

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016
REIGN OF CHRIST
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“All Hail the Power”
Piano/Organ Duet – Dottie Heebner, pianist

Joel Raney

Call to Worship

We dwell in a land God has loaned to us.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

We come with gladness to worship God.

We enter God’s presence with joyous song.

The first fruits of our labor belong to God.

Rejoice in the privilege of sharing God’s bounty.

God has made us, and we belong to God.

We are the sheep of God’s pasture.

The God of peace greets us in this time of worship.

Enter with thanksgiving and heartfelt praise.

We thank God for steadfast love to sustain us.

We praise God for faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn #376

“We Gather Together”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn #745** “Jesus Shall Reign”

Scripture Colossians 1:11 – 20 (NRSV p. 956; LP p. 1842 – 1843)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Corey May

***Hymn #374** “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sermon “Joyfully Giving Thanks”

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 “Now Thank We All Our God” Lani Smith

Doxology “Doxology of Thanks” arr. Patti Drennan

***Prayer of Dedication**

For the saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we give thanks. For the church that seeks to extend Christ’s ministry, we are humbly grateful. All things we have are gifts from you, O God, so we dedicate more than our money. We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to your promises. Hear our prayers and empower our ministry. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Hymn #92** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Bonnie Haviland by Tara and Bryan Renninger.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Glenna Fulmer by Sharon Storey, Jeff Fulmer, and Nancy Therriault.

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:

John Detwiler, Carmen Davis, Maurice Meecker, 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 Kraig 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

This week's online Bible Study will point to assurance in 1 Samuel 30 that may earn a perpetual bookmark for weary Disciples. 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 Event – Advent Celebration

Next Sunday night, November 27th, starting at 5:00 pm, come join us for our Advent Celebration. We will have a soup and salad dinner – sign-up sheet in the narthex for items to bring and share. There'll be craft and story time for children, an Advent devotional time for adults, then cookies and coffee/tea for dessert and closing. Hope all can attend this wonderful fellowship for Advent.

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 18th Birthday to...

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

Holiday Bazaar Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Holiday Bazaar, selling food items, helping with set-up and clean-up, helping out at other tables, and helping with any of the other various tasks!

Thank You

The congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church would like to thank Dottie Heebner for sharing her musical talents with us today.

Thank You

The congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church would like to thank the brass instrumentalists for providing hymn accompaniment for today's worship service.

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."

The Wing Man Bar & Grill

The Martin family and the staff of The Wing Man are holding their 8th 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, 24th. There will be limited seating. Please stop by The Wing Man **by tomorrow, Monday, November 21st**, to receive your meal voucher and to make your reservation.

PA German Putzing at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center

Join us for a special one night putz visiting event **next Sunday, November 27th**, 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.

Confirmands and Mentors Christmas Party and Luncheon

There will be a Christmas Party and Luncheon sponsored by the Board of Christian Education and the Mentor Committee on Sunday, December 11th. Snow date is the 18th. The party begins at approximately 12:00 p.m., immediately after the special church meeting. After lunch, we will discuss your Faith Journey timelines. Please be sure to have them completed by this time. The event concludes around 1:30 p.m. If you are UNABLE to attend, please notify your confirmand /mentor, and also notify the church office.

Christmas Decorations

All of the Christmas decorations need to be brought down out of storage today. If you have a moment to spare, please stay after the worship service to lend a hand. Thank you.

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2016, immediately following the worship service to elect our church leadership, approve our budget for 2017, and have a discussion regarding the Church's Memorial Garden. There will be copies of the budget in the narthex available before the meeting. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.

Women At Risk

Women's Christian Fellowship of Central Schwenkfelder Church is sponsoring "Holiday Shopping for a Cause" to benefit Women At risk, International. This organization rescues women and children from human traffickers in the U.S. and around the world, providing them with safe shelter. They are presented with the hope of Christ and retrained to work with dignity. All the items at the fundraiser are made by these women. Items to be sold include jewelry, blown glass ornaments, cards, scarves, purses, toys, and clothing, in all price ranges. Purchase can be taken home that day. \$250 in sales supports a woman in a safe house for one month. Women At Risk, International applies 80-90% of profits to help rescued or at-risk women. Mark your calendars to join us on Friday, December 2nd from 6:00pm – 9:00pm, or Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00am – 2:00pm, in the Central Schwenkfelder Community Center, 2067 Steelman Road, Lansdale, PA 19446. Do your Christmas shopping with us! Together we can make a difference!!!!

Christmas Cantata

On Saturday, December 24th, at 7:30 pm we will gather in worship to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This night of nights culminates the weeks of Advent Anticipation as we wait in hope, peace, love, and joy, and prepare our hearts to once again receive the greatest gift the world has ever known. This year our worship will feature Joseph M. Martin's Canticles in Candlelight: A Cantata for Christmas.

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.

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.

**Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay for Life Team
Sponsors Luminaries for Christmas Eve**

Every Sunday from November 27th until December 11th, you will have the opportunity to contribute \$5.00 per line for a luminary candle to decorate the church driveway on Christmas Eve. This is one of the fundraisers for the Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay for Life Team. You may purchase a luminary "In Honor" or "In Memory" of anyone who holds a special place in your heart, a family member, friend, teacher, etc. There will be a special insert in the Christmas Eve worship folder acknowledging your gifts. **Please order your luminaries at the Relay for Life Team 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 11th.** You may use the form included in this newsletter to place your order.

Please make checks payable to: **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**
Memo: Relay for Life Team

PLEASE PRINT

Donor's Name _____
Phone No. _____

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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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November 20, 2016

Thanksgiving Reflections

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us -- and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him." - Thomas Merton (*Thoughts on Solitude*)

Thomas Merton understood what it means to be truly thankful. Our existence, our very breath has been given to us by God. We know love because God first loved us! Does it make a difference in your life to know that God has given you your very life and that through Jesus Christ, God loves you no matter how broken, weak, bruised, or battered you are?

We, the church, have a message for our hurting world. We know of God's love and we are thankful for that. A way of being thankful is to share that news. Thanksgiving isn't just about being thankful for what we have—for our breath, our existence—it's about allowing our thanksgiving to overflow into the lives of others.

Jesus calls us to love God and to love others. That's all! It is that simple. Out of thankfulness for the love of God in Jesus Christ, we are called to love others. We love others by welcoming the least of these into our worship services and sharing our joy and love of God! We love others by giving food, clothing, drink with a joyfulness that exudes thankfulness.

I challenge you in this Thanksgiving season to be grateful and to give thanks to God who has given us everything. Then share your abundance with everyone you meet. Show your thankfulness in ways that others can bear witness that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ. Be excited to worship, be passionate about inviting others to join you, tell others how God has moved and transformed your life.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving in this season and every day.

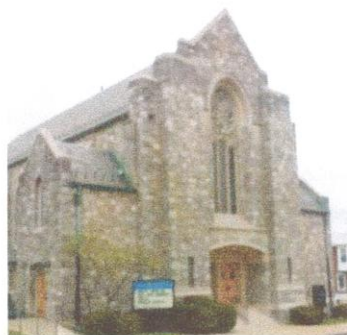
- Rev. Sharon S. Morris, Association Conference Minister



Getting to Know:

Christ Church UCC

1003 W. Marshall St., Norristown, PA 19401



Greetings from Christ Church in the west-end of Norristown. We are celebrating our 120th year. We had our beginning in 1891 as a mission Sunday School of a church located in downtown Norristown. In 1896 the church was organized and known as Christ Reformed Church.

We are very proud of our church building built and dedicated in 1931. It is a wonderful structure with stained glass windows depicting the life of Christ and many symbols. We are handicapped accessible with an elevator to our social hall and air conditioning in the sanctuary. Our Moller organ is one of the finest in Norristown. The Rev. Jeffrey G. Johnson was called in July 2011 and has served us faithfully, a dedicated and caring pastor.

In October we celebrated “Homecoming Sunday” in which former members and friends were invited and many attended. Also returning were former pastors: Dr. Robert E. Reiff, Rev. Martha B. Boyer, Rev. Frank McKenzie and our “church son” Rev. Robert H. Naylor. All reminisced on their years with us and their current activities. A highlight of the service was the singing of the anthem in which former choir members in attendance were invited to participate. What a joyous sound to hear so many voices sing to a very large congregation. A delicious meal followed the service with considerable memorabilia on display.

Community outreach is an important part of our mission. The “West-End Pre School” just celebrated 50 years in existence and has been housed in our building for the last twenty. Local agencies are supported by our members with contributions, food and clothing. Participation by our youth is both helpful and rewarding.

The pastor communicates weekly with our members via e-mail and we publish a monthly newsletter “The Courier”. Our website is first-class at www.uccchristchurch.org.



Prayers are requested for Christ Church UCC in Norristown and Rev. Jeffrey G. Johnson.



***Protection for the wounded. Voices for the silenced.
Dignity for the abused. Hope for women worldwide.***

Women At Risk, International works in over 45 countries, including the United States, creating havens of safety and healing for at-risk women and children.

What: Holiday Shopping for a Cause
At Central Schwenkfelder Church

Where: CSC Community Center
2067 Steelman Rd.
Lansdale, PA 19446

When: Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, 6pm-9pm
Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, 10am-2pm

Contact: CSC @ 610-584-4480 for info.

COME...join our circle of people passionate about each other and at-risk women around the world. **HEAR...**how to reach arms of love around at-risk women across the neighborhood and the ocean. **SHOP...**beautiful jewelry, accessories and other gifts made by and sold in support of women rescued from slavery, now empowered to work with dignity!



THE WING MAN
BAR & GRILL

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 24th

Time: 1:00 PM

Please Stop By The Host Station at The Wing Man Bar & Grill by Monday, November 21st 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)

ZION CHORAL

2016 CONCERT SCHEDULE

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

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

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, November 20

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Getting Christmas Decorations Out of Storage
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 23

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
@ Friedens UCC Sumneytown

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, November 25

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, November 26

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, November 27

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am First Sunday of Advent Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Isaiah 2:1 – 5)
- 5:00pm Advent Celebration

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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 – 7208

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