

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016**

### **HARVEST HOME**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

George Barr

**\*Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing your praise to the glory of God’s name.

**Great and awesome are the works of God.**

**The whole universe sings of God’s power.**

Gather to remember all that God has revealed.

Come to discover what God is doing among us.

**God is faithful and just in all things.**

**The promises of God are trustworthy and true.**

Present your best selves for God’s approval.

Work and witness without shame or pretense.

**Bless God, all people, and let our praise be heard.**

**The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.**

**\*Hymn #381**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Luke 17*

**Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you— have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture:** Psalm 66:1 – 12 (NRSV p. 459 – 460; LP p. 897 – 898)  
Luke 17:11 – 19 (NRSV p. 852; LP p. 1638 – 1639)

## **Children’s Sermon**

**Children’s Church** Lisa Stitt

**\*Hymn #395** “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

**Sermon** “Glorious Praise”

**Senior Choir Anthem** “A Thanksgiving Hodie” Joseph M. Martin

## **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** “How Clear Is Our Vocation” Robert Powell

## **\*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 bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful service. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #9** “Sing Praise to the Father”

**\*Benediction**

\*All who are able, please stand.

Both the bulletins and the altar flowers are presented today in loving memory of Dorothy Graber by her husband, Robert Graber.

**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:**

The family of Will Moyer, 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, 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 Palm Ladies' Aid Society.

**Still a Chance**

There is still one Sunday in October without bulletin sponsorship. Please prayerfully consider helping out and sponsoring bulletins on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Study**

The online Bible Study will celebrate our 7<sup>th</sup> year online and 13<sup>th</sup> year of continuous fellowship by revisiting Study Note #1. 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**

Thank you to everyone who participated in bringing in food for Open Link. The winning Sunday school team will be announced next Sunday. If you are available to help bring donations to Open Link, please speak to Barb or Kevin Master. Thank you.

## **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 **this coming Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for one hour shifts.

## **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 **this Tuesday, 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 – 2016 School of Christ**

Join us for the annual School of Christ **next 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.

## **General Conference Meeting**

The Fall General Conference will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following the School of Christ. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and approve Conference's 2017 Annual Budget. Drake Williams, Moderator

## **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.

## **Brown Bag Lecture**

This Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a lecture with Allen Viehmeyer entitled *Wealth, Poverty, and Charity Among Early Pennsylvania Schwenkfelders*. Most communities, ranging from large to small, have high, middle, and low income earners. The first generation Schwenkfelder immigrant community was no exception. This presentation brings insights into wealth and poverty among the Schwenkfelders in Silesia and Pennsylvania as well as their charitable endeavors.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to all the members of the congregation for all your prayers and support. And a special thank you to Pastor Nick. Ethel Soffa

## **Thank You**

My dear church family, thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and concern when I was in the hospital and going through therapy. Thank you to Pastor Nick for the visits and prayers. All was greatly appreciated. Shirley Miller

## Election Day Bake Sale

Ladies' Aid is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Many homemade goodies will be needed. Best sellers are breakfast cakes, shoofly, apeas, funny cakes along with muffins, cookies & brownies. Please bring donations to the church Monday evening 6:30-7:30 PM, or any time Tuesday morning. Thank you!

## Treasurer Report – September, 2016

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand Start of Month/Year	\$ 7,847.78	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$34,389.57	\$214,834.61
Operating Expenses	\$21,402.56	\$229,760.85
Ending Operating Cash on Hand – 9/30	\$20,834.79	\$ 20,834.79

## 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>; December 24<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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# Communitas

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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October 9, 2016

**This  
Saturday,  
October  
15th!  
9:00 am—  
1:00 pm**



**Church of  
the Good  
Shepherd,  
35 W. Phil-  
adelphia  
Ave,  
Boyertown**

Does your church have all the money it needs! If so, congratulations, you're doing it right!!

But what if you said no to that question. Are you looking for new ideas, perhaps some new methods to increase giving? Does the following sound familiar?

*The Stewardship Campaign is struggling! There is a 20% short fall in pledged income? A broad discussion in the Finance Committee takes place. One person says we should just go with the proposed budget and trust the Lord! Another says we need to cut and suggests starting with wider mission giving (OCWM) and only local church wider mission in which a church member is involved. Another competing voice is heard and proclaims "Let's use some principle from the endowment fund!" One of the pastor's strongest critics says to freeze salaries and decrease part-time professional and support staff hours. Yet another voice is heard that says "We need to find more members – that would increase giving!" A long term member suggests a letter to the congregation to alert them to the significant shortfall. You sit silently and then..... what do you say or do? Where might you stand concerning their suggestions?*

Join us for this Leadership Workshop with focus insights on faithful, creative, and successful financial stewardship ministries. There is no fee for this event, but we do request that you register.

Visit the PSEC website ([psec.org](http://psec.org)) to register. Registration closes this Tuesday, Oct. 11th.





At Calvary UCC in Reading, PA, our magnificent structure and inspiring worship is just the beginning of who we are. We just began our second 125 years with new vigor and commitment to feeding, housing, and caring for the lost and oppressed. Our unique ministry is also focused on

serving as a ministry hub for 5 other congregations and several community ministries. We became the first ONA congregation for 40 miles in every direction in 2014, and we offer many ministries for our diverse community.

We are actively involved in Family Promise, the Reading Berks Conference of Churches, the Centre Park Historic District, Berks Women in Crisis, and many more local and global ministries. Our pastor, Steve Ohnsman, is in his 18th year as our 8th pastor. Along with our own emergency Food Cupboard, we provide funding through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, assisting local residents with rent and utilities. We also have a relationship with a local pharmacy to provide medicine for struggling families. Calvary supports a literacy program called Ready.Set.READ!, an initiative of the Berks County United Way, and other outreach programs in the city of Reading. The congregation has also developed a partnership with the Religious Studies Department at Albright College to bring well known theologians and authors into the community.

Our mission is the same as it was in 1890 - to serve Christ where people have needs.



Prayers are requested for Calvary Reformed UCC in Reading and Rev. Dr. Stephen Ohnsman.



*“So that there should be no division in the body,  
but that its part should have equal concern for each other.”  
1 Corinthians 12:25*

Rejoicing Spirits was founded on the belief that all people should have the opportunity to explore faith and spirituality. This innovative ministry works with congregations to provide a meaningful, inclusive worship service in a loving and supportive community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the people who love and support them. People are free to be themselves while actively participating as contributing members in an inclusive faith community. To learn more, please visit [www.rejoicingspirits.org](http://www.rejoicingspirits.org).

The Rejoicing Spirits team at our church invites you to join us this month at our worship service as we celebrate Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Please join us at 4:00 pm on the 4th Sunday of the month at New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville.

Rejoicing Spirits is a ministry of Mosaic, an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Founded more than 100 years ago, Mosaic serves more than 3,900 people in communities across 10 states with outreach partnerships in several foreign countries. Visit [www.mosaicinfo.org](http://www.mosaicinfo.org) to learn more.

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

### **Sunday, October 9**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Harvest Home Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Monday, October 10**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:00pm United Choir Rehearsal @ Palm

7:30pm Board of Trustees

### **Tuesday, October 11**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

### **Wednesday, October 12**

8:00am Ladies' Aid Making Apple Butter

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series @ SLHC

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, October 13**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Friday, October 14**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Saturday, October 15**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Sunday, October 16**

8:00am Youth Food Drive @ Redners in Red Hill

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service - Dority Baptism

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

3:00pm School of Christ @ Central Schwenkfelder Church

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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: Gregg Hoffman

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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