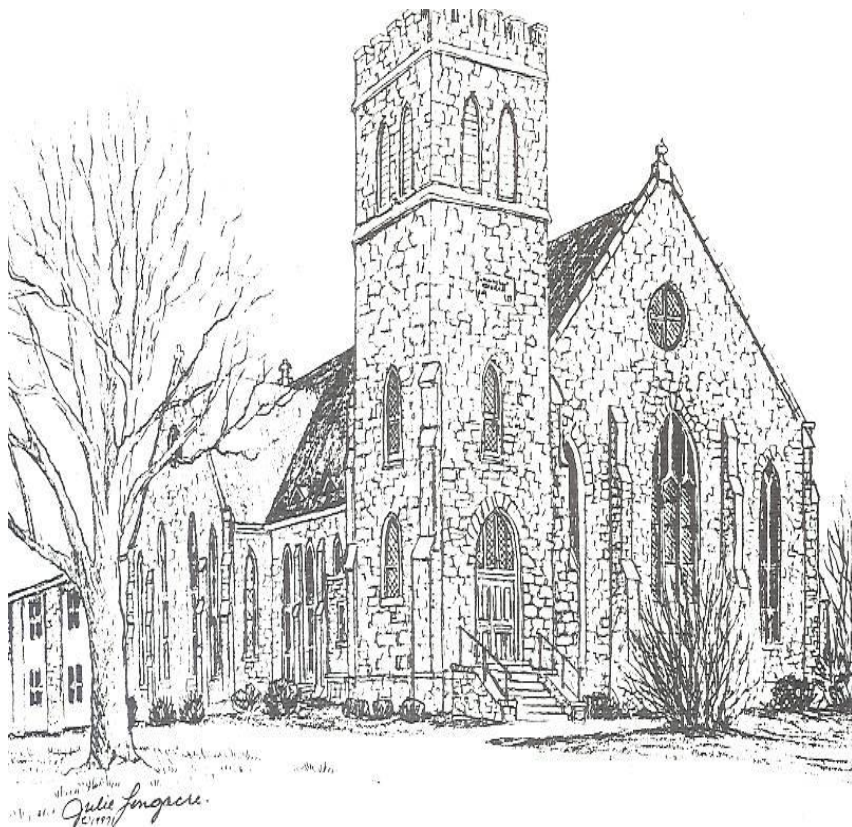


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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”

David Cherwien

Prayer

***Call to Worship**

God is gathering us from many different places.

No one is worthy, but all are invited.

God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.

God cares for us amid our pain and losses.

We are delivered from our fears and saved from our trouble.

Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.

We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.

Taste and see how good God is.

Trust in the one who awakens joy in the place of tears.

We will bless our God in all times and places.

Let us exalt God’s name together.

***Hymn #43**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, who appointed Christ our high priest, may he intercede for us as we confess our sin. We are lame when we do not walk by faith. We are blind when we do not seek your truth. We crave self-fulfillment rather than your righteousness. We are in bondage to ourselves. Through Christ, release us from captivity, and in him forgive us. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Bell Choir

“A Mighty Fortress”

Sondra K. Tucker

Scripture Mark 10:46 – 52 (NRSV p. 823; LP p. 1582)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

***Hymn #441** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Sermon “A Transformative Faith”

Senior Choir Anthem “Softly and Tenderly” Will L. Thompson
arr. Joel Raney

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 “Amazing Grace” James Boeringer

***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**
Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give.
We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the
sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to
draw them closer to you. Keep us strong, that this church may
give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil,
and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness
of our times. Amen.

***Hymn #648** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***Benediction**

Postlude “Chorale and Fugue on ‘A Mighty Fortress’” James Denton

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today by Bob Graber in loving memory of his wife Dorothy Graber.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Lawrence Yokl 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:

Michelle Johnson, Edmund Kuhns, Sandy Chrysczanavicz , Dean Beal, Vern Weller, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, June Smoll, Jeff Treichler, Bill Ludlow, Tim Eschbach, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Sandy Zuchero, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Clara Graber, Earl Yerger, Jen Fries, Doris Masemore, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Karen Freed, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, 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

In 1 Samuel 22:3, David prepares for battle by sending his parents into exile. That will allow the online Bible Study to discuss relationships and genetics. Join the discussion by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

October Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to... Michael Kennedy 10/06, Ethan Raab 10/15, Shawn Johnson 10/15, Kate Pence 10/27

October Scripture About Joy

“Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” John 16:24

October Opening Devotions ~ Bible Birthdays

Story: The Story of Creation Genesis 1:1-2:4

Song: “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Memory Bible Verse: “God saw everything that he had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:31

Pumpkin Painting

For our youngest youth up through 4th grade, join us **today** after worship for lunch, pumpkin seed cooking, and pumpkin painting. Wear your Halloween costume and receive a trick-or-treat goody! Parents don't have to, but they are welcome to stay.

Bible App for Kids

Everything your kid needs to fall in love with God's Word. New – A Roaring Rescue (find it in the Adult You Version app), In the Beginning: The Story of Creation (this goes along with our current opening devotion story!)

You Version Holy Bible App – Teens and Adults

Read one that speaks to you! Fight Fear, I'm Encouraging, Gossip: The Power of Our Words, Get a Hold of Insecurity, World Views 101, Joshua Study, God's Promises for the Hungry Heart, Live Love Lead.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful Harvest Home tray that Kevin delivered to me. I really enjoyed eating all the goodies. Thank you for thinking of me. I really miss coming to church and it is nice to know that I am not forgotten.

Thank you, again.

Jean Gentry

Exile Society

The Society of the Descendants of the Schwenkfeldian Exiles will have their annual fall meeting **today**, at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center. The meeting will begin at 2:00pm with the election of officers. At 2:30pm there will be a presentation by Larry Grim entitled "Walter Emerson Baum: Sellersville Artist of Schwenkfelder Ancestry." Larry Grim is the oldest grandchild of Walter Baum, is a Perkasio Lawyer, past president of Bucks County Bar Association, and past director of the Baum School of Art and James A. Michener Art Museum. He will be assisted by Kathleen O'Dea, a fine arts consultant who completed the course of study at the Barnes Foundation and did graduate studies in art at NYU, holding a BA from the College of New Jersey and MA in Teaching from University of Pennsylvania. There will be refreshments following the presentation.

Official Call to the Meeting

The Ursinus Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ Fall Meeting will be held **today** at Peace in Zion United Church of Christ. Ariel Royer, Global Mission Intern, will give a presentation of her experiences during the past year. The Rev. Bill Worley, Conference Minister, will present the 20/20 Vision for the Conference, and the association will vote on it. Registration will be at 2:30pm, where refreshments will be served. Then beginning at 3:00pm, the events will be as follows: Opening Worship, Program, Business Meeting, and Worship with Holy Communion.

The pastors and delegates are encouraged to bring along their confirmation classes and parishioners who are interested in missions.

Peace in Zion United Church of Christ

204 Big Road (Rt. 73 next to Perkiomen Valley Middle School West)

Zieglerville, PA 19492

The Rev. Barbara Pence bepence@comcast.net

Are You Handy with a Needle and Thread?

If so, then the United Schwenkfelder choir could use your help to repair some of our choir gowns. Gowns that need minor repairs, snaps re-attached, hems re-sewn, etc. will be hung in the coat closets. Take one with a yellow ribbon and a tag that lets you know what needs to be done, please sign your name on the list so we know who has which gown number. When the gown is repaired, return the gown and remove the ribbon along with the tag. Thank you for your help this year!!

You Can Now Donate Online

Are there are times when you find yourself unable to join us here for worship and you still want to contribute? Well now you have an easy and convenient way to donate online. Visit <http://palmschwenkfelderchurch.com/> and click the “donate” button at the top right hand corner of the page. You will find you can donate using PayPal or your credit card through PayPal. When you donate online we ask that you also fill out an online donation form specifying where you want your contribution to go; General Operating, Missions, or other. Our members of the Board of Trustees are sure that the ease of using this online payment service is well worth the small fees that our church will incur. Please call the church office, 215-679-5321, if you have questions.

Election Day Bake Sale

The Ladies' Aid Society is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on November 3rd. 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 on Tuesday morning. Thank you!

Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Holiday Bazaar will be held from 9:00 – 3:00 on Saturday, November 21st. It's a fun-filled day of good food, good fellowship, and many crafters offering holiday shopping. The Ladies' Aid will be selling their cookbooks, candies, jellies, jams, and chow-chow. New this year to the Bazaar is homemade pickled cabbage. Holiday baked goods, breakfast cakes, pies, and cookies are also 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.

Christmas Stockings

The Ladies' Aid needs your help to fill Christmas stockings. We make a total of 75: 25 go to Pennsburg Manor, and 50 go to Norristown State Hospital. We try to put at least 6 items in each stocking. We would appreciate monetary gifts so that we can purchase the items and keep all the stockings the same. You can give your gifts to anyone on the committee: Miriam Hausman, Sandy Kriebel, Sally Wright, Ruth Weaver, Ethel Soffa.

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 **next Sunday, November 1st**. Please make checks payable to the "United Schwenkfelder Choir."

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 6th at 2:30p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church

Back to Back Bay – 2016

The Mission Board is looking for Members to form a Mission Team for the next Trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. The trip is scheduled to run from July 30 through August 7, 2016. So whether you are a 'Seasoned Veteran', or have never been on a Mission Trip before; be on the lookout for further details, and consider joining what is sure to be another memorable, and moving, adventure in Service.

Request for Meeting House Photos

The Publication Committee of the Schwenkfelder Church is requesting help from church members in compiling a collection of meeting house photos. We welcome photos throughout the years including those depicting special occasions, celebrations, services and other gatherings. We're happy to accept any format (hard copies/digital) and will return after scanning and/or saving. If known, please include the date, occasion and names of anyone pictured. Please contact: For Palm – Joanne Jalowy (610.845.9087) or Luanne Stauffer (215.679.8889) For Central – Linda Grisdale (215.368.7534) For Olivet – Everett Tyson (610. 279.3198)

Ten Thousand Villages

The Ten Thousand Villages International Crafts Festival will be held at the Upper Milford Mennonite Church, Kings Highway and Geissinger Road, Zionsville, on Friday, November 6th, noon – 8:00pm, and Saturday, November 7th, 8:00am – 4:00pm. All income from sales benefits Ten Thousand Villages who provide vital, fair income to Third World artisans by marketing their handicrafts in North America. Wheelchair accessible. Credit cards accepted. Bake Sale available. [Benefits MAMA Project](#). For more information, call 610-966-2733; email ummchurch@ptd.net; or www.ummchurch.org

Spread the Word about Palm

Are you on Facebook? Did you know the church has its own Facebook page? Please consider “LIKING” our Facebook page to see the weekly happenings at church – and enjoy occasional inspirational messages. If you already follow the church’s Facebook page – please consider asking your fellow “Facebook Friends” to like our page, so they too can see our upcoming events and enjoy our church’s activities. Thank you.

Bulletin Sponsorships

There are two upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday bulletins:

Next Sunday, November 1st, and November 22nd.

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

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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October 25, 2015

Reformation Sunday

By Rev. Sharon S. Morris, Associate Conference Minister

Today is Reformation Sunday, a historic day in the life of the church when we remember the Reformers of our faith. Today we remember Martin Luther who in 1517 nailed the 95 Theses on the door of the Chapel at Wittenberg setting into motion the very essence of the reformed movement. In 1518 Ulrich Zwingli courageously rebuked the Catholic Church for the sale of indulgences as a means of a forgiveness of sins. John Calvin, a French Theologian, insisted that worship should include the singing of the Psalms as part of church worship contrary to common practice. What courage these Reformers possessed to boldly challenge the leadership of the church of their day. Their courage changed the world forever. To put it very simply, because of the movement we know as the Reformation, believers have been blessed with a relationship with God that is deeply personal.

It is always good when we stop to reflect where we have been in order to understand where we are going. We are here today because of the courage and risk-taking of Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and others. Let us embrace this part of our past and may we too be inspired to take the same risk and have the same courage when we witness the injustices of our world and yes, even our faith.

What is happening today in our churches that could be thought of as a modern-day Reformation? Are we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, willing to step out in faith, to risk doing a new thing in order to proclaim the Gospel? It is interesting that the United Church of Christ uses the phrase, "God is Still Speaking" as our way of talking about a God that continues to do a new thing. Can you just imagine how the church of 1500 AD would have responded to such a phrase! But in the Reformation, God did do a new thing and God gave birth to our beloved church. And God is still speaking in our midst. God is continually re-forming the church to be the fulfillment of Christ's Body that we were created to be. And God continues to call forward people of faith to serve on God's behalf as agents of change.

Today we celebrate the Reformation of over 500 years ago. It is indeed a reason to celebrate, but if we continue to live in that place, we will miss where God may be calling us in the future. We are living in our time, let us nail our modern-day theses to each of our churches' doors and proclaim, with renewed energy and vitality, that our God lives and is still-speaking. We are not going to rely on the history of our past but take the same courage and risk-taking that the Reformers had and boldly go into the future, knowing that our God will lead us just as God led the church over 500 years ago.

UCC to Retain Ownership of National Offices

Written by Anthony Moujaes, UCC News Coordinator



After careful consideration, the United Church of Christ has decided to pull the building that has housed the national offices of the UCC the last quarter century off the market, and retain ownership. The sale of the adjoining downtown Cleveland hotel and the land on which it sits, which the church owns, is moving forward as planned.

"I am grateful to the staff and legal team of the United Church of Christ for their professionalism throughout this process," said UCC General Minister and President, the Rev. John Dorhauer. "After considering many options, they have helped us execute a transaction that will enhance our missional focus, free up missional assets, and focus our attention on what matters most."

The hotel buyer, Atlanta-based Global Management, will have a 90-day period to review due diligence of the hotel property and its operations, and a 30-day period thereafter to close the sale.

The current tenants of the 700 Prospect building (which include the covenanted ministries of the UCC, as well as affiliated ministries) are expected to consolidate office space so that new tenants can be sought for the top two floors. More details about consolidating office space and new tenants will be shared when confirmed details are available, Dorhauer said.

The denomination, which relocated to Cleveland from New York in 1989 and staffed in 1990, put the buildings up for sale in February, when property values in the neighborhood soared with the announcement of future redevelopment.



Prayers are requested for Oak Lane UCC in Philadelphia and Rev. Nathaniel Shaw.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, October 25

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Pumpkin Painting and Seed Baking
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Exile Society Meeting @ SLHC

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

- 9:30am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134
- 7:15pm Boy Scouts - Troop Committee Training
(Boards of Review)

Wednesday, October 28

- 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 29

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

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

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

Sunday, November 1

- 2:00am *Daylight Savings Time Ends*
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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Tuesday –Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00 – 3:00

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Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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Organist: Peg Jacob

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