

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Brian Glyncannon

***Call to Worship**

I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is above all and through all and in all.

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #498**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, our transgressions are many. We have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have wandered far from truth. You alone know the extent of our guilt. You are justified to pass judgment and sentence us. We are crushed by the wrong we have allowed and the good we have avoided. We plead for mercy. Wash us thoroughly and cleanse us deep within. Put a new and right spirit in us and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Help us to lead lives worthy of your call to us, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Special Music

"Living for Jesus"

Thomas O. Chisholm and C. Harold Lowden

Duet, David and Joanne Luz

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Ephesians 4:1 – 16 (NRSV p. 951; LP p. 1831 – 1832)
John 6:24 – 35 (NRSV p. 867 – 868; LP p. 1668)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #115**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Sermon

“Building Up the Church in Love”

Rev. David Luz

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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Paul Mickelson

***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**

We dedicate our offerings, not alone for the good they can accomplish and the mission they will support, but also because giving helps us to gain perspective on what really matters. We would stop working only for food that perishes, seeking for all the food that endures for eternal life. May our lives and all we give perform the works of God. Build up in love for one another and for all your children everywhere. Amen.

***Hymn #558**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“I Love to Tell the Story”

William G. Fischer

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Paul Gerhard by Betty Gerhard.

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:

Donna Weller, 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 Mission Board.

Bible Study

How does 1 Samuel 20:31 impact our understanding of Scripture? Help the online Bible Study discuss this question by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

August Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Job Kinsler (08/30), Jovia Kinsler (08/13), Victoria Leh (08/05), Kaitlyn Mundy (08/22), Nicholas Pence (08/19), Alexis Wright (08/07)

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 in full swing, which means our regular choirs are enjoying a much deserved break. All of the summer special music for Sunday worship services has been scheduled. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their talents for the congregation to enjoy.

Thank You

Today we would like to thank David and Joanne Luz for sharing their talents and providing our special music today.

Thank You

The congregation would like to thank Reverend David Luz for leading us in worship today.

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.

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:

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!

Pastor Nick on Vacation

While Pastor Nick is on vacation, Reverend Deb Timmins will be on-call for any pastoral needs. Her cell phone number is listed on the back of this bulletin. Next Sunday, August 9th, Reverend Jamie Moyer will lead us in worship.

Annual Peach & Ice Cream Festival

Pennsburg UCC will be holding their 45th Annual Peach & Ice Cream Festival on Saturday, August 15th, from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Come out and enjoy great food, games, a bake sale, a basket raffle, and great entertainment that will include The Dogs and The Red Hill Band. For more information, contact Pennsburg UCC at 215 – 679 – 7513.

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.

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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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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August 2, 2015

If Jesus Came to Town ...

Did you ever wonder how folks found out about Jesus and his ministry in biblical times? The Bible is full of stories of crowds that formed when Jesus was in a particular setting. How did everybody hear about his presence?

Fast forward to today. If Jesus were to appear in your town, in your church today, how would you notify everyone? How would people find out about the presence of the Risen Christ?

In today's world, information can spread in seconds. Our cell phones alert us when there is a threat of severe thunderstorms or possible tornadoes. That information is spread throughout the area in seconds.

How can your church use the technology of today to spread the news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who may never have heard? How can you tell people everywhere about the love of God? How can folks easily learn about the ministry God's Holy Spirit is doing through your church? Come join us for a day of engaging with Social Media, led by the Rev. Kimberly Knight, on **August 19** from 9 am to 3 pm at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 100 Cresson Blvd., Phoenixville, PA (off 422 E, Oaks exit).



Kimberly Knight is the Minister of Digital Community with Extravagance UCC and a popular blogger at Patheos.com. She holds an M.Div from Candler School of Theology and a head full of nerdy knowledge from decades of working in the multimedia industry. The merging of her theological training and technology background led her to plant an online progressive Christian congregation where for over five years she led worship, bible study and community events for the

digital natives of Second Life. She has served as the online organizer for The Beatitudes Society for two years and as a marketing and social media consultant for The Center for Progressive Renewal. Kimberly also currently serves as the Director of Digital Strategy for a private women's college in the south. In her own words "I have a long history of back-pew sitting, Wednesday night supper eatin' and generally trying God's patience since 1969."

Online registration available until August 11 at psec.org.

Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment

Rev. Wanda D. Craner, Minister of Spiritual Nurture, PSEC

On this Sunday in many of our churches we will be hearing the Gospel story (John 6:24-35), where Jesus says, "I am the bread of life..." Bread comes in many shapes and forms: bagels, sliced, whole round loaves, long slender loaves, flat pita, tortillas, hot dog and hamburger rolls, sticky buns, and braided loaves. There is whole wheat bread, rye, pumpernickel, multigrain (6, 8 and even 12 grain), rice breads, gluten-free bread, marbled bread, sesame seed bread, oat bread, strawberry bread, to mention only a few. ARE YOU HUNGRY YET?

Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment is the title of a book written by Joyce Rupp; and the title is also descriptive of some of the ways the Spiritual Life Mission Team develops programming to help enrich the spiritual journeys of our PSEC members and friends. We take time to discern topics of current interest, and then provide various avenues and leaders to help folks reflect on their faith, individually and in community.

As the fall season approaches, there are two retreat events, I'd like to invite your participation. The first is, **Ventures: An Elder Adult Retreat, "Praying Through the Ups and Downs of Life,"** September 22-24, 2015. **Ventures** is designed for folks who are young at heart and vibrant in spirit, who may be older in chronological years (participants often range in age from 50 to 90), yet enjoy exploring their faith in a time away with others. **Ventures** includes unique Bible study and worship opportunities, theme presentations, workshops on prayer, movement, and the creative arts. This year, Betsy Chapman, international harpist, will share a program entitled, "The Bard's Apprentice," interweaving the retreat theme.

October 23-25, 2015, is: **Walking with God, A Spirituality Retreat** entitled, "**The Beauty of Darkness and Light.**" This event beginning on Friday evening extending through noon on Sunday, is a time for participants to explore through a variety of means: prayer, worship, experiential activities, quiet time, and light-hearted fellowship, their faith journey related to darkness and light. This year participants will have a special experience of a "Dialogue with the Dark."

Both **Ventures** and **Walking with God** are being held at the newly renovated Mariawald Retreat Center, Reading, PA, described as a "Spiritual Spa for the Soul." Outdoor benches, balconies overlooking a pond, patios and trails offer ample opportunity to enjoy the joys of nature while spacious and comfortable rooms offer a place of quiet rest and relaxation.

If you are hungry for spiritual nourishment, if you desire to re-connect and deepen your relationship with the Bread of Life, I encourage you to register for these unique retreat opportunities. And, after worship today, the next time you take and eat bread, slowly chew and REALLY taste it, and be reminded of the goodness of the Lord. Give thanks!

Prayers are requested for St. Paul's UCC in Sellersville and Rev. Patti Thomas.



Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Please join us in worship:

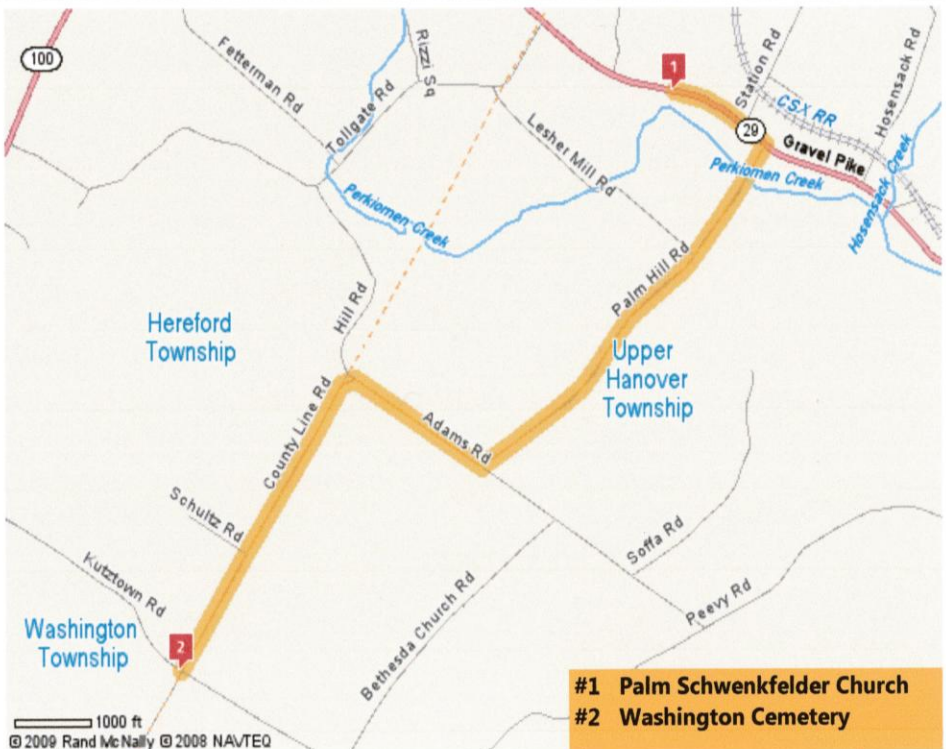
Washington Meeting House Cemetery

Sunday, August 23rd

(please bring lawn chairs)

10:15am Worship Service

Kutztown Road & Country Line Road
Hereford, PA 18041



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, August 2

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, August 3

11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, August 4

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop

Wednesday, August 5

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Thursday, August 6

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council

7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

Friday, August 7

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, August 8

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, August 9

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Tuesday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00 – 3:00

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Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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