

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of Confirmands

Prayer

Prelude

“Baptized into Your Name”

Donald Busarow

***Call to Worship**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;
**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and
of the farthest seas.**

By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of
the peoples.

**Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your
signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening
shout for joy.**

***Hymn #52**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Call to Confession

Praise Chorus

“Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord”

(repeat)



Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the Lord,

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Lord;

And

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Prayer of Confession

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Praise Chorus



Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the Lord, Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the



Lord; And He shall lift you



up high-er and high-er, and He shall lift you up.

Assurance of Pardon

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into the household of faith
through the sacrament of Baptism,
Owen Stephan Zaborowski
Son of Kenneth and Kelly Zaborowski

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 he 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

Senior Choir Anthem

“Borning Cry”

John Ylvisaker
arr. Lloyd Larsen

Scripture Joel 2:23 – 32 (NRSV p. 741 – 742; LP p. 1427 – 1428)
Luke 18:9 – 14 (NRSV p. 853; LP p. 1640)

Praise Chorus

(repeat)



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Lord; And He shall lift you



up high-er and high-er, and He shall lift you up.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

“Rain Down”

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

“Baptized in Water”

Dale Wood

***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**

**God of creation, you water the earth and send forth food; you
shower us with grace and feed us with your love. Accept these
gifts, humble though they may be, and use them to spread your
goodness throughout the earth; in Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

***Hymn#592**

“Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad”

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction

“Go Now in Peace”

Don Besig & Nancy Price

Postlude

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Allan Mahnke

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of John and Dorothy Brunner by the family.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Barbara Goda by Anne, Daryl, Whitney, Victoria, and Kerm.

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:

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

1 Samuel 30 is the key to understanding Matthew 1. That will be the topic for this week's online Bible Study. 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 **this 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 **next Sunday, October 30th**, for a kid friendly lunch, pumpkin painting, and seed baking. Pick up is at 12:30pm. Please sign up by **today** 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)

Migrant Hospitality Project

The Migrant Hospitality Project (MHP) is awaiting activation. We are equipped to welcome a Christian exile household of up to 4 people. Cash donations are still appreciated, in anticipation of moving costs and final items that depend on the demographics of the actual clients. Please mark your donations "Migrants."

Thank You

Thank you to our church family for the fruit and goodies plate from Harvest Home. We appreciate being remembered. Even more special is the love and care Pastor Nick and all of you have shown through your cards, calls, and visits. We are especially grateful for the rides to the hospital and doctor visits. We hope to see you soon.

Edmund and Grace Kuhns

Thank You

I sincerely appreciate all of the calls, cards, and letters I've received expressing sympathy upon the death of my sister-in-law Fern. Thank you. Grace Beard

Exile Society Annual Fall Meeting & Presentation

The Society of the Descendants of the Schwenkfeldian Exiles will hold their Annual Fall Meeting **today**. 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 Tipton, 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

Laity Sunday

Next Sunday, October 30th, we will hold Laity Sunday. Worship will be led by Ken Jacob, along with the lay people of Palm Schwenkfelder Church. We will celebrate the many gifts that have been bestowed upon the members of this congregation and look forward to all joining in celebration of Christ's continued call to ministry for each and every one of us.

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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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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October 23, 2016

Thoughts on the 4 Association Mergers...**“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43).**

Four of our seven Conference Associations (East Berks, Heidelberg, Reading, and Schuylkill) have spent the last five years discerning and dreaming about the possibility of consolidating into one Association. And now, on October 30th, Reformation Sunday, they gather to vote on this possibility. While the Conference generally, and the Conference Minister specifically, has not had an active role in these conversations, the Conference Minister does have a perspective to share on behalf of our Conference which will be affected.

First, regardless of the outcome, the merger process has provoked important deliberation around the purpose of Associations (which many don't know), our pastors' and lay leaders' commitment to Association work (which many don't make) and the possibilities that lie in stronger Associations (which most can't see--yet) which make for a stronger Conference.

Second, consolidating Associations has the potential to make an exciting connection with the Vision, Mission and Objectives of the PSEC 2020 Vision Plan even though it was not conceived as part of that plan. It has the potential to create a “unified portion of the Body of Christ moving in a collaborative direction” (vision). It has the potential to make the “Association...agencies of connection and accountability” (mission) and it has the potential to “create an ethos of expectation, experimentation and transformation” (objective).

Finally, it does mean change. Some changes can be anticipated while others cannot. Therein lies cause for anxiety. But the leaders of each Association have given time and space for all voices to inform this process. They understand that as the religious landscape around us changes and UCC ministries near and far continue to decline, business as usual will not lead us into the future. There are new and different ways to structure our connections, share resources, support one another and inspire each other as we live out the truth of being Christ's body and our call to take the gospel into the world. I firmly believe that in this process God may be doing a new thing. That is something of which I want to be part and for which I would beg your prayers.

Blessings, *Bill Worley, Conference Minister*



Who doesn't love kids? We love having them in our midst – squirming and talking and exploring. Because our congregation is seated in the round, we face one another.

Our kids often move around the space, stretching out on the carpet, visiting a friendly face across the sanctuary, or splashing in the fountain. Sometimes they just start dancing! Our kids have been known to ask a question of the preacher during a sermon. (You might call it an interruption, we call it the movement of the Spirit!) Our children have things to learn from the church, it's true. But we also have so much to learn from them.

While we embrace and affirm our own children, we also feel called to stand for all children across our state. Pennsylvania has the largest gap in the quality of education provided to higher-income and low-income children in the country. Many children in our state are not afforded what the Pennsylvania constitution promises, “a thorough and efficient” system of education. We invite you to pray with us, not only for the children in each of our congregations and communities, but for those who teach, administer, and make decisions about education in our state. All our children, regardless of race, zip code, or class, deserve an education which helps them to be the person of sacred worth and gifts that God calls each of them to be.



Prayers are requested for Chestnut Hill United Church in Philadelphia and Rev. Linda Noonan.

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:

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| One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC) | Or | Week of Compassion |
| Memo: Hurricane Matthew | | Memo: Hurricane Matthew |
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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



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This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 25

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, October 26

- 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 27

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, October 28

- 9:00am Ladies' Aid Baking Cookies
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Corn Maze Night & Youth Lock-In

Saturday, October 29

- » 9:00am Corn Maze Night & Youth Lock-In
- 9:00am Ladies' Aid Baking Cookies
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, October 30

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Laity Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Pumpkin Painting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are³

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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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Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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