

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016**

### **WORLDWIDE COMMUNION**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“I Cannot Tell”

J. Stuart Archer

**\*Call to Worship**

God’s mercies never end; they are new every morning.

We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.

**We will sing our songs of praise.**

**We will proclaim the good news of the gospel.**

Take delight in God, who is with us wherever we go.

Trust God, even when we do not feel like singing.

**We will commit all our ways to God.**

**We will wait patiently for answers to our prayers.**

By God’s grace, we are gathered for worship.

In God’s love we are no longer exiles and strangers.

**We have been called together by the Holy Spirit.**

**We will treasure this special time in sacred space.**

**\*Hymn #784**

“We Come as Guests Invited”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, on this World Communion Sunday, we come before you confessing our sins. We have broken our relationship with you and with one another. We have forgotten your Son, and neglected the faith which binds us together as sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ. We lose hope in the face of darkness and stray from your Word. Forgive us God, strengthen our faith, and allow us to see ourselves as a part of your global community. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Senior Bell Choir**

“My Shepherd’s Amazing Grace”

arr. Karissa Dennis

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1:1 – 14 (NRSV p. 966; LP p. 1863 – 1864)

**Children's Sermon**

**Children's Church**

Lisa Stitt

**\*Hymn #109**

"I Cannot Tell"

**Sermon**

"The Faith Living in You"

**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, Let Us Eat"

Amanda Husberg

**\*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 are grateful to you, O God, for the faith we have inherited.  
We give thanks for the courage and faithfulness of ancestors  
who suffered for the gospel that we might know your love. We  
join with them in putting our trust in you. May we match their  
generosity and self-discipline, seeking above all else to know  
your will and do it. To that end, we dedicate our offerings.  
Amen.**

**Senior Choir Anthem**

"Come to the Banquet"

Joseph M. Martin

## **Service of Communion**

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, young and old, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.**

## **Communion Prayer and Consecration**

### **Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine**

### **Sharing of the Elements**

#### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.**

**We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will.**

**Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn #782**

"Come, Share the Lord"

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Choral Benediction**

"Come to the Banquet"  
Joseph M. Martin

*reprise*

#### **Postlude**

"Now We Join in Celebration"

Edwin T. Childs

\*All who are able, please stand.

The altar flowers are presented today in loving memory of Lena Wilson by her daughter, Charlene Wilson.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Ed Hildenbrand by Betty Hildenbrand.

**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.

**Communion Note**

The Lord's Table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. The Deacons will serve the congregation in the pews. Trays should be passed halfway through the pew and then returned to the same deacon, take the bread or grape juice while the person next to you holds the tray. Please hold the bread and the cup until the Pastor invites everyone to eat or drink. Then quietly place the cup in the holder on the back of the pew.

**Note: Gluten-free Communion Wafers (individually wrapped) are provided on the bread trays for people with wheat sensitivity.**

“Concerning the Communion Service of Palm Schwenkfelder Church, children of our congregation take communion after confirmation. If you choose to have your children partake in Communion please explain the sacred meanings behind the ritual. If you would like to speak with someone on the meanings of Communion please speak with Pastor Nick or any Deacon.”

Deacons of Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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

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

Erin Curtis, Maurice Meeker, Mae Gerhart, 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, 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 Palm Ladies' Aid.

### **Bible Study**

The online Bible Study plans to begin its 7th year this week with study in 1 Samuel 29. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

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

Helpful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Optimistic!

When you recognize heroic behavior among our youth, please let them know.

Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out!

### **Harvest Home Food Drive**

With one more Sunday to bring in donations, Sunday School classes have paired up to see who can bring in the most items. Everyone, please feel free to bring in non-perishable food items or toiletries and place your donation in one of the Sunday School class boxes. The winning class will get to choose a youth event.

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

**Teens** - check out one of these current plans: Chasing Failure, How to Strengthen your Faith, or Fighting FOMO (it's what happens when everyone else's great day stops us from enjoying our own)

**Kids** - (and parents can help) check out one of these current plans: Courageous Kids, Next Steps for Kids, Truth or Trash.

### **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.

### **Bon-Fire For All**

Everyone is invited to join us **this coming Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**, for a Bon-fire right here at church. Bring a chair. Bring friends. Bring snacks. There will also be a Hayride!

## **Corn Maze Night**

Older youth, in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up, are invited to join us at Wilcox Farms Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, as we get lost in the corn mazes! Bring a flashlight. Bring money for treats if you like. Pack a bag and stay overnight at the church. Pick up Saturday morning is at 9:00am.

## **Pumpkin Painting**

Younger youth, up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, join us after church on October 30<sup>th</sup> for a kid friendly lunch, pumpkin painting, and seed baking. Pick up is at 12:30pm. Please sign up by October 23<sup>rd</sup> so that supplies can be purchased. Older youth volunteers are needed.

## **October Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

Michael Kennedy (10/06), Ethan Raab (10/15), Kate Pence (10/27)

## **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

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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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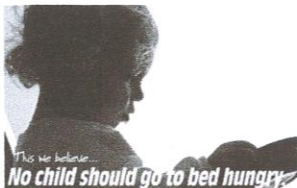
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## Neighbors in Need and World Communion Sunday

**go together, like wine and bread!**

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(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 through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.



**World Communion Sunday** offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church.

On this day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.





Just over a year ago, St. John's UCC, Lansdale, dedicated a beautiful labyrinth and meditation garden, made possible by the generosity of St. John's members and by repurposing space once occupied by MANNA on Main St. (a soup kitchen begun by St. John's in the early 1980's) and The Good Samaritan House

(which had been home to a family in need for over 30 years). With MANNA having relocated to a larger building and the family having outgrown its need for the Good Samaritan House, prayerful thought was given to how the space might best be used.

It was decided that a peaceful place for prayer and meditation ~ to be enjoyed by both church members and members of the community ~ was a good way to use this open space in the heart of Lansdale. In one of the gardens surrounding the labyrinth, the 10 foot tall three dimensional cross and orb, that once graced the roof of the Conference Church House in Collegeville, found a home. This large symbol of the UCC made its way to Lansdale shortly after the Church House was sold, largely because Dr. Herman C. Ahrens, Jr., a longtime member of St. John's and past member of the Conference staff, had been the person who suggested that a three dimensional version of the cross and orb would be a fitting symbol for the Church House roof. The cross and orb will soon bear a plaque honoring Herman's memory.

Our prayer is that all who avail themselves of this beautiful space in the midst of our community will sense the presence of a loving God and feel the welcome of St. John's people.



Prayers are requested for St. John's UCC in Lansdale and Rev. Dr. Susan C. Bertollette.

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

### **Sunday, October 2**

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

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

### **Monday, October 3**

11:00am [Board of Music Ministry Meeting](#)

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

### **Tuesday, October 4**

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

1:00pm [Ladies' Aid Meeting](#)

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

### **Wednesday, October 5**

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, October 6**

9:00am [Staff Meeting](#)

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

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

### **Friday, October 7**

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

### **Saturday, October 8**

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

6:00pm [Bon-Fire For All](#)

### **Sunday, October 9**

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Harvest Home 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

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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

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Greeter: Gregg Hoffman

Ushers: Lisa Stitt, Karl Badman, Gregg Hoffman, Rick Jones

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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