

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

RALLY DAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Lift High the Cross”

Robert Below

Prayer

***Call to Worship**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes,

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

***Hymn #229**

“Lift High the Cross”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and righteousness, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We say we love our neighbors, but we still make distinctions. We favor the rich and discount the poor.

We say we have faith, but our works do not show it; we preach Jesus Christ while we send the hungry away. While our lips praise you, our hands cast off strangers. We are not worthy to ask for your forgiveness except through the name of Christ, who pardoned the thief on the cross and forgave those who put him to death. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

James 3:1 – 12 (NRSV p. 981 – 982; LP p. 1894)

Mark 8:27 – 38 (NRSV p. 820; LP p. 1576 – 1577)

Children’s Sermon

Children's Church

Barb Master

***Hymn #737**

“Macedonia”

Sermon

“Taking Up The Cross”

Senior Choir Anthem

“Lord of the Dance”

Shaker Hymn
arr. Don Hart

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 Vision of a Dying World”

arr. Corliss Arnold

***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**

**O God, in Jesus you call us to follow; we come confessing that
he is the Christ. We offer ourselves to be filled with his
commandments. We dedicate our actions to match his desires.
We commit our intentions to be led by his Spirit. With all that
we have we seek to be faithful. Accept our endeavors and bless
our ambitions. Honor our commitment, in Christ's name we
pray. Amen.**

***Hymn #576**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Lift High the Cross”

Donald Busarow

*All who are able, please stand.

Both the bulletins and the flowers today are presented in memory of Grace Fox by Mr. and Mrs. Richard 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 Donald Baumer, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Darlene Jones, Susan Keyser, Donna Weller, June Smoll, Jeff Treichler, Bill Ludlow, Tim Eschbach, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Jean Gentry, Glenn Hoffman, Mary Hartman, Bob Frey, Sandy Zuchero, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Bryan Schwoyer, Clara Graber, Earl Yerger, Jen Fries, Doris Masemore, 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 Board of Christian Education.

Bible Study

The online Bible Study will open 1 Samuel 21 this week with informal, but reverent comment and reaction to the text. Is this a prayer answered nearly 2,000 years later? Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

September Youth Birthday's

Happy Birthday to... Shane Raab (9/12), Owen Hoffman (9/21), Josie Kinsler (9/23), Hunter Korn (9/25), Thomas Colvin (9/29), Hayley Kriebel (9/30), Mackenzie Kriebel (9/30)

Sunday School Theme 2015/2016

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!” Philippians 4:4
Throughout this new Sunday school year we are celebrating the joy we receive from God’s love and sharing that joy with others. May God’s joy ring out in your heart!

It’s Everyone’s Birthday at Rally Day!

This morning we kicked-off the new Sunday School year with a covered dish breakfast, face painting, and musical chairs! Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate ☺

Celebration Food Drive

Celebrate your giving by coming out or volunteering at our annual Redner's food drive in Red Hill on Saturday, October 10th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. All donations go to Open Link to contribute to the Deacon's Harvest Home collection. If you would like to help, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

A Year of Bible Birthdays ~ Opening Devotions

We are excited this year to share the scriptures of great Biblical leaders "the early years." Children will join in Bible verse repetitions and singing. All children (Toddlers through 6th grade) should be dropped off every morning in the Adult Sunday School classroom (next to the church office) before going to their classroom.

Children's Church ~ A Joyful Noise ☺

Children's church begins today. Children, ages 4 through grade 4, are invited upstairs for a lesson and snack after the children's sermon. Please consider helping out with this important ministry. Adult leaders are needed for other Sundays. There is a schedule of dates posted outside the church office. Children in 5th grade and up are invited to help the leader. Only one helper per Sunday is needed. Thanks for your help!

Snack Donations

It's time to stock up on some tasty snacks. Please drop off snack donations in the Narthex. Some favorites are: popcorn, gold fish crackers, pretzels, fruit snacks, and frosted animal crackers. Thank you.

Animals in Distress Final Collection

"A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal..." Proverbs 12:10
For the next two Sundays you may bring in any donations for cats or dogs, such as...toys, food, cat litter, or gift cards to any retail store that sells pet supplies. We will present these gifts to Animals in Distress on September 27th.

September Youth Hoagie Sale

It's lunch time! The youth will be selling Turkey and Italian hoagies after worship on September 27th to raise money for Animals in Distress. The profit from the hoagie sale will be presented to Animals in Distress that same day.

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.

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.

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)

Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Holiday Bazaar is a fun-filled day of good food, good fellowship, and many crafters offering holiday shopping. The Ladies’ Aid will be selling their cookbooks, candies, jellies, jams, and chow-chow. New this year to the Bazaar is homemade pickled cabbage. Holiday baked goods, breakfast cakes, pies, and cookies are also needed for the baked goods table. The cost to rent a table is \$20.00. If you would like to rent a table, volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact the church office at 215-679-5321.

Christmas Stockings

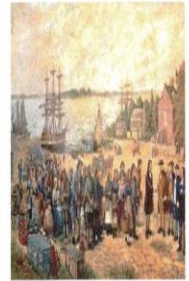
The Ladies’ Aid needs your help to fill Christmas stockings. We make a total of 75: 25 go to Pennsburg Manor, and 50 go to Norristown State Hospital. We try to put at least 6 items in each stocking. We would appreciate monetary gifts so that we can purchase the items and keep all the stockings the same. 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	\$ (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 (end of month)	\$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.



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.

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PSEC Virtual Resources

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About PSEC Read more about our churches, clergy, ministries, and partners, and download a copy of the 2015 Goals for PSEC.

Ministries Information about our PSEC ministries including: Disaster Response, Ecumenical Relations, Global Missions, Spiritual Life, Youth, and more.

Calendar & Events contains the PSEC calendar and lists Conference-wide (including PSEC Annual Meetings) and Local Church events for/at our PSEC churches. Churches can post their events using the form provided.

Resources Documents, forms, and links to resources for churches, clergy, search and call, spiritual life and stewardship/financial and Parish Papers.

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Directories Find the names and email info for our Associations, Conference Staff, Consistory and Church Council, Authorized Pastors, Retired and Sunday Supply Pastors, and PSEC Churches.

Help us spread the word about the mission and ministry of United Church of Christ here in southeastern Pennsylvania. [Like us on Facebook](#) (UCCpaSE) and share pictures of the Happenings at your church. [Follow us on Twitter](#) (uccpase) to learn the latest and greatest. If you have difficulty finding us, just click on the icons on [psec.org](#). See you on the internet!



Zwingli is a welcoming and diverse congregation that strives to provide a nurturing place for spiritual growth, service, fellowship and community engagement. We believe worship is the heart of the church's life. Seeking to glorify God, worship blends a variety of styles and music and embraces the participation of members of all ages. We are blessed with an active educational program, youth group and other small group ministries. Among other special events, Zwingli organizes a Holiday House Tour in December and hosts a music series throughout the year.

God's call to serve has inspired a passion for mission. We've been connected with the Interfaith Hospitality Network since 1998, housing homeless families at our church the month of April, a ministry involving 70-80 volunteers! Mission trips to Haven of Hope in Philadelphia and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS in recent years have deepened our faith practice. A 5 for 5 congregation, we joyfully support CROP Walk, Philabundance, Keystone Opportunity Center, the local Boys and Girls Club, Bethany Children's Home and much more!

Founded in 1887, Zwingli moved to its Wile Avenue location in 1962. Suffering a devastating fire in June 2008, the congregation was displaced for over three years. We worshipped at the Boys and Girls Club on Sundays, seven other locations for special services, with offices in another town. Thanks to God's grace, the faith of Zwingli's members, and the generosity and help of so many in the community, we were able to continue vital ministry and mission while rebuilding.

Though overjoyed to return in 2011, we came to appreciate deeply that the church is indeed the people!

Seeking to center our lives in Christ, and to be faithful to God in a constantly changing world, we've been inspired to develop a 2020 vision. Please discover more at www.zwingli.org!



Prayers are requested for Zwingli UCC and Rev. Louis E. Kuykendall, Jr.





When the World says:
Give Up,
Hope whispers:
Try it one more time.

The Other Faces of Addiction

How to take care of yourself when someone
you love struggles with addiction.

Please Join Us

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

6:00PM - 8:00PM

South Hall Room 221
Montgomery County Community College
101 College Drive, Pottstown
(Video Conferenced from Main Campus)

You'll learn:

- Strategies that will provide feelings of hope instead of helpless while living with a loved one's addiction.
- What is my role in the addiction cycle? Ways to establish healthy, personal boundaries and change the relationship dynamics.

For additional information, please contact: Eileen Lafferty 610-278-3538 or elaffert@montcopa.org

Hosted by the Montgomery County Office of Drug and Alcohol
Sponsored by the MCCC Student Support and Referral Team



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, September 13

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

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop
- 7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, September 16

- 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 17

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

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Sunday School Teacher Meeting
- 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: Deb Callodonato

Ushers: Karl Badman, Craig Kriebel, Barb Master, Kevin Master

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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