

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

**Associate Member: United Church of Christ**



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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Don Hustad

**\*Call to Worship**

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let the people now say,  
**If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our  
enemies attacked us,**

The flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;  
**We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; our  
help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn #5**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, forgive us for allowing living water to be fouled. There are times when we blame you for all our troubles, and cast upon you the waste in our lives. Our wants are insatiable through misuse of your mercy; we tap your good graces with unending requests. We let the waters of our baptism become barren and stagnant; new life cannot flourish when we don't do your will. Cleanse us through Christ, in whose name we confess to you, and bathe us with mercy to give us fresh hope. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Romans 12: 1 – 8 (NRSV p. 922; LP p. 1775)  
Matthew 16: 13 – 20 (NRSV p. 798; LP p.1534)

Children's Sermon

Special Music

“Think About His Love”

Walter Harrah

Performed by Betty Hildenbrand

**\*Hymn #568**

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

**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**

“Prayer”

Dietrich Buxtehude

**\*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**

**Great Shepherd of sheep, we confess faith in your mercy as we bring you our offerings. Use them to further your work. May our talents be useful in serving your people, and our time filled with obeying your will. The money we give is in response to your graciousness. Accept it as part of a renewed commitment to Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #710**

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

arr. Ronald Nelson

\*All who are able, please stand.

Today’s altar flowers are presented in honor of the marriage of Rick and Adrienne (Long) Rivas’ wedding by the Longs.

Today’s bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Frank Soffa by Francis & Ethel Soffa.

**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:**

Carolyn Steele, Alex Jalowy, the family of Catharine Renninger, the family of Aurie Lawrence – Alan and children Emily, Matthew, Meredith, and Timmy, Brad Hoffman, 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, 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.

**Bible Study**

Jesus emerges as the online Bible Study concludes our work in 1 Samuel 15. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

**Summer Sunday School**

Summer Sunday School will conclude the viewing of the recent movie, *Noah*, next Sunday. The intergenerational viewing will be in Fellowship Hall, beginning promptly at 9:00 AM.

**Rally Day**

Help us welcome back Pastor Nick on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Social Hall. Bring a covered dish/breakfast item to share. Students will also meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. We can't wait for the new Sunday school year to begin!!! See you there!

**Sunday School Teachers Meeting**

All Sunday school teachers, please meet in the Library on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for information regarding upcoming dates and events.

## **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.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Total Budget Income: \$158,573.41
- Total Budget Expenses: \$185,292.49

Note: Includes \$20,000 withdrawn from endowment interest; \$30,000 anonymous donation.

For the detailed income/expense report, please see Treasurer David Luz.

## **Gedächtnistag**

Be sure to join us for a very special combined Sunday School class on Gedächtnistag, Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am. The 280<sup>th</sup> Day of Remembrance (Gedächtnistag) celebration will be held at Olivet Schwenkfelder United Church of Christ later in the day at 3:00pm. The traditional meal of bread and applebutter will be served.

## **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 30<sup>th</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

September 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; November 2<sup>nd</sup>

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.

Christopher Ross  
3818F Peace Court  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005

## **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.

### **SUMMER MUSIC 2014**

August 31	Andrew McCartney
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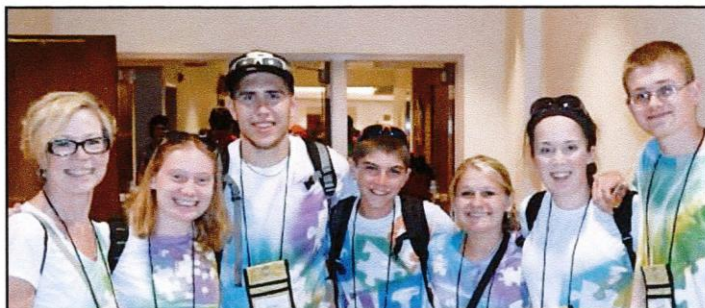
**Communitas**

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464  
484-949-8774

August 24, 2014

## MARYE Reflection from St. Paul's UCC in Sellersville



From the moment our bus pulled up in front of Susquehanna University, we all knew that the Mid-Atlantic Regional youth Event was going to be a dynamite experience. Some of our favorite highlights are:

- Inspiring worship services
- Workshops that challenged us to think deeper about our faith
- Amazing keynote speakers, especially Matt who reminded us that, at 18, it can be cool to tell everyone you are a person of faith
- Rev. Lisa Robinson, our "emcee" each day, was funny, encouraging us to participate in a BIG way every day ... and also very thought-provoking, as she shared some of her own personal journey of faith and ministry
- Sheltered Reality was an awesome drumming group, who invited us to come on stage and drum with them ... and taught us to every day - "Take a chance; Never give up; Do whatever it takes; and to Be Real!"
- And, finally, the house band, 3 Shades of Blue, were fantastic. (We are going to try and schedule both 3 Shades of Blue and Sheltered Reality to come to our area for a concert!!)

However, the best part of attending the Regional Youth Event was re-connecting with all the friends we made at the National Youth Event at Purdue University two years ago. We definitely can't wait until National Youth Event 2016!!!

(Griffin Allen, Breanna Barndt, Brandon Barndt, Renay Landis, Ric Landis, Kristen Tomlinson, and Pastor Patti Thomas from St. Paul's UCC in Sellersville, PA)



Prayers are requested for St. Paul's UCC, Robesonia and Rev. Dr. Benjamin Motz.



## Getting to Know :

## St. Paul's UCC

301 W. Penn Ave., Robesonia, PA 19551

St. Paul's UCC is engaged in a vibrant ministry within our community. Each month, we host "Soup & Such" to provide a free hot meal to all who come, and we provide free clothing to youth in "St. Paul's Clothing Closet." In addition, youth from local schools, scouts, and Bethany Children's Home come to help be a part of serving the community.



On the first Sunday of the month from 2-4 pm, we have an "Acoustic Café" in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by Richard's Music Studio, Womelsdorf. This is an openmic time for music, poetry, magic, stand-up comedy, and more. No advance reservations are needed for audience members or performers.

Weekly we open our doors for Girl Scout Junior and Brownie meetings, as well as for Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon. On Sunday, August 17 we offered a worship service at Knoebels Grove Amusement Park in Elysburg. We provided ride tickets for 50 children from Bethany Children's Home to join us, and invited them to our pot-luck luncheon in our park pavilion.

Today, August 24, we will be offering prayers of blessing for school and Sunday school teachers and blessing backpacks during worship for children and youth about to resume the new school year.

As part of our evangelism program development, our congregation participated in the *Unbinding Your Heart* program. We currently have about 20 members engaging in reading, studying, and discussing the book *Reclaiming the Great Commission; Transforming Congregations into Growing Churches*.

On September 14, we will have a special service to present the *God and Family* and *God and Church* national religious awards to about a dozen youth who completed those requirements this year.

This month marks the one year anniversary of our newly called pastor, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Motz. During his time with us, we have launched a few new evangelism initiatives, including: weekly children's bulletins, weekly children's sermons, weekly nursery (with closed circuit TV viewing of the worship service), visitor intentional bulletin format, usher and greeter training, refreshments after worship, and the many things we were already doing to welcome and engage visitors in warm, helpful, friendly ways. We strive to make our building and worship service accessible with off-street parking, elevator access, large-print bulletins, a quarterly community newsletter, and more.

This September, we will be launching a second, adult Sunday school class. Check us out online at the new website we will be launching this month: [SPRUCC.org](http://SPRUCC.org).





## 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.



## SOLDIER'S HEART HEALING RETREAT

Thursday - Sunday, October 23-26, 2014

Wallingford, PA (just outside of Philadelphia, PA)

**Soldier's Heart** retreats restore warriors and their communities by providing veterans, service members, family members, helping professionals and caring community members a safe space to learn and practice ways of successful homecoming and healing from war and military service as found in Dr. Edward Tick's book, **War and the Soul**. Participants will gain a deep understanding of PTSD as a soul wound.

### Retreat Leaders



**Roger Brooke, Ph.D., ABPP**, is Professor of Psychology at Duquesne University, where he is also Director of the Military Psychological Services. He and his oldest son are paratroopers. [rogerbrookephd.com](http://rogerbrookephd.com)



**Paul Henderson, JD**, is a veteran, lawyer and certified breathwork facilitator. He is on the board of directors for Soldiers Heart and volunteers as a pilot for the Veterans Airlift Command.

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**Cost: \$795**, includes tuition, room and board

**Registration:** To register, apply for a veteran scholarship, or donate so that a veteran may attend, contact [Adriene@soldiersheart.net](mailto:Adriene@soldiersheart.net) or call 518.274.0501.

Registration begins at 3:00, Thursday, dinner at 6:00, opening ceremony at 7:00.  
Retreat ends on Sunday after lunch.

**Place:** Pendle Hill Retreat Center ([www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org))  
338 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA (just outside of Philadelphia, PA)

**Directions:** <http://www.pendlehill.org/travel-directions>

**Questions:** [Adriene@soldiersheart.net](mailto:Adriene@soldiersheart.net) or 518.274.0501

## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **Sunday, August 24**

9:00am [Combined Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

### **Tuesday, August 26**

8:00am [Quilters](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts](#)

### **Wednesday, August 27**

7:00pm [Boy Scouts Board of Review](#)

7:30pm [Senior Choir Practice](#)

### **Thursday, August 28**

9:00am [Staff Meeting](#)

### **Sunday, August 31**

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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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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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