

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Bless This House of Worship”

Joseph Martin

***Call to Worship**

Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

They are like trees planted along streams of water.

In all that they do they prosper.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

**May God number us with the righteous
as we worship the Lord.**

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #563**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for our complacent attitudes and self-serving comforts. We do not relish the thought of sacrificing for some larger good we cannot see, for people with whom we find it difficult to identify. We compare ourselves favorably against many who seem less attuned to your purpose than we, forgetting that our true standard is Christ Jesus. We ask you to take from us all the bitterness, envy, and anger that stands in the way of your reign. May all we ask of you be for the common good of all your children. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Mark 9:30 – 37 (NRSV p. 821; LP p. 1579)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Lisa Stitt

***Hymn #470**

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

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

“Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Dale Wood

***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**

Mighty Redeemer, whose judgment is righteous and whose mercy has no bounds, we bring you our offerings in response to your grace. You sent Christ, who calls us; we give you commitment. You gave the Spirit to nurture us; we enthusiastically follow. You provide the commandments as guidance; we seek to obey you. Take us and use us to fulfill your will. Amen.

***Hymn #426**

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Lord Whose Love through Humble Service”

Gordon Young

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Woodrow and Esther Miller by Karen and Richard Nace.

The flowers are presented today by Brian and Renee Shelly in loving memory of Renee’s father, Marvin Taylor.

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:

Vern Weller, Howard Master, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Brian Schwoyer, Darlene Jones, Susan Keyser, Donna Weller, June Smoll, Jeff Treichler, Bill Ludlow, Tim Eschbach, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Sandy Zuchero, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Clara Graber, Earl Yerger, Jen Fries, Doris Masemore, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Karen Freed, 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

Ongoing discussion drove last week's online Bible Study. This time we again plan to open 1 Samuel 21. See if our plan works out by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

September Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to... Shane Raab (9/12), Owen Hoffman (9/21), Josie Kinsler (9/23), Hunter Korn (9/24), 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!

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 Deacons' Harvest Home collection. If you would like to help, you may sign up in the Narthex.
*Special need request for peanut butter to help supply school lunches.

Teacher Meeting

Today after worship there will be a meeting for all Sunday school teachers and for any leaders that work with the youth.

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 SS classroom (next to the church office) before going to their classroom.

Children’s Church ~ A Joyful Noise ☺

Children’s church is under way! Ages 4 years thru 4th grade go upstairs for a lesson and snack after the children’s sermon. Adult leaders are needed, please consider helping out with this important ministry. If you have questions you may see any one of the Board of Christian Education members. The list of members is posted next to the sign-up sheet. Parents ~ if your child has allergies, please notify the leader of the day.

Snack Donations

You may place donations for children’s church snacks in the Narthex. We will collect for the next two Sundays. Thanks ☺

Animals in Distress Final Collection

“A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal...” Proverbs 12:10
This Sunday and next Sunday you may bring in any donations for cats and 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 next Sunday, September 27th.

September Youth Hoagie Sale Bash!

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.

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.

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, Deeper Into Scripture: 2 Thessalonians

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.

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.

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.

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.

Kerensa Dempsey

2410 Foxmeadow Circle

Royersford, PA 19468-1574

Gladys Frantz (10/1/15)

153 Ridgeview Estates

Harleysville, PA 19438

Edmund and Grace Kuhns

P.O. Box 548

Oaktree Court #314

Frederick, PA 19435



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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September 20, 2015

Next Sunday We Celebrate American Indian Ministry Sunday

Written by: Rev. Wanda D. Craner, Minister of Spiritual Nurture, PSEC.

Dedicated to my great grandfather, great grandmother, and grandfather.

Next Sunday, **September 27**, has been designated as American Indian Ministry Sunday by the United Church of Christ. The United Church of Christ tries, as best we are able, to uplift the variety among us, and to help us be in touch with the unique challenges of our brothers and sisters across the denomination.

I remember as a child walking in newly ploughed fields around my home searching for Indian arrowheads, and I was lucky to find one or two. My uncle was especially interested in American Indian ways and heritage; our family and his would find ourselves gathering annually and sleeping in a full size teepee during a pow wow celebration. My uncle would participate in the dances, as the drummers in a circle would provide the heart beat of movement. Somehow, I too, was drawn to Indian spirituality and culture. It was years later, while investigating my family tree that I learned that my great grandfather was Seneca Iroquois of the Mingo tribe. This fact was a closely guarded secret as my great grandmother had fallen in love with my biological great grandfather, and became pregnant with child - my grandfather. Because of racial prejudice my great grandmother was forbidden to have anymore contact with her Indian suitor. She quietly gave birth, and later married a man who was deemed "acceptable."

For me, the discovery that I was part American Indian was a deep blessing. It was a missing piece of the puzzle of my family history, and perhaps explained why I was curiously drawn to the Indian spirit. At the same time I grieved the prejudice and pain that my great grandmother and my great grandfather must have experienced. I was saddened that my grandfather never had the opportunity to connect with his father. I was pained that skin color and cultural differences created separation, fear, and distrust. I found myself praying for the healing of the generations of my family. I prayed for forgiveness. I prayed for hope and God's grace to move in the present and future generations so that prejudice and injustice would end. I still pray. I thanked God for filling in the missing piece of my heritage.

As we approach American Indian Sunday, I find myself singing the song, "Different is beautiful. God bless variety. Just look around and see...Different is beautiful, beautiful, beautiful..."

Prayers are requested for Pilgrim Community Church
UCC in Philadelphia and Rev. James M. Neal.

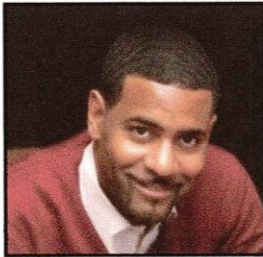


Join the Events and Support the Pope's Call to Climate Action



Climate change is profoundly impacting God's creation and people, with the poorest and most vulnerable bearing the greatest consequences. The effects of increasing droughts,

floods, wildfires, extreme weather and rising sea levels can be measured in lost lives, higher food prices, poorer health and billions of dollars in disaster relief. Our faith demands that we act now.



Rev. Dr. Otis Moss
III, Trinity UCC

Pope Francis will be in the United States Sep. 22-27, visiting Washington DC, New York and Philadelphia. In Washington DC, on **Sep. 23**, the Pope will meet with President Obama, visit with US Bishops (St. Matthews), and hold a Canonization Mass (Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception).

On Thu., Sep. 24, Pope Francis will give a historic address to a joint session of the US Congress and visit St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Join faith leaders online through the [livestream](#) at [cathedral.org](#) on Thu, Sep.

24 from 7:30 to 9 pm at the National Cathedral in Washington DC, for an evening of celebration, prayer, praise and song to inspire faith and climate leaders and extend Pope Francis' call for action on climate change and creation care. The program will feature denominational, interfaith and climate leaders from



Rev. Sharon Watkins
Christian Church (DOC)

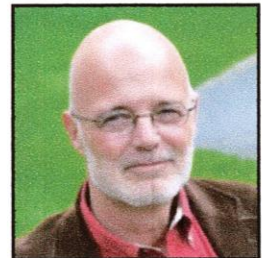
across America.

On Fri., Sep. 25 from 8:30 - 11:30 am join 150 faith and climate leaders at the Washington National Cathedral to share experiences and ideas for building support for climate solutions in our congregations, communities and nation. Will include a livestream viewing of Pope Francis' address to the United Nations General Assembly in NY. Wherever you are, you too can organize a local gathering in your home or in your church because the National Cathedral event will be live streamed:

[cathedral.org/events/20150924ClimateProgram.shtml#.VenPq3vSjco](#)



Rev. John C. Dorhauer
UCC



Rev. Brian McLaren
Author, Speaker, Activist



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 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

Monday, September 21

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

- 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 24

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, September 25

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 5:00pm Walter/Karaskiewicz Rehearsal

Saturday, September 26

- 12:00pm Walter/Karaskiewicz Wedding
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, September 27

- 9:00am Day of Remembrance Sunday School
- 10:15am Day of Remembrance Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 3:00pm Day of Remembrance Celebration @ Meadowood

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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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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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