

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Mark Hayes

Choral Introit "Sanctuary/Family of God" The Heebner Family

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 50:1-2*

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God's word shines forth in glory.

***Hymn #612** "How Firm a Foundation"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *Genesis 15:5; Hebrews 11:1; Luke 12:34, 40*

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not

always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.

You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us

to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us

alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake

of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture:

Hebrews 11:1 – 3, 8 – 16 (NRSV p. 977; LP p. 1885 – 1886)

Luke 12:32 – 40 (NRSV p. 847; LP p. 1629)

***Hymn#669** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Sermon "Life Is Truly a Ride" Reverend Jamie Moyer

Special Music

“Rise Again”

by Dallas Holm

Performed by the Heebner Family; Jared Qahash, soloist

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

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

arr. Don Hustad

***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**

**Generous God, you pour out blessing and cover us with gifts of
love. Accept these offerings for the sake of your children, that
they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace. In
Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.**

***Hymn #751**

“For All the Saints”

Postlude

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Robert J. Powell

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

The altar flowers are presented today by Ray and Miriam Hausman in loving memory of their daughter Audrey.

The bulletins are presented today by Kenny and Shirley Miller in honor of everyone who has an August birthday.

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:

Dorothy Parker, Carmen Davis, Sharon Stevens, Pierce Wright, Sarah Gentry, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Helen Miller, Ray Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, David Dotterer, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky and Craig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Mary Hartman, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Rob Ziegler, 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

1 Samuel 28:6 will be the topic for the Online Bible Study. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

August Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Jovia Kinsler (8/13), Nicholas Pence (8/19), Kaitlyn Mundy (8/22),

Job Kinsler (8/30)

Happy Eighteenth Birthday to Victoria Leh (8/05)

Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

Current plans: Beauty Begins: Making Peace With Your Reflection, Hungry for God: Biblical Reflections on Food, 7 Laws Of Love, A Daily Word For Parents with Ron Hutchcraft, Acts of Repentance

Teens ~ Current plans: Switch TV Presents: ReNew, Set Apart, Anger, Identity, How To Be The Church

Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project

Offerings to support the Migrant Hospitality Project are welcomed. Please mark "Migrant" on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

Thank You

We, the congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church, would to thank Reverend Jamie Moyer for leading us in worship today.

Thank You

The congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church would like to express our appreciation to Dottie Heebner and her family for providing our special music today.

Brown Bag Lecture Series

Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center this Wednesday, August 10th, at noon to hear a presentation by Jerry Heebner called *Funeral Customs and Practices in the 20th Century*. This presentation will focus on the ideas and traditions associated with death and funerals in the local area.

Summer Music

Summer is in full force! This means our regular choirs are on a break. There is only one remaining open date 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 the church office. A list of the Special Music performers and dates can be found on page 10 of this bulletin.

Endowment for Continuing Education

A meeting of the Endowment for Continuing Education Committee has been scheduled for tomorrow evening, Monday, August 8th, at 7:00 pm in the church library.

Sponsorship Opportunity

There are still several opportunities to honor someone by sponsoring bulletins or altar flowers in their name. At last count, there were 3 opportunities for flower sponsorship, and 6 chances to sponsor bulletins still available for 2016, and of those opportunities, 1 is still available in the month of August. If anyone would like to sponsor flowers or bulletins for an upcoming Sunday, sign-up charts are on the wall outside the Church Office.

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

October 9th; November 13th & 20th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

August 21st; September 11th, October 9th & 30th; November 6th & 20th.

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. You could also call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. Any Deacon or Church Officer will help you with any questions about the process. Getting your name in an available slot will hold the date for you.

Pastor Nick On Vacation

Pastor Nick will be on vacation beginning today Sunday, August 7th. He will return for the worship service at Hosensack on Sunday, August 21st. Sister Millicent will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 14th, and starting today she will also be on-call for any pastoral emergencies during the entirety of Pastor Nick's vacation. Her phone number is printed on the back page of this bulletin.

Office Schedule

This week the office will have a slightly altered schedule. It will be open on Monday, closed on Tuesday, then open again for the rest of the week. The schedule can be found on the back page of the bulletin.



August 7, 2016

The Landscape: Discernment as a Fundamental Disposition

By Susan Beaumont

Discernment is how we live our lives, thoughtfully and faithfully. It is the fundamental disposition of aligning ourselves with that sense and experience of God's Spirit moving in and empowering our lives.

Discernment is also the Christian practice of seeking God's call in the midst of the decisions that mark one's life.

Communal practice of discernment places group decisions within the context of God's activity. It trusts that resolution based on something larger than self-interest or partisanship is possible....the goal of God's activity being the New Creation.

The practice of discernment makes intentional a process of reflection on and participation with God's Spirit as the fundamental context in which we live and make choices.

Its' important to realize: "Discernment doesn't just happen. It must be intentionally nurtured within the culture of the team. A team that is grounded in God's spirit, and open to authentic discernment, will cultivate its presence, its process, and its practices."

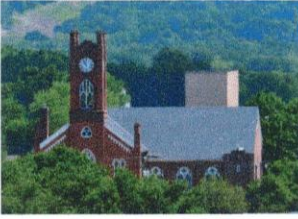


The excerpt above is taken from the UCC resource "A Discernment Travelogue available at uccresources.com .

Getting to Know:

Church of the Good Shepherd UCC

35 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, PA 19512



Let's start with our biggest news, and our best reason to ask for your thoughts and prayers: We have called a new Senior Pastor! Rev. Matt Hoover will be joining us tomorrow, August 8. We are excited about this new period in our church's history, and eagerly await Pastor

Matt's guidance and leadership. He will join our Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Families, Rev. Kimberly Berenotto.

Good Shepherd United Church of Christ's ministry began in 1811 and it has been active in the Boyertown community for these two hundred plus years. Worship, mission, Christian Education and fellowship have always been hallmarks of our calling.

Worship includes an active intergenerational music program featuring choirs for all ages, a hand bell choir, and an orchestra. Throughout Lent one can attend Wednesday Lenten services and also a Seder Meal in combination with our Holy Thursday communion.

Mission activities include strong support for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. We provide meals weekly through the winter for local folks at our Shepherd's Café and bimonthly for Opportunity House in Reading. We support Berks Women in Crisis, Water for Flint MI, Holy Joe's Café, Baby Manna, CROP, SERRV, Heifer International, and more.

Christian Education for all ages has always been a priority at Good Shepherd. We currently have four different classes devoted to Adult Christian Education, as well as classes for children, youth, and Confirmation. We have successfully teamed with a neighboring church to revitalize our Vacation Bible School program in the last few years. Our strong Youth Program this summer featured work trips to Heifer Farm in Rutland MA and Philabundance, and a trip to the National Youth Event in Florida.

Good Shepherd hosts any number of special dinners and brunches. Every Sunday we have coffee hour after the early service. All we need is a reason and we'll have a celebration! All are welcome at Good Shepherd!



Prayers are requested for Church of the Good Shepherd UCC in Boyertown and Rev. Matt Hoover.

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

*Please join us in worship:
Hosensack Meetinghouse
Sunday, August 21st
9:45am Refreshments
10:15am Worship Service*

(Yeakel Road and Hosensack Road, Palm, PA)



SUMMER MUSIC 2016

Date	Name
May 29	
June 5	
June 12 Peg Vacation /Youth Sunday	
June 19 Washington Meeting house	Suite Brass
June 26 Peg Vacation	VBS
July 3	
July 10	Gail Ferry
July 17 Kraussdale Meeting House	Gregory Ross
July 24	Doug Wallinger
July 31	
August 7	Dottie Heebner & Family
August 14	Bill Ludlow
August 21 Hosensack Meeting House	The Badmans
August 28	

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, August 7

Pastor Nick on Vacation

- 9:00am Summer Combined Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, August 8

Church Office Open

- 11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee
- 7:00pm Scholarship Committee Meeting
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, August 9

Church Office Closed

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting
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Wednesday, August 10

Church Office Open

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series @ SLHC

Thursday, August 11

Church Office Open

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, August 12

Church Office Open

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, August 13

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, August 14

- 9:00am Summer 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

Monday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

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Greeter: Rick Jones

Ushers: David Luz, Lee Schultz, Brian Shelly, Leon Wohlbach

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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