

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Open My Eyes That I May See" James Southbridge

Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.
Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

This is a place where all belong.

This is a time when all are accountable to God.

The Maker of all seeks our common good.

The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

We are not judges over our sisters and brothers.

We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.

Come to prepare yourself to serve Christ's name.

We bring all our needs to God, our hope.

We want to share faith and hope with others.

*Hymn #130 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, Giver of mercy, in Christ's name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness, and fill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Mark 7:24 – 37 (NRSV p. 819; LP p. 1574 – 1575)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #499**

“Lord, I Was Blind”

Sermon

“Speaking, Hearing, and Listening”

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

“Lord I Was Blind”

Emma Lou Diemer

***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**

**We give because you have been generous to us, gracious God.
We give because we need to give in order to realize your image
within us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that
are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this
church meet the needs of our members, our community, and
our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

***Hymn #557**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing”

Tom Birchwood

***All who are able, please stand.**

The flowers today are presented in honor of grandson Cooper's 1st birthday by Marilyn Roznowski.

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 Betty Luz, 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.

Bible Study

This week's online Bible Study will continue and advance our discussion about legitimacy, inspired by 1 Samuel 20:31. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

September Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Shane Raab (09/12), Owen Hoffman (09/21), Josie Kinsler (09/23), Hunter Korn (09/25), Thomas Colvin (09/29), Hayley Kriebel (09/30), Mackenzie Kriebel (09/30)

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.

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.

Brown Bag Lecture Series

On Wednesday, September 9th, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation by Candace Perry entitled “The Strange Case of Murder of Norman Bechtel.” When Boyertown native Norman Bechtel was murdered under unusual circumstances in Philadelphia in 1932, the newspapers were quick to call it a “hex murder,” similar to the slaying of Nelson Rehmeyer in York in 1928. The case went unsolved for five years as detectives pursued one false lead after another. This illustrated lecture will tell the tale of this unusual case of Bechtel’s untimely death, and how the media sensationalized it.

Harvest Home Food Drive

Please help us celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday, October 11th, by bringing in non-perishable food items. Food items may be brought starting today and until October 11th. Please place any items 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 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

November 1st, 22nd, and 29th.

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.

Treasurer's Report – August, 2015

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Starting operating cash on hand (8/1/2015)	\$ (1,816.56)	\$ 29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$33,579.12	\$200,389.78
Operating Expenses	\$15,604.41	\$213,557.41
Ending operating cash on hand (8/31/2015)	\$16,158.15	\$ 16,158.15

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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September 6, 2015

Faith Formation-It's Not Just About Sunday School

by Betsy Majewski

"Our role, then, as parents and adults who work with children, is to introduce and support spiritual practices that serve to mix and knead faith into the dough of children's lives."

Karen Marie Yust, "Real Kids, Real Faith: Practices for Nurturing Children's Spiritual Lives"

The lesson that morning in the Grades 1-6 class was the baptism of Jesus. I asked the children if they remembered their own baptism, and received the expected answer of "no", as all of them had been baptized at a very young age. However, they all knew something about their baptism, information like what happened that day, where they were baptized, and how they were baptized. I'm always encouraged when I hear these kinds of things, because that means the adults in these children's lives feel baptism is important and they are talking about it. I hope that means they are also sharing other stories of their faith.

The Faith Formation of a child does not begin and end with Sunday School. While of course this is a significant piece of it, just as significant is how the adults in the life of a child talk about and live out their faith. This is not limited to parents; it's about step-parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles too. If children see their adults taking their faith seriously and doing their best to apply it to all areas of their lives, they can see its importance. If children see their adults attending Sunday School and worship, reading the Bible at home, making time for prayer, and following the example of Jesus, they will see the importance of those things. If adults share their faith stories, children can learn it is not only the people they meet in the Bible who have encounters with God and Jesus, but that people in all times, including today, can meet and experience the Divine. These spiritual practices, along with the practice of Sunday School, are part of what "serve to mix and knead faith into the dough of children's lives."

So, keep up the good work adults! Keep sharing your faith stories, keep bringing your children to Sunday School, and then stay for a class yourself. Keep being an example of what it means to be a person of faith, and keep talking about it with your children. Someday they may just thank you for it.

Betsy Majewski is a Commissioned Minister of Christian Education and Youth Ministry currently serving at Good Shepherd UCC, Tuckerton.

Traveling Together

Upcoming Conference-wide Events - More info and online registration: psec.org

FOR EVERYONE

QUIET DAYS - Oct 6 from 9:30 am-1 pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road in East Greenville. They are designed to open new avenues of communing with God, and to provide an opportunity for sharing faith journeys and stories. Come and see what God has in store for you! No registration.

RADICAL WELCOME - Oct 20 from 9 am-3 pm at Hampton Inn and Suites Oaks in Phoenixville, PA 19460. Bring your best leadership team to hear Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers for the last of the CPR seminars. Together we will ensure that the best days of your church's future are ahead. Register by [Oct 12](#).

WALKING WITH GOD - Oct 23 to 25 *The Beauty of Darkness...and Light* at Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading, PA. We welcome everyone interested in or curious about Spirituality. Activities include Bible study, poetry, creative art, and movement, *optional* massage, hiking, resting and fellowship. Program will include a "Dialogue With the Dark" experience and small group reflection. Register by [Oct 9](#).

FOR CLERGY

PREACHING TO A FRAGMENTED CULTURE... Sep 21 from 10 am-3 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Boyertown with **Thomas G. Long**. In this workshop, we will explore three of the "voices" the Christian faith makes available and summons from preachers in order to communicate the gospel: the language of enchantment, the language of disruption, and the language of wisdom. We will reflect on upcoming lectionary texts to see what possibilities these texts afford for preaching in these voices. Register by [Sep 13](#).

BOUNDARY TRAINING - Oct 22 from 9 am-3 pm at First UCC in Schuylkill Haven with Stephen R. Treat, DMin, LMFT for the last of the PSEC Boundary Training sessions in 2015. Register by [Oct 14](#). *No walk-in registrations available.*

CLERGY MEN'S RETREAT - Oct 26-28 *NEW DATES Wild men, Warriors and Kings: Masculine Spirituality and the Bible* at the Kirkwood Retreat Center in Bangor, PA. Details and registration to follow.

CLERGY WOMEN'S RETREAT - Jan 12-14, 2016 *Behold, Your Life: Wisdom's Journey* at St. Raphaela Retreat Center in Haverford. Details to follow.

FOR MATURE ADULTS

VENTURES - Sep 22-24 *Praying Through the Ups and Downs of Life* at the Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading. Join us during this special time for adults who want to explore meaningful ideas and issues in a retreat setting. It is also a time for fun and fellowship, for renewing friendships and making new friends, as well as a time for personal reflection. Register by [Sep 11](#).

Prayers are requested for St. Peter's UCC in Topton and Rev. Roger Ulrich.

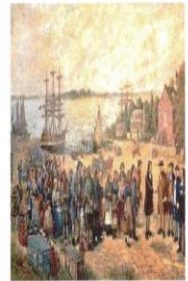
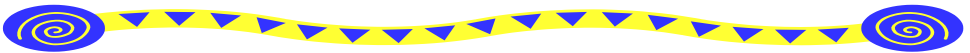




Rally Day



Help us kick off the new Sunday school year on Sunday, September 13th 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 27th 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 281st 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, 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

Monday, September 7

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, September 8

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:15pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

- 12:00pm Lecture Series at Schwenkfelder Library
and Heritage Center
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 10

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Friday, September 11

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, September 12

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, September 13

- 9:00am Rally Day Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Tuesday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00 – 3:00

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Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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