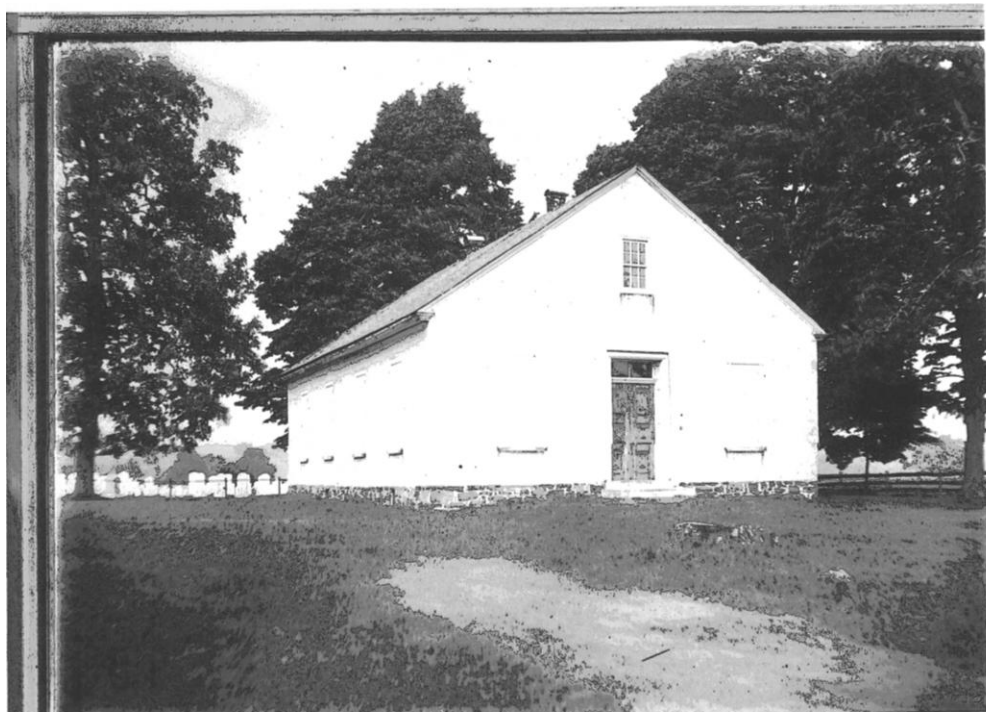


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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015

WASHINGTON MEETINGHOUSE

Gathering Music Prelude to “Te Deum” Charpentier / arr Picher

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude “Awake Chorus” arr T Wetzel

***Call to Worship**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your
praise.**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #306** “Standing on the Promises”

1. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, through e - ter - nal
 2. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, when the howl - ing
 3. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, bound to him e -
 4. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, lis - tening ev - ery

a - ges let his prais - es ring—“Glo - ry in the high - est,” I will
 storms of doubt and fear as - sail, by the liv - ing Word of God I
 ter - nal - ly by love’s strong cord, o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the
 mo - ment to the Spir - it’s call, rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my

Refrain

shout and sing, stand-ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 shall pre - vail, stand-ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing,
 Spir - it’s sword, stand-ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 all in all, stand-ing on the prom - is - es of God.

stand - ing, stand - ing, stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God my Sav - ior;
 stand-ing on the prom-is - es,

stand - ing, stand - ing, I’m stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
 stand-ing on the prom - is - es,

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, redeem us, for we stand in need of forgiveness. We squander your mercy when we abuse your creation. We slander our neighbors and seek not your peace. Nations rise up against nations, and threats of terrorism fill the air. Those without work find no hope of relief. The homeless wander without protection from harm. Christ had compassion for all those who suffered. Cleanse us of the sin that closes our hearts to our brothers and sisters. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. T Wetzel

Scripture Ephesians 6:10 – 20 (NRSV p. 952; LP p. 1834 – 1835)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn #514**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Refrain

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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

Sonata from “Die Bankelsangerlieder”

Anonymous

***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 come laden with the bounty of your benevolence, O
Gracious Creator, as the recipients of all your nurture and
care. You cause the earth to spring forth abundantly with
harvests that nourish us. Not a day passes without your
providence providing the necessities to sustain us throughout
our earthly journey. May the offerings we now bring continue
to spread abroad the good news of your bountiful mercy.
Amen.**

***Hymn #747**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”



1. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease;
3. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, we fol - low, not with fears;



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet A - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher-e'er your face ap - pears;



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King E - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest: lead on, O God of might.



*Benediction

Postlude

“Goldcrest”

arr. T Wetzel

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Shirley Frey by Bonnie, Nancy, Bob, and families.

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:

Carmen Davis, Donna Weller, June Smoll, Jeff Treichler, Bill Ludlow, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, 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

This week's online Bible Study will discuss issues of political and personal legitimacy confronted in 1 Samuel 20. Take part in the discussion, please contact 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)

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.

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

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 the members of Suite Brass for providing our special music: Mark Hasson-trumpet, Robert Maxwell- trumpet, Peter Culeman-horn, Robert Bugge -trombone, and Thomas Wetzl –tuba.

United Schwenkfelder Choir

The United Schwenkfelder Choir will begin rehearsing for its 87th season on Monday evening, September 14th at the Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, PA. This non-denominational choir, representing membership in over 30 churches from Montgomery and Bucks counties, will present a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 6th. The choir is under the direction of Ed Bieler and is accompanied by pianists Jane Cocks and Suzanne Williams, organist Louise Gerdelmann, and a 17 piece instrumental ensemble. The Choir is always ready to welcome new members. Any individual who enjoys singing is welcome to participate and experience the harmonies and inspiration of Christian music. No auditions are required. Rehearsals are held in the Central Schwenkfelder Church, located on Valley Forge Road (Route 363), just north of Skippack Pike (Route 73) from 7:30-9:00 p.m. each Monday evening from September 14th until the concerts. For additional information, contact choir president Dennis Alderfer at (215) 393 – 9974, or the Central church office at (610) 584 – 4480.

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.

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.

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:

November 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

September 6th, October 25th, November 1st and 29th.

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.

Request for Meeting House Photos

The Publication Committee of the Schwenkfelder Church is requesting help from church members in compiling a collection of meeting house photos. We welcome photos throughout the years including those depicting special occasions, celebrations, services and other gatherings. We’re happy to accept any format (hard copies/digital) and will return after scanning and/or saving. If known, please include the date, occasion and names of anyone pictured. Please contact:
For Palm – Joanne Jalowy (610.845.9087) or Luanne Stauffer (215.679.8889)
For Central – Linda Grisdale (215.368.7534)
For Olivet – Everett Tyson (610. 279.3198)

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.

WASHINGTON MEETINGHOUSE

The original Schwenkfelder immigrants hoped to find land in Pennsylvania where they could live as a group. As such a large tract of land was unavailable, the family groups scattered. The northernmost group settled in Lehigh, Berks and Montgomery Counties. This became known as the “Upper District.”

In the Upper Perkiomen Valley, Schwenkfelders assembled in homes for worship, prayer and Bible study. Eventually three meetinghouses were built: Washington, Hosensack and Kraussdale, to accommodate the larger number of worshippers.

Washington, the second meetinghouse to be built, was erected in 1791 near the village of Clayton in Washington Township. The land was once the property of the three Schultz brothers: George, Melchior and Christopher. Later ownership was vested in the youngest, Christopher. His homestead was located nearby, along Kutztown Road, on the far side of the street, where a large home still stands.

Upon Christopher’s death in 1788, his son David inherited the land immediately adjoining the cemetery. The meetinghouse was erected on this land, along with some additional land adjacent to the property, owned by Jeremiah and Morris Schultz, also descendants of Christopher. The first worship service was held here on the Day of Remembrance, September 24, 1791 at which time Rev. Christopher Kriebel delivered the dedicatory address.

The location was used as a neighborhood cemetery for some time prior to the construction of the meetinghouse, as the grave of Anna Schultz, buried in 1742, testifies. Anna was the first wife of Melchior Schultz, and died at a young age.

Thirty Schwenkfelder immigrants are buried here. Their names are commemorated on a large granite monument. All three Schultz brothers are buried here, along with their wives. Christopher’s original tombstone was later replaced, by his descendents, with one in a more modern style.

The graves in the Washington, Kraussdale and Yeakel family cemeteries are aligned in the direction of due East. It was expected that Jesus’ second coming would take place in Jerusalem, so the graves were faced toward the East, in order to meet Him when He comes. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:16, “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangels’ call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”

A stone wall was built around the burial plot in 1810.

A new meetinghouse was built in 1824 amid protests from some who thought it sacrilegious to destroy the old building. A school was established in the meetinghouse in 1834.

In 1883 the Washington Meetinghouse was entirely remodeled and was in constant use for the next twenty-eight years.

By the turn of the Twentieth Century it became necessary to acquire more space for the growing Sunday School classes, and so the congregations of the three meetinghouses voted to merge, and construct a church. Several of the special congregational meetings called by the Upper District to discuss the construction of the new church at Palm were held at this site. The main inside timbers of the Palm Schwenkfelder Church were cut from trees which formerly stood in the yard of the Washington Meetinghouse, and the site's horse sheds were moved to Palm, where they stood for the next 50 years.

The Washington Meetinghouse was demolished after the completion of Palm Schwenkfelder Church in 1911 and a marker was placed on the spot where the pulpit formerly stood. The stones from the walls of the building were used to enclose the entire plot.

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August 23, 2015

UCC ROOTS a new e-blast from the past

Article from UCC News, written by Barb Powell

The success of some chance meetings with Puritan heroine Anne Hutchinson and other important women in UCC history who wandered around the General Synod Exhibit Hall in June 2015 is launching an opportunity to learn about their lives and those of other people crucial to the UCC narrative.

"**UCC ROOTS: Remembering our History**" is a new monthly e-blast that gives those who sign up a small dose of interesting UCC facts from the past. The posts are short — about 300 words — and focus on people, places and events.

The e-blast is the brainchild of the UCC Historical Council and grew out of the historical re-enactors at Synod. Since 2011, members of the Council have taken on roles of key people from all streams of the UCC's past during General Synod. This year's seven volunteers — the Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree, Marge Royle, the Rev. Yvonne Delk, and current Council president Nancy Nollau Mack among them — researched the lives of their people before donning costumes and randomly approaching others in the Exhibit Hall to ask, "Do you know who I am?"

"We decided that most UCC history is filled with the stories of men, so [this year] it was time to celebrate the contributions of women," said Council member the Rev. Barbara Brown Zikmund. "Even with name tags, most people could not answer the question. So the costumed interpreters would launch into three-minute explanations of themselves."

"People loved it," Zikmund said. "In some cases, a crowd would gather and follow the visitor around the Exhibit Hall to find out what else she had to say. Historical Council members went along and told everyone that we wanted to send them more information about UCC history," and collected email addresses.

The historical e-blast is "a direct follow up to what happened at General Synod," said Zikmund. "We might say that we are doing 'ecclesiastical genealogy.' The women who were impersonators will provide more information about themselves. Members of the Historical Council will also write. We will focus on people [men and women] from our pre-UCC history, but are eager to introduce UCC members to key leaders from the past 50 years."

Sign up to receive the monthly "UCC ROOTS: Remembering our History" e-blast at ucc.org/ucc_roots_sign_up. Learn more about the UCC Historical Council at ucc.org/about-us_archives_historical-council.

Upcoming Events for and at Our Local Churches

Details: psec.org/category/local-events and * psec.org/category/conference-wide-events

- Aug 29 – Peach Festival** – from 3pm to 7pm at Epler’s Church 1151 West Leesport Road, Leesport. Gospel music, silent auction, food, and peaches and ice cream. Bring chairs.
- Aug 30 – 4th Annual Maiden Creek Church Golf Tournament** at 1 PM at Richmaiden Golf Course, Richmaiden Road in Fleetwood. 4 person scramble with a shotgun start. Register at maidencreekchurch.org or call 610.926.3907.
- * **Sep 8 - Quiet Days** at New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road in East Greenville, PA 18041. No formal registration, but a minimum donation of \$5 is requested on Quiet Day. Each participant is asked to bring a Bible, journal, pen and a bag lunch.
- * **Sep 12 - Committee On Ministry Training - Forms of Authorized Ministry** from 9 am to 12 pm at Trinity Reformed UCC, 60 N. Hanover St., Pottstown 19464. [Register by Sep 9.](#)
- Sep 12 – Kauffman’s Chicken Barbecue** at Trinity UCC 17 N. Centre Ave. (Rt. 61) Leesport from 11-4 PM. Eat-in or Take-out. For tickets or more info call Amy Whitehouse at 610-987-6759 or email Amy at ajw1216@aol.com.
- Sep 12 – 89th Annual Vegetable Soup Supper** at Calvary UCC, 1231 Route 100, Barto PA 19504 from 3 to 7 pm. Eat in or take out. To learn more, call church 610-845-2570.
- Sep 18 & 19 – Church Rummage Sale** at St. Peter’s Tohickon UCC, 1071 Old Bethlehem Road, Perkasio 18944 from 9 am to 4 pm! To learn more, visit stpeterstohickonucc.org or call 215-257-4633.
- * **Sep 22-24 Ventures Praying Through the Ups and Downs of Life** at the Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading. [Register online by Sep 11 at \[ventures2015.eventbrite.com/\]\(http://ventures2015.eventbrite.com/\).](#)
- Sep 26 – Sounds of Salem Concert** at Salem UCC at 186 East Court Street in Doylestown from 7 pm to 9 pm. Inquires: 215-348-9860.
- Sep 26 – Epler’s Church Annual Golf Outing** at 234 Richmaiden Rd, Fleetwood 19522 . For questions, information or entry form call 610.926-1006, or visit eplerschurch.org.
- Sep 26 – Fall Flea Market & Bake Sale** Calvary UCC, 1231 Route 100, Barto 19504 from 8 am to 1 pm. Spaces are available by contacting Eileen Haring @ 610-754-6046.
- Oct 13-14 – Annual Parish Secretaries’ Seminar** at Bird-In-Hand Family Inn. [Register by Aug 24 at \[LutheranCongregationalServices.org\]\(http://LutheranCongregationalServices.org\).](#)
- * **Oct 20 – Church Growth with Center for Progressive Renewal** at Hampton Inn and Suites Oaks, 100 Cresson Blvd., Phoenixville 19460. [Register online by Oct 12 for *Radical Welcome* seminar with Rev. Stephanie Spellers.](#)
- * **Oct 22 – Boundary Training** at First UCC, 110 Route 61 South, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 from 9 am to 3 pm. This session will be led by Stephen R. Treat, DMin, LMFT. [Register online by Oct 14. We are unable to accept walk-in registrations.](#)
- * **Oct 23-25 – Walking with God** at Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading. [Register online by Oct 9 at \[wwg2015.eventbrite.com/\]\(http://wwg2015.eventbrite.com/\).](#)
- * **Nov 10 - Committee on Ministry Training - Accountability in a Covenantal System** 9 am to 12 pm at Trinity Reformed UCC, 60 N. Hanover St., Pottstown 19464. [Register by Nov 6.](#)



Prayers are requested for St. Paul's (Ravine) UCC in Pine Grove and Pastor Craig Kramer.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, August 23

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Washington Meetinghouse Site Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, August 24

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, August 25

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 26

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts Board of Review

Thursday, August 27

Office Closing at 3:00

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, August 28

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, August 29

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, August 30

9:00am Combined Sunday School

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

For the Week of August 24th: Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday & Friday 8:00 – 3:00

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