

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015

HOSENSACK MEETING HOUSE

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

***Call to Worship**

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but members of the household of God.

We are built upon the foundation, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple.

In the Lord we are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #92** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, sustained by your mercy we make bold to confess our sin. We expel strangers and deny hospitality. We judge others all too freely. Our hasty words cause conflict and tension. We are disturbers of your peace. As you sent Christ to reconcile your people, forgive the failings of our unredeemed humanity and show us once again the image of your Son, who loved his enemies and taught us to do the same. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Special Music

“Lamb of God”
performed by Greg Ross

Twila Paris

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn Sing

Scripture Ephesians 2:11 – 22 (NRSV p. 950; LP p. 1830)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn #76**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Sermon

“The Sure Foundation”

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

***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**

Merciful Deliverer, you do not cast away your disobedient people but receive them blameless through Christ’s all-encompassing sacrifice. We come before you, made clean by your righteousness. As you redeem us, you also empower us through the gift of your Holy Spirit. We rejoice at how you restore the fortunes of your people, and we bring our gifts in response to your love. Amen.

***Hymn #50**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Amazing Grace”
performed by Greg Ross

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Earl Frantz by Gladys Frantz.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Austin Fox by Marilyn Roznowski and family.

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.

HOSENSACK MEETINGHOUSE

The land where the Hosensack Meetinghouse and cemetery stand was originally owned by Schwenkfelder immigrant Hans Heinrich Yeakel. Hans Heinrich purchased 500 acres of land in the Hosensack Valley on December 23, 1761. The story goes that he attended the sale of this large tract of land, traveling on horseback from Macungie, where his family lived at the time. When questioned about his ability to pay, he went to his saddlebags and pulled out sufficient cash to pay the entire sum.

Several years later, the land was divided equally among his four sons, into farms that each had a stream running through it. Hans Heinrich died in 1781.

In the summer of 1790, a combined school and meetinghouse was erected on one acre and twenty-five perches of ground obtained by the trustees of the Society of Schwenkfelders from two of Hans Heinrich's sons, George and Jeremiah Yeakel. This log structure was the first place for public worship built by the Schwenkfelders in America. At one end of the building a schoolroom was partitioned off, equipped with benches and tables, where the "Hosensack Academy" was conducted. Prior to this time, both school and worship had been conducted in private homes. The school was open to all students, not just Schwenkfelders.

The log structure was replaced with a more modern plain stone building in 1838. The stone meetinghouse was remodeled in 1893 and was used until the Palm Schwenkfelder Church was dedicated in 1911.

An interesting feature is that on one side of the room there are hat racks under the pews. The men sat on that side, and the women on the other. Next to the short pews stood pot-bellied stoves, which probably burned wood or coal for heat. As at the other two meetinghouses, if money was needed to pay bills, deacons stood at the back door with hats in hand to take the collection as the congregation left the building after worship.

The first recorded burial in the Hosensack Cemetery was that of Peter Gerhard, husband of Schwenkfelder Susanna Seibt, in 1791. The three Schwenkfelder immigrants buried here are from the Yeakel family, the earliest in 1793.

Hans Heinrich, along with a few other family members, is buried at the Yeakel Private Cemetery, also known as the Hans Heinrich Yeakel Cemetery. The small square plot is not far from the meetinghouse, just off the intersection of Station and Treichler Roads on the dividing line between two adjoining farms. It was the

highest point on the property owned by Hans Heinrich Yeakel. As part of the Bi-Centennial celebration of 1934, monuments were erected at each burial ground known to hold the remains of Schwenkfelder immigrants. In front of each grave site was placed a small stone marker, engraved with his or her immigrant number, as assigned by the authors of *The Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families*, published in 1923. The monument on the grounds of the meetinghouse lists the names of immigrants buried at the Hosensack and Yeakel Cemeteries. A series of memorial services was held, including unveiling the monuments, reading of brief biographical sketches, and decorating of the individual immigrant graves with flowers.

In 1930 the Palm Schwenkfelder Church trustees purchased land along the Hosensack Creek, across the road from the meetinghouse, then owned by Nathan Schultz. Nathan was the grandfather of Bill Schultz and Verna Badman. Later that same year, Nathan died. Irwin Shelly, father of Ida Mae and Howard Shelly, purchased the farm and agreed to the plans for the picnic grove. When Nathan's estate was settled, the purchase money was returned to the church and became the Hosensack Endowment Fund. In 1932, the Ushers' League cleared the land along the creek and then maintained the grove to be used for picnics and meetings held there.

The name "Hosensack" literally means "trousers or pants pocket." Legend tells that it got its name from a man who went into the valley and lost his way. He wandered around among the heavily wooded hills all day and night. When he finally found his way out, he said it was as dark as a pants pocket in there, and there was no way of getting out except for the hole you went in. But being Pennsylvania Dutch, instead of "pants pocket" he used the word "Hosensack."

... 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 Diaconate.

Bible Study

This week's online Bible Study will propose a New Testament connection for the theme sounded in 1 Samuel and Amos. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

July Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

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

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.

Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating Seniors

Endowment for Continuing Education scholarship applications are now available in the church office. If you are an active member of Palm Schwenkfelder Church and a graduating senior high school student, please drop by the office for more information on our scholarship program. All applications and their accompanying references must be submitted no later than Friday, August 7th.

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 office. The remaining available dates are July 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.

Treasurer’s Report – June 2015

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash On Hand	\$ (2,505.95)	\$ 29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$28,059.02	\$147,670.33
Operating Expenses	\$29,239.20	\$180,682.24
Operating Cash On Hand	\$ (3,686.13)	\$ (3,686.13)

You Can Now Donate Online

Are there are times when you find yourself unable to join us here for worship and you still want to contribute? Well now you have an easy and convenient way to donate online. Visit <http://palmschwenkfelderchurch.com/> and click the “donate” button at the top right hand corner of the page. You will find you can donate using PayPal or your credit card through PayPal. When you donate online we ask that you also fill out an online donation form specifying where you want your contribution to go; General Operating, Missions, or other. Our members of the Board of Trustees are sure that the ease of using this online payment service is well worth the small fees that our church will incur. Please call the church office, 215-679-5321, if you have questions.

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

The Ladies’ Aid will be making Chow Chow on July 24th & 25th. This process actually started on July 7th, when we cut up cucumbers for pickling. Now 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.

Canning Jars Needed

Calling all chow chow lovers, please consider donating new or used canning jars (Mason, Kerr, or Ball only). This project still needs 30 dozen pints and 4 dozen quart canning jars before July 20th. Drop off at church or contact Carol Carlin-Woodward 215-679-3668. Thank you.

Thank You

We would like to thank Greg Ross for providing the special music for today's worship service.

Thirteenth Annual Car Show

St. Philip Neri Parish will be holding its annual Car Show on their 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).

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!

Christmas Stockings

The Ladies' Aid needs your help to fill Christmas stockings. We make a total of 75: 25 go to Pennsburg Manor, and 50 go to Norristown State Hospital. We try to put at least 6 items in each stocking. We would appreciate monetary gifts so that we can purchase the items and keep all the stockings the same. You can give your gifts to anyone on the committee: Miriam Hausman, Sandy Kriebel, Sally Wright, Ruth Weaver, Ethel Soffa.

Hospice Volunteers

The Hospice Program at Grand View Hospital is committed to meeting the needs of the terminally ill patients and their families with skill, caring, and compassion. Volunteers are an important part of this ministry. Grand View Health hospice is looking for caring people willing to share their time with this important program. Training includes instruction in hospice philosophy, listening and communication skills, the experience of death, dying and grief, and practical information needed to assist patients and their families. The Hospice training course is generally held twice a year – Spring and Fall. The course is a seven-week course held on Monday evenings, from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Gathering Room of the Hospice Office. The office is located in the Professional Building on Grand View Health campus.

This program is free. If you are interested in this rewarding volunteer experience, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Carlene Meyers, at 215 – 453 – 4149 for additional information.

Furniture

Anyone interested in a 10-piece dining room set (table, chairs, china closet, and dry-sink), please contact Wayne Engle at (215) 679 – 2185.

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Highlights - PSEC at General Synod 30 - June 26-30 - Cleveland OH

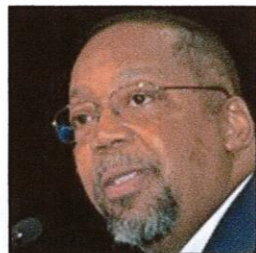
Message from Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister



Two weeks ago, 740 delegates, 75 associate delegates, 2,319 visitors from across the country (and abroad) met for General Synod (GS) 30 in Cleveland, Ohio — the birthplace of the United Church of Christ. The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference was represented by 30 delegates, 32 visitors and 3 staff. Through worship, preachers and resolutions, we named some of the "Unexpected Places" where we hear God's voice and other places where it needs to be heard. Highlights include:



Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer (*left*) was elected as the new General Minister and President to succeed Rev. Geoffery Black (*right*) joining Rev. Jim Moos (elected for another term as Minister for Wider Church Ministries) Rev. M. Linda Jaramillo (Minister of Justice and Witness Ministries) and Rev. Dr. J. Bennett Guess (Minister of Local Church Ministries) in the Collegium of UCC Officers.



Rev. Dr. Molly Baskette (author, [Real Good Church](#)), Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb (author, [I Am a Palestinian Christian](#)) Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins (author, [Whole: A Call for Unity in Our Fragmented World](#)), preached inspirational sermons. Bishop Dwayne Royster (*right*) (founding pastor Living Water UCC, Philadelphia) raised the Synod roof during Sunday's worship in a prophetic call to "Change the Damn World!"




Our witness to the world is now shaped by General Synod resolutions that call for: the reunification of North and South Korea; a response to the racially motivated church shooting in Charleston, SC; divestment and boycott of companies that profit from occupation of Palestinian territories; an end to segregation known as “the new Jim Crow”; dismantling mass incarceration; reaffirmation of full equality for persons of any sexual orientation and gender identity; attention to orbiting space junk that threatens people and the planet; a name and image change to the racially-offensive Washington NFL franchise; commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide (thanks Rev. Nishan Bakalian [Philadelphia Association] for his testimony); entering into full communion with the United Church of Canada; a complete transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy by 2040; and a network of churches that are welcoming, inclusive, supportive and engaging (WISE) for mental health.

Delegates said “no” to a resolution naming the Israeli occupation of Palestine apartheid and a resolution encouraging mandatory identification of genetically-engineered foods. A UCC Constitution and Bylaws amendment to shift leadership of the national setting from the current four-person collegium structure to one general minister and president was defeated. Beth Walker, Esq. (Philadelphia Association) provided strong, grace and faith-filled leadership to this contentious conversation.

Many, many more GS stories and information can be found at ucc.org/news. The Central Atlantic Delegation extended an invitation to the 31st General Synod that will take place in Baltimore, MD.

Two additional photos of delegates and attendees from PSEC are shown below. More photos will be posted on the PSEC website as soon as they are available.



 Prayers are requested for St. John's UCC in Phoenixville and Rev. Arlene Greenwald.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, July 19

9:45am Refreshments

10:15am Hosensack Meetinghouse Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, July 20

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, July 21

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop

7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, July 22

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts Board of Review

Thursday, July 23

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, July 24

Office Closed

9:00am Making Chow Chow

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, July 25

7:30am Making Chow Chow

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, July 26

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am 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 Hours (Week of July 20th)

Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Closed Friday

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Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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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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