

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

**Prelude** "Who'll Be a Witness for My Lord?" arr. William Farley Smith

**\*Call to Worship**

Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.  
Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

**God's love surrounds us here today.**

**God calls us to be children of light.**

We belong to the day when we have faith.

We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

**We seek to be faithful to the best we know.**

**We want to invest the talents God gives us.**

Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance.

Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

**We are here to build up one another.**

**May our worship encourage each of us today.**

**\*Hymn#568** "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us stewards, but we squander your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet we do as we please. He sends us to minister on behalf of those suffering; we are slow to respond until our own needs are met. He expects us to praise you in all that we do; we take all the credit for those things we do well. Forgive us and help us to be more obedient. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture** 1 Thessalonians 5:1 – 11 (NRSV p. 960 – 961; LP p. 1851 – 1852)  
Matthew 25:14 – 30 (NRSV p. 807; LP p. 1551 – 1552)

**Junior Bell Choir** "We Gather Together" Francis L. Callahan

**Children's Sermon**

**Children's Church** Barb Master, Lisa Stitt



### **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:**

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**

This week's online Bible Study will flesh out the loved-hated-despised scale for relationships, which we applied to the Jesse-David case. To join the 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.

#### **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.

#### **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!

## **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**

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help. There may still be a few more spots open. Please see Barb Master if you can help.

## **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

## **December Youth Outing**

Join us on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after worship for lunch out at a Pizzeria, followed by a trip to the United Schwenkfelder Choir concert. Lunch is \$5 per youth. The concert is free. Transportation is provided. Younger youth should be accompanied by a parent. Please ask if you are unsure. Sign up in the Narthex. See Barb Master with any questions.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **The Wing Man Bar & Grill**

The Martin family and the staff of The Wing Man are holding their 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 27<sup>th</sup>**. There will be limited seating. Please contact The Wing Man to receive your meal voucher and to make your reservation.

## **Treasurer Report - January 1 – October 31, 2014**

Total Budget Income:           \$234,999.38

Total Budget Expenses:       \$254,716.81

For the detailed income/expense report, please see Treasurer David Luz

## **Due Dates**

As an FYI, the following due dates were discussed by the Trustees and have been set for the following:

Books for Auditing - due to the Church Office by January 15, 2015

Reports for the Annual Report - due to the Church Administrator by

December 31, 2014

## **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 have may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.

Megan and Adam Walter

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Williamsburg, MI 49690

## **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 boards for 2015 bulletins and flowers are on the wall outside the office. 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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November 16, 2014

## **UCC attorney Don Clark recognized as top counsel in Cleveland**

*Written by Anthony Moujaes, UC News Coordinator*



The United Church of Christ is represented by one of the top legal minds in the Cleveland area. So says the premiere business magazine in Northeast Ohio, Crain's Cleveland Business, which is recognizing Donald C. Clark Jr. with its 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Clark succinctly said that he is "particularly blessed to be honored for doing work that I love." He has served as general counsel of the United Church of Christ since

March 2013 after spending the previous decade as special counsel for the denomination.

Clark is one of 20 attorneys in the greater Cleveland area that will be honored by Crain's Cleveland Business on Nov. 20, as the publication recognizes the best legal minds in the region, representing public, private, nonprofit and government organizations.

The Rev. J. Bennett Guess, executive minister of UCC Local Church Ministries, nominated Clark for the honor. Nominees are considered for their work in several categories, including leadership, business accomplishments, protection of company interests, notable legal achievements, and community efforts.

"Don defends the interests of the United Church of Christ with diligence and great skill, but he is widely respected ecumenically and in academia for being a leading thinker on issues of ministry and the law," Guess said. "He has successfully argued precedent-setting cases that have relied on his astute articulation of the differences and nuances in Congregational, Presbyterian, and Episcopal forms of church governance. He speaks widely on church polity, as well as to legal issues facing church and clergy." ....

Clark earned his bachelor's degree from Williams College and his law degree from Rutgers Camden Law School in 1979. He was a partner in two of Chicago's largest law firms (Isham, Lincoln & Beale, and McDermott, Will & Emery). He managed his own firm, Clark & DeGrande, before assuming his role with the UCC more than 11 years ago.



## **\$67,000 from UCC at work in Africa against Ebola**

*Written by Anthony Moujaes, UC News Coordinator*

In the past several weeks, United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries has stepped up financial assistance to medical partners dealing with the Ebola virus in Africa— in the hope that an early response will have a greater impact in containing the outbreak of the disease.



To date, UCC Disaster Ministries has allocated \$67,000 to fight against Ebola--\$50,000 of which was sent in September and October to international and ecumenical organizations on the front lines in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

"One of the most important components of this response is prevention, which is being accomplished through education, sanitation and personal protective equipment for healthcare workers," said Zach Wolgemuth, executive for Disaster Ministries.

The World Health Organization estimates about 4,951 deaths from Ebola in Africa through October (2,413 in Liberia; 1,510 in Sierra Leone; 1,018 Guinea).

Global Ministries, the shared ministry of the UCC and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), is doing what it can to work against the disease, assisting partners ministering to those living in the areas hardest hit by the virus....

IMA WorldHealth will provide personal protective equipment and proper training for healthcare workers in regions expected to encounter Ebola cases as the virus spreads from neighboring nations. The UCC is one of 11 faith-based partners that funds IMA health programs, shares resources, collaborates on projects and shares a goal of advancing health and development through faith networks....

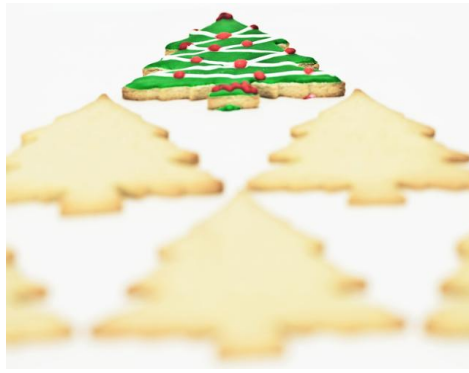
Individuals and congregations interested in learning more about supporting this effort, which allows the UCC to respond more fully to worldwide crises, can donate to One Great Hour of Sharing. "While we have not issued a specific appeal for this response, we are grateful for the continued support," Wolgemuth said.

*To read full articles,  
visit [ucc.org](http://ucc.org).*



Prayers are requested for Christ UCC, Philadelphia and Pastor Hector Torres.





## *Holiday Bazaar*

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*9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

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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 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

Please Stop By The Host Station at The Wing Man Bar & Grill by Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 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)



# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, November 16**

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

## **Monday, November 17**

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

## **Tuesday, November 18**

- 8:00am [Quilters](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts](#)
- 7:00pm [Girl Scouts - Senior/Ambassador Troop](#)
- 7:00pm [Board of Christian Education Meeting](#)
- 7:00pm [Mission Board](#)

## **Wednesday, November 19**

- 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 20**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 7:30pm [United Choir Instrumental Rehearsal](#)

## **Friday, November 21**

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

## **Saturday, November 22**

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

## **Sunday, November 23**

- 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

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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