

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Franklin Ritter

***Call to Worship**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

We gather in these moments of worship to praise the Living God!

Let your gentleness be known to all for the Lord is near, and do not worry about anything.

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, we will make our hearts known to God.

Beloved, God is in this place.

Let us rejoice!

***Hymn #262**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, in this moment of prayer we confess to you how quickly we are consumed by disagreements and division. We do not seek your will, nor do we have the same mind that is in Christ Jesus. Our hearts have not rejoiced in times of challenge and we worry rather than trusting in you. Forgive us, loving God, and call us once again to follow the way of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Philippians 4:1 – 9 (NRSV p. 955; LP p. 1840 – 1841)

Children’s Choir

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Henry Bateman, Benjamin Carr, and Mark Patterson

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Corey May

***Hymn #606**

“Rejoice In the Lord Always”

Sermon

“Rejoice!”

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 “Lord of All Hopefulness” Edward Broughton

***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**

Gracious God, we lay these gifts and our lives upon the altar as signs of our faithful commitment to serve as co-workers in the gospel of Christ. Bless us and these gifts as vessels of your grace, which leads us all to rejoice. Amen.

***Hymn#369** “Lord of All Hopefulness”

***Benediction**

Postlude “Trumpet Song” Lani Smith

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in honor of Kevin and Barb Master's 18th wedding anniversary.

Today's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Nancy Hoffman on her 60th birthday by the family.

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:

Clara Graber, Anna Bieler, Earl Yerger, Donald Long, Jen Fries, Brad Hoffman, Vera Boykin, 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 Buriemek, 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 Ladies' Aid Society.

Bible Study

This week, the online Bible Study will initiate a Discussion Note for David's youth based on last week's careful search in 1 Samuel 16 & 17. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Children's Church

After the children's sermon all children from 4 years of age thru 4th grade are invited upstairs to participate in Children's church for an interactive Bible lesson and snack. Please advise the leader if your child has food allergies or food restrictions. Parent pick up is upstairs in the children's church room.

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

When you catch a youth member carrying out an act of kindness, you may tell them to put a punch in their fish card. Together we can help shape Christian behaviors.

Younger Youth Fall Event

Today after worship, all youth signed up for the event join us down in the Social Hall. Don't forget to get changed into your Halloween costume ☺ Parent pick-up is at 1:00 pm.

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.

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class/Mentor "Getting to Know You Picnic" will be held **today** Sunday, October 12th, at the home of Jeff and Luanne Stauffer. Parents, you can pick-up your students after the picnic at 3:30pm at the church.

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.

Praying Daily

As a community of Christian disciples we are called to be a people of prayer. Beginning today at noon, wherever you are and whatever you might be doing, you are invited to join in prayer with your brothers and sisters in Christ. There is no specific time-length, agenda, or form for this time, just an opportunity to pause and recognize the presence of God each day, to uplift our hearts and rest in God's embrace. Let us pray together daily.

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.

Who Let "The Dogs" Out????

Join us on Sunday, October 26th, at 3:00 pm, here at Palm in welcoming "The Dogs of Falkner Swamp" in concert. Accompanied by acoustic guitar, the popular trio will present a delightful blend of old time gospel tunes, original spiritual music, as well as secular favorites from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Come on out for a toe tapping good time! Your free-will donation will benefit the church's ministry of music.

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.

Election Day Bake Sale

The Ladies' Aid is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 4th. Donations of baked goods are needed. Smaller items such as cupcakes, muffins, smaller sized cakes and cookies are especially popular on Election Day. Please bring donations to the church Monday evening after 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday morning. Thank you!

Holiday Bazaar

On Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. come to enjoy a fun-filled day of good food, good fellowship, and many crafters offering holiday shopping. The Ladies' Aid will sell the church afghan, the church collectible, cookbooks, chow-chow, and cookies by the pound. Light lunch will be served. Holiday baked items are 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.

Ladies' Aid Meeting

On Election Day the Ladies' Aid meeting will be held at the regular time (1:00pm), but instead of being in the Library it will be held in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Time To Make The Cookies

The Ladies' Aid is once again planning to make their famous cookies. There is much work involved with this project so we need as many helping hands as we can get. Please consider coming out for a time of fun and fellowship in helping to make the cookies. We will be making the candy on November 13th and 14th, (Thursday and Friday), and if needed, November 15th. Hope to see you in the kitchen!!! Thanks!

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, 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, November 2nd.

Palm Country Day School Fundraiser

The Palm Country Day School will be doing a Poinsettia and Blue Mountain candle fundraiser from November 3rd – 14th. The Poinsettias will be sold for \$12.50ea., and the candles for \$15.00ea. Order forms will be available in the narthex. The candles will be available for pick-up in the 1st week of December, and the poinsettias in the 2nd week. However, the exact dates have not been set. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Bulletin Sponsorships

There are still two upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday bulletins. We have three remaining openings for bulletin sponsorships:

November 30th; December 28th

The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

Ten Thousand Villages

Ten Thousand Villages International Gift Festival will be held at the Upper Milford Mennonite Church, 6450 Kings Highway South, Zionsville on Friday, November 7th, Noon – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 8th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed are insured income to help pay for food, education, health care and housing. All income from sales goes to Ten Thousand Villages. Come and do your gift shopping knowing you are also providing sustenance for Third World persons. Wheelchair accessible. Credit cards accepted. Call 610-966-2733 or email ummchurch@ptd.net for more information.

Fall General Conference – October 19, 2014

**Fall General Conference is scheduled for October 19, 2014
5:00 PM following the School of Christ
Central Schwenkfelder Church.**

On September 23, 2014, Judge Stanley R. Ott of the Montgomery County Orphan's Court signed an Order finalizing the settlement of the dispute between The Schwenkfelder Church and the Perkiomen School. The dispute began August 13, 2010, when the Perkiomen School attempted to unilaterally sever its 118 year relationship with The Schwenkfelder Church. Listed below are the major terms of that settlement:

1. Church will no longer have Church-designated trustees on the Board.
2. Church will no longer have to approve any Articles or By-Law changes.
3. "Founded on Christian principles by The Schwenkfelder Church" reinserted in the Articles.
4. Schwenkfelder history reinserted on the website.
5. Schwenkfelder Church specifically referenced in Articles as an eligible recipient in the event of the School's dissolution.
6. Amendments proposed by the School effecting items 3, 4 or 5 will require approval by the Orphan's Court.
7. School to pay The Schwenkfelder Church \$475,000 over a period of three years.

Copies of the Agreement and the Order will be available at the meeting. The events leading to the Mediation with Judge Ott, the Mediation process and the Agreement will be discussed and a vote taken to ratify the terms of the agreement.

Additionally, the Executive Council approved 2015 Budget will be discussed. A light supper will be served following the meeting. Please sign up if you plan to stay for the meal so that Central's Deacons can make appropriate meal arrangements.

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October 12, 2014

Request for Support from the PSEC Justice & Witness Mission Team

In August, representatives from the PSEC Justice & Witness Mission Team met with Meggan Kerber, Director of Development at Bethany Children's Home. Bethany Children's Home is a nonprofit organization and UCC partner that provides residential care for youth who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. For over 150 years, Bethany has striven to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid kids in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward brighter and healthier futures. These children stand at the intersection of so many social justice issues: poverty, violence, access to quality education, and access to both mental and physical healthcare. Bethany also provides "**Safe Spaces**," a support group that offers education, safety, and confidentiality to youth who are growing with their identity as it pertains to current LGBTQ struggles.

There are so many ways our churches can support the mission of Bethany Children's Home. The PSEC Justice & Witness Mission Team would like you to consider some of these opportunities. Invite some of Bethany's youth to visit your congregation or host a mission moment. Or, if your congregation or youth group is interested in doing something hands-on, you can: restore, paint, or build benches on Bethany's Womelsdorf campus, build a wheelchair accessible ramp to the church, rebuild the Frick Cottage porch, create murals, work in the community garden, clean/widen the mountain trails and ropes course, or "adopt" a cottage by volunteering, sponsoring birthday parties, or organizing other social opportunities. Bethany Children's Home also extends an invitation to utilize the services of their Development Team for financial ministry with regards to giving, endowments, stewardship, planned giving and tithing.

Finally, some of Bethany's greatest material needs at this time are:

Winter Coats, Sweat Pants and Sweat Shirts, and Long Sleeve T-Shirts – all youth sizes and adult small and medium

Spanish Bibles

Sneakers

Or perhaps you can sponsor one of **10 new mountain bikes for Bethany's biking club**. (The bicycles should be 26" – 29" for men and women. Please contact Bethany Children's Home at 610-589-4501 if interested.)

Please join the PSEC Justice & Witness Team in rallying around Bethany Children's Home and its ministries. For more information call 610-589-4501, or email info@bethanyhome.org.

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) is Changing Lives:

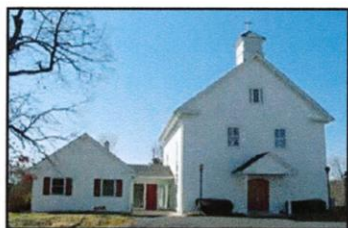
Because we believe in transformation, we believe the church's mission is changing lives -individually, systemically and globally. We support, encourage and uplift local churches where lives are being changed through worship, education, fellowship, mission, and justice advocacy. We identify, recruit, educate and support leaders who inspire others. We support churches and plant new churches as vital places of worship, learning, and justice advocacy. We change lives through our global partnerships, missionaries and advocacy. **Gifts to OCWM benefit the full range of the United Church of Christ mission across the country and around the globe.**



Getting to Know :

St. Luke's UCC

212 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA 18942



In 1976, the congregation of St. Luke's UCC, part of the union congregation with the Lutheran church in Ferndale, PA, undertook to reopen the Red Hill Church in Ottsville which was originally built in 1766. A wing with a nursery, office space and restrooms was built adjoining the sanctuary. The one room schoolhouse on the church property became space for a fellowship hall and

Sunday school classes. Regular Sunday worship has been conducted in the church since Easter 1977.

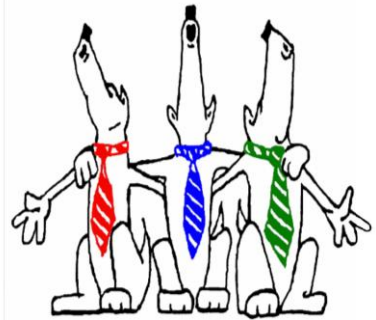
Each year St. Luke's joins with 3 area UCC churches for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services. These same four churches hold an Easter Sunrise service at the Marina of Lake Nockamixon. Every February the congregation makes a home-cooked dinner to feed the homeless who shelter at Old First Reformed in Philadelphia. Every month on the third Saturday, members of St. Luke's and friends cook and serve breakfast that is offered for the homeless also at Old First.

Congregation members give food items weekly to the Lord's Pantry food cupboard which is a local ministry out of St. John the Baptist RC Church, Ottsville. Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner baskets are also given to Lord's Pantry each year. Every autumn we pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. For three years, we have collected eye glasses and sewing kits to send to Swaziland with Swaziland Relief.

The fall and spring rummage sales serve as fund raiser, community service, and mission outreach with many leftover items given to area mission projects. To learn more about our mission, visit our website: www.saintlukesucc.org.



Prayers are appreciated for St. Luke's UCC, Ottsville and Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding for their continued spiritual growth and sensitivity to the Spirit's direction as they live into their motto: *We are called into compassionate community, following Christ. We celebrate God's loving embrace of all creation. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



Performing October 26, 2014

3:00PM

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

833 Gravel Pike, Palm, PA 18070

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Admission – Free will offering

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, October 12

- 9:00am [Sunday School](#)
- 10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)
- 11:30am [Younger Youth Fall Event](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 1:00pm [Getting to Know You Picnic for Confirmands & Mentors](#)

Monday, October 13

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 6:30pm [Building & Grounds Committee](#)
- 7:30pm [Board of Trustees](#)
- 7:30pm [United Choir Rehearsal @ Palm](#)

Tuesday, October 14

- 8:00am [Quilters](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts](#)
- 7:15pm [Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting](#)

Wednesday, October 15

- 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, October 16

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

Friday, October 17

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 4:00pm [Lucidi/Wagner Wedding Rehearsal](#)
- 6:30pm [Girl Scout Troop 72246](#)

Saturday, October 18

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 2:00pm [Lucidi/Wagner Wedding](#)

Sunday, October 19

- 9:00am [Sunday School](#)
- 10:15am [Sunday Worship Service \(Pulpit Exchange\)](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 3:30pm [School of Christ](#)

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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

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: Jean Ross

Ushers: Alex Jalowy, Joanne Jalowy, Barb Master, Kevin Master

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208
