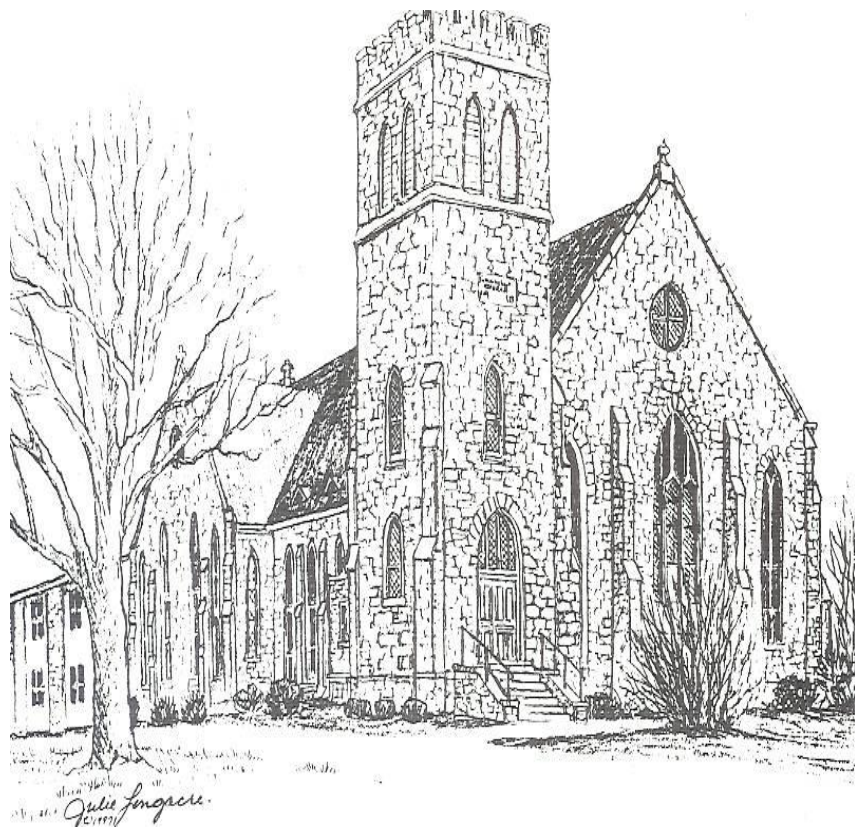


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Benjamin Culli

***Call to Worship**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them – they are like the sand.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #578**

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jeremiah 18:6

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1 – 11 (NRSV p. 629; LP p. 1210)
Luke 14:25 – 33 (NRSV p. 850; LP p. 1634)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #584**

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Sermon

“The Potter's House”

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

“Have Thine Own Way”

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**

Luke 14:26–27

God of all creation, your claim on us is total; your desire for us, complete. We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance. Yet we ask that you would receive us this day and use what we bring. Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts, until we yield all that we love and all that we fear to your holy purpose. For we long to offer our lives to you; we long to know the fullness of your joy. We dare to pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life out of love for the world. Amen.

***Hymn #648**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Postlude

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Nancy Raabe

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

The altar flowers and the bulletins are both presented today in loving memory of Shirley Frey by Bonnie, Nancy, Bob, and family.

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:

Dick Guldin, Bill Wright, Rev. Bill Vanderslice, Rev. David McKinley, Jean Gabel, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, 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 Craig 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 Board of Christian Education.

Bible Study

This week's online Bible Study will invite discussion comparing King Saul's nighttime visit in 1 Samuel 28 to the one by Nicodemus in John 3. 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...

Shane Raab (9/12), Owen Hoffman (9/21), Josie Kinsler (9/23),

Hunter Korn (9/25), Thomas Colvin (9/29)

Happy 18th Birthday to Hayley Kriebel (9/30)

Happy 18th Birthday to Mackenzie Kriebel (9/30)

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class/Mentor "Getting to Know You Picnic" will be held on Sunday, September 11th, at the home of Jeff and Luanne Stauffer. Parents, you can pick-up your students after the picnic at 3:30pm at the church.

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 ~ Switch TV Presents: ReNew, Set Apart, Anger, Identity, How To Be The Church

Welcome Back to Sunday School

Rally Day will be **next 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 You Free?

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.

Card Shower

Please help us celebrate Grace Beard on the occasion of her 90th birthday with a card shower. Grace's birthday is October 11th. If you would like to send a card to Grace, please contact the office for her address.

Ladies' Aid Meeting

This month's meeting of the Ladies' Aid has been changed to this coming Wednesday, September 7th, at 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Stockings

The Ladies' Aid needs your help to fill Christmas stockings. We make a total of 75: 25 of which go to Pennsburg Manor, and 50 of which 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.

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 20th; December 25th

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.

Address Changes/Updates

As a service to our congregation, any address changes of our members will be provided upon request. Please contact the church office if you would like information on the address of one of our members, if you have any information on members who may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed in the Directory appear to be incorrect. Thank You.

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September 4, 2016

Labor Day: 8 Biblical Principles of Work

Some people hate to do it. Some love to do it. Some go to great lengths to avoid doing it. Some do it too much. Since the Garden of Eden everyone has worked or depended on someone else's work for their survival. Work sets a person's lifestyle—where you live, when you sleep and eat, the time with family, even your dress.

Another constant about work is the fact that God has a clear perspective on it, and we are to align our thoughts with His. Consider the following 8 principles that outline God's view of work:

1) Work is ordained by God. It was His creative invention from the beginning. The Bible declares that God worked (Genesis 1).

2) Work is for a lifetime. *By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground* (Genesis 3:19). Meaningful activity plays a critical role in being a human being - whether paid or volunteer.

3) Work is not a punishment. God did not create work as drudgery, but as a gift of fulfillment to life. A human being *can do nothing better than...find satisfaction in his work.* (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25)?

4) Work has three purposes: to provide money or resources to supply the necessities of life; to provide for a quality of life in the satisfaction of doing a job well; and to serve God.

5) Work calls for obedience. (Colossians 3:22). The *real* boss is Jesus Christ. See your job as service to Him .

6) Work should be done with excellence. You are to *render service, as to the Lord, and not to men* (Ephesians 6:6-7); not to be men-pleasers but God-pleasers.

7) Work is honorable. All work brings glory to God and fulfillment to you, if it is done to God's glory (1 Corinthians 10:31).

8) Work provides an opportunity for witness. You manifest a powerful message, both verbal and nonverbal, of a supernatural approach to work. (Matthew 5:16)

This is an excerpt from an article by James Eckman, published by Crosswalk.com.



The mission of Heidelberg UCC is to know our Savior and to let Him work through us as we reach out in worship, service, and witness to all. Our members love ministry and mission. We are excited about the new outreach starting this month. September 11th our Sunday School is back in session. Our children will be engaged in a new curriculum called Deep Sea Discovery and our classrooms are being turned into an ocean adventure theme. Our adults will be looking into how Science supports the Scriptures. During worship, we are having a special Remembrance Service. Afterwards, we will be having a Picnic and Road Rally as we kick off Rally Day.

We will participate in the Fall Festival Sept. 24th and Rocktoberfest Oct. 1st as we survey the needs of the community. Oct. 15th and 29th, we will be offering a seminar on Boundaries from 1 to 3 p.m. We will also be participating in the CROP walk in Lansdale Oct. 9th.

Over the summer, we participated with two other local churches to have a very successful Vacation Bible School for all ages, dinner included every night, sponsored entirely by the churches via a golf outing organized by our members.

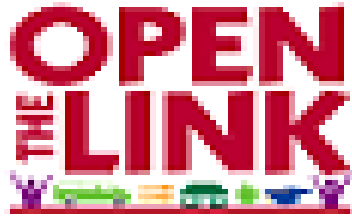
Throughout the year, we will be having a special Veteran's Day Service, participate in Angel Tree Gifts and Christmas Shoe Box distribution, and a Living Nativity. We partner with and support a variety of missions such as Manna On Main Street and Haven of Hope.

We also have a men's breakfast the 4th Saturday of each month, discussing important topics of special interest.

Thank you for partnering together with us in prayer today.



Prayers are requested for Heidelberg UCC in Hatfield and Rev. Dr. Marianne L. Unger .



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.

Red Hill Dental Office



Quakertown Dental Office

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:
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This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, September 4

9:00am Summer Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, September 5

Happy Labor Day

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, September 6

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

Wednesday, September 7

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 8

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Friday, September 9

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, September 10

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, September 11

9:00am Sunday School Rally Day

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Confirmands & Mentors Getting-To-Know-You Luncheon

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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