

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014

LAITY SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of Confirmand and Mentor

Kaitlyn Mundy – Karen Schultz

Schwenkfelder Heritage Tour Report

Prayer

Prelude

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Brian Glyncannon

***Call to Worship**

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts;
the whole earth is full of God’s glory.

Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God.

We bring before you our songs of praise.

All rulers of the people are called to praise God.

All people of the earth are subject to God’s rule.

The steadfast love of God surrounds us here.

We have come to see and hear and understand.

Let the thresholds shake with the power of God’s voice.

Let all the people tremble before God’s glory.

God’s purposes endure and will be fulfilled.

Our lives can be channels for God’s grace.

***Hymn#41**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you. We are sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay consulting with you about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes. We are people of unclean lips, dwelling among people who deny your presence and power. O God, we fall down before you, seeking forgiveness. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn#66**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Maestoso”

Charles Gounod

*All who are able, please stand.

Today’s altar flowers are presented in memory of our loved ones by Craig and Deb Kriebel.

Today’s bulletins are sponsored in honor of Glenn and Nancy Hoffman’s 33rd 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:

The family of Clark Schultz, Rick Jones, Francis Soffa, Walt Master, Jane Petrilla, Deb Callodonato, Molly Werley, Bryan Schwoyer, 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.

“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

Beginning in the New Year, a committee will work on improving Sunday school rooms. We are looking for members of all talents. You may find that you are strong in organizing and planning or maybe in painting and handyman work. You are all needed. 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. There will be an initial meeting in January. Come out and see if this committee is right for you!

Youth Pretzel Night

Thank you to everyone who came out Friday night and to everyone who donated supplies!

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 t-shirt orders. Adults are needed in the Kid's corner (youth may help their parent). Youth can volunteer at the Youth table. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up ☺

Older Youth Event

For 5th grade and up, our annual Nativity Story movie night will take place at the home of Lisa Stitt on Friday, December 5th 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 th	9:00am – 10:00am
Saturday, Dec. 6 th	9:30am – 11:30am
Sunday, Dec. 7 th	9:00am – 10:00am
Sunday, Dec. 14 th	9:00am – 10:00am
Saturday, Dec. 20 th	9:30am – 11:30am
Sunday, Dec. 21 st	9:00am – 10:00am
Sunday, Dec. 21 st	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.

Laity Sunday

Today, 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 **today** 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 this Thursday, November 13th and this Friday, November 14th 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 3rd – 14th. 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 1st week of December, but the exact date has not been set. The poinsettias can be picked up on Wednesday, December 10th. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Holiday Bazaar

On Saturday, November 22nd, 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.

The Wing Man Bar & Grill

The Martin family and the staff of The Wing Man are holding their 6th annual Thanksgiving dinner for underprivileged families. If you and your family are truly in need this holiday season, or if you know someone who might benefit from this dinner, please have them contact The Wing Man Bar & Grill restaurant directly at (267) 923 – 5067, or stop in to receive a dinner voucher. Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on **Thursday, November, 27th**. There will be limited seating. Please contact The Wing Man to receive your meal voucher and to make your reservation.

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.

Bulletin Sponsorships

All of the bulletin and flower sponsorships for 2014 have now been taken. Thank you to everyone who sponsored bulletins and/or flowers for this year. The sign-up board for 2015 bulletins is on the wall outside the office, and the flower sponsorship board will soon be there as well. Please consider sponsoring flowers and bulletins for the upcoming year. The cost for both bulletin and flower sponsorship will remain the same: \$15 for bulletins, and \$50 for flowers. And, thanks!

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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464

484-949-8774

November 9 2014

Mark These Upcoming Events on Your 2015 Calendars

Additional details will be available on the PSEC website

Jan 6-8 (tentative dates) - **Clergy Women's Retreat**

Jan 11 - **Conversation with PSEC Church Educators** from 3-4:30 pm at Zwingli Hall, Church of the Good Shepherd in Boyertown

Feb 20-21 - **Clergy-Spouse Retreat**

Mar 10-12 (tentative dates) - **Clergy Men's Retreat**

Mar 17, May 13, Oct 22 - **Boundary Training** in PSEC from 9 am to 3 pm.

Mar 17 - Trinity Reformed UCC in Pottstown 19464

May 13 - Chestnut Hill United Church in Philadelphia 19118

Oct 22 - First UCC in Schuylki9ll Haven 17972

Feb 5, Apr 13, Sep 3, & Nov 19 - **Days Apart for Clergy**

May 5-7 - **Clergy Convocation** - From *Sabbath to Selfies: Faithful Spirituality in the Smartphone Age* at DoubleTree by Hilton, 2400 Willow Street Pike in Lancaster, PA 17602. Presenter is MaryAnn McKibben Dana, a writer, spouse, mother of three, and haphazard Knitter.


Jun 25-30 - **Youth & Young Adult @ General Synod** - Cleveland OH -

Stillspeaking Y&YA groups from all across the country convene with pre-synod activities designed to connect them with their UCC History & Polity, service, justice, leadership and faith!

Jun 26-30 - **General Synod** - Cleveland OH - Together, we will discern

resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. We will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness. And we will join together in worship each day to lift up the Stillspeaking God.



Subscribe to the **PSEC RSS feed** to stay Informed and receive local church event and classified ad listings as they are posted. Visit www.psec.org and click on the  RSS icon to complete the subscription information. There are currently (changes daily) **12 Local Church Events** listed (psec.org/category/local-events) including Spirit on Tap in Reading, Quilting on Tues. afternoons in Pottstown, a Witness in Common event in Camp Hill, QPR Suicide prevention program in Alburdis, and more. There are **22 Classified Ads** (psec.org/category/classified) including FREE items, employment opportunities, and a musician available as a supply organist.



In June, a man came to the door of Zion Blue Mountain. In broken English, he explained that he was visiting America from Israel, and the church's name of "Zion" caught his eye. Being Jewish, the concept of Zion was very dear to his heart,

and he merely wished to photograph the sanctuary.

Many different people come to the doors of Zion Blue Mountain UCC. They each bear their own stories, joys, sorrows, and reasons for approaching our stone building.

Many approach us for our food pantry ministry on the third Thursday of every month, or the emergency food we're known to give out as needed. Others approach for Sunday School, or one of our two Worship services on Sunday mornings. Our Vacation Bible School brought over seventy children to our doors this summer, and our Preschool brings children to us every day. People also come to explore their genealogy and explore the histories of their families.

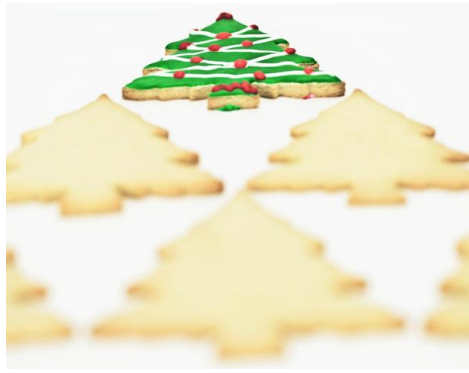
There's one common thread among all who come to our doors, they are welcome here. If it's within our power, we meet their needs, whatever that means. If they are travelers from the Appalachian Trail and simply want a peaceful place to rest on their journeys, they may sit in our sanctuary or in our prayer garden.

Whoever they are, if they wish to stay for longer than a visit, there's a place for them here among us in the Body of Christ. Our bell tower pushes above the treetops and can be seen from Rt. 78 for a reason. Our church stands as a symbol to all who see it. It's a symbol that says, "Welcome, we have a place for you at our table." And to our Brothers and Sisters that approach our doors we take that statement seriously.

Before the Jewish man left Zion's sanctuary to return to his homeland, he remarked at many of the similarities between our sanctuary and the synagogues in Israel. It amazed him how many things were the same, yet he seemed to take great pride in what was different. What he noted most was the similarity of a welcoming spirit. Learn more: zionbluemountucc.org.



Prayers are requested for Zion Blue Mountain UCC, Strausstown and Rev. Joshua Knappenberger.



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Is Pleased to Offer a Complimentary
Thanksgiving Dinner to Those in Need!



We understand how times can get difficult now and then so we want to offer this meal as a gift to support you during a time in serious need.

When: Thanksgiving Day! Thursday, November 27th

Time: 1:00 PM

Please Stop By The Host Station at The Wing Man Bar & Grill by Monday, November 24th to Pick Up Your Dinner Ticket. If you have any questions, please call (267) 923-5067. (Space is limited)

We are Located at 622 Gravel Pike, East Greenville
(Near Super Wal-Mart)



Houck & Gofus Funeral Home, Inc.
cordially invites you to our
13th Annual Holiday Memorial Service

Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 4:00 PM
Registration begins at 3:30 PM

Please RSVP by December 5, 2014 to 610.323.8220

All are welcome;
you, your family and
anyone that may
benefit from this
special event.

Each family will be
given an ornament
to place on our
memorial tree

*Take time to remember our deceased
loved ones during this holiday season*



955 N. Charlotte Street
Pottstown PA 19464

Please bring a nonperishable item
to be donated to the
Pottstown Cluster Outreach Center



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

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:15pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

- 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 13

- 9:00am Ladies' Aid Baking Cookies
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, November 14

- 9:00am Ladies' Aid Baking Cookies
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, November 15

- 9:00am Boy Scout Food Collection
- 9:00am Ladies' Aid Baking Cookies (If Needed)
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, November 16

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 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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