

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

PULPIT EXCHANGE

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of Confirmands and Mentors

Job Kinsler - Richard Guldin
Blake Master - Robert Croll
Stacey May - Beth Croll
Kate Pence - Gail Ferry

Prayer

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation" by James Boeringer

***Call to Worship**

We gather together in this moment of worship to know the presence of God.

Here in this place, we stand on holy ground.

We long to see the glory of God,

And open ourselves to be vessels of the Holy Spirit.

May we all proclaim the living Word,

As we are inspired in our praise!

***Hymn #612** "How Firm a Foundation"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, in this time of confession we acknowledge our timid faith. We lack trust in your guiding hand, and are slow to respond to Christ's call. Our reluctance to share the gifts, with which you have blessed our lives, leaves us clinging to what does not give life. Forgive us, gracious God, and open our eyes that we might see your glory. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Choir Anthem "He Hideth My Soul" Fanny Crosby
arr. Brad Nix

Scripture Exodus 33:12 – 23 (NRSV p. 70; LP p. 139)
Matthew 22:15 – 22 (NRSV p. 803 – 804; LP p. 1544 – 1545)

Junior Bells "Bells of Praise" arr. Peggy A. Thompson

Children's Sermon

Barb Master

Children's Church

Liz Kennedy

***Hymn#700**

"We Are God's People"

Sermon

Rev. Leslie Kearney

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

"O, How I Love Jesus"

arr. Paul Mickelson

***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**

Awesome God, with the offerings we lay before you, we long to see your glory at work in the world around us. Bless us and these gifts as we aspire to be people of bold faith, who witness to the reality of your presence in every moment of life. Guide us by your eternal hand, and help us to always recognize the opportunities for ministry that you set before us. Amen.

***Hymn#509**

"O, How I Love Jesus"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

by Henry Smart

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Lawrence Yokl by Patti Yokl.

Today's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Kevin and Barb Master's 18th wedding anniversary.

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

Was King David born in prison? This week's online Bible Study will compare 1 Samuel 16 & 17 to Ecclesiastes 4:13-15. 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.

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.

A Fresh Take on School of Christ

School of Christ will take place **today, 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.

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.

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.

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 **this coming 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.

Who Let "The Dogs" Out????

Join us **next 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.

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!

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.

Pastoral Relations Committee

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 in two weeks on Sunday, November 9th, after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

Mission Stories From Jersey

Next Sunday, October 26th, there will be a combined Sunday School class, where members of the Mission Team that went to Long Branch, NJ this summer will present a slide show of their trip. There will also be a reception with refreshments in the Adult Sunday School Room following the worship service, where you will be able to talk individually with the members of the team about their experience helping the people of the Jersey Shore rebuild their homes and their lives in the wake of Super Storm Sandy.

Exile Society

The Society of the Descendants of the Schwenkfeldian Exiles will have their annual meeting next Sunday, October 26th. Please see the announcement on page 12.

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.

It's Christmas Cookie Baking Time!!!

Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner! So many things to do, including baking our holiday cookies to be sold at the Ladies' Aid Holiday Bazaar. We have scheduled the baking dates for Thursday, November 13th and Friday, November 14th at 9:00am both days. Please consider coming out for a time of fun and fellowship as we mix, roll and bake these delicious holiday treats.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Bulletin Sponsorships

There are still two upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday bulletins. 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!

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October 19, 2014

Lay View of 2014 PSEC Spring Meeting Highlights

By Linda Hammond, Member of Epler's Church in Leesport

If you ever have the opportunity to go to a PSEC meeting, by all means GO! I had the privilege to join Pastor Gary and Bob Crouse, consistory member, at the spring meeting May 31. It was held at the beautiful and historic stone Zion Blue Mountain UCC Church in Strausstown....

...In small groups we discussed how to create a "Vibrant Ministry When Money is Low and People are Scarce...." Representatives from three churches presented responses to three challenges. Very impressive was how God led three men from Philadelphia to start a church "in the poorest section of the city," where drug-dealing and substance abuse abound. Grace Christian Fellowship established block captains which resulted in 142 new members (52 remain active), conduct door-to-door evangelism, take prayer requests on city corners and even set up drive-thru prayer tents. God led one of the founders to establish drug rehab houses....

Saint James UCC in Havertown, PA saw tremendous growth in their Food Pantry/ Bank as needs were published and the congregation responded with donations at Holy Communion, from grocery store "10 for \$10" sales, birthday bags, fresh foods and corporate excess food items.... And Trinity Reformed UCC in Pottstown has focused on youth mission work for eight years. Nearly 30 students with adult supervision have worked at six work sites....

Business was handled very effectively with 267 voting delegates from the seven associations.... Other topics included: Treasurer's Report: Rob Stilwell reported auditors gave the conference "the highest rating possible." Mensch Mill: Michael and Barbara Lenhart were recognized for their work [at Mensch Mill] since 1997.... A highlight, however, of business was the introduction of Rev. William Paul Worley, candidate for Conference Minister, for a candid Q & A session, and subsequent over-whelming election. We sang, prayed, dined and shared ideas. Rev. Worley gave a sermon, and we celebrated Holy Communion.

Most impressive for me was the joy and witness of the Conference leadership team, including outgoing Acting Conference Minister, The Rev. Wanda D. Craner, as they acknowledged letting God lead them in their PSEC roles, responsibilities and activities. It was truly inspirational. I left that balmy Saturday very optimistic for our UCC organization and its goals and efforts to live and promote the Spring Conference's theme: **Together, We Are the Church....** [Read the full article online at: **psec.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2014SpMtgHighlights.pdf**](http://psec.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2014SpMtgHighlights.pdf)

See you at the PSEC Fall Meeting: November 8 at St. Paul's UCC in Douglassville!

Our Church's Wider Mission begins with Extravagant Welcome:

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Because we believe in extravagant welcome, we insist that God's table is open, not closed, and God's gift and claim in baptism are irrevocable... We demonstrate this through public professions of our identity and purpose: multi-racial, multi-cultural, open and affirming, accessible to all. We advocate justice for all as an extension and expression of faith. We are open to new ways of being church and forming Christian community. We affirm that cultural differences expand our ability to welcome more people. We strive to keep our perspective global in our partnership with people of faith around the world. **Gifts to OCWM benefit the full range of the United Church of Christ mission across the country and around the globe.**



Getting to Know:

First UCC

611 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19603



Serving Witness to Word and Sacrament in Downtown Reading since 1753, is the tag-line that says it best. First United Church of Christ, at 611 Washington Street, is the "mother church" of all the UCC churches in the city of Reading.

This historical church is an active and caring congregation that seeks to discern how God is still speaking to the members during this transitional time. We continue to share God's love through our Reformed heritage and rich history.

There is a vibrant music ministry including a senior choir, handbell choir, and children's choir. The First Church Concert Series is a program of four concerts offered throughout the year for the community.

We are proud of the Senior Center, a weekly program offered for seniors in the community for two 12-week sessions. There is a program and lunch served for about 20-25 participants. Good conversation and fellowship keep many of its members coming back every week.



We support the Greater Berks Food bank, host an active AA group, and offer a Tuesday mid-day worship service. Please be sure to visit our website for more information www.firstchurchreading.org.



Prayers are requested for First UCC, Reading and Rev. Corrine R. Dautrich



Performing October 26, 2014

3:00PM

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Admission – Free will offering

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.

The Society of the Descendants of the Schwenkfeldian Exiles

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ANNOUNCES ITS

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

2:00 pm –Annual Fall Meeting & Election of Officers

**Meeting Room, 1st Floor
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center
105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA**

2:30 pm “Letters From a Montana Sheep Man”
presented by Darlene Schneck

Darlene Schneck will be presenting the true, fascinating story of her Schwenkfelder ancestor, Isaac S. Schultz of Hereford, Pennsylvania. Born in 1851, Isaac was a scholar, a pioneer in the Wild West, and a missing man for 44 years. Isaac's tale will be told through letters, maps, photos, and other historical documents from the 1880s and 1931 when he was discovered.

Darlene will also share how his story came to light and then became a book entitled “Letters From a Montana Sheep Man.”

PUBLIC INVITED / HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE / REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW

Official Call - Fall Meeting, 2014

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference
United Church of Christ
From Rev. Selina Hamilton, Consistory Secretary



Saturday, November 8th

St. Paul's (Amityville) United Church of Christ
1312 Old Swede Rd., Douglassville, PA 19518
9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Registration check-in: 8:30 am)

Come gather this day to participate in this time of community for Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. A day of worshiping together, handling the matters before us together, and imagining the future together. We invite and need your voice, gifts and talents in shaping the future of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

We will celebrate the Installation of our newly elected Conference Minister, Rev. William P. Worley. Rev. Dr. Stephanie Weiner, Associate Conference Minister, Indiana-Kentucky Conference, UCC will lead this service.

Registration and Meeting Materials:

A link to the online registration will be available October 9. Meeting materials are available on the PSEC [website](#). Please review and print these materials for your use at the meeting.

Important Catering Information:

Please note that due to catering deadlines, we are unable to offer lunch to those registering at the door.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, October 19

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service – Pulpit Exchange](#)

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

3:00pm [School of Christ](#)

Monday, October 20

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

7:00pm [Board of Christian Education Meeting](#)

Tuesday, October 21

8:00am [Quilters](#)

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

7:00pm [Boy Scouts](#)

7:00pm [Mission Board Meeting](#)

Wednesday, October 22

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](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts Board of Review](#)

7:00pm [Palm Country Day School Board Meeting](#)

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

Thursday, October 23

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

Friday, October 24

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

Saturday, October 25

9:00am [Electronics Recycling - Relay for Life Fundraiser](#)

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

Sunday, October 26

9:00am [Combined Sunday School Class – Mission Team Presentation](#)

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

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

2:00pm [Exile Society Meeting](#)

3:00pm [Concert with "The Dogs of Falkner Swamp"](#)

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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: Lawrence Croll

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208