

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

HARVEST HOME

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Let All Things Now Living”

Raymond Hann

***Call to Worship**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders that God has done.

How in the daytime the Lord led them with a cloud, and all night long with fiery light.

He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

Let us drink deeply of the Lord's goodness as we come into God's courts with praise!

***Hymn #381**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. How often we do not do what we intended! What we confess is not how we act. We hear your word preached and we give our assent, but faith is found wanting when it comes time to obey. We are confronted by conflict; decisions are called for. Our desires are at odds with what you command and we do not do what you wish. O God, have mercy upon us and in Christ forgive us. Give us the strength to do your will. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Exodus 17:1 – 7 (NRSV p. 56; LP p. 111)

Philippians 2:1 – 13 (NRSV p. 954; LP p.1837 – 1838)

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #375**

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Sermon

“Our Own Interests”

Senior Choir

“The Earth Is the Lord’s”

Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

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

“Come, Ye Thankful People”

Hugo Gehrke

***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**

We empty our pockets, trusting you, O God. We empty our selfish ambitions, believing that the common good is of greater concern. We give because you have richly blessed us. We present ourselves in your service because you have gifted us in so many ways. We reach out helping hands because we care about all those you have called us to love. May every tongue confessing Christ as Savior share in that mind which so powerfully demonstrates your love. Amen.

***Hymn #53**

“Let All Things Now Living”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Let All Things Now Living”

Paul Otte

*All who are able, please stand.

Today’s altar flowers are presented in honor of Bob and Donna and Jake Callodonato’s birthdays.

Today’s bulletins are sponsored in honor of Shirley Miller’s 70th birthday by Gladys Frantz.

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:

Donald Long, Jen Fries, Brad Hoffman, Vera Boykin, Richard Hoffman, Clark Schultz, Bryan Schwoyer, Jean Gentry, Doris Masemore, Wanda Gentry, Charlie Krauss, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Barbara Kirwin, Karen Freed, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Mary Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, 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

This week's online Bible Study will circulate two Discussion Notes, building on our last two Study Notes, concerning 1 Samuel 16:7 and Jesse, the Father of David. To take part in the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Children's Church

Children's church has started up for the new school year. After the children's sermon all children from 4 years of age thru 4th grade are invited upstairs to participate. Parent pick up is upstairs in the children's church room. A snack is provided, so please advise the leader if your child has food allergies or food restrictions.

Children's Church Sign-ups

Please consider helping out with this very important ministry. One adult and one helper (4th grade or above) is needed each week. You may plan your own lesson or activity, or you may use the lesson given to you for your week. In the past books were brought in and read to the children, such as The Giving Tree and The Quilt Maker's Gift. Wonderful Christian-based lessons are found in these books. Thank you to all past leaders! The kids look forward to seeing you again!

Snack Donations for Children's Church

It's time to stock up on some tasty snacks. Please drop off snacks in the Narthex. Favorites: popcorn, gold fish crackers, pretzels, fruit snacks, frosted animal crackers. Thanks ☺

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” Matthew 4:19

We are continuing our acts of kindness punch card program for our youth members. You may begin at any time to recognize an act of kindness being carried out by our youth. Together we can help shape Christian behaviors that will last a lifetime.

Open Link Delivery

Help is needed this Tuesday, September 30th at 5:30pm to deliver the Harvest Home food collection to Open Link. If you can help, contact Barb Master at 610-295-2190 or sign up at the Open Link collection table in the Narthex. All participating youth will receive 5 card punches and this will count towards Community Service for the Confirmation class.

Younger Youth Fall Event

If you are in 4th grade or younger, join us on Sunday, October 12th after worship in the social hall for pumpkin painting and seed cooking. Pumpkins and lunch will be provided. Wear your Halloween costume! Parents do not have to stay. Kids need to be signed up by next Sunday, Oct. 5th so the correct amount of supplies can be purchased. Please see the flyer in the Narthex for more details.

Older Youth Fall Event

If you are in 5th grade or above, join us on Friday, October 10th at Wilcox Farms for 8 miles of corn maze trails, followed by a sleep over at Palm Church! Bring your flashlight, snacks, and sleep items. We are looking for 1 additional chaperone and we are asking that no younger children attend. Please see the flyer in the Narthex for details.

Sunday School Room Committee

Currently, a committee is being formed to help spruce up the Sunday school classrooms. Beginning with the Toddler room and moving through all the classrooms, this committee will evaluate each room and propose improvements to the Board of Trustees. Once approved, this committee will work together to execute the plan and fundraise if necessary. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please see anyone on the Board of Christian Education, or sign up on the sheet outside of the church office.

Nursery

When there is no one available to supervise the nursery, parents are welcome to use the nursery but are responsible for their children. If anyone is interested in providing child supervision, please contact Gregg Hoffman.

Children's Choir

Attention, past and potential Children's Choir members!! Whether you are a former member or someone looking to join our enthusiastic group, the new season is approaching quickly! Practices are held on Wednesdays, in the Adult Sunday School classroom at our regular practice time from 5:30-6:00. Our first performance will be October 12th. Again this year there will only be ONE children's choir. Come on out and join in the fun!

Junior Bells

The junior bell choir is looking for a few new ringers for the 2014 – 2015 season. Children in grades 2—12 are welcome to come out and join us. We start practices promptly at 6:00 on Wednesday evenings and play in church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. No previous musical experience is required. Contact Beth Croll (bethcroll@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

United Schwenkfelder Choir Seeking New Members

The United Schwenkfelder Choir is a non-denominational choir that is made up of 80+ voices, representing membership in over 30 churches from Montgomery and Bucks counties. We have begun rehearsals (at the Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, PA) for our annual concerts. We will present a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 7th. Any individual who enjoys singing is welcome to join! No auditions are required. Rehearsals are held in the air-conditioned Central Schwenkfelder Church, located on Valley Forge Road (Route 363), just north of Skippack Pike (Route 73) from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. each Monday evening from September 8th until the concerts. For additional information, contact choir president Dennis Alderfer at (215) 393–9974.

Endowment for Continuing Education

The Palm Schwenkfelder Church family extends its congratulations to Christopher Mundy, the recipient of our 2014 Endowment for Continuing Education Scholarship award. Christopher is enrolled in a four year program at the University of Delaware Honors College and will pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in the field of Chemical Engineering. He is a graduate of Upper Perkiomen High School and ranked fourth in a senior class of 263 students. Christopher is a past recipient of the American Chemistry Society award and was a member of the Technology Student Association and the National Honor Society. He also served as the captain of his high school's soccer team and has participated at Palm Schwenkfelder Church with the youth group, bell choir, and the Men of Palm Chicken Barbecue. Christopher's future goals include using his background in chemical engineering in the development of alternative energy sources! Since 1997 – 98, The Endowment of Continuing Education scholarship has been awarded to 18 members of our church. Thank you to all who have supported our students through annual giving and estate planning. The future of this program depends upon your generosity. To learn more about the Endowment for Continuing Education, please contact the church office or any member of the endowment committee. Committee members include Kathy Bieler, Carol Carlin-Woodward, Anne Goda, Tom Long, and Emily Ross.

World Communion Sunday

Please join us on October 5th as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. On the bread plates will also be gluten-free wafers for those with gluten sensitivity.

Welcome Back, Pastor Nick!

Join with your church family for a Covered Dish dinner in two weeks on Saturday, October 11th, to celebrate Pastor Nick's return. Bring your favorite hot dish, salad or dessert to share. Dinner will begin at 5:00pm. After dinner, Pastor Nick will regale us with pictures and stories from his time of sabbatical. It's sure to be fun! Hope to see you there!

A Fresh Take on School of Christ

School of Christ will take place on Sunday October 19, 2014 from 3:00pm to about 5:00pm. The theme will be "Faith Journeys," and this gathering will help us recognize where and how the Holy Spirit has been with us in our individual lives. We hope that, through small-group sharing, believers will be more aware of God's presence, grow stronger in faith, and become more at ease in sharing with non-believers. In the narthex are copies that explain and give an example of the program, which is to be held in small groups. Please bless others with your participation.

Mark Your Calendar! Ladies' Aid Annual Harvest Dinner Buffet

The annual Ladies' Aid Harvest Dinner Buffet is scheduled for October 4, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Please plan to join us for a delicious dinner featuring roast beef and turkey and all the trimmings. Price is \$12.00 for adults--\$6.00 for children 6 to 12—and free for children under 6. We need your help with desserts! (Please) Since Schwenkfelders are famous for delicious homemade baked goods, it is our hope that you will consider donating an item or two. Fancy cakes, pies, cookies and cupcakes are always popular items for the dessert table. Thank you in advance for helping us to make this our best dinner ever! Hope to see you there! We will not be having a bake sale table at the dinner this year. We are saving those goodies for our Election Day bake sale on November 4th.

Neighbors in Need

Next Sunday, October 5th, we will be receiving the annual Neighbors in Need Special Offering on behalf of the United Church of Christ (UCC). Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. This year's theme is 'Imagining' and focuses on literacy, and educational, initiatives. For more information visit www.ucc.org/nin, or see a member of the Mission Board. We thank you for your prayerful consideration of this offering.

Electronics Recycling Day

Be environmentally friendly. Start thinking about what old, unwanted, or outdated appliances you'd like to get rid of and bring them to the Relay for Life Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, October 25th, from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Smaller items are free, and larger items and appliances carry a small fee. Monetary donations will be accepted and go directly to the Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay for Life Team.

Ladies' Aid Christmas Stockings

We are asking for your help again this year with monetary donations. We make 75 stockings each year to be sent to the Pennsburg Manor and to Norristown State Hospital, and we try to fill each of them with at least 5 items. With your donations we can do this. Thank you in advance.

Ethel Soffa, Sandra Kriebel, Miriam Hausman, Sallie Wright, Ruth Weaver.

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.

Spc Matthew Guldin
501 Wisser Road
Box #42
Fort Shafter, HI 96858

Bulletin and Flower Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. We have one remaining opening for flower sponsorship:

November 30th

We have four remaining openings for bulletin sponsorships:

November 23rd, 30th; December 21st, 28th

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!

Grand View Hospital Hospice

Grand View Hospital Hospice, offers individualized care to terminally ill patients and their families in homes, personal care, assisted living, and nursing home environments. Care is provided through an Interdisciplinary Team and includes:

- Physician directed pain and symptom control
- Skilled nursing visits
- Social worker visits
- Home Health Aide visits
- Emergency on-call services, 7 days/week, 24 hours/day
- Chaplain services
- Volunteer Services/Complementary Therapies; Massage, Music, Pet Therapy
- Bereavement Services

Our Hospice Volunteers are the "Heart of Hospice," and through their caring support they help to meet the holistic care needs of our patients and their families. Training for volunteers occurs twice a year. Volunteers are trained in Hospice philosophy, listening and communication skills, psychosocial issues of death, dying, and grief and the practical information necessary for assisting patients and their families in the home. A new training class will start on September 15, 2014, and will be held on Monday evenings 6:00pm – 9:00pm in the Hospice office. If you are interested in learning more about Hospice care, or to explore volunteer opportunities, please call Michelle Bongiovanni, RN, Volunteer/Bereavement Coordinator at 215 – 453 – 4149.

All Aboard for the Annual
**Frederick
Living**

Train Show

Friday, October 10

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 11

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Train Show and Anniversary
Celebration**

Six operating train layouts on display!

AND

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Saturday, October 11, 11 am - 3 pm

Old Fashioned Carnival, Music, Food, Trackless Train Rides, Face Painting,
Activities for All Ages, & More! RAIN OR SHINE



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September 28, 2014

PSEC FALL MEETING - November 8

St. Paul's (Amityville) UCC, 1312 Old Swede Road in Douglassville 19518

Gather Together, Imagine Together, Go Together



Phoebe Institute on Aging Offers Free Conference on Dementia

The Phoebe Institute on Aging Fall Conference, **Building Friendly Communities: Addressing Alzheimer's and Related Disorders**, will be held on **October 16 from 8 am to 4:30 pm** at **DeSales University, University Center**, 2755 Station Ave, Center Valley, PA 18034. This is a free conference but registration is required by October 6. Attendance will be capped at 400, so be sure to register early in order to reserve your seat. Visit phoebe.org/piaconference for more information, or to register, or download the registration brochure. Call 610-794-5150 with questions.



Do you know where you can find:

1. The 501 C3 & Safe Church documentation, a link to register for MissionInsite, Pastoral Compensation Guidelines, and info about Health & Dental rates?
2. Links to the PSEC Facebook Twitter, Vimeo, and the RSS feed (posting local church events, classified ads, latest website posts), & sign up for eNews email?
3. Dates for upcoming Conference meetings and conference-wide events?
4. Listings of PSEC local churches & pastors and church contact information?
5. Who serves on the PSEC Church & Ministry Council, Consistory, Mission & Ministry Teams, Standing Committees, Task Groups, and our 7 Associations?
6. Forms to submit local church events & classified ads to the PSEC website & RSS feed?
7. Archived copies of Communitas, special eNews emails, and weekly eNews emails?

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Getting to Know:

St. Peter's (Molltown) UCC
219 Maiden creek Road, Fleetwood, PA 19522

St. Peter's Reformed UCC of Molltown is located in Richmond Township, near Fleetwood. Our rural setting boasts a fine view of the East Penn Valley, along the Route 222 corridor.

Our congregation dates back to the early 1700's and today includes descendants of its first members.

We support our local food bank and some of our members serve as volunteers throughout the community and county.



During the year, we offer an "all you can eat" turkey pot pie supper on the first Saturday of May and October. We're told we have the best pot pie "around!" We frequently enjoy Bluegrass music during Sunday worship and at events in our picnic grove.

Pastor Darryl Hamm has challenged those of us who are interested to read the Bible in one year. Our adult class has been meeting each Sunday after the worship service to enjoy a lunch and share our questions and thoughts about the past week's Bible readings. It has been an interesting journey of self-examination and search for a better understanding of the Word.



To learn more about St. Peter's UCC, visit our website: stpetersmolltown.org.



Prayers are requested that St. Peter's (Molltown) UCC in Fleetwood and Rev. Darryl Hamm will continue to welcome those who know the Lord and want to learn of His love and power.



Performing October 26, 2014

3:00PM

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833 Gravel Pike, Palm, PA 18070

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Admission – Free will offering



PHOEBE
INSTITUTE ON AGING

Fall Conference

**Building Friendly Communities:
Addressing Alzheimer's and Related Disorders**

Thursday, October 16, 2014 • 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DeSales University, University Center
2755 Station Ave., Center Valley, PA 18034

Please join the Phoebe Institute on Aging
as we explore what it means to become dementia friendly.





Palm Schwenkfelder Harvest Buffet Dinner

October 4th, 2014 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Tickets: Adults - \$12.00

Children (6 - 12) - \$6.00

Under 6 - Free

Menu: Roast beef, turkey, filling, gravy,
glazed carrots, green beans, apple sauce,
pepper cabbage, homemade chow chow,
rolls, beverages and dessert

Palm Schwenkfelder Church Ladies' Aid Society
Route 29, Palm, PA
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This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, September 28

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

Tuesday, September 30

8:00am [Quilters](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts](#)

Wednesday, October 1

5:30pm [Children's Choir Rehearsal](#)

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

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

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

Thursday, October 2

9:00am [Staff Meeting](#)

6:30pm [Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council](#)

7:00pm [Deacon's Meeting](#)

Saturday, October 4

4:00pm [Ladies' Aid Harvest Dinner](#)

Sunday, October 5

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

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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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Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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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

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Ushers: Karl Badman, Craig Kriebel, Gregg Hoffman, Tim Hoffman

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