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SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014

WASHINGTON MEETINGHOUSE SITE

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

God has searched us and known us.

God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

God searches out our path and our lying down.

God is acquainted with all our ways.

Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it.

God's hand is ever available to guide us.

Such knowledge is a wonder to us.

It is beyond anything we can attain.

We cannot escape from God's spirit.

There is nowhere to flee from God's presence.

Darkness is as light to our God.

God illuminates the way before us.

***Hymn #577**

“Channels Only”

1. How I praise thee, pre - cious Sav - ior, that thy love laid hold of me;
 2. Emp-tied that thou should-est fill me, a clean ves - sel in thy hand,
 3. Wit - ness - ing thy power to save me, set - ting free from self and sin,
 4. Je - sus, fill now with thy Spir - it hearts that full sur-ren - der know;

thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me that I might thy chan - nel be.
 with no power but as thou giv - est gra - cious - ly with each com - mand.
 thou who bought me to pos - sess me, in thy full - ness, Lord, come in.
 that the streams of liv - ing wa - ter from our in - ner selves may flow.

Refrain

Chan - nels on - ly, bless - ed Mas - ter, but with all thy won - drous power

flow - ing through us, thou canst use us ev - ery day and ev - ery hour.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that our lives are a mixture of weeds and good seeds. The weeds choke us and limit our will to respond. We admire the good seeds and want to nourish them. When harvest comes, we know that the good seed will be kept and all else will be judged unfit for your realm. Christ have mercy upon us as we learn of your will. Give us guidance and determination as we obey your command. Forgive our misplaced allegiance when we settle for weeds. May we broadcast the landscape with the good seed of your Word. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Psalm 103: 1 – 5 (NRSV p. 482; LP p. 938 – 939)
 Philippians 3: 7 – 16 (NRSV p. 955; LP p. 1839 – 1840)

***Hymn #71** “O Bless the Lord, My Soul”



6. His might-y ways by Mo - ses he made known,

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 2. O bless the Lord, my soul! Let not his mer - cies lie
 3. For God for-gives our sins and God re - lieves our pain;
 4. He crowns our life with love when ran-somed from the grave;

but gave the world his truth and grace by his be - lov - ed Son.

and help my tongue to praise his name whose mer - cies are di - vine.
 for - got - ten in un-thank-ful-ness, from lack of praise to die.
 the Lord who heals our sick - ness - es re - news our strength a - gain.
 he who re - deemed my soul from hell has sov - ereign power to save.

Sermon

“Sanctification vs. ‘Christian Perfection’”

Sermon of Rev. Oscar S. Kriebel delivered first in 1905

at Washington Schwenkfelder Church

Adapted By Rev. Nicholas L. Pence, Jr.

Presented by Lawrence Croll

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**

Thank you, God, for the rich heritage of faith we have received from our ancestors. We are grateful that your spirit is ever with us, assuring us of your acceptance and love. May our offerings share this good news with other children of God who have not yet discovered their identity. May all of us grow in righteousness that we might together experience the reality of your realm in our daily lives, here and now and for all eternity. Amen.

***Hymn #563**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I

Refrain

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 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

***Benediction**

Thank You

We would like to thank Lawrence Croll for presenting today's sermon. And we'd like to thank Marilyn Roznowski for leading the hymns today.

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Austin Fox by Marilyn Roznowski and family.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of our children and grandchildren by Francis & 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.

Rev. Dr. Oscar Schultz Kriebel

The Rev. Dr. Oscar Schultz Kriebel was born on a farm in Hereford Township in 1863. He is a Schwenkfelder descendant on both his mother's and father's sides. Demonstrating a talent for education and teaching, he graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio, followed by study at Oberlin Seminary. He completed his theological training in Berlin. After returning from Germany, he was called to the pastorates of the three churches of the Upper District – Washington, Hosensack and Kraussdale, and became Principal of Perkiomen Seminary. The congregations outgrew the meetinghouses, and as a result of his skilled leadership, Palm Schwenkfelder Church was built in 1911. He served as its first pastor. Dr. Kriebel was active in the Schwenkfelder denomination and the local community, as well as author of theological treatises, which brought him an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Franklin and Marshall College. He and his wife, Corinne, were the parents of three daughters. After almost forty years of ministry and service, Dr. O. S. Kriebel died suddenly in 1932, at the age of 69. His tombstone is visible as the tallest monument on the Palm Schwenkfelder Cemetery.

WASHINGTON MEETINGHOUSE SITE

The original Schwenkfelder immigrants hoped to find a large tract of land in Pennsylvania where they could live as a group. Since no such plot was available, the family groups scattered. The northernmost group settled in Lehigh, Berks and northern Montgomery Counties. This became known as the "Upper District."

Located in the Upper Perkiomen Valley, Schwenkfelders of the Upper District assembled in homes for worship, prayer and Bible study. Eventually three meeting houses were built - Washington, Hosensack and Kraussdale - to accommodate the growing number of worshippers. Washington, the second meeting house to be built, was erected in 1791 near the village of Clayton in Washington Township, Berks County.

The original Schwenkfelder landowners were 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 meeting house 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 meeting house, 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 and their wives are buried here. Christopher's original tombstone was later replaced, by his descendants, with one in a more modern style. A stone wall was built around the burial plot in 1810.

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."

The original building was replaced with a new meeting house in 1824 amid protests from some who thought it sacrilegious to destroy the old building. A school was established in the meeting house 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 meeting houses voted to merge, and construct a church. The special congregational meeting called by the Upper District to build Palm Schwenkfelder Church was 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.

The Washington Meetinghouse was demolished after the completion of Palm Schwenkfelder Church in 1911. The stones from the walls of the building were used to enclose the entire plot. A granite marker was placed on the spot where the pulpit formerly stood. Inscribed on one face of the marker is a quotation from Caspar Schwenckfeld in German: "WENN ICH CHRISTUM HABE BIN ICH NICHT TRAURIG" – in English: "When I have Christ I am not sad." At the foot of the marker it reads: Erected 1917. GOTT ALLEIN DIE EHRE – in English: "[to] God Alone the Honor," or "Glory to God Alone."

... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family ...

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Bryan Schwoyer, Jean Gentry, Doris Masemore, Diana Atkins, 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, 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 26th, Rev. Becca Stephens will be on call (484) 529 - 8369

Bible Study

This week's online Bible Study will compare 1 Samuel 15:35a to 1 Samuel 19:18-24, and then invite the Study Group to discern a lesson concerning sight. 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.

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. Starting at 9:00am on the 25th, we will need many hands to help chop fresh vegetables. The monumental task of canning will start at 8:30 am on July 26th. This endeavor is no small task and will take many hands. You can help out for a little, or you can help out for a lot, but please save these dates & consider helping with this Ladies' Aid sponsored project.

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.

Schedule of Guest Preachers

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)

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."*

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July 20, 2014

Jul - Aug Events at Locations Throughout the Conference

[Visit psec.org to learn more](http://psec.org)

- Jun 29-Aug 17 – Summer Services for Campers – St Paul’s UCC, 1235 Summer Hill Road, Auburn 17922** Call 570-754-7225 for directions or more info.
- Jul 7-Aug 10 – Summer Camp at New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road, East Greenville 18041** Visit newgoshucc.org or call 215-679-2041.
- Jul 14-18 – SuperKids Vacation Bible School – Living Water UCC 6250 Loretto Avenue, Phila. 19111** Register: Kim Kendrick, 267-388-6081 or Youth@lwucc.org.
- Jul 20-24 – VBS – Good Shepherd (Tuckerton) UCC, 170 Tuckerton Road, Reading** Email Betsy Majewski bmajewski10@aol.com or call 610-926-2038.
- Jul 26 – Free Weddings for Gay/Lesbian Couples – St. James UCC in Havertown** On Sat. July 26 from 10am-3pm. Please call 610-924-0945 to schedule.
- Jul 27 – Wyomissing Band – Phoebe Berks, 1 Reading Drive, Wernersville** From 6-8 pm on the Village Green. Bring lawn chair or blanket. Call 610-927-8200.
- Aug 3 – Golf Tournament – Richmaiden Golf Course, 234 Richmaiden Road in Fleetwood 19522** The Maiden creek Church Annual Golf Tournament is Aug 3, 1 pm. Tickets or more info: maiden creek church@frontier.com or 610.926.3907.
- Aug 4-8 – Woodcrest VBS-Bible Boot Camp – Woodcrest UCC, 8107 Thouron Ave. (Mt. Airy section) Philadelphia** August 4-8, 2014. Dinner is at 5 pm; assembly and classes begin at 6 pm. Contact Ms. Frances Henry 215-242-2227 or email: woodcrestucc@verizon.net.
- Aug 5 - Quiet Days – New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road, East Greenville 18041** 9:30 am to 1 pm, no registration. Minimum donation of \$5 is requested. Participants should bring a Bible, journal, pen and a bag lunch.
- Aug 16 – Chicken Barbeque Dinner – St. James UCC, 321 S. Limerick Road, Limerick 19468** from 4-6pm. For tickets or more info call 610-489-0990.
- Aug 16 – Peach & Ice Cream Festival – Pennsburg UCC, 775 Main St, Pennsburg 18073** From 2:30 – 7:30pm, 215-679-7513. Featuring great Manhattan Clam Chowder. Red Hill Band Concert 5–7pm.
- Aug 24 – Pretzel City Dixieland Jazz Band – Phoebe Berks, 1 Reading Drive, Wernersville** From 6-8 pm on the Village Green. Bring lawn chair or blanket. Call 610-927-8200.

Classified Ads *For more details, visit psec.org/category/classified*

- Resources Available – Epler’s Church UCC, 1151 W. Leesport Road, Leesport 19533** 24 brand new copies of **Unbinding Your Soul**-by Martha Grace Reese, **The Abingdon Bible Commentary, The Interpreter’s Bible**-all 12 volumes. Best offer. Contact Tammie at tammiejeanw@aol.com or 484-651-4166.
- PT Music Director/Organist – St. James (Havertown) UCC, Myrtle Ave. & Warwick Road, Havertown 19083** Address resumes and questions to: Marian McKenzie, mmckenzie@friendshaverford.org or (610) 896-1565.
- Faith@5 Worship Coordinator – Salem United Church of Christ, 186 E Court Street, Doylestown 18901** Visit: www.DoylestownSalemUCC.org, or call 215-348-9860 or admin@SalemDoylestownUCC.org to learn more.
- PT Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry – Christ Church UCC, 1003 W. Marshall Street, Norristown 19406** Send resume to Pastor Jeffrey Johnson at jrev276@gmail.com, or visit: www.uccchristchurch.org.
- PT Youth Group Leader, St. Paul’s Amityville UCC, Douglassville** To learn more, call St. Paul’s at 610-689-9364 or email stpuccamity@windstream.net for a complete job description. Resumes will be reviewed starting 6/23/14.
- PT Christian Outreach Coordinator – St. Stephen’s UCC, 110 N 6 Street, Perkasio 18944** Submit your resume to the COC Search committee by e-mail to office@stephensucc.org.
- PT Coordinator for Youth Ministries – Glenside UCC, Glenside** Contact Pastor Beth Lyon- bethglyon@gmail.com.
- PT Administrative Assistant – Parkside UCC, 505 Main Street, Phoenixville** Please respond to: psuccphoenixville@gmail.com.
- Choir Director – First United Church of Christ, 3rd and Pine Streets, Hamburg** Applicants, send resume to hamburg1stucc@verizon.net or call 610-562-2593
- PT Christian Education Associate - Pleasantville UCC, 3424 Limekiln Pike, Chalfont 18914** For further information, visit: www.pleasantvilleucc.org, or contact Pastor Amelie Sell asell@pleasantvilleucc.org or by phone at 215-822-2394x104.
- FREE Anthems and Cantatas - Good Shepherd UCC, 170 Tuckerton Road, Reading 19605** Contact our Music Director, Joyce Maurer: noelstar1225@gmail.com.
- FREE – Communion Ware for 250 Plus - First United Church of Christ, Schuylkill Haven 17972** Contact Pastor Shawn D. Van Dyke at firstuccpastor@verizon.net or 570-385-2049.
- PT Director of Worship Music - UCC in Warminster, 785 W. Street Road Warminster 18974** Learn more at: uccwarminster.org.
- FREE Red and Blue Pilgrim Hymnals - UCC Valley Forge, 45 Walker4 Road, Wayne 19087** Email: church@uccvf.org.

SUMMER MUSIC 2014

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 20

10:15am Washington Meeting House Sunday Worship Service

Tuesday, July 22

Church Office Closed

8:00am Quilters

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 23

7:00pm Boy Scouts Board of Review

Thursday, July 24

9:00am Ladies' Aid Making Chow Chow – Washing Jars

Friday, July 25

9:00am Ladies' Aid Making Chow Chow – Cutting Vegetables

Saturday, July 26

8:30am Ladies' Aid Making Chow Chow – Canning

Sunday, July 27

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

(Closed Mondays)

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

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Ministers: All Church Members

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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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