

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Dale Wood

***Call to Worship**

There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals.
Jesus Christ is our mediator, healer, and savior.

We bring all our pain and unresolved anger.

We come in all our confusion to seek answers.

Bring all your urgent prayers and honest laments.

God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.

We cry out to God for deliverance from our sin.

We cry out for relief from our suffering.

***Hymn #72**

“To God Be the Glory”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Luke 16; Psalm 79:9

Gracious God, you know our sin: we have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name’s sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture:

Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1 (NRSV p. 619; LP p. 1192)
1 Timothy 2:1 – 7 (NRSV p. 963; LP p. 1857)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #611**

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Sermon

"A Balm in Gilead"

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

"It Is Well with My Soul"

arr. Harold DeCou

***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**

Redeemed by Christ and gathered to praise you, we come with thanksgiving, O God our savior. You relieve our hunger and quench our thirst. You fill us with good things and satisfy our needs. How shall we respond to such goodness and mercy? By committing all that we have to your honor and glory. Accept our offerings and receive our tributes, for they belong to you. Amen.

***Hymn #369**

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Postlude

"To God Be the Glory"

Garrett Parker

***Benediction**

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

The altar flowers are presented today in honor of Averie Stitt's 1st birthday by grandparents John and Lisa Stitt.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Marvin Taylor by Brian and Renée Shelly.

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:

Edmund Kuhns, Darlene Jones, Dick Guldin, Bill Wright, Brandon Komark, Rev. Bill Vanderslice, Rev. David McKinley, Jean Gabel, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Helen Miller, Goldie Graber, Kylena 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 will continue work on King Saul's encounter with the witch of Endor in 1 Samuel 28. Get involved by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

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)

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.

Please send your cards to Grace at:

Frederick Living
1211 Magnolia
P.O. Box 498
Frederick, PA 19435

Gedächtnistag

Everyone is welcome to join us **next Sunday, September 25th**, during the Sunday school hour for a special Day of Remembrance 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 18, 2016

National Preparedness Month

September is **National Preparedness Month**! Are you ready for when disaster strikes? What if there was an **app** to make you more aware of severe weather, help you prepare for an emergency and ultimately make you, your friends and family more disaster ready? Would you download it?

The FEMA app is free to download on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#). It's packed with features that make it useful and informative.

Be a Leader. You can help make difference and lead your family, church, or business to take action and prepare. On any given day, you may just find it to be the most important app on your phone.

The mission of PSEC Disaster Ministries is to prepare congregations to deal with disaster events by providing preparedness training and acting as a communication nexus for receiving and dispersing human services referrals, volunteer relief opportunities, recovery supplies availability, and timely information on disaster management. PSEC Disaster Ministries represents PSEC in its work with other faith-based and community organizations.

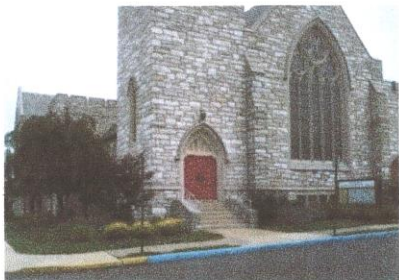
For more information visit the [psec.org](#) website: click *About PSEC*, click *Our Ministries*, click *Disaster Ministries*.



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Rosedale United Church of Christ is a welcoming community of faith devoted to making a difference both inside and outside the walls of our church. While “old standards,” such as our fine music and Christian Education programs, and fundraising/fellowship events like our apple

dumpling sales and ham and roast beef dinners continue, we are also making a concerted effort to focus on community outreach; to serve the people of our community in new and different ways.

As we are currently in the midst of a pastoral search, considerable time and effort has been concentrated on looking toward our future, trying to discern what God is calling us to do next. To that end, a new Evangelism Team was formed last year, with the intent to direct new energy toward greater and more hands-on involvement in the Laureldale community that surrounds us. While we have been heavily involved in the Muhlenberg Churches’ Pantry for several years, we are also exploring different avenues of service, such as providing meeting space for the Trans-Berks Support Group, as well as the addition of a monthly “Storytime,” led by church members, for children in both the community and the congregation. Last year, we offered a “Safe Halloween” event for Laureldale and the surrounding communities, with approximately 400 children and parents stopping by for goodie bags, hot dogs, and hot chocolate. This event is being repeated this year, and we are also going to participate in Laureldale’s first “Harvest Fest” in October.

As we contemplate the possibility of additional new ministries, we look forward with great anticipation to what God has in store for us in our next chapter as Rosedale United Church of Christ.



Prayers are requested for Rosedale UCC in Laureldale and Rev. Jo Ellen Mauger.



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.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, September 18

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

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

Monday, September 19

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

7:00pm [Board of Christian Education Meeting](#)

Tuesday, September 20

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

7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)

7:00pm [Mission Board](#)

Wednesday, September 21

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

6:00pm [Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)

6:30pm [Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)

7:30pm [Senior Choir Rehearsal](#)

Thursday, September 22

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

7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Board of Review](#)

Friday, September 23

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

Saturday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 25

9:00am [Combined Sunday School for Gedächtnistag](#)

10:15am [Gedächtnistag Worship Service](#)

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

3:00pm [Day of Remembrance Celebration at Palm](#)

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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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Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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Greeter: Deb Callodonato

Ushers: Joanne Jalowy, Kay Kleppinger, Rick Kleppinger, Matt Wright

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