to drop off supplies throughout the summer. The Youth will make a trip in the fall to give these much needed supplies to Animals in Distress.

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

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.

Summer Music

It may be Spring on the calendar, but the Summer heat has arrived. 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. The remaining available dates are:

July 5th, 12th, and 26th; August 9th and 30th.

Spread The Word About Palm

Are you on Facebook? Did you know the church has its 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.

Time to Make the Chow Chow - Pint & Quart Canning Jars Are Needed

Ladies’ Aid will be making Chow Chow on July 24th & 25th. 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 24th starting at 9:00AM to help wash jars & chop fresh vegetables. The monumental task of canning will start at 7:30AM on July 25th. This endeavor is no small task and will take many hands. Please save these dates & consider helping with this Ladies’ Aid sponsored project.

Thirteenth Annual Car Show

St. Philip Neri Parish will be holding its annual Car Show on the Church grounds on Friday, July 24th, from 4:00pm – 9:00pm. Registration begins at 3:00pm. The rain date is Saturday, July 25th from 10:00am – 3:00pm; registration begins at 9:00am. There will be a Pastor’s Choice Award, Top 100 Awards, and Special Awards, Dash plaques for the first 100 pre-registered, door prizes, great food and music by Hodge Podge. For additional information, call 215 – 679 – 9275 between 10:00am and 4:00pm, or 215 – 679 – 6942 (evenings).

Thank You

The congregation would like to thank Reverend Jamie Moyer for her leading of the worship service today.

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.

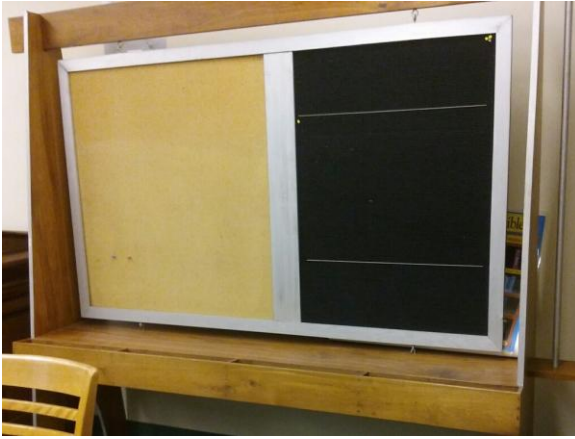
Church Office

The church office will be closed this Friday, July 3rd, in observance of the 4th of July holiday. The following week the office will be open Monday, July 6th through Wednesday, July 8th, but will be closed Thursday, July 9th through the following Tuesday, July 14th. The office will reopen Wednesday, July 15th.

Bulletin Board

We are looking for a new home for the stand-alone bulletin board that used to grace our narthex. Anyone interested must be able to move it.

Phone, 215-679-8237, or speak with our Vice Moderator, Joanne Luz.



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 2nd, September 6th, October 4th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

August 9th and 16th, September 6th, October 25th

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!

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June 28, 2015

An Independence Day Message from Rev. William P. Worley PSEC Conference Minister

"You delivered me from strife with the peoples; you made me head of the nations....Great triumphs God gives to the king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever." --Excerpt from Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50



The extent to which God was active in the founding of our nation is a matter of debate. The extent to which God longs for all nations to be just and peaceful is not. People who identify themselves as Christians may still make up the majority of our nation but that hardly makes us a Christian nation. We are a long way from the land where 'justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.'

David sings a song of gratitude to God for having freed him and Israel from the rapidly declining rule of King Saul. But God never just frees people *from* things; God always frees people *for* things; to live a life, individually and communally, marked by love, righteousness, justice; to pour out our strength or our nation's strength and wealth in the struggle for justice and peace; to live out the good news that God is in love with every person, everywhere.

239 years ago, the Continental Congress formally freed itself from the declining rule of a different king. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are some of the things it understood itself to be freed *for*. We're still working at that. Safety and security are others. And we're still working at that too.

And while we're begging prayers that 'God bless America,' we must insist always and everywhere that America be a blessing to God.

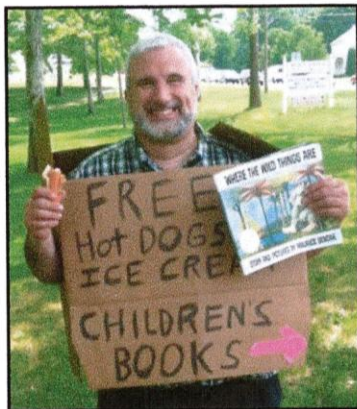
Prayer

God shed your grace on the nations, America among the rest. And shed it too on all our best efforts to build the world for which you long. Amen.



Prayers are requested for Living Water UCC
in Philadelphia and Rev. Dwayne D. Royster

Literacy: The Heidelberg Association



About a year ago, members of the Heidelberg Association gathered a representative group of folks from our churches to dream about working together in mission and ministry beyond the 'church and ministry' committee.

It all started last fall with an all-church, one-book read of Hot Dogs and Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age by Rob Shindler. This book tells the story of how Shindler, a Chicago attorney, learns how to teach his learning-disabled son to read by volunteering as a literacy tutor.

Along with the national UCC's effort "March Forth for Literacy," we quickly developed a plan to coordinate efforts in our local churches with those at the Association level. We discovered that the Berks Literacy Council has a program through the Reading Police whereby the officers in the city give books to children in need. The planning group decided to host a picnic, open to the public. We collected books from each of our churches, and during part of the afternoon, we shared books with children and families who gathered.

Bern UCC generously donated their grove. Zion Blue Mountain and Eppler's Church provided Children's games. The food was free, hot dogs from Bern Church, condiments from



Gernant's, and Dieffenbach potato chips from Zion UCC in Womelsdorf. You get the idea. Trinity UCC in Leesport set up a great display of books under one of the pavilions. Together we arranged to have ice cream from a local dairy. All free.

Churches were united around the task of collecting books. St. John's (Hain's), forged a partnership between Mrs. Karen Marks (Director of Christian Education) and the Men's Fellowship. They bought books (two for one) at the Scholastic book fair at the Conrad Weiser school district. Eppler's church creatively constructed an 'outhouse' that made its way through the church and people put books inside.

The picnic day was gorgeous. Our attendance was lighter than we had hoped, but, Association members had a great day as we got to know each other better. We estimated that the Heidelberg Association collected over 5000 books. We filled a stake truck about 2/3 full! And, we spent some time increasing our love of God and neighbor. Thanks be to God!

The big question coming out of the event is 'What's next?'

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, June 28

Pastor Nick at UCC General Synod

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, June 29

Pastor Nick at UCC General Synod

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, June 30

Pastor Nick at UCC General Synod

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 1

Pastor Nick at UCC General Synod

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Thursday, July 2

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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

Friday, July 3

4th of July Observed (*Office Closed*)

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, July 4

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, July 5

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours (Week of June 29, 2015)

Tuesday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Closed Friday

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