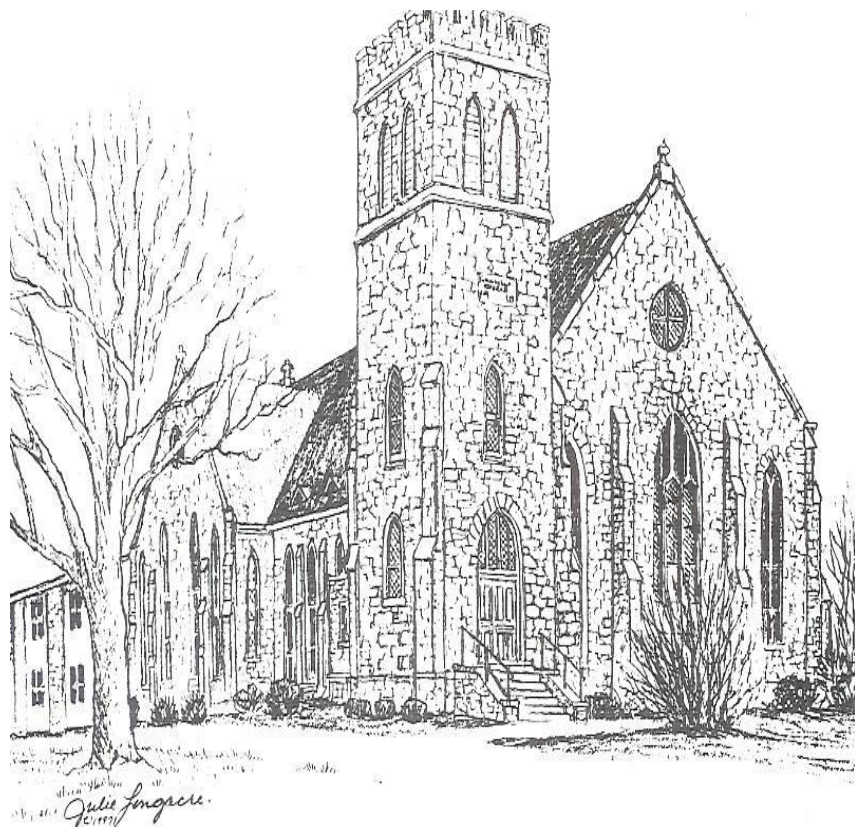


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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Matthew Burris

***Call to Worship**

Gather together to hear stories of faith and courage,
Listen for the ways God has acted among us.

Our ancestors in the faith listened for God’s word.

They dared to believe God’s promises.

Leaders like Moses and Paul saw evidence of God’s work.
They believed they were face-to-face with God’s truth.

They looked beyond the present moment.

They lived for dreams not yet realized.

Many felt God’s love in knowing Jesus.

They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.

We have come seeking community centered in Christ.

We want to feel God’s presence as we worship.

Senior Choir Anthem

“Blessed Be the Name”

Patti Drennan

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have missed your signs and wonders because we are so busy creating our own. Those around us who pretend to be our prophets offer little to which we aspire. Yet, we would pray with the psalmist, “Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days.” Where is the meaning we have missed in all our striving? Does Jesus hold the key when he says, “Love God with all your being,” and “Love you neighbor as yourself”? O God, we long to make sense out of life. Help us follow your way. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn #44**

“Great is the Lord”

Junior Bell Choir

“He Has Made Me Glad”

Leona Von Brethorst
arr. Peggy Betcher

Scripture

Psalm 90:1 – 6, 13 – 17 (NRSV p. 476 – 477; LP p. 928 – 929)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Lisa Stitt

***Hymn #78**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Sermon

“Renewed and Reformed”

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

“A Mighty Fortress”

J. S. Bach

***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**

**As we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray, O God, that they
may reveal your love in such a way that many will respond.
Awaken in us a love for you and for one another that is contagious.
Remove from us all apathy, pretense, and greed that we may grow
in holiness and compassion, living joyously in communion with
you. Amen.**

***Hymn #43**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Built on the Rock”

Ellen Lorenz

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored and the flowers are presented today by Bob Graber in loving memory of his wife, Dorothy.

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 Jane Shermer, Bob and Sandy Croll, Dan and Bonnie Croll, Marvin Zeisloft Jr., Ralph Stevenson, Arlene Krause, Bryan Schwoyer, Evelyn Bold, Ruth Adams, Darlene Jones, Rick Jones, Jean Boreman, Judy Yerger, Jacki Hensler, Erin Beighley and family, the Weinder family, Rochelle Ginder Manuel, Deena Updegrove, Rebecca Himmelwright, Joe and Sue Cooper, Jeff Treichler, Ernie Guldin, Leon Wohlbach, Meg Lester, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Mae Gerhart, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Donna Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Reverend Ed Winslow, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, 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 Schwenkfelder Church Ladies' Aid Society, and all those affected by natural disasters.

Holy Bible App by You Version

"I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14. Download *The Power of Being Thankful*.

October Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Michael Kennedy (10/6), Ethan Raab (10/15), Kate Pence (10/27)

Helping Hands

It feels like autumn and the leaves are falling. Need help raking leaves? Fill out a helping hands request form to receive exceptional help from our youth.

Chocolate Pretzel Night

Youth and parents, Come out to church on Friday, November 3rd 6:00pm-9:00pm to make chocolate covered pretzels. Bring along a bag of pretzels to dip and sprinkles. For children in 2nd grade and below, a parent must stay.

Redner's Food Drive

Sign-up for a shift to collect food for Open Link on Saturday, November 4th between the hours of 8:00am – 12 noon located at The Redner's Warehouse Market in Red Hill.

Illuminate Youth Conference

Youth 5th – 12th grade, join us on Friday, November 10th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday, November 11th 6:00pm-11:00pm at Bethany Church in Wescosville. Youth Pastor, Spence Helm will uplift that we were made in God's image, chosen to be His masterpiece, and made on purpose, for a purpose. Visit www.illuminateyc.com for more information. The cost and transportation will be provided.

Calling All Bakers - We Need Your Help.

Ladies' Aid is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on November 7th. 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 November 6th, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM, or any time Tuesday morning.

Holiday Cookies

This coming Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3rd at 9:00am, come to the church kitchen to help the Ladies' Aid make and bake cookies for the Holiday Bazaar.

Ten Thousand Villages

The Ten Thousand Villages International Crafts Festival will be held at the Upper Milford Mennonite Church, 6450 Kings Highway South, Zionsville, this Friday, November 3rd, from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and this Saturday, November 4th, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. All income from sales goes to Ten Thousand Villages which provides vital, fair income to Third World artisans by marketing their handicrafts in North America. Also a Bake Sale to benefit MAMA Project. Handicapped Accessible. Credit/Debit Cards Accepted. Info: 610-966-2733; www.ummchurch.org; email ummchurch@ptd.net

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 **next Sunday, November 5th**, after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

Wind & Flood Disaster: Hurricane Relief 2017

Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida on Sunday, September 10th with record-force winds and storm surges on the coasts. Millions of people in Florida evacuated or moved to approved shelters before the storm hit. Hurricane Harvey made landfall near Corpus Christi, Texas, on Friday, August 25th as a Category 4 storm with 130 mile per hour winds. The storm caused widespread flooding and significant damage across southern Texas as it dropped *several feet* of water throughout the region. UCC Disaster Ministries is in the midst of coordinating our long-term recovery work in the regions. Your contributions for Hurricane survivors will provide community support for holistic recovery, repair house and home for families and children, and restore dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of these catastrophic events. You may contribute to support Hurricane Relief and recovery efforts by clicking on the 'Donate' link to make a secure online donation at http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_2017_relief. Gifts may also be made by indicating "Hurricane Relief" in the 'Other' area of your Giving Envelopes; gifts will be forwarded to Wider Church Ministries by way of the Conference (PSEC).

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 29th. 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 3rd at 2:30p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church.

Disaster Kits for Hurricane Relief

We invite you to join in partnership with a community-wide effort to support our neighbors in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S Virgin islands in the wake of this incredibly active Hurricane season. Pennsburg UCC would like to coordinate a disaster bucket drive (cwskits.org) and would love to have your participation. Whether it is by putting your own buckets together, by donating bucket ingredients or taking up collections to buy such ingredients, or by putting together one of the two other kinds of kits on the Church World Service site, any help is greatly appreciated and much needed. Please call the church office for information on where to drop off donations.

BUCKET CONTENTS AS SPECIFIED BY CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

- One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs non surgical latex gloves
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

Donation of Flower Vases

The Deacons are looking for donations of flower vases. They are needed for altar flowers, for when they are delivered to someone who is sick or shut-in. You can give your donated vase to one of the Deacons, or you can drop it off in the office.

Did You Know...?

This is where we list items of interest to members and visitors. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

Did You Know...?

- LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher. LARGE PRINT Bibles are also available for use during worship services, located on the table to the left between the front and back sections of pews.
- Listening devices are available for those who would like them. Please see an usher to assist you.
- A fully accessible restroom is located in the hallway, across from the office. A baby changing table is there, also.
- There are greeting cards on the podium as you enter the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to sign – you don't need to be a member of the congregation to add your name to the well wishes.
- Donations of greeting cards to this project are welcomed and needed, especially Get Well and Sympathy cards. Please see Nancy Hoffman with your donations, or place them on the podium shelf.
- There are two yellow and green bins at the back of the parking lot for recycling your office paper and newspaper. The church benefits from these collections, along with helping the environment.

Did you also know?

- Each year our Ladies' Aid Society extends its charitable giving to over 20 community and global ministries in addition to our church's general fund. You make this possible by generously supporting our fundraisers including purchases of chow chow, apple butter and Palm cookbooks. Don't forget our upcoming Election Day Bake Sale and the popular Holiday Bazaar on November 18th.

Address Changes/Updates

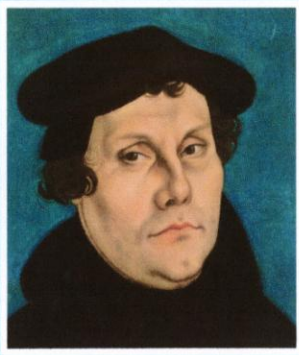
As a service to our members, any address changes that come through the office will now be listed in the bulletin. There will also be a section in the Palm Leaves that will list new addresses. However, for privacy reasons, this information will not be included in the online versions of the bulletin or Palm Leaves. 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.

Disaster Assistance Services Center for Hurricane Victims Now Open in Philadelphia

3 Great Loves....Love of Neighbor Opportunity for PSEC Churches!

Is your church looking for a great opportunity to be part of 3 Great Loves ...Love of Neighbor? Perhaps your church is also still wanting to assist those who suffered loss in this summer's hurricanes. If so, we have the answer! The Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management, in cooperation with the PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Southeast PA Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (SEPA VOAD) has opened a Disaster Assistance Services Center in the city to help those displaced by recent hurricanes in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands. Local, state, federal and non-profit partners are working together to provide information on available services for individuals displaced from the recent hurricanes. As of last count, 135 families, representing 280 individuals have visited the DASC for assistance. Evacuees can register for FEMA assistance, medical assistance, emergency food stamps, unemployment assistance at the center. In addition, evacuees can also obtain career services, medical and behavioral health evaluation and referrals. At the request of SEPA VOAD the PSEC is getting more involved. The conference has been asked to take the lead on this special mission. The UCC Disaster Ministries has issued a grant to the PSEC in support of this ministry however additional funds are required. As you can imagine the needs are many: housing, food, transportation, medical assistance, just to name a few. Your support of this cause can be sent to the Conference office. Please mark your check DASC. Each day we ask God to keep the world safe. When disasters occur, it is nice to know there is a way to help! No gift is too small!

IT'S THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION



Join us for a
German-themed
celebration!

October 29, 2017

Worship celebration - 3 PM

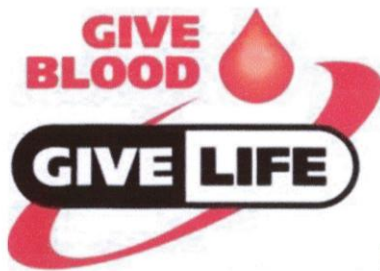
Red Hill Band outdoor concert - 4:30 PM

Bring lawn chairs!

Fellowship featuring bratwurst, spaetzle,
sauerkraut and desserts.

Admission - non-perishable food donation
for Open Link's Food Pantry.

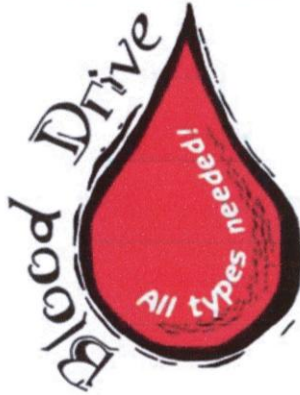
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Miller Keystone Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for the Miller Keystone Blood Drive sponsored by the Palm Mission Board on Saturday, November 18th, 2017. The blood drive is from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You can sign up on the mission bulletin board, online at www.giveapint.org, via email (palmadministrator@comcast.net), or by calling the Church Office (215-679-5321). Walk-ins are also welcome.

Thank you for your support.



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October 29, 2017

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

“The Protestant Reformation began 500 years ago. None of us lived before it. Some of the life-threatening, flabbergasting ideas that exploded out of those years are now a part of the air we breathe. 500 years ago people died for them. But time turns the revolutionary into the everyday. We take key Reformation claims for granted. We can’t even see them, they’re just a part of who are.”

Matt Fitzgerald shared those thoughts in a UCC study guide about the Reformation. Anthony Robinson added, “Apart from the historical significance of a 500th [Reformation] anniversary, re-visiting these themes has the value that any study of history offers. It enriches our understanding of our past and how we got to where we are today...and it cautions us, as the study of history always does, to avoid some of the mistakes of our forebears...we need to ask about their continuing relevance—or irrelevance—for the church today. Many people in our day are claiming that the church, and society, are ripe for a new Reformation.”

You might not even be aware of it, but we are in the process of reformation in our day to determine what the church will become and how that will shape the way we live together in our local communities and the world. It is being driven by very real economic factors facing your congregation as much as the abandonment of church and religious life by many Americans. I want our Reformation to be shaped by the belief in, and the experience of, the transformative power of the resurrected Spirit of Jesus Christ. I need that and I suspect you do too. I know the world does and it is our call as disciples of Christ to make sure the world has it. It is not enough for us to celebrate the Reformation that was. It is for us to join in the Reformation that is. I am blessed to be in partnership with you to make that happen.

Blessings,

Rev. William (Bill) P. Worley, Conference Minister

**The Joint Conference Vision and Development Team
is looking for your input!**

Members of PNEC and PSEC chosen to discern the possibility of a new Eastern Pennsylvania Conference are now known as the **Joint Conference Vision and Development Team**.

Co-Chair, Rev. Barbara Pence is reaching out with the following request:

"The Joint Conference Vision and Development Team would like your input as we move deeper into our work of visioning and developing a possible new conference. Please fill out our survey and return it by November 1, 2017. We appreciate your assistance in our work." The "return to" address can be found on the survey.

Peace,

Rev. Barbara Pence, Co-Chair of JCVDT

NOTE!! Deadline is in 4 days! Access the survey at www.psec.org, click on Directories, click on Joint Conference Vision and Development Team . The survey link is there!



Not too late for ALICE Training !

It is an unfortunate reality that we sometimes live in an un-safe world. Is your church prepared for such an emergency?

PSEC has teamed up with the Insurance Board to bring you ALICE Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)!

**Saturday, November 4th / 10:00 am—12:00
noon**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown



For more information and to sign up, go to the PSEC website, psec.org. and click on the slider at the top of the page.

Training includes an eLearning component to be completed prior to November 4th!

All Saints Offering

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,..."
— William W. How

The first Sunday in November is designated as All Saints Sunday. We celebrate long ago saints and those we know as saints today; people who inspired us by grit and determination to "keep on trying." Many of these people are pastors whose lives shaped and influenced our own.

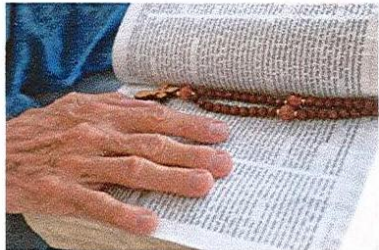
Some of our PSEC pastors who retired years ago are now in need of special assistance. Because their retirement income is low, the churches of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference supplement the cost of their health benefits.

The Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ administers these supplemental gifts according to whomever has the greatest need. Last year your gifts provided \$5,200 to meet the Conference's \$6,300 commitment to the 9 pastors, spouses, and widows who received health and dental insurance assistance.

Join with our Conference churches this year to send a message of care and support to those Saints among us who have served the church so well in past years!

Please place your contribution for the 2017 All Saints offering in an envelope marked "All Saints."

Blessings



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, October 29

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 3:00pm Community Worship Service @ St. John's Lutheran

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

- 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, November 2

- 9:00am Cookie Baking
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 3:30pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Friday, November 3

- 9:00am Cookie Baking
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Youth Making Chocolate Covered Pretzels

Saturday, November 4

- 8:00am Redner's Food Drive
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, November 5

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

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Greeter: Gregg Hoffman

Ushers: Karl Badman, Alex Jalowy, Joanne Jalowy, Lisa Stitt

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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