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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“O Love How Deep”

Dale Wood

***Call to Worship**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

May you have the power to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

Now to the One who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine.

To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #193**

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings. We yearn for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy. Envy, greed, and selfishness consume us. Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings increase. Quiet our longing for material riches, and help us trust in Jesus, who provides for our needs. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

Kate Pence

Scripture

Ephesians 3:14 – 21 (NRSV p. 950 – 951; LP p. 1831)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn #593**

“The Gift of Love”

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

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

James Southbridge

***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**

To you, O God, be all power and glory, blessing and honor, now and forevermore. Your mercy at work within us enables us to do and be more than we could ever ask. Your Spirit surrounds us as we dwell in the shadow of your gracious deliverance. It is Christ who guides us as we go forth to serve. May all that we do reveal your benevolence, and may what we offer reflect your goodness. Amen.

***Hymn #556**

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“O, How I Love Jesus”

arr. Paul Mickelson

*All who are able, please stand.

Both the bulletins and the flowers today are presented in loving memory of family by Marguerite Fries.

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:

June Smoll, Jeff Treichler, 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

1 Samuel 20 may read differently depending on our source for assumptions about the Monarchy, Biblical or worldly. Help the online Bible Study in this discussion by contacting 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 is definitely here. Which 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 August 9th and 30th.

Thank You

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

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.

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.

Thank You

We would like to extend a special thank you to Anne Goda and Doug Wallinger for providing transportation during Bryan's trips to Philadelphia for Doctor's appointments. Your generosity and kindness are deeply appreciated. May God bless you both and fill your hearts with the same encouragement and support which you have shared so graciously with us.

The Schwoyer Family

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.

Pastor Nick on Vacation

As of this Friday, July 31st, Pastor Nick will be on vacation. While he is away, Reverend Deb Timmins will be on-call for any pastoral needs (her cell number is on the back page of the bulletin). On August 2nd, Reverend David Luz will be leading us in worship, and on August 9th, Reverend Jamie Moyer will be performing the service.

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.

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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July 26, 2015

PSEC Stuffed the Pack!

Thanks to everyone from churches across our Conference, PSEC delivered **40 boxes** of school supplies to General Synod. Come September your generosity will help greatly change the educational lives of the children in the Cleveland Metropolitan School system! From what we hear, this project was not only the chance for PSEC churches to participate in a UCC-wide mission, but many churches are continuing their collections and/or making contact with local organizations in their communities to help "at home" too! God bless your Christian love for all of God's children!

To give you an idea of the breakdown of the PSEC collection, the following numbers (to the best of our ability) reflect packs and/or individual items that made up the 40 boxes.



5 Art items (Pre-packaged)	159 Notebook Paper
5 Back packs	242 Notebooks, Spiral (150 sheets)
17 Binders	4 Notebooks (9X6)
20 Chalk	84 Paper Pads
208 Colored Pencils (12 pack)	384 Pencils (No. 2 10 pack)
161 Composition Book	117 Pencil Sharpeners
20 Construction/colored paper	171 Pens (packs of 10 each)
311 Crayons (24 pack)	154 Pocket Folders
10 Dividers	8 Post-it notes
169 Eraser (2 pack)	370 Rulers (12 inches)
167 Glue Sticks/Paste	53 Scissors
99 Hand Sanitizer (travel size)	
102 Markers (10 pack)	



Prayers are requested for Salem UCC
in Oley and Rev. Robert Witmyer.

Commentary: Reading Changes LIVES!

Written by Bentley deBardelaben

My grandmother used to say, "Being blessed by God is wonderful, but being a blessing to others because God blessed you is more important." While I was not raised in a household where attending Sunday morning worship was highly valued, it was still important to my parents that they raise children who understood that service to those less fortunate was an essential part of being a good, responsible, and educated person. Because of this, I began tutoring students in reading and math skills when I was twelve years old. It was something I enjoyed and had the temperament to do.

Approximately 30 million adults in the United States can't read. They can't understand their own prescription bottle, figure out a bus schedule, or even order off a menu — actions which many of us take for granted. The consequences of this silent epidemic are profound. There is a 66 percent chance that a person who cannot read at a proficient level by the 4th grade will end up on welfare or in jail. Approximately 85 percent of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate.

Understanding the importance of this issue, in 2012 the United Church of Christ began developing an all-church initiative to bring awareness to the challenge of multigenerational low literacy levels. The program was appropriately called "Reading Changes Lives".

This robust campaign launched in the fall of 2014 with an "all-church read" of the book, "Hot Dogs and Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age," written by Rob Shindler. The next step on the journey occurred on March 4, 2015. It was a day of dialog on social media where people shared how they were addressing illiteracy in their communities. Finally, on June 29, 2015, the campaign culminated with a daylong training for adult literacy tutors and a school supply drive during the UCC General Synod in Cleveland, OH. All together UCC members stuffed 1,000 backpacks with school supplies that will be given to local elementary school students and donated enough additional supplies to fill another 1,500 backpacks.

During the training, Rob Shindler shared the inspirational story of his son who had been labeled severely disabled, an experience that ultimately lead him to identify his call as a tutor. "You can teach someone to read in less than 2 and ½ days," Shindler said. "All it takes is one hour a week for 52 weeks."

Recently, I began tutoring adult students who want to take the GED test. Fortunately, there are staff and teachers' guides onsite to assist when I'm unsure about the subject material. I'm learning much from my students, as I hope they are learning from me. Those values instilled and embodied in my childhood household continue to shape me in adulthood.

You can learn more about literacy volunteering in your community by visiting literacydirectory.org. I hope you too will join this campaign to help change lives through reading.



Palm Schwenfkelder “Try The Y Day”!

July 26, 2015 All Day

The Upper Perk YMCA invites you to come and tour the Y
and use our facilities for a “Try the Y Day!”

Join the Y that day, we will waive the joiner fee
(up to a \$150 savings).

We offer financial assistance through our “Open Doors” program

- Household incomes below \$80,000
- Individual income below \$40,000
- Visit or call the Membership desk for more information.

Seniors with Silver Sneakers or Silver and Fit get a free membership!

Bring this flyer with you on July 26th!

Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA 215-679-9622



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, July 26

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, July 27

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, July 28

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 29

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Thursday, July 30

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, July 31

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, August 1

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, August 2

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 – Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00 – 3:00

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Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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