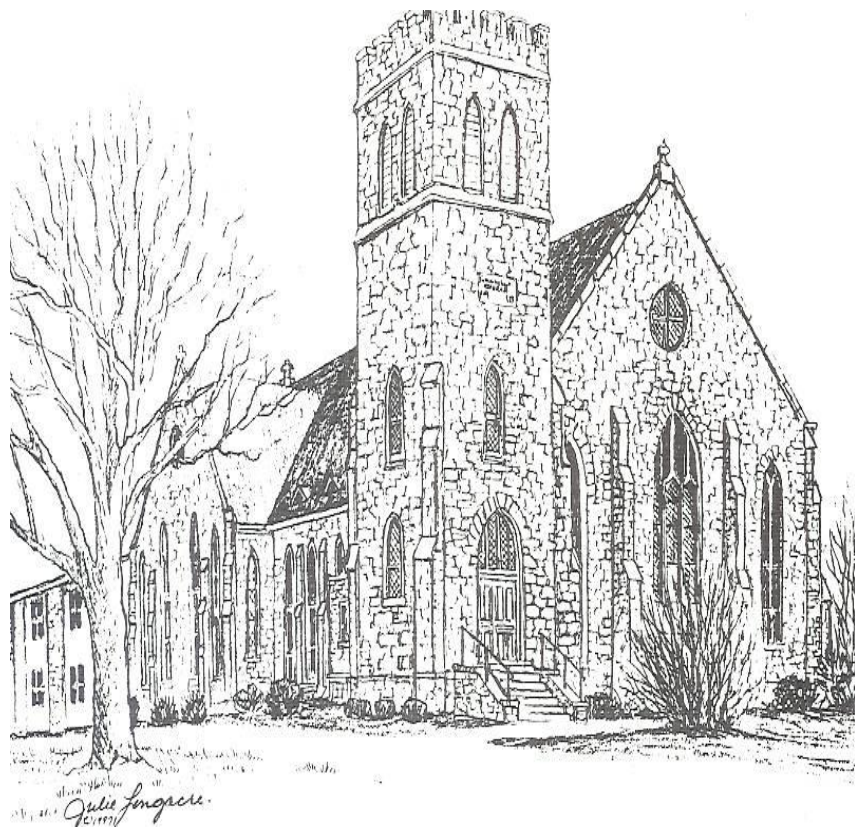


# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude "Bound for the Promised Land" arr. Paul Mickelson

**Call to Worship**

God is ready to answer us, even before we call.

God is eager to listen, though we are not ready to speak.

**The hills sing together before God's presence.**

**All of nature proclaims God's glory.**

If the seas join in praise, how much more should we.

If hills are alive with song, let us, too, awake to sing.

**Make a joyful noise to God, all people of the earth!**

**Break forth into joyous song!**

Be glad! Rejoice in all that God is creating.

Welcome the new heaven and earth God has planned.

**We worship God with great joy and delight.**

**We welcome God's healing touch in our midst.**

\*Hymn #517 "The Solid Rock"

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture** Isaiah 65:17 – 25 (NRSV p. 606; LP p. 1169 – 1170)  
Luke 21:5 – 19 (NRSV p. 856; LP p. 1646 – 1647)

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn #433** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

**Sermon** “Opportunity”

**Senior Choir Anthem** “His River, His Peace” arr. Philip Kern

**Pastoral Prayer and 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** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways” William France

**\*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** *Isaiah 65:17, 25*  
**God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox, we give**  
**thanks for these gifts and pray they might be agents of your**  
**peace. May they serve your creation as we seek your new**  
**heaven and new earth. Help us take these gifts out into a world**  
**filled with distress and calm it. Help us take these gifts out**  
**into a world filled with pain and heal it. Help us take these**  
**gifts out into a world filled with silence and speak up; In Jesus’**  
**name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #674** “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “The Solid Rock” arr. Harold DeCou

\*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Kenneth and Dorothy Wilson by the family.

**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, Maurice Meeker, Mae Gerhart, Ethel Soffa, Edmund Kuhns, Brandon Komark, Rev. Bill Vanderslice, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Helen Miller, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Martha Wolford, Becky and Craig 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, 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**

The online Bible Study will continue discussion of 1 Samuel 30 and its impact on other passages. Take part 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**

- 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 fun for all ages.

## **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)

A Very Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to...

Megan Johnson (11/3), Kali Kriebel (11/11)

## **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 demographics of the actual clients. Please mark your donations “Migrants.”

## **PA German Putzing at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center**

Join us for a special one night putz visiting event on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We will have guides on hand to tell you about the putzes (Christmas Villages) and share some putz heritage. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, and children are free. Refreshments will be available. This will be a fun family evening and a great way to usher in the Advent season.

## **Treasurer’s Report October 2016**

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand		
Start of Month/Year	\$20,834.79	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$25,706.73	\$240,541.34
Operating Expenses	\$36,730.33	\$266,491.18
Ending Operating Cash on Hand		
As of 10/31	\$ 9,811.19	\$ 9,811.19

## **Altar Flowers and bulletin Sponsorship**

The **new charts for 2017** are now available and are posted outside the office. The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50. The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart located outside 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. Thank You.

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November 13, 2016

## Stewardship Sunday !

Whether or not your church has chosen this Sunday as Stewardship Sunday, any Sunday is a good day to remember why it is "we give". Very often, people ask or wonder "what are the basic biblical principles for Christian giving?" Are we instructed by God to give, or just by our church?



In our review of New Testament passages, we find the following principles for Christian giving.

- 1. The Lord Jesus expects and requires us to give.** Jesus said to His disciples, "when you give" not "if you give" (Matthew 6:2)! He expected all His followers to be givers.
- 2. The Lord Jesus wants us to give for the right reasons.** Jesus warned His disciples not to give for the sake of being admired by men. When we give, we must be careful to examine our motives. We ought to give for the glory of God and the good of His people.
- 3. The Lord Jesus wants us to practice benevolent or charitable giving.** Jesus said "When you give to the poor . . ." (Matthew 6:2-3). Jesus is specifically teaching about "alms" in this passage: aid, charity, or benevolent offerings for the needy.
- 4. The Bible teaches that Christian giving must be willing giving, free giving.** We learn this in 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion." But doesn't this contradict what we learned under the first principle, that Christian giving is not optional? The answer is, of course, no. True Christian giving is both mandatory and voluntary. It is required by God, but always willingly given by the believer.
- 5. The Bible teaches that Christian giving ought to be cheerful giving.** As Paul says "God loves a cheerful giver." This is a truly amazing assertion. Paul assures us here that the Lord takes a special delight in those who are joyful, energetic, merry givers. **Is there joy in your heart as you give? Can you truly be characterized as a "cheerful giver"?**

So, it is up to you. Have you reached your potential for giving? Do you give joyously? Have you given time to reflect, in prayer, as to your giving practices? Only you can answer these questions.

- Excerpts from "10 Essential Truths about Christian Giving" from Biblestudytools.com

**Our mission is “To be a church where all people are welcome to worship, study, learn and serve in ministering to each other and our local and worldwide communities”.**



The mission of the church is to reach out and touch the lives of others with the love of Jesus Christ. To that end we are directly involved in a number of mission endeavors.

On the last Friday of each month we prepare and serve dinner at Opportunity House in the city of Reading. On the third Thursday of the month we participate with six other congregations to distribute food at the Muhlenberg Churches Food Pantry. The distribution is held at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church at the intersection of Tuckerton Rd and Stoudts Ferry Bridge Rd. This pantry is open to all residents who reside in the 19605 and 19560 zip codes. People of the congregation volunteer for the Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries which provides temporary assistance to people who need transportation to the doctor, grocery shopping, cleaning, etc.

We host Scout Troop 155 and Pack 155 as an extension of our ministry to youth. In October we walk in the CROP Walk sponsored by Church World



Service to aid in their efforts to alleviate hunger worldwide. 25% of the proceeds raised at the walk are given to the Greater Berks Food Bank.

We participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to fund cancer research. Still others donate blood through the Miller-Keystone Blood Bank, hosting the event a few times a year. We also provide

financial support to a number of mission efforts. We continue to look for worthy organizations to support.



Prayers are requested for Good Shepherd (Tuckerton) UCC in Reading and Rev. Dr. Robert A. Stewart.

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## **HOLIDAY BAZAAR**



**Saturday, November 19, 2016 9:00am to 3:00pm**

**Palm Schwenkfelder Church**

**Rte 29, Palm, Pa**

### **Crafters and Vendors**

*Featuring a variety of crafters & vendors with great gift ideas!*

### **Baked Goods**

*Homemade breakfast cakes & pies...cookies..muffins..breads*

**Chow-chow--Apple butter--Canned Red Beets--Jellies**

**Homemade soups-----Homemade candy**

**Kids Corner**

**Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center Display**



***Our bazaar is proudly also featuring:***

***Open Link Donations***-In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, we are collecting donations of non-perishable food items, personal toiletry items, and household goods such as toilet paper, dish and laundry detergents, along with diapers, pull ups and other baby needs. Please consider offering an item or two to our neighbors in need!

***Drop Spinning & Fiber prep demo***--watch (or try it yourself) as one of our church members demonstrates fiber prep and spinning on a drop spindle. Free demonstrations and lessons thru-out the day!

***Miller- Keystone Blood-Mobile will be here! Save Lives--Donate Blood!***



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



Established in 1971 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Community organization, Miller-Keystone Blood Center is proud to be the *only* blood provider to your community hospitals.

# ZION CHORAL

## 2016 CONCERT SCHEDULE

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October 16

Jordan United Church of Christ  
1837 Church Road, Allentown, PA 18104

October 23

Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church  
250 Swinehart Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

October 30

First Baptist Church  
700 North Broad Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

November 6

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
102 North Hellertown Avenue, Quakertown, PA 18951

November 13

Penn Valley Church  
320 North Third Street, Telford, PA 18969

November 20

Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church  
1151 South Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18103

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*All concerts are at 3:00 p.m., with an additional 7:00 p.m. concert at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church on November 20.*

[www.zionchoral.com](http://www.zionchoral.com)

# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, November 13**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Monday, November 14**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

## **Tuesday, November 15**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Mission Board

## **Wednesday, November 16**

9:00am Ladies' Aid Making Pickled Cabbage

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 17**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Ladies' Aid Making Pickled Cabbage

7:00pm United Choir Instrumental Rehearsal @ Palm

## **Friday, November 18**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Saturday, November 19**

6:30am Scouts Making Hoagies

9:00am Ladies' Aid Holiday Bazaar

9:00am Scouting for Food Collection and Sort-Out

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Sunday, November 20**

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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## **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: Lawrence Croll

Ushers: Glenn Hoffman, Nancy Hoffman, Kevin Schultz, Karen Schultz

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 720

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