

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude "I Love You, Lord" arr. Douglas Wagner

**\*Call to Worship**

Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

**Let us welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save our souls.**

Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers, so you may be blessed in all you do.

**Pure religion is to care for orphans and widows and not to be stained by the world.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn #49** "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, we admit that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons rather than instruments of healing. We are more critical than helpful toward the poor in our midst. Hidden in our hearts are the attitudes that produce avarice, deceit, and violation of our promises to you and to one another. Turn us around so we can accept your forgiveness and learn to love ourselves as you want us to be, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Scripture** James 1:17 – 27 (NRSV p. 980 – 981; LP p. 1892)  
Mark 7:1-8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23 (NRSV p. 818 – 819; LP p. 1573 – 1574)

Children's Sermon

**\*Hymn #644** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

**Sermon**

“Doers of the Word”

**Special Music** “Chased Old Satan Through the Door”

Bill Ludlow (guitar), Pastor Nick (mandolin), Doug Wallinger (banjo)

**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**

“The Sanctuary of God”

James Southbridge

**\*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**

**Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for all the bounty you  
entrust to our stewardship, O God of light. You have reached  
into the shadows, where we often flee, to rescue us and give us  
your work to do. As you have freed us from the chains of sin,  
we seek to offer healing to others as we listen and share and  
do. Bless our offering of self and substance we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #648**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”

Franklin Ritter

\*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Frank Soffa by Ethel and Francis Soffa and family.

The flowers today are presented 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:**

Susan Keyser, Donna Weller, June Smoll, Jeff Treichler, Bill Ludlow, Tim Eschbach, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Bob and Lucile Jones, 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.

### **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)

### **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

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 Bill Ludlow, Doug Wallinger, and Pastor Nick for sharing their talents and providing our special music.

## **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.

## **Harvest Home Food Drive**

Please help us celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, by bringing in non-perishable food items. Food items may be brought to the church between September 6<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> and placed in the donation center in the Narthex.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

September 6<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</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!

## **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)

## **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.

### **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.

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## Spreading the Good News in the Digital Age

On Wednesday, August 19, 53 members of PSEC gathered with Rev. Kimberly Knight at the Hampton Inn in Phoenixville to learn how to use social media to complement (*not replace*) our church ministry. By engaging in conversation with grace and integrity, we add a voice in the digital space that creates a safe space for people who may not be comfortable entering our brick and mortar buildings to learn about our ministry.



An often quoted statistic tells us that 90% of people trust the recommendations of their friends more than advertising. (Only 14% trust advertising.) So, the friends of our members are more likely to connect with our congregations when they read about the mission of our churches on Facebook, than if

they read our building signage or newsletters. Why? Because of the trust factor. If you are my friend, I trust you. So, if you are a part of this church community, I may be able to trust them too.

According to 2015 statistics, members in the Facebook community outnumber the population of China. The digital community is here to stay. Being a member of an online community has its risks, but we can begin by building upon and modifying an existing social media policy (e.g., Community Standards at sojo.net) to maximize our opportunity for diverse communication and outreach for our churches. We can build our online presence over time, beginning with a *good* website (adjusts content for device being used to view, home page contains who we are, where we are, what we stand for, and when we worship, and it is updated frequently). As we expand our strategy and have staff to develop and maintain content, we can add the most recommended social media venues: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

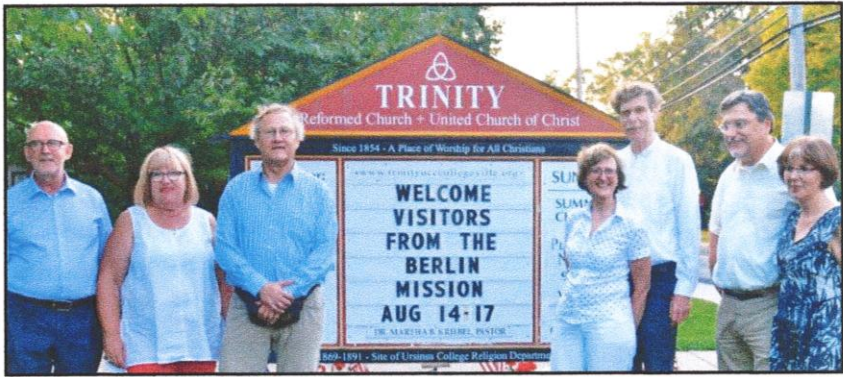
Visit [psec.org](http://psec.org) to register for the last in this series of seminars *Radical Welcome* presented by Rev. Stephanie Spellers from the Center for Progressive Renewal on Oct 20.

Prayers are requested for St. Vincent UCC  
in Phoenixville and Rev. Susan Hanson.





## PSEC Ecumenical Relations Mission Team Hosts Guests from Berlin Mission



August 14 to 17, the PSEC Ecumenical Relations Mission Team hosted our German guests from the Berlin Mission: (left to right) **Andreas Boer** and his wife Karin, **Rev. Dr. Christof Theilemann**, **Rev. Roland Herpich** and his wife Anette, and **Rev. Joachim Liebig** and his wife Andrea, representing the Berlin Mission.

Our guests arrived on Friday. We visited some sites in Philadelphia including the Masonic Temple Museum, Old First Church, and Independence Hall for the Pastor's welcome and recognition of the "official" delegate body.

Saturday, we visited the Amish Farm in Lancaster and the Quilt and Coach (Wooden Wheels) Shops.

Sunday, we toured the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center and spent time with Dr. Allen Viemeyer and Caspar Schwenckfeld's Bible. We also visited "The Shrine of American Lutheranism" and the Old Trappe Church founded in 1743 by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. In the evening guests, hosts, visitors, and members of the Trinity Church family in Collegeville enjoyed a festive spread, rejoiced to hear Rev. Herpich, Berlin Mission Director and Rev. Dr. Theilemann, Deputy Director share the inspiring story of the work being done. We heard a response, closing prayer, and Benediction from Rev. Bill Worley, PSEC Conference Minister. We celebrated an engagement announcement in the Liebig family (their daughter) and then the Berlin Mission' new children's Bible – Uli's project, with a gift copy for us. Then we all joined hands and sang, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

Monday brought an early send-off with prayers of thanks and the word, "Until,



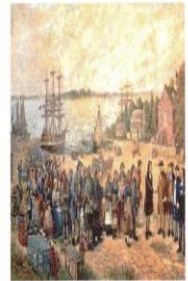
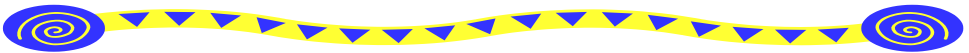
*To learn more and see additional pictures, visit [psec.org](http://psec.org) and search for "Ecumenical Relations."*



## Rally Day



Help us kick off the new Sunday school year on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Come ready to celebrate with face painting and musical chairs! Bring a breakfast item to share. The Board of Christian Education will supply the drinks. Students will meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. Can't wait to see you there!



## Gedächtnistag

Be sure to join us on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for our annual Gedächtnistag intergenerational Sunday School class. We will be hosting Maggie Buckwalter, who is the Museum Educator for the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center. Then, later in the day at 3:00pm, the 281<sup>st</sup> Day of Remembrance (Gedächtnistag) celebration will be held in the Strasburg Auditorium at Meadowood Senior Living Center (located behind Central Schwenkfelder Church), where the traditional meal of bread and applebutter will be served.

# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, August 30**

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Monday, August 31**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Tuesday, September 1**

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop

## **Wednesday, September 2**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, September 3**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Friday, September 4**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Saturday, September 5**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Sunday, September 6**

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Food Collection for Harvest Home Begins

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**

Tuesday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00 – 3:00

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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: David Luz, Lee Schultz, Brian Shelly, Matthew Wright

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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