

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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**PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**  
**GEDÄCHTNESTAG**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**  
**MORNING SERVICE**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“Majesty”

Douglas Wagner

**\*Call to Worship**

*Psalm 91:15*

When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.

**I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them.**

With thanksgiving and praise,

**Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn #98**

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace, we stand in need of your forgiveness. Desiring to be rich, we fall into temptation. Love of money ensnares us. Enough does not satisfy. The more we acquire, the greater our greed becomes. We become prosperous in our own eyes, and poor in your sight. Through Christ the Giver of life, rescue us from self-destruction. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture:**

Psalm 91:1 – 6, 14 – 16 (NRSV p. 477 – 478; LP p. 929 – 930)

1 Timothy 6:6 – 19 (NRSV p. 965 – 966; LP p. 1861 – 1862)

**Children’s Sermon**

**Children’s Church**

No Children’s Church Today

**\*Hymn #663**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

**Sermon**

“Life That Really Is Life”

**Men’s Choir Anthem**

“All to Us”

**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**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Franklin Ritter

**\*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**

*1 Timothy 6*

**God who gives life to all things, and richly provides us with  
everything, use these, our offerings, to take hold of, and show  
us, the life that really is. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

“100th Anniversary Hymn”

Pence and Jacob

Let those here unite together, called by faith in Christ alone  
Lifting up our hearts to praise You, for the glories You have done  
Joined together as one body, we commit ourselves anew  
To proclaim the Gospel story, singing out both clear and true

In the years of toil and struggle, through blood, sweat and tears of pain  
Your own hand has always led us counting losses all as gain  
Draw us closer to your calling by our faith in Christ alone  
Lead us all in celebration for the grace that You have shown

We bring now to lay before You, not just stones but lives of praise,  
And we seek your Spirit’s blessings on the ministries we raise  
May we give to You the glory, and not seek it as our own  
For in Christ, our Lord and Savior, come all blessings we have known

**\*Benediction**

\*All who are able, please stand.

The altar flowers are presented today in honor of Melissa and Zachary Marks’ wedding anniversary by Tara and Bryan Renninger.

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

**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.

**Day of Remembrance Celebration**

Please join us later today, at 3:00 p.m., when Palm will host our sister Schwenkfelder churches for the 282<sup>nd</sup> annual Day of Remembrance celebration of The Schwenkfelder Church. At the conclusion of the afternoon service and after a message by Rev. Leslie Kearney, we will partake in the traditional meal of bread and apple butter. We hope you will attend this year’s celebration of Gedächtnestag - our special day of thanksgiving for safe passage to the New World in 1734.

## *... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family...*

### **This week, please keep in your daily prayers:**

Ethel Soffa, 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, 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 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.

### **H.E.R.O.**

Helpful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Optimistic!

On Rally Day kids had fun coming up with other heroic words that start with the letters in our acronym. This year, kids will be heroes too, learning how they can act with their friends and their church community. We talked about Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out! When you recognize heroic behavior, let them know.

### **Harvest Home Food Drive**

Palm youth is pairing up with the Deacons to collect food for Open Link. Please feel free to bring in non-perishable food items or toiletries each Sunday now thru October 9<sup>th</sup>, at which time the items will be blessed.

### **Holy Bible App by YouVersion**

YouVersion Bible app has many features. Every day you receive a "Verse of the Day" that uplifts a Bible verse. There are devotionals covering a variety of topics for adults, teens, and kids. You may also choose a plan to read the entire Bible in a year. You can watch videos and find friends that are also reading the Bible app. Simply go to your app store and type in "youversion bible app free" and download to begin!

### **Bible for Kids by YouVersion**

Type in, "Bible for kids free" to begin your kid's journey with Christ. New format, same great stories! Great for kids who aren't reading independently. Interactive and fun for all ages!

### **Youth Food Drive**

Palm youth will hold a food drive at the Redners in Red Hill on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for one hour shifts.

## **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)

## **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.

## **World Communion Sunday**

Please join us next Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. On the bread plates will also be gluten-free wafers for those with gluten sensitivity.

## **God Pokes and God Sightings**

Join us for the annual School of Christ on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at Central Schwenkfelder Church. He pokes us individually. Sometimes that is just so we will see His Hand in stunning changes in the world and in His Church. Sometimes it is so we will take part directly. Help us celebrate the Mighty Works of the Lord in our own lifetime! What should we tell our children and grandchildren? Bring them! They may ask questions that we never imagined.

## **Card Shower**

Please help us celebrate Grace Beard on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a card shower. Grace's birthday is October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please send your cards to Grace at:

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

## Help Support the United Schwenkfelder Choir

The United Schwenkfelder Choir is seeking your financial support in order to carry out its ministry of music. If you wish to be a donor, please contact Beth Croll, Anne Goda, Bill Ludlow, Lee Schultz, Rev. Nick Pence, or Ed Bieler.

The following giving options are available:

The **Patron** level requires a contribution of **\$5** or more

The **Contributor** level requires a contribution of **\$10** or more

The **Sponsor** level requires a contribution of **\$25** or more

The **Business Card** level requires a contribution of **\$35** or more, along with your business card which will be slightly reduced and reproduced in our concert program. The deadline for all donations is Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to support the choir with your attendance at this year's performance. Mark your calendar for the concerts which will be held Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Dates available for bulletin sponsorship are:

October 30<sup>th</sup>; November 20<sup>th</sup>; December 25<sup>th</sup>

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 25, 2016

## **“Tell Me The Stories of Jesus” Christian Education Gathering-October 2, 2016**

By Betsy Majewski

**“Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear ;Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here; Scenes by the wayside, Tales of the Sea; Stories of Jesus, Tell them to me”**

Those words written by William H. Parker come from one of my favorite childhood hymns. We sang it often in Sunday School as we got ready to hear those stories of Jesus (and Moses and David and Mary and Paul and many, many others). These stories are an important part of our faith formation. As we read and study these stories led by a good Christian educator, we can imagine and explore and wonder and learn what they mean to each of us. And as we spend that time with those good educators and other classroom staff, we can know how much we are loved and learn to show love in ways the world doesn't always teach.

Good Christian Education teachers don't just happen. It requires a love of God and Christ, a desire to share that with others, love for their students, and the tools and support needed to be best they can be. Some of the best tools for teaching come from those of us who do it, and a great place for support is from the community of church educators.

To offer those tools and support, there will be a conference-wide gathering for anyone who has an interest in Christian Education. All are welcome to meet on Sunday October 2, 2016 at UCC Christ Church 1003 W. Marshall St. Norristown, PA 19401 from 3 pm until 5 pm. On the agenda is discussion of best practices along with ideas for your ministry for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Each participant is requested to bring Thanksgiving, Advent, and/or Christmas ideas, suggestions, pageants, plays, curriculum, etc., to share with others.

There is no fee, but in order to know how many people are coming, please register by September 28, 2016 by emailing Betsy Majewski ([bmajewski10@aol.com](mailto:bmajewski10@aol.com)) or Donna Mosebach ([ddmosebach@gmail.com](mailto:ddmosebach@gmail.com)). You can also contact Betsy or Donna with any questions. Monetary donations are welcome (but not required) at the gathering to offset the cost of refreshments. Hope to see lots of you there!



## Getting to Know :

## New Jerusalem UCC

33 Lyons Rd., Fleetwood, PA 19522

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the PSEC,

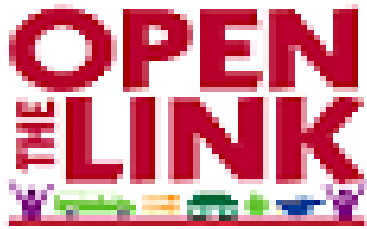
New Jerusalem UCC, Fleetwood is a small congregation in a rural setting. We recently celebrated our 175th anniversary. Eighteen years ago, after sharing a building with our Lutheran neighbors for many years, we built a new, no-steps-to-negotiate, completely handicapped accessible building that houses our sanctuary, offices and Sunday school classrooms. We are grateful that we can serve our community by providing space for three Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and two Al-Anon meetings each week; we are also having conversations with Nar-Anon. A ministry for veterans is new to us. In 2017 the VA will begin using our building to provide counseling and support services for veterans, as well as informational meetings for the spouses of deceased veterans regarding VA benefits that are available. We help to support a local food pantry and a Loaves and Fishes meal ministry. In 2014 we voted to begin the process of becoming an open and affirming church.



There are many challenges that come with being a small congregation. Thanks to a solid core of dedicated volunteers, our shoo-fly pie sales help to significantly support our annual budget—more than 4,000 pies are made each year! In an effort to change with the times and adapt to the spiritual needs of a new generation, we have been rethinking the way we utilize our sanctuary space on Sunday morning and the style of worship we offer. We are also currently looking to partner with another congregation to combine resources and explore new possibilities for ministry. Even though we are small in number, New Jerusalem UCC is always looking for new ways to serve in Christ's name.



Prayers are requested for Rev. James Dunn and the congregation of New Jerusalem UCC in Fleetwood.



## **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](mailto:volunteers@theopenlink.org).**

## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **Sunday, September 25**

- 9:00am Combined Sunday School for Gedächtnstag
- 10:15am Gedächtnstag Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 3:00pm Day of Remembrance Celebration at Palm

### **Monday, September 26**

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

### **Tuesday, September 27**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

### **Wednesday, September 28**

- 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 29**

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

### **Friday, September 30**

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

### **Saturday, October 1**

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

### **Sunday, October 2**

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am World Communion Worship Service
- 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 through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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