

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Earth and All Stars”

Wayne Wold

**\*Call to Worship**

Why have we gathered on this holy day?  
What has drawn us to this time and place?

**We have been drawn to a flame burning here.**

**We sense the glory of God in this place.**

God calls us to this time of worship.

The place where we are standing is holy ground.

**Give thanks to God: sing praises.**

**Give attention to the voice of God.**

Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses.

In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.

**We will listen for God’s message to us.**

**Surely God’s strength will supply our needs.**

**\*Hymn #357**

“Earth and All Stars”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, we have wavered in our faith in the midst of suffering, and we have not persevered in prayer. We have claimed to be wiser than we are, and have even tried to correct you. We make excuses for ourselves rather than listening for your direction and heeding your call. Our days are so filled with the busyness of this world that we cannot see your reign among us. We are so weighed down by our own concerns that we have no energy to serve in your realm. Send your cleansing fire among us, forgiving God. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Matthew 16:21 – 28 (NRSV p.798; LP p.1534)

Children’s Sermon

**Special Music**

“Make Us One”

Sally DeFord

Performed by Andrew McCartney Piano – Betty Hildenbrand

**\*Hymn #555**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

**Sermon**

“Taking Up the Cross”

**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**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

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**

**May our offerings be an expression of genuine love that  
reflects your love for us, O God. We seek to honor you as we  
serve one another in Christ’s name. We reach out to overcome  
evil with good. Direct our use of the resources you entrust to  
us that we may not only contribute to the needs of the saints  
but also devote our lives to the building of a peaceable  
worldwide community in which all are valued. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #648**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Toccata in e”

Johann Pachelbel

\*All who are able, please stand.

Today’s altar flowers are presented in loving memory of our parents by Carmen & Ray Davis.

Today’s bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Shirley Frey by Glenn & Nancy Hoffman.

**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:**

The family of Sue Carlin, the family of Carolyn Steele, the family of Dale Twining, 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, 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**

This week's online Bible Study will invite comment on 1 Samuel 15, before moving on to the era of David, which will begin next week. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

**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.

**Senior Bells**

The Senior Bell Choir will begin rehearsal on Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

## **Children's Choir**

Attention, past and potential Children's Choir members!! Whether you are a former member or someone looking to join our enthusiastic group, the new season is approaching quickly! We will begin practices on September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Adult Sunday School classroom at our regular practice time from 5:30-6:00. Our first performance will be October 12<sup>th</sup>. Again this year there will only be ONE children's choir. Come on out and join in the fun!

## **Junior Bells**

The junior bell choir is looking for a few new ringers for the 2014 – 2015 season. Children in grades 2–12 are welcome to come out and join us. We start practices promptly at 6:00 on Wednesday evenings and play in church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Practice will begin Wednesday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. No previous musical experience is required. Contact Beth Croll ([bethcroll@comcast.net](mailto:bethcroll@comcast.net)) if you have any questions.

## **Ladies' Aid**

The date for the next meeting of the Ladies' Aid has been changed to September 9<sup>th</sup>. The time of the meeting remains the same, at 1:00pm

## **Untied Schwenkfelder Choir Seeking New Members**

The United Schwenkfelder Choir will begin rehearsing for its annual concerts on Monday evening, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, PA. This non-denominational choir is made up of 80+ voices, representing membership in over 30 churches from Montgomery and Bucks counties. We will present a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Any individual who enjoys singing is welcome to join! No auditions are required. Rehearsals are held in the air-conditioned 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 8<sup>th</sup> until the concerts. For additional information, contact choir president Dennis Alderfer at (215) 393–9974.

## **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.

## **Grand View Hospital Hospice**

Grand View Hospice will be running a training program for volunteers this fall. Grand View Hospital Hospice, 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 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.

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August 31, 2014

## Letter from Rev. William P. Worley, Conference Minister

*(Sent as Special eNews Email on August 15)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I come to the end of my first two weeks of Conference ministry humbled and awed by the great work that is happening among the pastors, people, and parishes of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. Many of you have extended words of welcome and blessing that have touched my heart and filled my soul. For that, I cannot thank you enough. With a bit of irony, I write from the beginning of my tenure to announce the end of Rev. Geoffrey Black's tenure as General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.



We received notification this morning from the United Church of Christ Board Chair, Bernard R. Wilson, that Rev. Black intends to retire early following the conclusion of the 30th General Synod in June, 2015. For more information, please visit: [ucc.org/news/geoffrey-black-retirement-08182014.html](http://ucc.org/news/geoffrey-black-retirement-08182014.html).

We join with brother and sister Christians of the UCC to give thanks for Rev. Black. He is a man of sincerity, authenticity, and integrity, with a deep commitment to the church and to God, and has inspired followers of Jesus the world over. Our prayers and best wishes are with Geoffrey and his family.

My prayers and best wishes are with you and the people we are called to serve.

Grace and Peace,

Bill Worley

PSEC Conference Minister



## 21st Century Models of Effective Youth Ministry



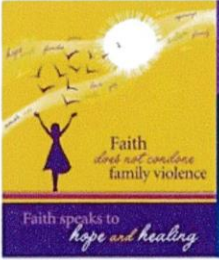
The **Center for Progressive Renewal** is offering an online course from Sep 23 to Nov 4 to explore using the 'old-school' principle of "relationships first" in new ways through cross-generational and family-based ministry, social media and engaged learning that helps whole families (not just teens) live their faith for a lifetime. To read more or register for this \$249 course with Rev. Nicole Havelka, visit: [progressiverenewal.org](http://progressiverenewal.org) and click on UPCOMING and select ONLINE LEARNING.

## Getting to Know :

## St. Luke's UCC

125 N. Main Street, North Wales, PA 19454

Something is happening at St. Luke's UCC in North Wales nearly every day of the week. The church is home to the Girl Scouts, three other religious communities, and various community outreach activities. Most prominent among the community outreach is *Laurel House of Montgomery County*. To learn more about our congregation, visit [UCCNorthWales.org](http://UCCNorthWales.org). As a prayer partner, we want to highlight Laurel House.



### ***Laurel House of Montgomery County***

Domestic violence plagues virtually all communities. Whether from male to female, female to male, or adults to children, domestic violence de-humanizes both the victims and the perpetrators. Laurel House is dedicated to ending domestic violence in each life, home, and community. *St. Luke's UCC in North Wales provides one of the locations where Laurel House does its work.*

Laurel House is a comprehensive domestic violence agency serving individuals, families and communities throughout Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Its mission is to:

- Advocate for and empower those impacted by domestic violence, and
- Advance social change through preventative education and community training and collaboration.

Laurel House provides a coordinated response to domestic abuse through crisis intervention, and by providing safe haven and supportive programs. In addition to its 24-hour hotline and shelter, Laurel House offers transitional housing, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, community counseling and support groups, children's programs, law enforcement collaboration, and community education. Laurel House operates two upscale resale thrift shops in King of Prussia and Lansdale. These shops help support the Laurel House shelter and counseling programs, while also raising awareness about domestic abuse. Laurel House services are available to male and female victims of abuse and their children. If you are in an unsafe situation because of domestic violence or if you would like to speak with a counselor about available services, please call our Hotline at 1-800-642-3150.

### ***Community of Faith Outreach Program***

If you are interested in receiving more information for faith communities about domestic violence, becoming more involved in Laurel House events or service, or having a DOVE representative visit your community of faith, please contact Tina Reynolds at [laurel-house.org](http://laurel-house.org). To read more from this article, visit [psec.org/st-lukes-ucc-north-wales-august-31-2014/](http://psec.org/st-lukes-ucc-north-wales-august-31-2014/).



Prayers are requested for St. Luke's UCC  
in North Wales and Dr. Robert Fogal





## 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 31**

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

### **Tuesday, September 2**

8:00am Quilters

7:00pm Boy Scouts

### **Wednesday, September 3**

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 4**

6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

### **Sunday, September 7**

9:00am Combined Rally Day Sunday School

(Covered Dish Breakfast in Fellowship Hall)

10:15am Rally Day 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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