

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”

Benjamin Culli

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, all who hunger and thirst for truth.

Come to experience God’s presence in community.

**We have been called together as children of God.**

**What we may grow to become is not yet revealed.**

Look to God with joy and radiant expectation.

Delight in songs of praise and exaltation.

**God hears our cries and saves us from troubles.**

**God delivers us from all our fears.**

Taste and know the Creator’s goodness.

Take refuge in the One who supplies all you need.

**God is present with us here and everywhere we go.**

**May our worship here inspire continuing praise.**

**\*Hymn #596**

“We’re Marching to Zion”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Saving God, save us from ourselves. Rescue us from the fears that keep us from following where Jesus leads or trusting in your guidance. We have not hungered and thirsted for righteousness. We have not been pure in heart or humble-minded. We do not risk an unpopular witness or step bravely into the role of peacemaker. Our words and deeds do not praise you. Our worship lacks passion and conviction. We seek you now, O God. Redeem your children and fill us with the radiance of your self-giving love. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Revelations 7:9 – 17 (NRSV p. 999; LP p.1929 – 1930)

Matthew 5:1 – 12 (NRSV p.785 – 786; LP p. 1510)

Children’s Sermon

**\*Hymn#103**

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master”

**Sermon**

“Every Tear”

**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**

“For All the Saints”

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**

**This day we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone  
before us. They have taught us of your love, O God. By their  
example we have learned what it means to commit ourselves to  
Christ, how the Spirit guides us daily, and to dedicate our lives  
to your glory and honor. May these offerings we bring  
symbolize that commitment and continue the heritage of the  
saints gone by. Amen.**

**\*Hymn#751**

“For all the Saints”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“For All the Saints”

Lani Smith

**\*All who are able, please stand.**

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Dorothy Wilson by the family.

Today's bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Jake Treichler by Jeff and Bonnie Treichler and families.

**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:**

Molly Werley, Bryan Schwoyer, Clark Schultz, Clara Graber, Anna Bieler, Earl Yerger, Donald Long, Jen Fries, Brad Hoffman, Vera Boykin, Jean Gentry, Doris Masemore, Wanda Gentry, Charlie Krauss, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Barbara Kirwin, Karen Freed, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Mary Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, 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**

Did Jesse hate David, placing him in great danger as a child? (1 Samuel 17:34-37) To take part in this online Bible Study discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

### **Children's Church**

After the children's sermon all children from 4 years of age thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited upstairs to participate in Children's church for an interactive Bible lesson and snack. Please advise the leader if your child has food allergies or food restrictions. Parent pick up is upstairs in the children's church room.

### **“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” Matthew 4:19**

When you catch a youth member carrying out an act of kindness, you may tell them to put a punch in their fish card. Together we can help shape Christian behaviors.

### **Sunday School Room Committee**

Currently, a committee is being formed to help spruce up the Sunday school classrooms. Beginning with the Toddler room and moving through all the classrooms, this committee will evaluate each room and propose improvements to the Board of Trustees. Once approved, this committee will work together to execute the plan and fundraise if necessary. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please see anyone on the Board of Christian Education, or sign up on the sheet outside of the church office.

### **Youth Pretzel Night**

Join us this Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm for our annual chocolate covered pretzel night! It is a great time to hang out together while making some delicious treats to sell at the Holiday Bazaar. Bring along a bag of pretzels and a container of sprinkles. You may sign up in the Narthex.

### **Pretzel Night Donations**

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the chocolate wafers, please drop off a monetary donation to the youth in the Narthex after worship today. Thank you.

## **Kid's Corner at the Holiday Bazaar**

Look for the Kid's Corner where there will be a craft and other activities that the kids can enjoy while the parents shop. Also, stop by to buy a bag of chocolate covered pretzels and to place your order to purchase a Palm t-shirt.

## **Volunteers for Kid's Corner & Youth Table**

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help out at the Kid's corner or at the youth table selling chocolate pretzels and taking tee shirt orders.

## **Older Youth Event**

For 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up, our annual Nativity Story movie night will take place at the home of Lisa Stitt on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Enjoy refreshments and hot chocolate by the fire! Sign up in the Narthex if you would like to attend.

## **Children's Christmas Program Rehearsals**

Sunday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-10:00am
Saturday, Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 11:30am
Sunday, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 10:00am
Sunday, Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 10:00am
Saturday, Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am – 11:30am
Sunday, Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am – 10:00am
Sunday, Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:15am, Christmas program during worship

## **Nursery**

When there is no one available to supervise the nursery, parents are welcome to use the nursery but are responsible for their children. If anyone is interested in providing child supervision, please contact Gregg Hoffman.

## **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**.

## **Election Day Bake Sale**

The Ladies' Aid is holding an Election Day Bake Sale this Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</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 tomorrow evening after 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday morning. Thank you!

## **Ladies' Aid Meeting**

On Election Day the Ladies' Aid meeting will be held at the regular time (1:00pm), but instead of being in the Library it will be held in Fellowship Hall.

## **Laity Sunday**

Next Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will hold Laity Sunday. This year the sermon will be delivered by Walt Master and worship led by the Deacons 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.

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

## **Ladies' Aid Christmas Stockings**

We are asking for your help again this year with monetary donations. We make 75 stockings each year to be sent to the Pennsburg Manor and to Norristown State Hospital, and we try to fill each of them with at least 5 items. With your donations we can do this. Thank you in advance.

Ethel Soffa, Sandra Kriebel, Miriam Hausman, Sallie Wright, Ruth Weaver.

## **It's Christmas Cookie Baking Time!!!**

Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner! So many things to do, including baking our holiday cookies to be sold at the Ladies' Aid Holiday Bazaar. We have scheduled the baking dates for Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am both days. Please consider coming out for a time of fun and fellowship as we mix, roll and bake these delicious holiday treats.

## **Palm Country Day School Fundraiser**

The Palm Country Day School is doing a Poinsettia and Blue Mountain candle fundraiser from November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. The Poinsettias will be sold for \$12.50ea., and the candles for \$15.00ea. Order forms will be available in the narthex. The candles will be available for pick-up in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December, but the exact date has not been set. The poinsettias can be picked up on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

## **Holiday Bazaar**

On Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. come to enjoy a fun-filled day of good food, good fellowship, and many crafters offering holiday shopping. The Ladies' Aid will sell the church afghan, the church collectible, cookbooks, chow-chow, and cookies by the pound. Light lunch will be served. Holiday baked items are 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.

### **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.

### **Ten Thousand Villages**

Ten Thousand Villages International Gift Festival will be held at the Upper Milford Mennonite Church, 6450 Kings Highway South, Zionsville this coming Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed are insured income to help pay for food, education, health care, and housing. All income from sales goes to Ten Thousand Villages. Come and do your gift shopping knowing you are also providing sustenance for Third World persons. Wheelchair accessible. Credit cards accepted. Call 610-966-2733 or email [ummchurch@ptd.net](mailto:ummchurch@ptd.net) for more information.

### **Bulletin Sponsorships**

There is still one remaining date, November 30<sup>th</sup>, open for sponsorship of our Sunday bulletins. 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 2, 2014

## Message from Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister



*"Protestants need more saints," so says Rev. Martin Copenhaver. He went on to write that, "The Roman Catholics have over 10,000 canonized saints. By my count, we Protestants have as few as five: Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. And while these folk ARE saints, they are not ordinary enough...they are almost too heroic. What we need are more examples of people like us who have let the love and light of the gospel change their hearts and lives."*

Bob Rettig is my saint. He grew up horribly abused by a father who was himself horribly abused. Somehow through drug and alcohol addiction, Bob managed to carve out a life—a steel mill job, marriage, two sons. The day his demons finally caught up to him, Bob was dead spiritually and about to die physically in an armed confrontation with police. But at the intersection of unrelenting grace, family intervention, rehabilitation and community action, Bob was resurrected-- in every sense of that word. He is, today, a church sexton; a keeper of the sacred. When asked by others how he transformed his life, he only ever offers one word. "God."

*"Here's what it means to be a saint," says Quinn Caldwell, "it means you have direct access to God. It means that you can see the Heart that breaks for all that is broken. Here's who is a saint: every member of the church, and that means you."*

Throughout history, the church has recognized certain people for their closeness to God. But in our tradition, everyone who is a member of the church is a saint, able to communicate directly with God, gifted, at least sometimes, with visions of God's heart. And when we're really getting it right, we saints find ways to pass what we know about God on to the people around us, spreading vision and grace.

Today, pick at least one saint who has gone home to God, and at least one that is still with you. Say their names out loud and offer them up to God. Remember at least one thing that each taught you about God. Then go into your world and live it.

Thanks be to God for the Saint in you,  
Pastor Bill



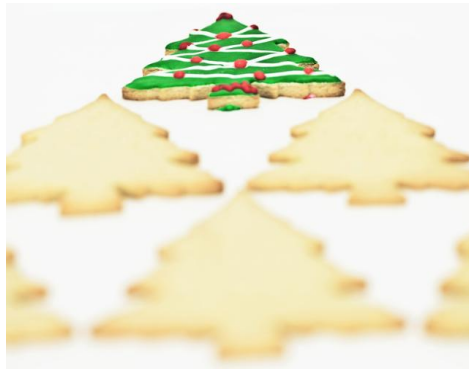
"*Though she be but little, she is fierce.*" So wrote Shakespeare, and so one might say of us, though our ferocity is more in the loving and caring line. The cultivation of friendship, the bearing of one another's burdens, the building up of the body — these are some of our core values at St. Paul's of Lionville as we strive to minister grace in a subdivided suburban landscape. We recently started a "First Friday" night where we come together to share a common meal and an intergenerational activity. Last month we ended the evening by singing songs around the campfire. Last year we started a new women's group, the Divine Sisterhood, to make a space for mutual support, listening, and meaningful relationship. Community is our bag.

Creativity is a close second. In our well-attended Bible studies (every Wednesday morning) we put into practice Emerson's observation that "*there is then creative reading as well as creative writing.*" Our members do both: every Advent and Lent we write our own daily devotionals, with meditations and prayers written by more than a dozen members and our pastor. Once or twice a year our creative arts team plans a festival worship service—shadow puppets, anyone? We also create our own VBS curriculum. Last summer we taught the kids about being Heroes of the Faith, exploring the lives of Sojourner Truth, William Wilberforce, Julian of Norwich, Brother Juniper, and Dorothea Dix. We even made a telephone booth out of a giant cardboard box so that the kids could make their superhero costume changes.

We have a special appreciation for the UCC statement that we are called to be "*servants in the service of others.*" Twice monthly we send teams to the W.C. Atkinson men's shelter in Coatesville to prepare and serve supper. Every fall we send an energetic bunch to the Downtown CROP Walk (pictured). We are longtime supporters of the Lord's Pantry in Downingtown. These and other missions relating to hunger and homelessness have been very important to us. We also love offering hospitality to the wider community every November when we hold our holiday fair. Visit [saintpaulsucc.net](http://saintpaulsucc.net) or our Facebook page to learn more.



Prayers are requested for St. Paul's (Lionville) UCC in Exton and Rev. Jonathan Hauze.



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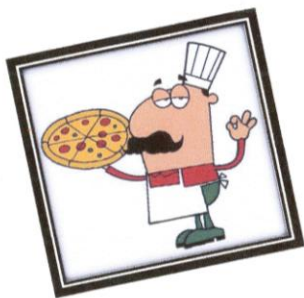


## Vote...Then Eat

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# Tosco's

Brick Oven PIZZA & Restaurant

Family Fundraiser Night

Please Come out and Support

## Palm Country Day School

*Providing Preschool and Pre-K programs locally for 50 years*

Bring a flyer with you for our Dine In Fundraiser to help this amazing local program continue to bring learning and fun to our young children!!

Monday, November, 3 2014

4pm – 7pm

(Dine In Only)

Tosco's

Penn's Court

824 Main Street, Pennsburg PA

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Official Call - Fall Meeting, 2014

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference  
United Church of Christ  
From Rev. Selina Hamilton, Consistory Secretary



**Saturday, November 8th**

St. Paul's (Amityville) United Church of Christ  
1312 Old Swede Rd., Douglassville, PA 19518  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Registration check-in: 8:30 am)

Come gather this day to participate in this time of community for Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. A day of worshipping together, handling the matters before us together, and imagining the future together. We invite and need your voice, gifts and talents in shaping the future of Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

We will celebrate the Installation of our newly elected Conference Minister, Rev. William P. Worley. Rev. Dr. Stephanie Weiner, Associate Conference Minister, Indiana-Kentucky Conference, UCC will lead this service.

**Registration and Meeting Materials:**

A link to the online registration will be available October 9. Meeting materials are available on the PSEC [website](#). Please review and print these materials for your use at the meeting.

**Important Catering Information:**

Please note that due to catering deadlines, we are unable to offer lunch to those registering at the door.

# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, November 2**

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

## **Monday, November 3**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:30pm Music Committee Meeting

## **Tuesday, November 4**

- 7:00am Ladies' Aid Election Day Bake Sale
- 7:00am Election Day – Polls Open
- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts - Senior/Ambassador Troop
- 8:00pm Polls Close

## **Wednesday, November 5**

- 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 6**

- 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council
- 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

## **Friday, November 7**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Youth Pretzel Making
- 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 72246

## **Saturday, November 8**

- 11:00am Memorial Service for John Kirwin
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Sunday, November 9**

- 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 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

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: Kay Kleppinger, Rick Kleppinger, Karen Schultz, Kevin Schultz

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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