

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Praise to the Lord" Johann Gottfried Walther

***Call to Worship**

Let us call on our God and give thanks.

Let hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life.

Let all the people tell of God's wonderful works.

Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence.

Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.

Who can separate us from the love of God?

Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

We can face all things, knowing God's care.

*Hymn #77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You know us, God, better than we know ourselves. You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our own advantage. You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim. Help us to face ourselves with honesty. Give us the will and courage to change our ways. We give thanks for Christ's intercession for us. We rejoice as the Spirit gives voice to all we cannot express. Save us, O God, that our lives might give expression to your reign. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture 1 Kings 3:5 – 12 (NRSV p. 266 – 267; LP p. 525)
Romans 8:26 – 39 (NRSV p. 919 – 920; LP p. 1769 – 1770)

Children's Sermon

Special Music

"Baptism"

Kenny Chesney and Randy Travis
Bill Ludlow on guitar; Peg Jacob on piano

***Hymn #75**

“God Is So Good”

Sermon

"Discerning Minds"

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

“My Tribute”

arr. Lani Smith

***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**

The gift of your realm is precious to us, O God. It is worth our greatest efforts and our caring sacrifice. As we search for the best in life, we also want to share our faith discoveries with friends and neighbors. We do that personally and with our giving. May our outreach proclaim to all that nothing can separate us from your love. We give you thanks that you have entrusted to us all that we are privileged to share. Amen.

***Hymn #639**

“Surely Goodness and Mercy”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Our Refuge and Strength”

Donald Callender

Rev. Deb Timmins

Rev. Deb Timmins is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, having attended for several years with Pastor Nick. She holds ordained ministerial standing in the Ursinus Association, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, UCC. She has led several local UCC congregations, served several hospitals as a chaplain and now works for Phoebe Ministries in Allentown. She and her husband Joe, and their golden-doodle Calvin, live in South Coventry township where they raised two, now grown children. She is delighted to be back to lead worship again at Palm Schwenkfelder Church.

Thank You

We would like to thank Rev. Deb Timmins for leading us in worship today.

Thank You

We would like to thank Bill Ludlow and Peg Jacob for providing the special music for today's service.

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Marie Hartman by Alex & Joanne Jalowy and family.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of Marguerite Fries by the 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.

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

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Richard Hoffman, Clark Schultz, 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 today until next Sunday, August 3rd, Rev. Homer Royer will be on call (215) 679 – 0625

Bible Study

The online Bible Study continues to wrestle with "see" in 1 Samuel 15:35a. To take part in 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

There are still two open Sundays for summer special music. 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 of 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.

Schedule of Guest Preachers

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)

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.

Grand View Hospital Hospice

Grand View Hospice will be running a training program for volunteers this fall. Grand View Hospital Hospice, a trusted leader in palliative care for over 30 years, offers individualized care to terminally ill patients and their families in homes, personal care, assisted living, and nursing home environments. Care is provided through an Interdisciplinary Team and includes:

Physician directed pain and symptom control

Skilled nursing visits

Social worker visits

Home Health Aide visits

Emergency on-call services, 7 days/week, 24 hours/day

Chaplain services

Volunteer Services/Complementary Therapies; Massage, Music,

Pet Therapy

Bereavement Services

Our Hospice Volunteers are a vital part of our program. They are the “Heart of Hospice,” and through their caring support they help to meet the holistic care needs of our patients and their families.

Training for volunteers occurs twice a year. Volunteers are trained in Hospice philosophy, listening and communication skills, psychosocial issues of death, dying, and grief and the practical information necessary for assisting patients and their families in the home.

A new training class will start on September 15, 2014, and will be held on Monday evenings 6:00pm – 9:00pm in the Hospice office. If you are interested in learning more about Hospice care, or to explore volunteer opportunities, please call Michelle Bongiovanni, RN, Volunteer/Bereavement Coordinator at 215 – 453 – 4149.

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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BELIEVE - NYE 2016



Mark your calendar to attend the most magical United Church of Christ **NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT (NYE)** of all on June 26 to 29, 2016! Join 3,000 youth from across the country at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort in Buena Vista, FL. Experience inspirational worship, explore social justice issues, and attend fun-filled workshops with a community of youth just like you! To learn more, visit YouTube and search for **NYE UCC 2016**.



A CALL FOR INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS

Final days to apply . . . Deadline: August 1



If you have a great idea that can be shared successfully with congregations around the country and want to bring it to General Synod 30 in Cleveland, organizers are now taking applications for next summer's workshops. While General Synod 30 registration doesn't open until

September 8, 2014, the deadline for workshop applications is August 1. To apply, visit: ucc.org/synod and click on the **Speakers/Workshops** block.



2015 UCC Health Plan Rates

The UCC Non-Medicare Health Plan will have a 4% Increase, after two years of no increases. There are no changes for the Dental, Vision, or Medicare Supplement Plan with Rx. Actual rates will be sent later, along with information about enhancements. Rates for the 2015 Plan Year for the Medicare Supplement Plan, Dental Plan, and Vision Plan will remain unchanged from 2014 levels.

Information about all Health, Dental and Vision Benefits are on www.pbucc.org, or contact Frank Loiacono at 1.800.642.6543, ext. 2806 or floiacono@pbucc.org.

Bethany Children's Home Provides A Brighter Future for Youth

News Release dated July 16, 2014

Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf, PA is a nonprofit organization that provides residential care for local youth who have been abused or neglected. We strive to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid our youth in their self-understanding, growth and healing toward a brighter healthier future. Each year, Bethany serves more than 300 youth from Berks and surrounding counties. This summer we have 60 local youth in our residential program increased from 35 from last summer. The youth we serve have been placed with us primarily through county Children and Youth Service Agencies.

This past year, we have worked diligently to strengthen and diversify our organization to maintain a high level of care and service to our youth. In addition, we have restructured staff to meet the needs of the youth we are serving.

As part of our diversification of services, Bethany was approached to start the Helping Hands program. The goal of Helping Hands is to reunite children with their families in the United States. Most of children coming to Bethany are between 4 and 14 years of age. We provide food, clothing, shelter, medical evaluation, classroom education, recreation, and case management to these youth. We can serve up to 32 children at any time. Their average stay is 10-12 days with Bethany before reuniting with their families. Regardless of their situation, these children are in desperate need of help and we seek to provide them the care they need. The Helping Hands program is separately funded from our residential services program.

Thanks to the increased population of residential youth and the Helping Hands program, Bethany has been able to create more jobs. We strive to maintain a supportive workplace in which we all share a mission to provide brighter futures for children and families. The Bethany Family is in place, and as a team we look forward to continuing with our humanitarian efforts.

Bethany Children's Home residential and shelter care programs are funded by federal, state and local government resources, and philanthropic contributions. Our donor contributions help fund the gap between what is provided by the government and the actual cost of caring for a youth in one of our programs. We are thankful to the many community organizations, businesses, churches and individuals who have provided support to Bethany for 151 years. Through their generosity of time, talent and treasure we have been able to serve thousands of youth in our care. We ensure that their gifts to Bethany are used for the intended purposes they specify.

Bethany Children's Home will continue to be committed to providing a community where all youth and staff are safe in their environment and feel safe within themselves. To learn more or support this ministry, visit: bethanyhome.org/.



Prayers are requested for Bethel UCC, Philadelphia and Rev. Dr. Bonnie Ortiz.

SUMMER MUSIC 2014

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 27

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

Monday, July 28

7:00pm Red Hill Band Officers - Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 29

8:00am Quilters

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Sunday, August 3

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

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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

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