

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

### ALL SAINTS DAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

"Prayer"

Leon Boellmann

**\*Call to Worship**

How often have we imagined the ruler of glory far off?  
God is not in some remote heaven but here.

**We wait in silence for God's appearing.**

**Come, Holy One, to wipe away our tears.**

Stretch out your hands and open your hearts.

Purify your lives from all deceit and falsehood.

**God reaches out to comfort and cleanse.**

**We can sense God's hand of blessing resting on us.**

The earth and all things in it are God's.

The world and all its people belong to God.

**We are God's people, called and saved by Christ.**

**We are the saints who share in Christ's ministry.**

**\*Hymn #751**

"For All the Saints"

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**We are unprepared to meet you, mighty God, but we cannot put off this encounter. You continue to summon us to the mountaintop to feel your presence and respond to your Word. You invite us to lift up our heads and to see the ruler of glory but we have stubbornly refused to acknowledge your work among us or to see any purpose emerging from the depths of our despair. We fear death. We shrink from life. This is our greatest sin, cutting ourselves off from you. God help us. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture** Revelation 21:1 – 6a (NRSV p. 1007 – 1008; LP p. 1946)  
John 11:32 – 44 (NRSV p. 874; LP p. 1680 – 1681)

**Children’s Sermon**

**Children’s Church**      No Children’s Church Today

**\*Hymn #749**                      “Rejoice in God’s Saints”

**Sermon**

**Senior Choir Anthem**      “Soon and Very Soon”                      Andrae Crouch  
arr. Jack Schrader

**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**                      "Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels"                      Henry Gerike

**\*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**  
**The earth is yours, O God, and all that is in it. We have**  
**received untold blessings from your hand. You set before us**  
**the vision of a new heaven and a new earth, inviting us to share**  
**in its formation. May the love of Jesus be expressed to others**  
**by our sharing of gifts, both person-to-person and through the**  
**investment of dollars to support the ministries of others. This**  
**offering of service and sacrifice is the high point of our**  
**worship. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #596**                      “We’re Marching to Zion”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                      "For All the Saints"                      Lani Smith

\*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in memory of Clarence and Amanda Schultz by Lee Schultz.

The flowers are presented today in honor of Ray and Miriam Hausman's 65<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:**

Rev. Linda S. Gruber, 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 Men of Palm.

**Bible Study**

Does 1 Samuel 22:6 remind you of a picture that you have seen and remember? If so, please identify the picture for the online Bible Study. To be included in the Discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office.

**November Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to... Tatum Korn (11/13), Bridgette Wright (11/16), Hans Muse (11/18), Reid Hoffman (11/25), Anja Muse (11/29), Sabine Muse (11/30)

**November Scripture about Joy**

Consider it pure joy...whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. James 1:2-3

**November Opening Devotions ~ Bible Birthdays**

Story: Excerpts from Exodus

Song: "Baby Mo-Mo-Mo-Moses"

Memory Bible Verse: God spoke to Moses and said, "I am the Lord." Exodus 6:2

## **October Celebration Food Drive Round-Up**

Thank you volunteers and thank you supporters for coming out to our food drive in October! We collected 245 items for Open Link. Pair that with the generosity of our congregation who donated 407 items, we gave a total of 652 items!!!

## **October Youth Hoagie Round-Up**

Thank you for supporting the youth hoagie sale in October. We raised \$215 for Open Link!

## **November Youth Hoagie Sale**

This month's hoagie sale will be held on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be donating the funds from this sale to the Girl Scouts for Toddler room updating.

## **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.

## **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 **this Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 **today**. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Happy Anniversary**

The family of Ray and Miriam Hausman invites the congregation of Palm to help celebrate Ray and Miriam's 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by sending them a barrage of cards. ☺

Ray and Miriam Hausman  
4144 Zionsville Road  
Zionsville, Pa 18092

## **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, **this coming Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, noon – 8:00pm, and Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:ummchurch@ptd.net); or [www.ummchurch.org](http://www.ummchurch.org)

## **Pastoral Relations Committee**

The Committee's focus is 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 8<sup>th</sup>**, after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

## **Laity Sunday**

**Next Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold Laity Sunday. Worship will be led by the lay people of Palm Schwenkfelder Church. We 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.

## **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 is one date remaining for sponsorship of our Sunday bulletins:  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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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November 1, 2015  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



You are invited to join us as the 169 UCC churches in southeastern Pennsylvania area will gather together to worship and discuss and vote on the proposed 2016 budget on **November 15 from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at St. Paul's UCC, 1312 Old Swede Road in Douglassville 19518.**

All meeting materials and a link to register are available on the PSEC website at [psec.org/calendarevents/events/2015-fall-meeting-documents/](http://psec.org/calendarevents/events/2015-fall-meeting-documents/). Please review and print\* materials you are interested in having for reference at the meeting. Some materials may be pertinent to items being voted on at the meeting. NOTE: WIFI is available in places in the building; if you will be using an electronic device to view the meeting materials, it may be best to download them prior to attending the meeting.

Register online at <https://psecfallmtg2015.eventbrite.com>. Fees: Adults \$10, Youth/Child \$5 (youth delegates 13-18 years, youth visitors 11-18 years and children ages 6-10 not being enrolled in childcare). Child Care (infant to 10 years) is free.



## News from the National Office of the UCC

Read the full articles on [www.ucc.org/news](http://www.ucc.org/news)

### Another Balanced Budget Approved for 2016 by Anthony Moujaes

For the second consecutive year, the national setting of the United Church of Christ will operate with a balanced budget, as it continues living into fiscal responsibility after years of dipping into the red.

"This is my first United Church of Christ Board meeting; my first budget. We have a responsibility to safeguard and steward our precious missional resources," said the Rev. John C. Dorhauer, UCC General Minister and President.

"Given the future we are envisioning, the mission we are called to undertake, and the start up initiatives I am asking the Church to engage in, this bodes well for us," Dorhauer said. "We will do everything we can to find and free up resources to fund our vision and mission. A new day is dawning. God is doing a new thing: do we not perceive it?" ....



## Laying the Foundation to Build a Church Culture of Risk-taking, Innovation and Ingenuity *by Anthony Moujaes*

....Dorhauer, the UCC general minister and president, shared that vision with the members of the UCC Board of Directors during its October meeting, imploring them to believe, hope and expect —just as he does — that the denomination's best days are ahead.... Here are the five initiatives, as outlined by Dorhauer:

### **1. Launch Stillspeaking 2.0**

.... Rather than investing in the creation and broadcast of new commercials for an ad campaign, Dorhauer envisions the national church creating a "toolkit" for local churches to create and customize banners and social media graphics.

### **2. Year-Long Media Campaign**

"I am going to invite the United Church of Christ to live more fully into its commitment of being a bold, public witness, Dorhauer said, outlining how the denominational office will identify and create a public event 12 times a year (once per month) in which its voice will be heard. "We must say things that not only matter, but have the potential to shape the world as we know it...."

### **3. Deepen the dialogue and partnerships with local churches**

Dorhauer is seeking to have 30 leaders of the national staff connecting with local churches on a daily basis. Part of that engagement involves making a phone call each day to a local church, asking them what they are doing that makes them proud of being part of that church.... "We want to create an ethos where every church knows that they matter," Dorhauer said. "So I and 30 colleagues will commit every day to picking up the phone and calling our local churches."

### **4. Dialogue on White Privilege**

.... Dorhauer is seeking to have the national setting develop curricula by September 2016 that will help covenanted settings open conversation on the effects of white privilege on the church. "We know that the material we produce will have both video and written content to it," Dorhauer said.

"This is a difficult conversation, but it's not one we need to shy away from," he added. "It is my promise that the materials will allow communities of faith to engage in this conversation both safely and substantively."

### **5. Strategic Planning Initiative**

Dorhauer will ask the board and covenanted partners to commit to a two-phase strategic planning initiative....

For the first part, the board will form a task force that will assemble and examine how the church needs to look in 10 years, placing particular emphasis on people under age 40, and reporting that feedback to the board.

From there, the second stage will explore what needs to be done to build a denomination that will be relevant in 10 years, and finding ways to build that church without sacrificing the UCC's identity and mission.

"I want to create a culture of risk-taking and innovation and ingenuity," Dorhauer said. "We have got to commit to collaborative efforts."

Prayers are requested for St. John's UCC in St. Clair and Rev. Kerry W. Smart.



# Rebounding After Loss

AN INTERACTIVE APPROACH TO COPING  
WITH THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

November 12 & December 10

6:15 – 7:30 pm

At The Hillside at Arbour Square

(699 Main Street, Harleysville)

*Facilitated by Crystal Gorel, Bereavement Coordinator, Crossroads Hospice*

Losing someone or something you love or care deeply about is very painful. You may experience all kinds of difficult emotions and it may feel like the pain and sadness you're experiencing will never let up. While there is no right or wrong way to grieve, there are healthy ways to cope with the pain that, in time, can renew you and allow you to move on.

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# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **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

## **Monday, November 2**

- 11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Tuesday, November 3**

- 7:00am Election Day
- 7:00am Ladies' Aid Election Day Bake Sale
- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

## **Wednesday, November 4**

- 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, November 5**

- 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Ladies' Aid Candy Making
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Ladies' Aid Candy Making
- 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

## **Friday, November 6**

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

## **Saturday, November 7**

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

## **Sunday, November 8**

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Laity 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 –Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00 – 3:00

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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, Karen Schultz, Kevin Schultz

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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