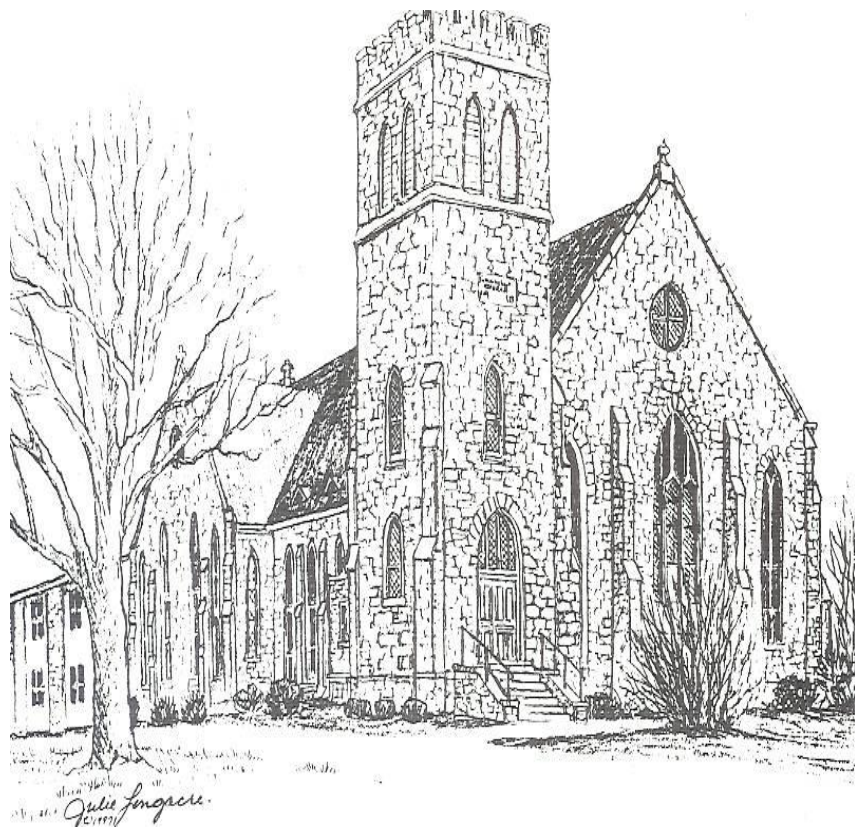


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Dale Wood

***Call to Worship**

Luke 15

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

***Hymn #22**

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Praise be unto you, God of mercy and might, and to your only begotten, Our Savior Jesus Christ. In spite of our sin, Christ calls us to ministry. Christ is patient and loving, reflecting your nature. We dishonor your name and persecute our neighbors; we are not deserving of the trust you place in us. We confess our wrongdoing and plead your forgiveness. Through Christ, accept us and cleanse us of all sin. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Luke 15:1 – 10 (NRSV p. 850; LP p. 1634 – 1635)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn #522**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Sermon

“The One and the Ninety Nine”

Senior Choir Anthem

“In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

Elton Roth
arr. Patti Drennan

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

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Lani Smith

***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 15:1–10

**We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been
found, sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been
restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep
and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn #561**

“Just a Closer Walk”

Postlude

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

Aaron Williams

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

The altar flowers are presented today in loving memory of Grace Fox by Richard and Merris Ann Hoffman.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Paul S. Gerhard by Betty Gerhard.

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:

Darlene Jones, Dick Guldin, Bill Wright, Rev. Bill Vanderslice, Rev. David McKinley, Jean Gabel, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Helen Miller, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, David Dotterer, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Mary Hartman, 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

The online Bible Study examines the dream portion of 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.

September 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 **today**, 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

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 church office for her address.

Brown Bag Lecture Series

On Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation by Mark Turdo entitled *Cider: Pennsylvania's Once and Future Favorite*. Mark is the museum curator, cider researcher, and guest cider maker for Blackledge Winery, and he will discuss cider making in Pennsylvania, including its importance, who made it, who drank it, and how it is being rediscovered today.

Gedächtnistag

Everyone is welcome to join us during the Sunday school hour on Day of Remembrance for a special slide show. Rev. David Luz will present an illustrated talk on significant Schwenkfelder sites in Poland and Germany. Through pictures from his past Heritage Tours to the Schwenkfelder Homelands, Dave will explain why these sites are significant to us as Schwenkfelders and how they appear today. Sites will include the Gemeindehaus, the Spitzberg, the Viehweg, Groditzberg Castle, Harpersdorf, and Görlitz. If you have never made the trek to the homelands of our spiritual forefathers, this is your chance to see sites in their country of origin. Then at 3:00 p.m., Palm will host our sister Schwenkfelder churches for the 282nd annual Day of Remembrance celebration of The Schwenkfelder Church. After a message by Rev. Leslie Kearney we will partake in the traditional meal of bread and apple butter. We hope you will be in attendance on Gedächtnistag - our special day of thanksgiving for safe passage to the New World in 1734.

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.

Treasurer's Report – August, 2016

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand Start of Month/Year	\$ 67.83	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$26,727.00	\$180,445.04
Operating Expenses	\$18,947.05	\$208,358.29
Ending Operating Cash on Hand – 8/31	\$ 7,847.78	\$ 7,847.78

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 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 may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.

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September 11, 2016

Remembering 9/11

The 15th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks are being remembered today around the communities of our Conference. One congregation is posting a flag for each victim. Another is lighting candles. A third has offered individual names of those killed and asked each church member to pray for one of their families.

Some of us are too young to have a memory of that day. Some only remember the fear of their parents and teachers who struggled to make meaning out of the confusion. The long memory of our elders flashed back to a similar day in December 1941. My attempts to help Zach and Justin, then 8 and 6 years old, understand why people hurt each other seemed wholly inadequate. So was the explanation that I might have to leave our family to join my activated reserve unit. Children don't get the concept of weakening the bonds of family to strengthen the bonds of the nation. Oh, to live in a world where they would never have to.

But, the terrible days that followed brought out our best selves. We took less for granted, helped our neighbors more, went to church and relearned the timeless and oft forgotten lesson that we are stronger together than we are apart. Regretfully and painfully, that lesson is nowhere present in this presidential election season and we seem more determined now than ever to disgrace the memory of 9/11 with deep and senseless division.

Were there only a group of people determined to live out of the connectedness that followed the aftermath of 9/11; people committed to live by their values and vision and not perpetual victimhood; a people whose unity of purpose was born from a higher call to a higher authority; whose lives were driven by love not legislation. The disciples of Jesus were those people. Now more than ever, the world needs us to be those people again. May God help us make it so.

- Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister

Getting to Know:

Bethany United Church of Christ

6545 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111

Bethany United Church of Christ is a family of faithful Christians on Rising Sun Avenue in northeast Philadelphia. We have been welcoming people to walk with Jesus for more than 100 years. Our congregation is blessed to share ministry in our building with Christian Fellowship, a Haitian congregation, and with Bethany Academy pre-school. This past year, we raised funds and also sent people from our congregation to engage in a joint-ministry with Christian Fellowship in Haiti. This fall, we are planning to host a Health Fair highlighting services available in our community, in addition to supporting a variety of local and conference-wide ministries.

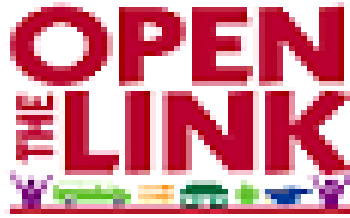
Bethany has enjoyed a long and close relationship with the Philadelphia Protestant Home (PPH). Several times each year, Bethany's pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jack F. Price, offers special studies for both church members and PPH residents. Every Christmas, a group of Bethany carolers goes to PPH to visit and sing for the residents and staff.



Pastor Jack F. Price leads us with interactive and energetic preaching firmly rooted in the best of Biblical scholarship. As a faith community, we are committed to living the journey of faith with integrity, optimism, and love. The greatest strength of Bethany is the spirit of her people who exhibit a deep commitment to caring for and supporting each other. This commitment extends to those in the neighborhood and our sisters and brothers in the Philadelphia Association and the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the UCC. Thank you for your continuing prayer support of Bethany and its ministry.



Prayers are requested for Bethany UCC in Philadelphia and Rev. Dr. Jack Fletcher Price.



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
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This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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](#)

Monday, September 12

- 11:00am [Board of Music Ministry Meeting](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 6:30pm [Buildings & Grounds Committee](#)
- 7:00pm [United Choir Rehearsal @ Central](#)
- 7:30pm [Board of Trustees](#)

Tuesday, September 13

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)
- 7:00pm [Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134](#)

Wednesday, September 14

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 12:00pm [Brown Bag Lecture Series @ SLHC](#)
- 6:00pm [Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 6:30pm [Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 7:30pm [Senior Choir Rehearsal](#)

Thursday, September 15

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Friday, September 16

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 4:00pm [Rehearsal for Callodonato Wedding](#)

Saturday, September 17

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 1:00pm [Callodonato Wedding](#)

Sunday, September 18

- 9:00am [Sunday School](#)
- 10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

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Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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