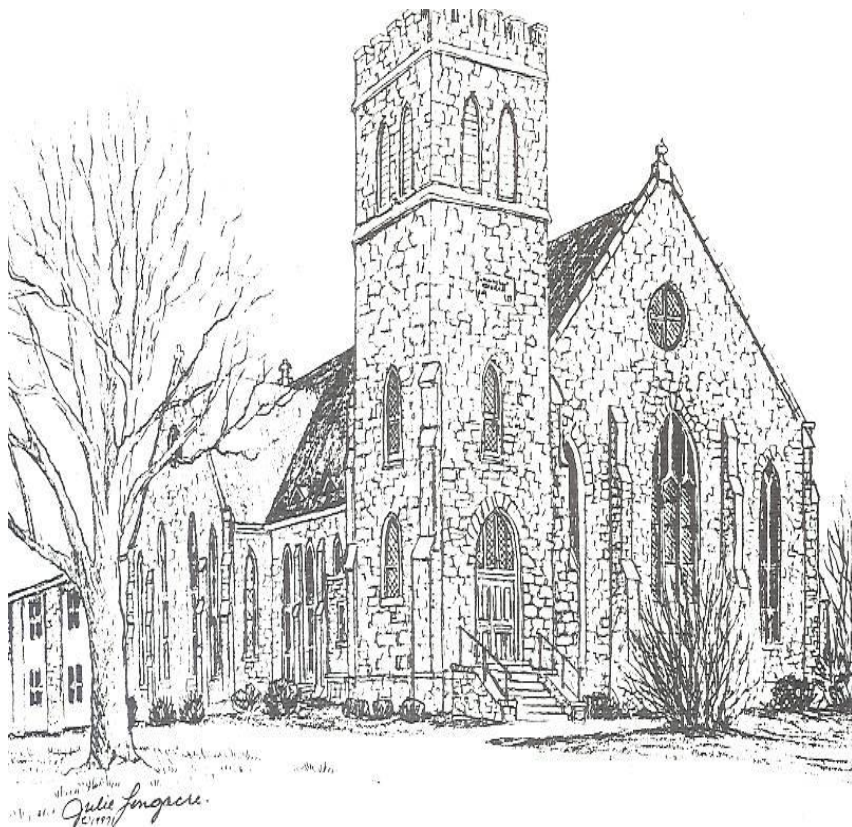


# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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**PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016  
LAITY SUNDAY  
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introduction of the Confirmands**

**Prayer**

**Prelude** "Amazing Grace" arr. Lindsay Lafford

**Call to Worship**

We have gathered today in search of reformation.

**We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.**

We stand fearless at the edge of change.

**For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.**

Be still, and know that God is God.

**God is our rock and our redeemer.**

**\*Hymn #502** "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven and preserved from trouble. Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done, and the good we have failed to do. Forgive us, we pray; guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Senior Bell Choir** "Oh, How Jesus Loves Me" William Bradbury  
arr. Linda Lamb

**Children's Sermon**

**Scripture**      Jeremiah 31:31 – 34 (NRSV p. 642; LP p. 1235)  
                        Psalm 46 (NRSV p. 450; LP p. 880 – 881)  
                        Romans 3:19 – 28 (NRSV p. 915 – 916; LP p. 1762)  
                        John 8:31 – 36 (NRSV p. 871; LP p. 1674)

**\*Hymn #689**                      “The Church’s One Foundation”

**Sermon**                              “Justification by Grace through Faith”

**Senior Choir Anthem**              “In Christ Alone”                      arr. Benjamin Harlan

**Pastoral Prayer**

Leader:                                      Lord have mercy.  
Congregational Response: **Hear our prayer.**

**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**                              “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”                      Mark Bender

**\*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**

**Transforming God, all that we have is yours. All your children  
are our brothers and sisters. We are all inheritors of your  
grace. You have blessed us abundantly. Now bless what we  
have been moved to share, that our love for one another may  
increase. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #43**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“A Mighty Fortress”

Jacob B. Weber

\*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers today are presented in honor of Kevin and Barb Master’s 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The bulletins today are sponsored in honor of Ed and Kathy Bieler’s 46<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Carmen Davis, 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.

### **Bible Study**

Is 1 Samuel 30 the illustration that clarifies 1 Samuel 7:12? Take part in that discussion in this week's online Bible Study 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!

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

- **Today** – Pumpkin Painting after worship. Lunch provided. Parent pick-up at 12:30pm.
- Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Chocolate Covered pretzel making. All youth welcome. Bring bag of small shape pretzels, rods, or snaps. Chocolate donations needed.
- Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Pizza and Movie Night. 6:00 – 10:00 pm. “Miracles from Heaven” - Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. All are welcome.
- Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Bazaar – Kids Corner with crafts
- Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – “SAVE THE DATE” 5:00 – 8:00 pm - Journey to Advent Evening – all are welcome. Details to Follow.

### **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!

## **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."

## **Laity Sunday**

**Today** we observe Laity Sunday. Worship will be led by the lay people of Palm Schwenkfelder Church, and Ken Jacob will be preaching the sermon. With our Laity Sunday service we celebrate the many gifts that have been bestowed upon the members of this congregation and rejoice in Christ's continued call to ministry as people of faith.

## **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 **today**. 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 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church.

## **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 **next Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**, after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

## **Election Day Bake Sale**

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

## **Nominating Committee**

Following worship **today** there will be a meeting of the Nominating Committee, in the church library.

### **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

### **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 still 2 chances to sponsor flowers available for 2016: November 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

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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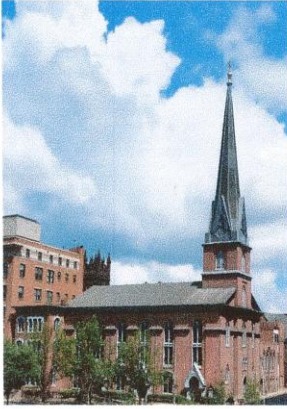
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October 30, 2016

## First UCC, Reading, "Celebrates" Its Final Worship Service



On this Reformation Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, First UCC, in downtown Reading celebrates 263 years of ministry with a final worship service.

**We celebrate** an impressive history. We requested land from the sons of William Penn. Worship began in a log cabin built in 1753, a stone church in 1761 and a larger brick church in 1832. Among the historic treasures is the original deed signed by Conrad Weiser, a trustee of the congregation. It served as a hospital for wounded in the Revolutionary War. Members were officers in George Washington's army. For the next few decades, First UCC started 12 other

churches and became known as the Mother of the Reformed Church in Reading and the surrounding area.

**We celebrate** its ministries. Mission & Outreach has supported local agencies. Meals are served at the local shelter and the church hosts AA and NA meetings. In 1982, a Senior Center began, which provides fellowship, trips and meals to members of the church and the community.

The Music Ministry has always been important. A concert series was provided to the community. The largest organ in Berks County will be expertly played today, and years of choral and handbell choirs will be remembered.

**We celebrate** its future. The endowment fund will be used to continue mission in downtown Reading. The Senior Center will continue to bring joy and fellowship to its members. Another congregation committed to the mission of downtown Reading will worship in the beautiful sanctuary.

**We celebrate** the accomplishments of all the generations of members who have gone before. Cherished are the memories of worshiping in the church.





## Falkner Swamp Reformed UCC

2077 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville, PA 19525



At Falkner Swamp U.C.C. we offer acceptance and friendship. On Sunday mornings and throughout the week, in the church building and beyond, Falkner Swamp is a place where lives and spirits can interact with love and kindness.

Gathering for our first Communion as a worshipping body in 1720, ours is the oldest continuously serving congregation of the German Reformed side of the United Church of Christ. Taking this heritage into the future is a current prayer and hope of this fun-loving and faith-filled body of Christ.

Fellowship and food go together here. In 2016 the church began serving community breakfasts on Saturday mornings, to extend the UCC's characteristic extravagant welcome to all. Monthly Sunday dinners, offered for a low price, are open to all after worship. The Falkner Swamp Saints Relay for Life team provide opportunities yearly for fellowship and fund-raising for cancer research. Their chicken pot pies, on sale soon, cannot be beat to chase off the autumn chill. (Call the church office to reserve yours!)

In recent years the musical trio "The Dogs of Falkner Swamp" visited various retirement communities, churches, and ball parks to provide worship through story and song, and a newly forming Men's Chorus graces our worship.

A small but energetic church school enlivens summer VBS and our monthly Youth Sunday, a growing process of involving children and youth in worship.

As the congregation of Falkner Swamp looks to the future, partnership with other churches and organizations will provide continuing opportunities to spread its characteristic love of one another through Christ.



Prayers are requested for Falkner Swamp UCC in Gilbertsville and Rev. Frances Chester.

We're here because of Blood Donors!



# BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Date and Time

**Palm Schwenkfelder Church**

Location

**[www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://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 30**

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

## **Monday, October 31**

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

## **Tuesday, November 1**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

## **Wednesday, November 2**

- 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 3**

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

## **Friday, November 4**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Palm Youth Making Chocolate Covered Pretzels

## **Saturday, November 5**

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

## **Sunday, November 6**

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

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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

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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

Ushers: Lisa Stitt, Karl Badman, Gregg Hoffman, Rick Jones

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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