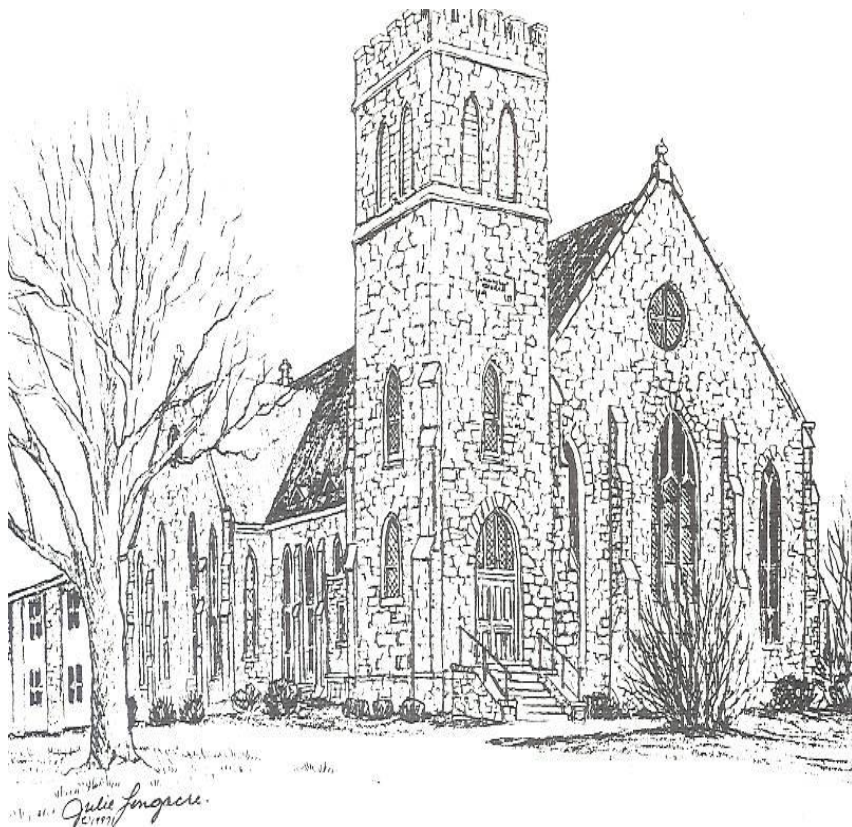


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

LAITY SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Great Is the Lord”

Peggy Bettcher

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Opening Music**

Get All Excited

chorus:

Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King!

Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King!

Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King!

Jesus Christ is still the King of kings, King of kings!

(repeat)

You talk about people;

you talk about things that really aren't important at all.

You talk about weather;

you talk about problems we have here at home and abroad.

But friend I'm excited about a solution for the world,

I'm going to shout and sing

Jesus Christ is still the King of kings!

(chorus)

***Hymn #44**

“Great is the Lord”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have resisted the excitement our faith offers and lost sight of your vision for the Church. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Psalm 146 (NRSV p. 507; LP p. 982 – 983)

Children’s Choir “Blessed” Ginny Owens & Cindy Morgan
Solo by Selia Werth

Children’s Sermon Rosemary Heffner

Children’s Church No Children’s Church

***Hymn #262** “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Sermon “Are We Excited?” Joanne Luz

Senior Choir Anthem “Hold On to the Rock” Pepper Choplin

Pastoral 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 “I Love to Tell the Story” William Fischer

***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**

God of grace and glory, all that we have is a gift of your mercy. You shower blessings upon us out of your goodness. You redeem and rescue us from our selfishness. We come before you, seeking to be faithful to Christ's call to stewardship. Accept what we offer as signs of our enthusiasm in seeking your kingdom above all else. Amen.

***Hymn #96**

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

***Benediction**

Get All Excited (reprise)
Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King!
Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King!
Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King!
Jesus Christ is still the King of kings, King of kings!

Postlude

“We've a Story to Tell”

Humphrey Turner

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of Glenn and Nancy Hoffman's 34th wedding anniversary.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Daniel Davis by Raymond Davis.

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 Sandy Zuchero, Earl Yerger, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, Michelle Johnson, Edmund Kuhns, Sandy Chrysczanavicz, Vern Weller, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Jeff Treichler, Bill Ludlow, Tim Eschbach, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Clara Graber, Jen Fries, Doris Masemore, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, 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

This week the online Bible Study will begin examining the powerful drama, 1 Samuel 22:7-24:22. Take part in the Discussion by contacting 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 Joy Scripture

“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

Journey to Advent

Congregation, you are invited to celebrate our journey to Advent on Sunday, November 22nd at 6:30pm! Some of the evening’s activities include: Scriptures, Carols, Refreshments, and a kid’s craft. If you would like to help out with this event, please see any of the members of the Board of Christian Education.

Kid’s Corner at the Holiday Bazaar

Be sure to have your kids stop by the Kid’s Corner during the Holiday Bazaar for a free craft and a free raffle drawing. If you would like to shop the bazaar, your kids can stay and enjoy reading books or watching Christmas movies.

Also at the Kid’s Corner, buy a bag of chocolate covered pretzels dipped by Palm’s youth!

November Youth Hoagie Sale

This month’s hoagie sale will be held **next Sunday, November 15th**. Profit will be donated 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!!

Laity Sunday

Today 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.

Thank You

Thank you to Joanne Luz for leading us in worship and presenting today's sermon.

Thank You

Thank you to Rosemary Heffner for presenting today's children's sermon.

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 **today** after the worship service, and it will be held in the Library.

Brown Bag Lecture

On Wednesday, November 11th, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation by Allen Viehmeyer about the Christopher Heebner family. Christopher Heebner (1690-1763), his wife Maria (1693-1768), and their son Hans Christopher Heebner (1718-1804) came to Pennsylvania in 1734. Their daughter Rosina (1713-1790) married and stayed on the Heebner family farm in Lower Harpersdorf. Several letters survive from the father's and daughter's correspondence and form the basis of this presentation. Information from other sources help round out the story of this important and divided family.

Cookie Making

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'll be in the kitchen making cookies this Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th from 9:00am to noon both days. Please consider coming out for a time of fun and fellowship as we make these delicious holiday treats.

Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Holiday Bazaar will be held from 9:00am – 3:00pm 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.

Treasurer Report as of October 31, 2015

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Starting operating cash on hand	\$ 5,396.52	\$ 29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$19,743.08	\$238,528.25
Operating Expenses	\$23,162.62	\$265,877.05
Ending operating cash on hand	\$ 1,976.98	\$ 1,976.98

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Nick for all of his visits at the hospital and at home, and thank you to the congregation for all your cards of support. Ray Hausman

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers over these past two years. At this time, my lungs and my leg are cancer free, and after an initial diagnosis of amputation, they were able to save my leg, and I am now able to walk and drive again. Praise the Lord for He is good. Karen Freed

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.

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.

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)

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 22nd.

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 8, 2015

Veterans Day Message

From Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister



Vernon Baker is presented the Medal of Honor by President Bill Clinton on January 13, 1997.

Vernon J. Baker, an African American who received the Medal of Honor for his heroic WWII service, is remembered in a painting at the Pentagon. Beneath his picture are these words, "War is the most regrettable proving ground. Those who launch it, and those who seek to create heroes from it, should remember war's legacy. You have to be there to appreciate its horrors — and die to forget them."

Buried deep in the heart of many veterans is the secret hope that his/her war will finally bring about the lasting peace that has been so elusive in human history; that the sacrifices of so many would make for some permanent change to the way we make space for each other on this earth.

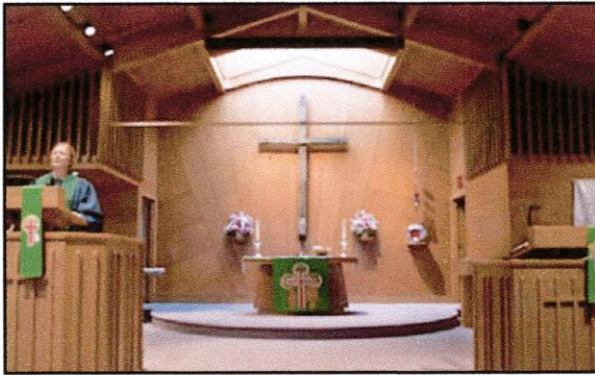
That was the hope that gave rise to Armistice Day -- a celebration of the return of peace after four years of brutal slaughter in European trenches. But what started out as a day of dedication to efforts to make sure that such catastrophes could never happen again has morphed into a militaristic message that it is only armed force that guarantees the future of freedom.

We have a moral obligation as Christians and citizens to demand of our leaders that we find a better way to live together particularly when the outcome of any war or violent conflict has only one certainty and that is the promise of future fighting. We are also morally obligated to recognize the sacrifices of those called to duty and to care for them with the same level of conviction and commitment with which they were sent to war.

-Picture from Wikipedia Biography for Vernon Baker



Prayers are requested for St. Paul's UCC in Pottstown.



We gathered for worship at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, are called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ, faithful to the gospel in all we say and do. In our life together, we will nurture the growth in faith, minister those in

need, reach out with good news, and share the joy of life in God's family, always offering our worship and praise.

St Paul's was founded in 1884 by members of Zions Reformed Church in Pottstown. The first church building was located one block behind Zions and Trinity, at Penn and Walnut Streets. In 1957, we relocated to our current site in Pottstown's north end, which was a "frontier" of sorts, with the help of the Philadelphia Synod. A Christian Education wing was built in 1962, and a new, larger, accessible sanctuary dedicated in 1980.

St Paul's has always been involved in community ministry: serving community meals as part of the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities' program; housing local homeless folks for a month each of the last seven winters; in outreach to children and youth through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and an after-school program. It has been a joy to partner with Trinity Reformed UCC in their annual Mission Week program, and to participate in other community events like the CROP Walk, the Pottstown Relay for Life, and hosting a regular bloodmobile. We extend the hospitality of our building to an AA the Boy Scouts, PFLAG, and Freedom International Worship Center.

Worship is the beginning and the center of our life together. Our worship services are traditional but comfortable. Proudly UCC, we use the New Century Hymnal. Our traditional choir's offerings are complemented by a worship team, musicians on guitar, keyboards and drums, singing and playing more contemporary music.

Our pastor of ten years, Rev. Rebecca Brenner, retired at the beginning of the month, and the church is in a period of discernment about the future, ever seeking God's call to us. To learn more, visit: StPaulsPottstown.org.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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](#)

Monday, November 9

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 6:30pm [Buildings & Grounds Committee](#)
- 7:30pm [Board of Trustees](#)

Tuesday, November 10

- 8:00am [Quilters](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 2:00pm [Office Closing at 2:00](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)
- 7:00pm [Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134](#)

Wednesday, November 11

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 12:00pm [Brown Bag Lecture Series at SLHC](#)
- 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 12

- 9:00am [Cookie Baking](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Friday, November 13

- 9:00am [Cookie Baking](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Saturday, November 14

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Sunday, November 15

- 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.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 8:00am – 2:00pm

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00 – 3:00

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Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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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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