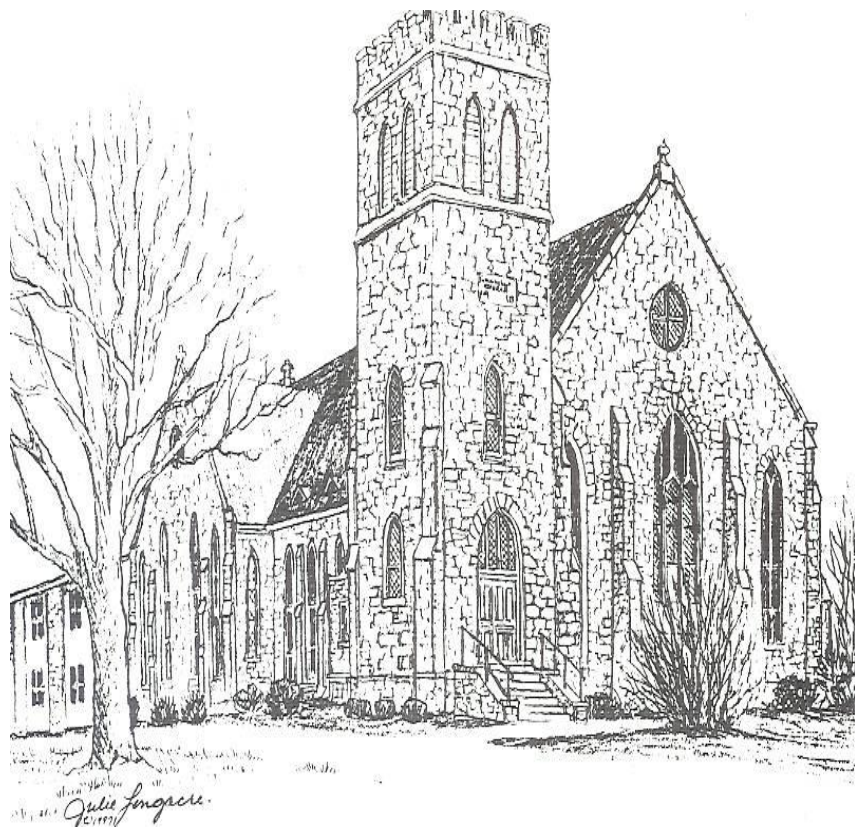


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Tom Birchwood

*Call to Worship Hebrews 13:1–2, 8

God calls us to service,

rather than honor.

God call us to love the unknown,

rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship,

trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

*Hymn #130 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession Luke 14:1, 7–14

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7 – 14 (NRSV p. 849; LP p. 1632 – 1633)

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #451 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Sermon “Upside Down”

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 "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Wilbur Held

***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**

God our Host, you invite us to dine at your table. You anoint us through Christ with the oil of righteousness. Our cup overflows with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We come to your banquet of eternal redemption with gifts befitting our new life in Jesus. Receive them as signs of our commitment to be your faithful stewards. Amen.

***Hymn #710** "We Are Called to Be God's People"

Postlude "We Are Called to Be God's People" arr. Timothy Shaw

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

The altar flowers are presented today in loving memory of Carolyn Steele by Kasey, Lauren, Karen, and Kevin.

The bulletins are presented today in loving memory of Frank Soffa by Ethel and Frank 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:

Rev. David McKinley, Jean Gabel, Alvera Heffner, 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 Kraig 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

The online Bible Study is carefully examining the encounter between King Saul and the woman often called the Witch of Endor, in 1 Samuel 28. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

Library Class

For the Fall Sunday School semester, please consider this invitation to the Library Class. The Scripture is the center of our fellowship. Disciples of all ages and learning stages are welcome. We are working our way through the Psalms. Our bookmark is at Psalm 130. Discussion can range from faith issues to current events, motivated by the text. We meet in the Library at 9:00AM on Sundays. Often, something we consider illuminates a theme in the 10:15 AM Worship service, making us keenly aware that the Holy Spirit is our true Teacher.

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

Welcome Back to Sunday School

Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 11th. Bible Heroes is the theme for Sunday School this year, so come to Rally Day dressed as your favorite Bible hero and get a prize. Covered dish breakfast to share.

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.

MHP Update

Thanks to those whose donations have allowed the Migrant Hospitality Project to grow this summer. We are now able to serve up to four persons in our first household. There will still be transportation costs. A few items, like food and personal hygiene supplies, are dependent upon knowing exactly who is coming. The shipment, staged for one person, will have to be re-staged when we know how many are coming. Our partners at Church World Services say that the ability to handle a larger household makes it much more likely to be called, because it allows them to combine arrivals to stretch their housing budget.

Any Time to Spare?

Are you free sometimes? On the right day, would you be willing to help MHP load items for delivery? Or even ride along to deliver them, probably near Lancaster? If so, please let a Deacon know. Let us know the phone number or email address to contact you once we know our activation date.

Old Church Items for Sale – Some Free

In our recent church cleanout, we identified several old items that we don't need anymore. They include an antique side table and piano/organ seat, solid oak chairs and desk, umbrella stands, a rocking horse from the toddler's room, and many more items. These items are on display in the Bell Choir room at the rear of the sanctuary. Pay what you think is fair. There are also several poster boards with photos of church members from 10 to 15 years ago... free for the taking.

Senior Choir

Senior Choir rehearsals will begin next Wednesday, August 31st, at 7:30 pm.

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

There are still several opportunities to honor someone by sponsoring bulletins or altar flowers in their name. At last count, there were 2 opportunities for flower sponsorship, and 3 chances to sponsor bulletins still available for 2016.

Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

November 13th & 20th

Dates available for bulletin sponsorship are:

October 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.

Treasurer's Report – July, 2016

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash On Hand		
Start of Month/Year	\$ 18,840.93	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$ 15,092.75	\$ 153,718.04
Operating Expenses	\$ 33,545.85	\$ 189,091.24
Ending Operating Cash		
On Hand - 7/31	\$ 387.83	\$ 387.83

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August 28, 2016

The Transformation of Grace-Trinity UCC and its Community!



The journey began in February 1996, when Rev. Dr. Chandra Soans and his wife Betsy, along with Rev. Dr. Russell Mittman, then Conference Minister, PSEC, and Rev. Marty Bupp, then Associate Conference Minister, chose the former Frankford Congregational Church, Philadelphia, to start a new church for the immigrant and surrounding community. Taking over a dilapidated building in a neighborhood familiar with drug dealers and gun violence was no bed of roses. But, Grace-Trinity believed that 'God calls the faithful out of their comfort zones in order to transform the world around them and to make a difference by shining a light in the darkness'.

Rev Soans and 11 members took the first step of faith on the 1st Sunday of July 1996 and have witnessed God's grace and power in the growth of Grace-Trinity and in creative service to the community. Over 20 years, the church has grown from 11 members to what it is today. A dynamic Sunday School and youth, men's and women's fellowship, cell groups in different locations, and regular fasting and prayer have strengthened our spiritual foundation.

Grace has also testified to God's faithfulness by transforming the community around. The Church has established four Pre-school centers in and around Grace-Trinity. Quality education is received by over 500 needy children and families. Seeds of the gospel reach these homes through Vacation Bible School, Bibles given during graduations, Bible classes, a community Christmas program and Thanksgiving dinner for the needy in the community. In 2006 the church began a housing counseling program to help lower income, first time home buyers, to purchase homes.

Many families have been blessed by the efforts of God's people at Grace-Trinity. Grace-Trinity has become an "Agent of Transformation" in the Philadelphia Area.





While we are a small country church building in a small country village where there is tons of small country charm; our church members and regular attendees are BIG on friendly welcome, BIG on compassionate service to the community and BIG on journeying together as a faith-filled fellowship exploring where God is leading us.

We are a traditional community with an open mind and open heart. This community is very open to collaboration and finding ways to spend time together.

We are a variety of ages and life stages and while we have been through many difficult situations, we are a community that embraces hope and the promise of God's grace and goodness. Many of the local faithful depend on God for their daily sustenance as farmers.

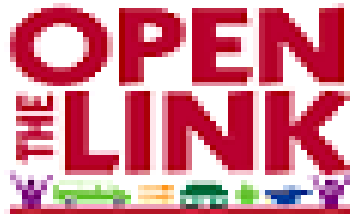
This community is in awe of God's beauty, humbled by the provisions made to them and good stewards of God's resources as well as the resources of the church which they feel called to be. We look after and support one another both in crisis and in everyday life yet respect people's privacy. This community is fun and active with regular fundraising, fellowship, serving and learning events.

How we understand our work to be done both inside and outside our walls.

God loves all of us as we are and delights in spending time with us. God is big enough to handle all our emotions and thoughts, behaviors and histories. This is God's church and this church is not just our building we worship and learn in. This church is so whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, we welcome you to bring your whole being before God's grace and love and enjoy the fellowship of God and God's church.



Prayers are requested for Trinity UCC in Rehrersburg and Rev. Louis Vetri.



Volunteers Needed!

The Open Link is in need of volunteers to help answer phones at the front desk at both our Pennsburg and Senior Center locations. Days and times are flexible.

We also need help delivering Meals on Wheels throughout the community. Volunteers can sign up for a regular route or sub when they have the time.

Meals are delivered Monday – Friday from 10:30 – 11:30. Please call 215.679.6550 or email volunteers@theopenlink.org.

4th Annual **Saturday**
September 17th
2016
dentistry
from the **heart**

Join us for a day of
FREE DENTAL CARE
for patients in need!

The event will be held at the Red Hill Dental Office
Arrive early! - Registration is 7:00 am - 12:00 pm
Patients 18 years and older will be seen on a
first-come, first served basis and can choose
one of the following treatments:

Cleaning, Extraction or Filling

Patients are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather, arrive early, to bring chairs, water, snacks, etc. as they will be waiting outside to be seen.

The first 100 patients are guaranteed to be seen.

For more information please contact:
Red Hill Dental Office at 215-679-8033
942 Main Street, Red Hill, PA 18076
www.redhilldentaloffice.com
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This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, August 28

9:00am Summer Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, August 29

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, August 30

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, August 31

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 1

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, September 2

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, September 3

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, September 4

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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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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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