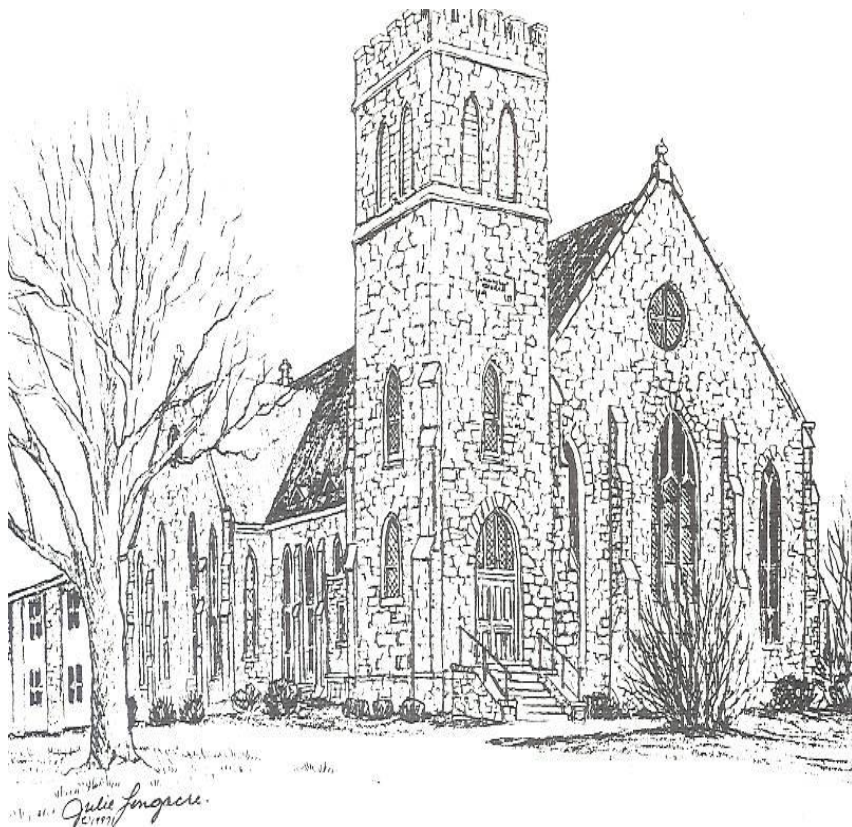


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

William Bradbury

***Call to Worship**

No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

***Hymn #622**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead we turn away from your demanding truth toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Junior Bell Choir

“Jesus Medley”
Naida Hearn, Robert Cull
Setting by Patricia Sanders Cota

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into the household of faith
through the sacrament of Baptism,

Paisley Dority

Daughter of Brian and Valerie Dority

Welcome

Address

Questions of the candidates

***Congregational Response**

We receive this child as a new person in Christ.

We offer our understanding and support as she explores life. We enfold this child in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with these parents in telling the gospel in our midst so that this child may live with us for Christ, showing forth His love for all people.

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Prayer

Introduction to the Congregation

Welcome by Deacon

Scripture Luke 18:1 – 8 (NRSV p. 853; LP p. 1639 – 1640)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Corey May

***Hymn** “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the

need of prayer. It's me (it's me), It's me O Lord,

stand-in' in the need of prayer.

Fine

1. Not my broth - er, not my
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It's me,

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It's me, it's

to Refrain

me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer.
 me, Lord,

Sermon "Praying Always and Not Losing Heart"

Senior Choir Anthem

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema
 arr. Jack Schrader

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

"Borning Cry"

David Christiansen

***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**

Luke 18:8

Eternal God, may these gifts be signs of your grace, and may our lives show forth the coming kingdom, that Christ might find faith on earth in us. Amen.

***Hymn #623**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Tom Birchwood

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in honor of Jeff and Bonnie Treichler’s 45th wedding anniversary.

The flowers today are presented loving memory of Lawrence Yokl, Jr. by Patti Yokl.

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 Casey Clayton, 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 30th.

Bible Study

The online Bible Study invites our Study Partners to make the Oct. 16 School of Christ an in-person gathering. The online Study will resume on October 23, comparing 1 Samuel 30 to Genesis 14:1-16. 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!

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!

Corn Maze Night

Older youth, in 5th grade and up, are invited to join us at Wilcox Farms Friday, October 28th, 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 4th grade, join us after church on October 30th for a kid friendly lunch, pumpkin painting, and seed baking. Pick up is at 12:30pm. Please sign up by October 23rd 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)

God Pokes and God Sightings – 2016 School of Christ

Join us for the annual School of Christ today 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 16th 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.

Thank You

Thank you to all the members of my Palm Church family who sent me birthday cards. It was wonderful to receive so many. Grace Beard

Exile Society Annual Fall Meeting & Presentation

On Sunday, October 23, 2016 The Society of the Descendants of the Schwenkfeldian Exiles will hold their Annual Fall Meeting. The meeting will begin at 2:00pm, followed at 2:30pm by a presentation given by Gregg Perry entitled "Clockmaking in the Style of the PA Dutch (Southeastern PA)." The presentation will focus on construction, materials, surface finish, proportions, and ornamentation of 18th – 19th century Pennsylvania tall case clocks produced by the Pennsylvania Dutch in southeastern PA. A tall case clock in the Heritage Center collection will be visually dissected to extrapolate on all key points. Gregg Perry has been a builder of high end, period 18th century furniture and clock case copies for the past 35 years. For the last 16 years he has been a practicing full-time horologist (a person who makes clocks and timepieces) in his Topton, PA, studio. He has studied two years at the NAWCC School of Horology, one year at the British Horological Institute, attained a graduate certificate from the Louvre in France in wooden artifact conservation, and has been an apprentice in 12 European countries in the last 12 years.

public invited / handicap accessible / fellowship & refreshments follow

Election Day Bake Sale

Ladies' Aid is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on November 8th. 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!

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 30th. 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 4th at 2:30p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church.

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

Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

The Committee is committed to ensuring optimum communication between the congregation and Pastor Nick and to that end, encourages questions or comments. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee:

Jeff Stauffer, Dave Woodward, Gail Ferry, Lil Master, Ray Hausman, Doug Wallinger, Jean Ross, or David Luz. The next meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee will be held Sunday, November 6th, after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

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 2 chances to sponsor bulletins still available for 2016.

Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

November 13th & 20th

Dates available for bulletin sponsorship are:

October 30th; December 24th

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.

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October 16, 2016

Israel—Palestine and the PSEC - *Rev. Worley, Conference Minister*

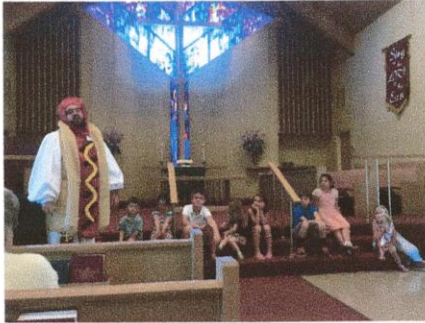
I've just returned from eight days in Jerusalem as a pilgrim to holy sites and a tourist to war torn lands. The purpose of the trip was to become more familiar with the dynamics of the Israel-Palestine conflict. Images of Cain killing Able kept coming to mind as I walked through towns and refugee camps in and around the West Bank. The adults of my growing up years would often express their hopelessness for peace in the Middle East by saying, "Those people have been killing each other for 5,000 years. No need for us to get involved."

But we (Americans) are involved. Congress passed a \$38 billion aid package to Israel on the same day I listened to a Palestinian journalist lament the impossibility of peace. The United Church of Christ has called all settings of the church to participate in the BDS (boycott, divestment and sanction) movement to boycott US companies whose businesses profit from the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. The problems of the Middle East may be a long way from the challenges of living in Southeast Pennsylvania but that does not keep many of us from harboring strong opinions about who is to blame and what changes are required for peace.

Two of most interesting change agents I met were business leaders Eyal Waldman, CEO of Mellanox Technologies (an Israeli) and Bashar Masri, President and CEO of Massar International (a Palestinian). Both hold the animosities that most Israelis and Palestinian's have for each other and both are hampered by the policies and practices that keep their respective governments stuck. But they have found creative and entrepreneurial work arounds to build enterprises that serve the needs of the global community—Israeli's and Palestinians included. Eyal and Bashar are not waiting for political and economic stability so they can do business. They are doing business and creating economic stability—I am anxious to see what political stability might follow.

There is a message in there for the church. Many of us are stuck in congregations and associations of decline and apathy. But there are others, both in and outside our churches, who are finding creative work arounds to serve the needs of all people not just those in our pews and local communities—and not just those outside our doors (though that is a great place to start).

At the end of the day we are all in this together. We will make the world a better place when we start acting like it.



Community UCC was formed in 1951 by members of Schwarzwald Church who felt called to plant a church in St Lawrence (a borough of Reading). Our name, "Community", is both a result of getting started in the St Lawrence Community Center as well as our commitment to creating an open and loving community of faith.

Despite being only 1.5 miles from our original home at Schwarzwald UCC, Community and Schwarzwald had very little interaction and common ministry for the first 60 years of our existence. That all changed in 2012 when our two churches decided that we could do more the further the Kingdom of God together than we could separately. Each church elected five members to join the pastors on our Ministries Council, and together, we have coordinated combined Bible studies, small groups, confirmation classes, holiday services, fundraisers, outreaches, events, and important conversations about difficult issues.

Our most recent event was a free Children's Clothing Swap in which parents could donate clothing that their kids don't fit into anymore and take as much as they need for their kids today. We started with some donations thanks to our VBS and ended up with twice as much left over even after giving away dozens of bags filled with clothing! God's love is being spread by simply asking,



"How are we uniquely situated to serve God's beloved people?" Would you pray with us as we grapple with that question and continue to explore and experiment with ministry in the 21st century?



Prayers are requested for Community UCC in Reading and Rev. Zachary Jackson.

Disaster Response Appeal - Caribbean and USA October 2016, "Hurricane Matthew"

**Disaster Ministries
of United Church of Christ (One Great Hour of Sharing) and
Christian Church/Disciples of Christ (Week of Compassion)**



Winds rush. Water pounds. Buildings fall. People suffer.

Hurricane Matthew made landfall in Haiti on the morning of October 4 and in Cuba later that afternoon. The storm flattened communities and wrecked agriculture throughout the region. This powerful and slow-moving storm battered the United States' Atlantic coast, flooding homes and causing deaths.

Pray Passionately

Stay Connected

One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC) - Facebook & Twitter
Week of Compassion - Facebook & Twitter

Respond Generously

Designate "Hurricane Matthew Response" to:

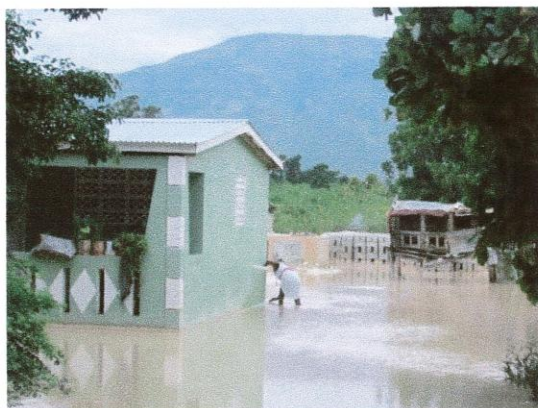
UCC International Emergency Relief and/or **UCC Emergency USA** www.ucc.org/donate_to_disaster_relief

or to **Disciples Week of Compassion**

www.weekofcompassion.org/

Send gifts by mail to:

One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC)	Or	Week of Compassion
Memo: Hurricane Matthew		Memo: Hurricane Matthew
Financial Services Office		PO Box 1986
700 Prospect Ave. E.		Indianapolis, IN 46206
Cleveland, OH 44115		



The United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are well situated to respond robustly to people impacted both in the Caribbean and within the United States. Within hours, solidarity grants from the 2016 *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* and *Week of Compassion Fund* were at work through partners in the region responding to immediate needs of food, shelter and safety. The UCC and Disciples are poised to respond with other churches to provide food, water, containers, roofs, mattresses, hygiene kits and psychosocial support. Within the United States, both denominations are active in local and national disaster response networks.

Your generosity to this disaster appeal will enable our churches to expand these responses and to walk closely with our neighbors now, in the immediate crisis, and through the long-term recovery process that follows.

In the midst of tumultuous weather, people receive food and water to drink. In the midst of danger, people find safety and rebuild homes. In the midst of hopelessness, people experience a love that will not let them go.



We're here because of Blood Donors!



BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 19th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Date and Time

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Location

www.GIVEaPINT.org

Contact for more information

Online Registration Sponsor Code 5488

Sponsoring Group and Group Number



Established in 1971 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Community organization, Miller-Keystone Blood Center is proud to be the *only* blood provider to your community hospitals.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, October 16

- 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

Monday, October 17

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, October 18

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Board of Trustees - Budget Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, October 19

- 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 20

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, October 21

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

Saturday, October 22

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

Sunday, October 23

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service - Zaborowski Baptism
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Annual Fall Meeting of the Exile Society

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Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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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: Joan Pusey

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