

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Rise, Shine, You People”

Benjamin Culli

***Call to Worship**

Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.

Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.

All creation joins us in giving thanks.

Give ear, all people, to the law of God.

Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.

God upholds all who are falling.

God raises us up when we are bowed down.

Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

Come, for Christ has promised rest.

The gentle spirit of Christ invites us.

We have come to find rest for our souls.

***Hymn #532**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we do not understand our own actions. We turn away from the good we are intent on doing. Yet, we find wisdom in your law. We delight in the idea of mutual caring and celebrating life together, but we get bogged down in our own concerns. We are too busy to seek community and too preoccupied to ponder your will for us. We go our own way, cutting ourselves off from you and from one another. O God, help us to put away this sin. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Romans 15:14 – 33 (NRSV p. 924 – 925; LP p.1779 – 1780)

Acts 1:1 – 11 (NRSV p. 884; LP p. 1701 – 1702)

Children’s Sermon

Special Music

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Joel Raney

Ethel Soffa and Peg Jacob piano/organ duet

***Hymn #374**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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

“God Bless America”

Irving Berlin

***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**

Gracious God, as we are in ministry with sisters and brothers throughout the world, collectively and individually we seek obediently to answer Christ’s call. Use the gifts that we offer to enhance our work to your glory. Let them provide guidance for the venture called faith. Link us as partners and unite us to serve you wherever we dwell. Amen.

***Hymn#418**

“America the Beautiful”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth”

Felix Mendelssohn

Dr. H. H. Drake Williams, III

A "son" of Central Schwenkfelder Church, Drake lives in Alkmaar, the Netherlands, with his wife Andrea and their three children. He is Professor of New Testament Language and Literature and the Academic Dean and Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Tyndale Theological Seminary. He serves as a visiting professor at the Eastern European Bible College in Oradea, Romania.

Thank You

We would like to thank Ethel Soffa and Peg Jacob for providing our special music today.

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of our loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Krause.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Catherine Soffa by Francis and Ethel Soffa.

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 Jasper (Jack) Covington, Bryan Schwoyer, Jean Gentry, Doris Masemore, Diana Atkins, Kurt Weiss, Sharon O'Donnell, Caroline Haines, Michelle Eschbach, Wanda Gentry, Jane Shermer, Sue Carlin, 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 now through July 13th, Rev. Ron Krick will be on call (610) 462 – 2726.

Bible Study

This week's online Bible Study will discuss personal authority, continuing our comparison of 1 Samuel 15 to Romans 13. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Summer Sunday School

A Summer Sunday School will be available on non-Meetinghouse Sundays this summer. We will assemble at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Is there a topic you meant to discuss a little more either from Sunday School, popular culture, or from your own study? Bring it! We will drop our planned topic and make your topic our focus.

Build a House to Make a Home

The Mission Team leaves **today** to put their hands and hearts to work in Long Branch, NJ. They will help to re-build a home devastated by Hurricane Sandy, and 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.**

Summer Music

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. Please see the chart on page 10 for the remaining open dates.

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.

Time to Make the Chow Chow

Ladies' Aid will be making Chow Chow on July 25th & 26th. This process actually will start tomorrow, 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.

Brown Bag Lecture at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center

On Wednesday, July 9th, at noon come hear the lecture by Candace Perry entitled *Taking the Waters*. This lecture highlights the history of 19th century water cures in Pennsylvania, focusing on the spas and sanitariums that were established in the mountain above Wernersville, Berks County from 1849 to 1963. This is a fascinating story of alternative medicine and the many intriguing and unexpected individuals who were practitioners and proponents of it.

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; September 14th and 21st, November 2nd

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

- 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)

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July 6, 2014

General Synod Planning Committee Searching for Great Workshops



The exhibit hall of the Cleveland Convention Center, where General Synod 2015 will gather.

When it comes to the United Church of Christ's 30th General Synod next summer, the phrase "less is more" may be an apt description for the gathering's workshop offerings. The General Synod Planning Committee is sending out a call for workshops across the wider church, looking to select the best of the bunch to educate, inform and inspire delegates and visitors during the denomination's biennial event in 2015.

"We are offering the very best in topics, information and presenters," said Lee Foley, chief administrative officer of the UCC. "We want to make sure that people attending are getting something out of the workshops, and that they are top-of-the-line."

Interested workshop presenters can **submit an application by Aug. 1** for any topic to the General Synod Planning Committee, which will then carefully choose the final 20 workshops by Aug. 15. Workshop presenters are a diverse group, representative of the wider church, and in the past have included members of UCC national and conference staffs, local pastors, lay leaders and seminary educators.

The selected 20 workshops will be offered in 75-minute time-blocks in the early and late afternoon on Saturday, June 27, 2015. By comparison, General Synod 2013 in Long Beach, Calif., had 39 workshops from which to choose. The smaller inventory of workshops in 2015 should help Synod attendees narrow their participation decisions....

To read more of this article written by Anthony Moujaes, visit: <http://psec.org/newspublications/ucc-news/> and click on the June 23 post.

Enjoy and Support the Summer Ministry at Locust Lake

The PA Council of Churches directs a summer ministry in many of our state parks. Our Conference and Schuylkill Association are partners in sponsorship of Locust Lake (Tuscarora Park). Chaplain Don Lyons provides Sunday services at Locust Lake and at Rosemount Campground (a private campground). He also works to support programs offered by the park staff. We are developing programs for children and also a few music specials. We continue this ministry each year with great joy as it provides excellent support for the Christian Church in general by reaching many "churched" and also "unchurched" persons. To learn more, visit pachurches.org/What/Ministries/Leisure/Leisure%20Ministries.htm. To financially support this program through PSEC, send your contribution to PSEC, 1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464 with Locust Lake in the memo.



Heat and Drought Preparedness Campaign: July 2014

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is promoting a **Heat and Drought Preparedness** campaign to ensure a fun, but safe summer! Help the Whole Community take steps to be informed and know how to act in the summer heat. July is also a very important month for the Whole Community as July 26, 2014 is the 24th **Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disability Act**, a landmark law that seeks to extend the promise of equal opportunity enshrined in our founding documents.

To help promote Heat and Drought Preparedness and share and celebrate the Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disability Act, FEMA Region III created the following toolkits for your use:

- **Heat and Drought Preparedness Toolkit 2014:** This July help educate the public on heat safety and drought preparedness to ensure everyone is prepared for the summer heat.
- **Inclusive Preparedness Toolkit 2014:** Celebrate the 24th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disability Act and promote Inclusive Preparedness with the Whole Community to ensure that everyone is taking steps to provide equal access in all phases of a disaster.

Visit psec.org/about-psec/our-ministries/disaster-response/ to download copies of the toolkits that provide talking points, key messaging, social media tools and links to resources that support this effort.



Prayers are requested for Christ (Fountain) UCC in Hegins and Pastor Michael C. Klahr.

SUMMER MUSIC 2014

July 6	Ethel Soffa & Peg Jacob
July 13	Dottie Heebner & Family
July 20 <i>Washington Meeting House</i>	
July 27	Bill Ludlow & Peg Jacob
August 3	Betty Hildenbrand
August 10	Gail Ferry
August 17 / Hymn Sing <i>Hosensack Meeting House</i>	-----
August 24	
August 31	

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, July 6th

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

3:00pm Mission Team Leaves for Long Branch, NJ

Monday, July 7th

12:30pm Ladies' Aid Making Chow Chow

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 8th

8:00am Quilters

7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 9th

12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series at SLHC

Church Office Closed

Thursday, July 10th

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 11th

Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 12th

5:00pm Mission Team Returns from Long Branch, NJ

Sunday, July 13th

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

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

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