

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Near the Cross”

Dale Wood

***Call to Worship**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!

You have turned mourning into dancing, and clothed us with joy.

So that my soul may praise you and not be silent, O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #224**

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of creation, you made all things new; look with mercy upon us as we confess our sin. The seeds of destruction find fertile soil in us; we nurture them to fruition. We pluck the yield and find it delightful; we rejoice in the evil harvest we have sown. Save us from our love of sinning, O God. Teach us to sow to your Holy Spirit, and reap eternal life. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Galatians 6:1 – 16 (NRSV p. 948 – 949; LP p. 1827)
Luke 10:1 – 11, 16 – 20 (NRSV p. 844; LP p. 1622 – 1623)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn #549**

“Near the Cross”

Sermon

“A New Creation”

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

“A New Creation Comes to Life” Robert Buckley Farlee

***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**

O God of the heavenly vineyard, in Christ you have sown the seed of our eternal salvation. Through the Holy Spirit you have planted your Word of wisdom and might. We are surrounded by countless acts of graciousness and are empowered in every way by your sustaining love. Receive the fruits of our labors, which we lay before you, and bless them to your glory. Amen.

***Hymn #209**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Postlude

“Near the Cross”

Franklin Ritter

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in honor of Carl and Arlene Krause for their wedding anniversary.

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

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:

The family of Betty Krauss, 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 Diaconate of Palm Schwenkfelder Church.

Bible Study

This week, the online Bible Study will begin examining 1 Samuel 27. Help us with the issues that the Chapter raises by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

July Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Danielle Manley (7/18), Shaelyn Korn (7/25)

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, 9 chances to sponsor bulletins still available for 2016, and of those opportunities, 5 are available in the month of August. If anyone would like to sponsor flowers or bulletins for an upcoming Sunday, sign-up charts are on the wall outside the Church Office. You could also call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. 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.

Summer Music

Summer 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 church office. A list of the remaining open dates can be found on page 9 of this bulletin.

Spring Cleaning Dumpster

A dumpster will be available **beginning this Friday, July 8th, through Thursday, 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

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:

July 10th; August 14th; October 9th; November 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.

Pastor Nick On Vacation

Pastor Nick will be on vacation beginning Sunday, July 10th. He will return for the worship service on Sunday, July 17th. Sister Millicent will be leading us in worship on July 10th, and she will also be on-call for any pastoral emergencies. Her phone number is printed on the back page of this bulletin.

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July 3, 2016

July 4th Reflections

But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

– Luke 10.10-11

Knowing when to stay, knowing when to leave: this is one of the most challenging invitations for discernment and decision that we will ever encounter. And we encounter those invitations often in our places of employment, marriages, the homes we live in, our church affiliations and even the ideas that shape our worldview.

There are times for leaning into the resistance that meets us; times when God calls us to engage the difficulty and struggle that will shape and form us in a way that ease and comfort never can. There is ground that becomes holy only when we remain long enough to see the blessing that can emerge from the struggle.

And then there are times for leaving; times when—as Jesus counsels his disciples—the holy thing to do is to shake the dust from our feet and leave behind a place or perspective that is not meant for us. When the place we are in is no longer the best expression of who God created us to be, doing what God called us to do, it's time to go.

That's what happened with the American colonists. They felt betrayed by their mother country whose old world expectations conflicted with new world ways of thinking and being. When they couldn't take it any more they broke loose from the British and shook the dust from their feet. Their protest became the holy ground of our national freedom and cause of our Fourth of July celebration.

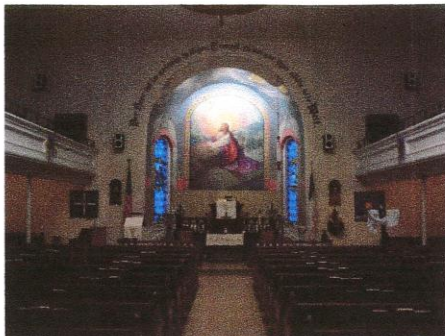
Choosing where we will go, and when, is among the most powerful human freedoms. Jesus knows that such discernment is difficult. In his wisdom, Jesus gives us one another as we search for those places where we can offer our gifts in a way that all the world will know *'the kingdom of God has come near.'*

– Reverend William P. Worley,
Conference Minister

Getting to Know:

St. John's (Gernant's) UCC

13 Gernant's Church Rd., Leesport, PA 19533



Sharing ministry is a relatively new experience for St. John's Gernant's Church, a 222 year-old church in Leesport, Pa., established in 1794.

The Gernant name has been attached to the official name of the church when an acre of ground was bought from John Gernant in 1795. The Gernant's family were German immigrants

who settled here prior to the Revolution.

St. John's Gernant's Lutheran congregation and UCC congregation began shared ministry together 3 ½ years ago, as both congregations experienced a decline in membership. The joining together resulted in one combined worship, drawing on liturgy from both denominations, the organization of a Shared-Board who governs the worship and business aspects of the combined congregation, and other areas such as the music ministry combined choir and special committees.

Ministry outreach has been strengthened with both congregations focusing together on the community outreach and mission projects, in addition to supporting Our Church's Wider Mission and the Lutheran Benevolence Fund.

One of their steadily-supported missions include the support of local veterans through the "Veterans Making A Difference" organization. After discussion with the leaders of this group, new or good used clothing for men is an ongoing collection to be distributed by this veteran's program. An additional project for the veterans provided phone cards for veterans to be able to be in contact with others as needed.

Another community mission supports the local Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry through involvement on the Food Pantry Board and being available on monthly Saturday distribution days. Food items are continually collected and brought to the food pantry to add to the food being distributed.

As the shared ministry continues to develop, the congregations are exploring the possibility of joining together as a Federated Church in the near future.

Gernant's Church is host to the local Girl Scout Troop and also the Christ Evangelical Free Church which meets twice monthly in the hall.



Prayers are requested for St. John's (Gernant's) UCC in Leesport and Rev. Frances Merkel.

SUMMER MUSIC 2016

Date	Name
May 29	
June 5	
June 12 Peg Vacation Youth Sunday	
June 19 Washington Meeting house	Suite Brass
June 26 Peg Vacation	VBS
July 3	
July 10	Gail Ferry
July 17 Kraussdale Meeting House	Gregory Ross
July 24	
July 31	
August 7	Dottie Heebner & Family
August 14	
August 21 Hosensack Meeting House	The Badmans
August 28	

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, July 3

9:00am Summer Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, July 5

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, July 6

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Thursday, July 7

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, July 8

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, July 9

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 Hours

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

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Piano Accompanist: Ethel Soffa

Piano Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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