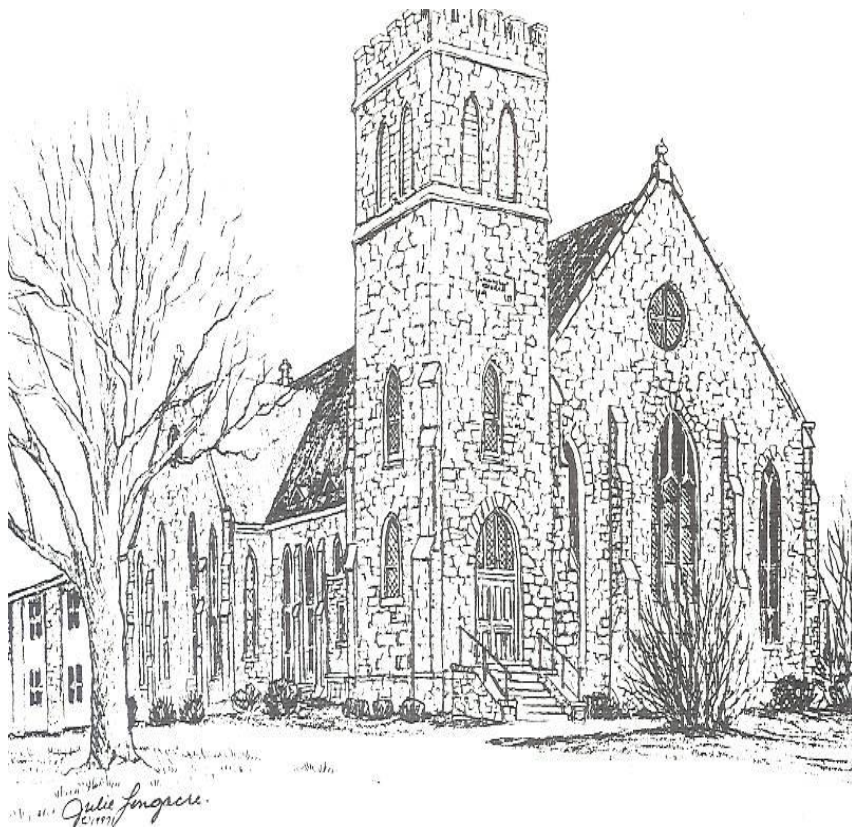


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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude "All Glory Be to God on High"
Georg Philipp Telemann

***Call to Worship**

My heart exults in the Lord; strength is exalted in my God.

There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them God has set the world.

The Lord will guard the feet of the faithful ones and judge the ends of the earth.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #534** "Draw Me Nearer"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, we confess the arrogance of our doubts and the falsehood of our denials. We have neglected to pray and forgotten to give thanks. Many activities have become more important to us than gathering for worship. Our busyness crowds our times of private prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us but do little to witness to a better way. Your law is seldom consulted, and your pathways of self-sacrificing love rarely explored. Turn us around, God. Only you can meet our need. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture 1 Samuel 1:4 – 20 (NRSV p. 213; LP p. 420 – 421)
1 Samuel 2:1 – 10 (NRSV p. 214; LP p. 422)
Hebrews 10:11 – 14, (15 – 18), 19 – 25 (NRSV p. 976; LP p. 1884)
Mark 13:1 – 8 (NRSV p. 825 – 826; LP p. 1587)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church Sally Muse ("Thinking of You" Cards)

***Hymn #60**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Sermon

Sister Millicent Drake

Senior Choir Anthem

“Down to the River”

Ken Medema
arr. Mary McDonald

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Douglas Wagner

***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**

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. Here are the fruits of your generosity and our hard work. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend your church, and minister in your name throughout the world. Amen.

***Hymn #542**

“Near to the Heart of God”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above”

Franklin Ritter

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Dorothy Wilson by her family members.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Jean Long 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:

The family of Earl Yerger, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, Michelle Johnson, Edmund Kuhns, Sandy Chryszczanavicz, 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, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Clara Graber, 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

This week's online Bible Study will sift the latter part of 1 Samuel 22 in effort to define the intermediate lesson for the 3-Chapter construct identified last week. Share your insight 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 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

Journey to Advent

Congregation, next Sunday you are invited to celebrate our journey to Advent at 6:30pm! Some of the evening's activities include: Scriptures, Carols, Refreshments, and a kid's craft. Please bring cookies or other deserts to share. Join us as we begin this joyous season!

November Youth Hoagie Sale

Today after worship, buy a hoagie for lunch to support the Girl Scouts' Toddler Room improvement project.

Kid's Corner at the Holiday Bazaar

Be sure to have your kids stop by the Kid's Corner during the Holiday Bazaar this upcoming Saturday 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.

Stop by to buy a bag of chocolate covered pretzels dipped by Palm's youth!

You Version Holy Bible App – Teens and Adults

Giving Thanks ~ You Version has focused this month's selections on Plans that can help you rediscover the spirit of gratitude. Each day's readings offer reminders from God's Word of His promises and His faithfulness.

Bible App for Kids ~ Help your kids connect each day and help them fall in love with God's Word.

Thank You

We would like to thank Sister Millicent Drake for leading us in worship today. Sister Millicent is a Lutheran deaconess who has completed 41 years of service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Boyertown.

Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church for showering our parents with anniversary cards. Each card put a smile on their faces and warmed their hearts.

Ray and Miriam Hausman's family.

Christian Exiles Are Fleeing Persecution

Let's help rescue some Exiles! The Deacons at Palm have arranged a partnership with Church World Services (CWS) that will allow all of us to play a role in solving the problem. We will begin by serving as a Hospitality Team for legal, Christian refugees arriving in our area. CWS is one of nine agencies certified by the US State Department to receive refugees. Please watch for announcements polling our congregation for specific needs. In the meantime, please include this mission in your prayers. Ask the Lord to guide us and ask how He wills each of us to participate.

Music Ministry Committee

The Board of Music Ministry has been asked to consider providing appropriate sacred music from 10:00am - 10:15am, prior to the Sunday morning service. This will begin on Advent Sunday, November 22nd. For those who arrive early, it can be a quiet time of reflection and prayer to prepare hearts and minds for the service which will follow. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact our Director of Music, Ed Bieler.

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

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.

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.

The Wing Man Bar & Grill

The Martin family and the staff of The Wing Man are holding their 7th 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. In order to receive your voucher for Thanksgiving dinner, the Martin family asks that you stop in to the Wing Man restaurant before Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Thursday, November, 26th. There will be limited seating. Please stop by The Wing Man **before Monday, November 23rd**, to receive your meal voucher and to make your reservation.

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!!

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.

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)

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.

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

The only date remaining for sponsorship of our Sunday bulletins is **next Sunday, 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!

2016 Relay for Life

Palm's Relay for Life Team is excited to represent our church in a new way at the 2016 Relay for Life Event. We continue to be grateful to our church's members and friends for the success of this important mission over the last 16 years. Beginning with the 2016 Relay Palm Schwenkfelder Church will be represented as an event sponsor. Not only will our church's name be printed on all of the Relay t-shirts, but also our church's banner will be displayed at the event acknowledging our participation as an event sponsor. We will continue to conduct some fundraising on a limited basis to help finance our sponsorship. The first of these fundraisers will be the Christmas Eve luminary project, the details of which are printed below.

**Palm Schwenkfelder Church
Sponsors Luminaries for Christmas Eve**

Every Sunday, from November 22nd until December 13th, you may contribute \$5.00 per line for a luminary to decorate the church driveway on Christmas Eve. Your contribution may be made "in honor of" or "in memory of" friends or loved ones. There will be a special insert in the Christmas Eve bulletin acknowledging your gifts. **Please order your luminaries at the table located in the Narthex after worship services or place your order and payment in the office lock-box before the deadline of Sunday, December 13th.**

**Please make checks payable to:
PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
Memo: Christmas Eve Luminaries**

PLEASE PRINT

Donor's Name _____

Phone Number _____

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November 15, 2015

Upcoming Events for and at Our Local ChurchesDetails: psec.org/category/local-events

Nov 17 – St. Paul's UCC in Fleetwood hosting our Global Ministries missionary, Kristine Tisinger who just returned following a two-year post in Ho, Ghana.

Nov 19 – Calvary UCC and Bally Mennonite Church host Miller Keystone Blood Drives. At Bally Mennonite Church 2:30 to 7:30 pm. Walk ins are always welcome.

Nov 21 – Turkey Dinner and Bazaar at Schwarzwald UCC Church's Social Hall, 75 Church Lane Road, Jacksonwald from 3 – 7 pm.

Nov. 21 – Annual Holiday Bazaar at Friedens UCC in Oley from 9am – 2pm. Please contact the church office at 610-987-3536 for additional information.

Nov 21 – Annual Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale at Calvary UCC, 1231 Route 100 Barto 19504 from 9-2 pm . Questions? Call the church office at 610-845-2570.

Nov 21 – Christmas Bazaar at First UCC, 145 Chestnut St, Spring City from 9 am to 2 pm. Questions? Call church office at 610-948-4516.

Nov 21 – Christmas Bazaar at First UCC, 4th & Washington St, Royersford from 8am – 1 pm. Vendor space still available (\$25 for 6 ft table) Call 610-948-9156.

Nov 29 – Missionary Presentation by Ariel Royer at Calvary UCC, 1231 Route 100 Barto 19504 during church. In addition, she will give a presentation following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call 610-845-2570.

Dec 5 – 65th Annual Christmas Bazaar at Wentz's UCC, 3246 Skippack Pike, Lansdale 19446 from 9:30am until 2pm. Questions? Call 610-584-4855.

Dec 6 – Souderton Alumni Men's Chorus from 6 at 7 pm at Zwingli UCC, 350 Wile Avenue, Souderton, PA. Call 215-723-1186 for more information.

Dec 6 – 50th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service at Calvary UCC 1231 Route 100 Barto PA 19504 at 10:15 am as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary

Dec. 6 – Christmas Concert at Christ Church of the UCC, 101 N Main Street, Trumbauersville with StillSmallVoice" at 3 pm.

Dec 12 – Community Christmas Concert at Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC in Norristown at 7 pm with Meghan Williams.

Dec 12 – All-U-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast with SANTA! at Calvary UCC in Barto from 8-11. Questions? Call 610-845-2570.

Dec 21 – Longest Night Worship Service at Calvary UCC in Barto at 3:00 pm. Questions? Call 610-845-2570.

400 at Super Saturday learn about worship for all the senses

Shared with permission from Tiffany Vail at MA Conference, UCC



On Oct 17, Massachusetts and Rhode Island UCC Conferences sponsored Super Saturday. Four hundred people came out and heard an inspiring presentation on worship, attended workshops, networked and had fun.

Marcia McFee, a worship consultant, opened the day by talking about how to create moving and meaningful worship services that appeal to people's different senses.

"Out of every 10 learners, by the sixth grade, two are auditory learners, four are visual learners and four are tactile kinesthetic - the doingness - learners. What does this say about our worship?" she said. "We Protestants are pretty good at the top one, but if we don't expand and think about how the word can come alive in other ways, we are cutting ourselves off from some very effective communication."

McFee went on to talk about conversations she has had with filmmakers, asking what it is that makes people excited to spend two hours watching a movie.

"They have told me that they spend more time on the first two minutes of the movie than on all the rest because that's when people either buy into the journey, or they step back," she said. Similarly, she added, worship needs a "threshold moment that takes us into a different time and place."

She went on to demonstrate what a threshold moment might look like by leading an impromptu choir to sing *Testify to Love*.

"The power of God is among us every time we gather. All we have to do is open to it. All we have to do is to say what is the moment, what is the message, that the world needs to hear, and then do everything through all the senses to draw attention to that message," she said. ---*Enjoy the dynamic, informative, and humorous video of McFee's message on macucc.org.*



BELIEVE

All interested youth (ages 13-18), parents, and adult participants are invited to join us on **November 22 from 3-5 pm** at St. John's UCC in Lansdale for an introduction to the National Youth Event, **BELIEVE**, scheduled from **July 26-30, 2016 at Walt Disney World** at Lake Buena Vista in Florida. We will enjoy refreshments as we learn about transportation, lodging, the program and related fees. Additional information about NYE is available at <http://nye.uccpages.org/>.



Prayers are requested for Christ Church UCC in Trumbauersville.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, November 15

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Youth Hoagie Sale Following Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, November 16

- 9:00am Cutting Vegetables
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, November 17

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, November 18

- 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 19

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Finish Making Pickled Cabbage
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review
- 7:30pm United Choir Instrumental Rehearsal @ Palm

Friday, November 20

- 9:00am Making Soup
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, November 21

- 6:00am Boy Scout Hoagie Making for Holiday Bazaar
- 9:00am Ladies' Aid Holiday Bazaar
- 10:00am Miller-Keystone Blood Drive
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, November 22

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Journey to Advent

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Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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