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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“The Solid Rock”

Adam Mason

***Call to Worship**

Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us.

Do not fear to meet Christ here.

We have heard the invitation.

Our hopes have brought us together.

The storms of life do not have the last word.

Our faith keeps us from sinking.

Our doubts lead to greater faith.

Our losses open us to greater possibilities.

Let us call on God’s name and give thanks.

Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

We will sing of God’s wonderful works.

We will share with others God’s marvelous deeds.

***Hymn #517**

“The Solid Rock”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that we are dreamers more intent on our own importance than on your vision for us. We like our favored position on this earth, and we are jealous of those who have even more than we. We want to walk on water before we have even learned to stand upright on land. We want to rise above others rather than reaching out with helping hands, that all might be uplifted by you. We pray for pardon, for greater insight, for another chance to live and serve with faithfulness. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Philippians 3:4 – 9 (NRSV p. 954 – 955; LP p. 1839)

Zephaniah 3:11 – 20 (NRSV p. 767; LP p. 1477 – 1478)

Children’s Sermon

Special Music

“Thy Will Be Done”

Joyce Elaine Eilers
performed by Gail Ferry

***Hymn #521**

“In Heavenly Love Abiding”

Sermon

Rev. Michael Tannous

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

“In Heavenly Love Abiding”

James Pethel

***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**

O God, we go forth to serve you, wherever Christ calls us. Bless our endeavors to make his name known. May all that we do be unto your glory; the talents we offer are the gifts of your love. As you accept us in Christ, so also acknowledge our efforts. Use what is of value to further his teachings, and what is inadequate enhance with your grace. Hear this our prayer, O God of benevolence. Amen.

***Hymn #609**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

James Southbridge

Thank You

We would like to thank Reverend Michael Tannous for leading us in worship today.

Thank You

We would like to thank Gail Ferry 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 the family by Marguerite Fries.

Today's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Victoria Leh's 16th birthday, Whitney Leh's 21st birthday, and Daryl & Anne's 24th wedding anniversary.

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.

Reverend Michael Tannous

Rev. Michael J. Tannous was born in Allentown with 8 siblings. He is currently the Executive Director at the Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA. He is married (33 years to Mary) has 4 children and 3 grandchildren. He attended Clarion State University earning a B.S. in Biology, and Biblical Theological Seminary where he earned a M.Div., M.A. and is an Ordained Minister of the Gospel. Currently he serves as a Board Member with The Open Link, and is on the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He has been serving the Upper Perkiomen Valley in various capacities since 2006 to include: Head Coach & Coaching Staff- Upper Perkiomen High Boys & Girls Swim Teams, Secretary – Upper Perkiomen Community Council, Associate Board Member – Youth & Family Services, Co-Chair, Upper Perkiomen Valley Community Services Coalition and Co-founder of UPPEN (Upper Perk Prayer Evangelism Network). His personal interests are to have fun – especially with grandchildren – play tennis, and participate in marathons for the last 2 years, this year being in Boston.

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

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Vera Boykin, 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 Mission Board.

On-Call

During Pastor Nick's sabbatical, there will be a schedule of ministers taking turns to be on-call for any emergency needs. For the remainder of today, Rev. Becky Eisenhart is on call (215) 234 – 4302. From tomorrow through August 20th, Rev. Becca Stephens will be on call (484) 529 – 8369.

Bible Study

This week's online Bible Study will share remarks by and about Schwenckfeld, including some about small-group Bible Study. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Summer Sunday School

Our invitation to change the topic was taken. And to that end, the recent movie *Noah* will be viewed for discussion in Summer Sunday School. Viewing will be in Fellowship Hall at 9:00am on non-Meetinghouse Sundays; August 10, 24 and 31. We will effort to schedule a "make-up" showing for anyone needing one. The gathering is intergenerational. Parents, please exercise discretion as you would with any other movie. This is a spontaneously changed topic, not previewed for instruction.

Brown Bag Lecture

At noon this Wednesday, August 13th, come hear the lecture by Kathy Lesieur entitled *May Kind Remembrance Picture Me, Montgomery County Samplers*. The creation of needlework samplers played a large part in many young girls' education in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. We will look at samplers made in Montgomery County and discuss the various influences, both religious and social, that went into the making of them, both at home and at school.

Summer Music

There is still one open Sunday 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 the bottom of page 7 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

August 17 – Hosensack Meetinghouse – Rev. David Luz (Hymn Sing)

A Fresh Take on the School of Christ

Our upcoming School of Christ will take place on Sunday afternoon October 19, 2014. The theme will be "Faith Journeys", and this gathering will help us recognize where and how the Holy Spirit has been with us in our individual lives. Schwenckfeld believed that sharing these experiences in small groups helped to nurture believers. We hope that, through small-group sharing, believers will be more aware of God's presence, grow stronger in faith, and become more at ease in sharing with non-believers. Mark your calendar and look for more information in the next newsletter.

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:

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.

FAITHFUL READINESS

An Emergency Preparedness Workshop for the Faith Community

Mon, Aug 11, 9am-1pm



This workshop will be held on **Monday, August 11, 2014** from 9 am to 1 pm at the **FEMA Region III Headquarters**, 615 Chestnut Street, 7th Floor in Philadelphia, PA 19106. A limited number of small group 1 hour technical assistance sessions will be available August 12 from 9 am to 1 pm. [FREE online registration.](#)

As a faith and/or community leader you will:

- Start "[Developing a High Quality Emergency Operations Plan for your House of Worship](#)" to respond to an emergency/incident, including guidance to address an active shooter scenario
- Connect with new partners ready to help support your house of worship & community prepare for emergencies
- Begin the process to receive a certificate from the Emergency Management Institute and earn Continuing Education Units

Reasonable accommodations will be provided to attendees who have communication access needs, including Limited English Proficiency. If you need reasonable accommodation please indicate from the options below by August 1st, 2014. To request reasonable accommodations, contact Lesleyanne Ezelle at Lesleyanne.ezelle@fema.dhs.gov.

This workshop is being presented as a collaborative effort between the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships, a Center of the White House Office of Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships and state and local partner.

SUMMER MUSIC 2014

August 10	Gail Ferry
August 17 / Hymn Sing <i>Hosensack Meeting House</i>	-----
August 24	
August 31	Andrew McCartney

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1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464

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August 10, 2014

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP CHILDREN WITH BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS

CWS SCHOOL KIT MATCHING GRANT PROJECT

Following domestic and international disasters the need to distribute specific material aid is often crucial to the recovery process. UCC Disaster Ministries, Conferences, and congregations support these efforts by pre-assembling various types of Church World Service kits that are stored and can be shipped at a moment's notice. UCC Disaster Ministries was recently notified that stock supplies of CWS School kits were very low due in part to the ongoing situation in Syria. In an effort to support UCC congregations in restocking these essential kits, UCC Disaster Ministries is offering matching grants totaling up to \$50,000 for congregations assembling CWS School Kits. Grants will be awarded at \$250/congregation on a first come first serve basis. Congregations are encouraged to engage their local community, businesses, friends and coworkers and to work collaboratively with other nearby congregations in an effort to pull resources and maximize purchasing power. To learn more, visit: <http://www.ucc.org/disaster/cws-school-kit-matching-grant.html> or contact: UCC Disaster Ministries at 216-736-3211 or wolgemuthz@ucc.org.

BACK BAY MISSION

Help Back Bay Mission make sure every child goes to school ready to learn. You can make a gift to our school supplies fund by going to thebackbaymission.org/GetInvolved/Give/OnlineGiving.aspx. Just write "school supplies" in the comments box. If you would like to purchase school supplies yourself and have them sent to the Mission, you can find the lists for grades K through 5 at biloxischools.schoolwires.net/Page/3533. If you make that purchase through Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com/>) and select the Mission as your charity, a portion of your purchase price will go to the Mission as well! Any excess funds will be used by the Mission's emergency assistance program. Education is the key to a brighter future for the Gulf Coast's young people. Help us make sure everyone has the chance to realize that future.



Need a faith formation curriculum that will help your churches work with a social justice issues this fall or in 2015? **Justice Leaders Engaging and Developing (Justice LED)** is a program that offers training, leadership skills and support to local churches and UCC members who seek tangible ways to move our world towards this vision www.ucc.org/justice/training/.

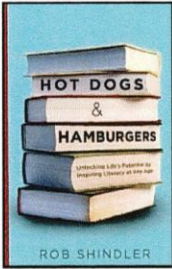


Prayers are requested St. James UCC in Limerick and Rev. John S. Steitz.

READING CHANGES LIVES

Create a group in your congregation to read and discuss

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers



The UCC is having a literacy campaign titled **Reading Changes Lives**. One way churches can get involved is through the UCC's One Read book group. The book is **Hot Dogs and Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age**. The author, Rob Shindler, was inspired to write this book after dealing with his own son's struggles with literacy. In September 2014, the book will be read together over 6 weeks as part of the Reading Changes Lives literacy justice initiative. We're hoping that churches buy and read this book in an effort to raise awareness of this problem. Reading Changes Lives will be a large part of General

Synod 2015, and Rob Shindler will be there as a speaker. No profits will be made by the author or the UCC, and a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Reading Changes Lives literacy justice initiative. This is the first time for the UCC's One Read. Everyone is invited to read the same book and participate in discussion and reflection. Visit uccresources.org to buy a single copy for \$11.99 with FREE shipping or buy a 5-pack bundle for \$45.00 with FREE shipping. A FREE discussion guide will be available as a downloadable PDF. You can sign-up for email updates and learn more at readingchangeslives.org.



TWO NEW COMMUNICATION AVENUES FROM OUR E&R HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **E & R Historical Society** is the official archives for the records and artifacts of the German Reformed Church, the Reformed Church in the US, and the Evangelical and Reformed Church, all predecessor denominations of the United Church of Christ. The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society (not your great grandmother's musty, stodgy old museum anymore) is now on two social websites that are bringing all those fascinating memorabilia from the last 300-400 years and sharing them in today's social media: on Facebook at [facebook.com/erhistoricalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/erhistoricalsociety), and Tumblr at [erarchives.tumblr.com/](https://www.tumblr.com/erarchives). The pages are changing all the time: *perhaps something from your church will be featured one of these days*. Check it out!



REGISTER NOW FOR THESE UPCOMING CONFERENCE-WIDE EVENTS

FAITHFUL READINESS - Aug 11 from 9 am to 1 pm at the FEMA Region III Headquarters in Philadelphia. Visit Eventbrite.com and search for *Faithful Readiness* to register online.

VENTURES - Sep 23, 11 am to 25, 1 pm at Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading. Learn more and register online: <http://ventures2014.eventbrite.com>.

WALKING WITH GOD - Oct 17 to 19 at Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading. Learn more and register online on Aug 4: <https://www.wwg2014.eventbrite.com>.



Thank You For Lending a “Helping Hand” to Bethany Kids!

THANK YOU! Bethany has started a new program to help young kids who have been abandoned or abducted from their families to provide them a safe place to live and grow. They are currently in need of the following items as many of the kids will only have the clothes they have on. Their ages are from 5 – 14 years of age. Your support in helping to provide them a brighter future is so appreciated!

Boys Sizes – Small, Medium

Socks
Boxer Shorts
Jeans (all sizes)
Sweatpants
T-Shirts – Solid Colors
Sneakers (all sizes)
Church attire and shoes (all sizes)
Coats
Sweaters
Pajamas

Girls and Misses – Sizes X-Small, Small and Medium

Socks
Sports Bras
Panties
Jeans (all sizes)
Shorts
T-Shirts – Solid Colors
Shoes – all sizes
Sneakers – all sizes
Pajamas
Sweat Pants
Church attire and shoes (all sizes)
Sweaters
Coats

Kids Craft Projects and Kits
Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils
Coloring Books
Soccer Balls

Pillows and Pillow Cases
Twin Blankets
Fleece Throws
Blankets
Bath Towels
Kid Friendly Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Hairbrushes & Combs



1863 Bethany Road, Womelsdorf PA 19567

The official registration and financial information of Bethany Home Inc. and Bethany Children's Home Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

COME & CELEBRATE

Vintage Rods and Classic Wheels SHOWCASE



Saturday, August 23 • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
(rain or shine)

Please join us for an afternoon to enjoy classic cars, muscle cars, and motorcycles!

- Free Admission
- Live entertainment by Elvis (Dean Garofolo) and DJ Rich
- The nostalgic 50's Café will be open for lunch

Bring your own car or motorcycle - Free registration!

Please call 267-933-6405 or email
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**43rd Annual
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**Peach & Ice Cream
Festival
Saturday, August 16th
2:00 to 7:30**

**Clam Chowder, Turkey & Hamburger BBQ,
Hot Dogs
Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Pickled Cabbage
Birch Beer, Homemade Baked Goods
Face Painting, Balloon Sculptures
Kids Games, Basket Raffle**

Entertainment

2:00 to 3:00 - Ft. Washington School of Rock House Band

3:00 to 5:00 - The Dogs

5:00 to 7:00 - The Red Hill Band



International Homeless Animals' Day

Hosted by Kospia Farms
August 16, 2014

Raising Awareness of Pet
Overpopulation and the
Importance
of Spay/Neutering



Kospia Farms 
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Alburtis, PA 18011
kospiafarms.com

BRING YOUR DOGS!!!!

- 11AM – 6:30PM Table Vendors including local Veterinarians, Pet Stores, Groomers, and Kennels
 - Food and Music!
- 7PM Pet Blessing
- 8PM Awareness Speech
- 8:30 Candlelight Vigil

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, August 10

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

Monday, August 11

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, August 12

8:00am Quilters

7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 13

12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series @ SLHC

Sunday, August 17

9:45am Refreshments Served

10:15am Hosensack Meeting House 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

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Rick Jones

Ushers: Anne Goda, Victoria Leh, Lee Schultz, Matthew Wright

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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