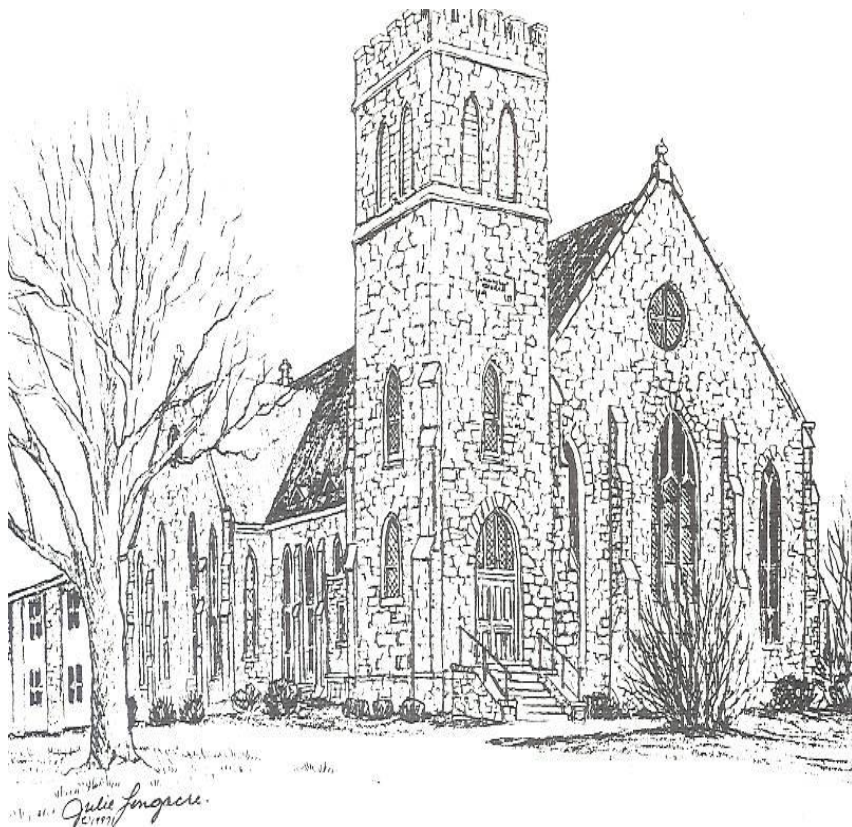


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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015

THANKSGIVING

REIGN OF CHRIST

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Patti Drennan

CONGREGATION *(in unison)*



1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King.
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word.
 3. To Thee, great One in Three,



Help us Thy name _____ to sing.
 Gird on Thy might - y sword.
 the high - est prais - es be



Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all
 Our prayer at - tend! Come, and Thy
 hence ev - er - more. Thy sov - reign



glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, and give Thy word suc - cess.
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty, love and a - dore.

***Call to Worship**

Be glad and rejoice, for God has done great things.
Our mouths are filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

A harvest of abundance surrounds us.

We will eat in plenty and be satisfied.

Praise God for all the bounty we enjoy.

Give thanks for every good and perfect gift.

We lay aside our worries and our fears.

God has dealt wondrously with us, and we rejoice.

Seek first God's realm of righteousness.

Let God reign in all your thoughts and relationships.

We know God is with us here.

We trust God to supply what we most need.

***Hymn #374**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You know the truth about us, O God, better than we know ourselves. We have gathered the bounty of your earth to fill our bank accounts, struggling to get ahead, blinded by greed. We have not stopped to gaze with wonder at the birds of the air or the flowers of the field. We have not paused to listen to one another or to walk with Christ among outcasts and sinners. We turn away from the prompting of the Holy Spirit, choosing to worry rather than to praise. Turn us around, we pray, that we might receive forgiveness and enter into a time of true thanksgiving. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Matthew 6:25 – 33 (NRSV p. 787 – 788, LP p. 1514)

Senior Bell Choir

"Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Susan E. Geschke

Traditional Welsh Melody

Children's Sermon

Children's Church

Lisa Stitt

***Hymn #377**

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

Sermon

"Tomorrow's Worries"

Senior Choir Anthem

"All to Us"

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 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the Scepter, His the Throne"
by Paul Manz

***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**

We have bread, so we will share. We have pure water, so we will give to dig wells for others. We have faith, so we will tell others of the great things you have done, O God. These sacred moments of giving acknowledge your ownership of all possessions. We seek to answer your call to responsible stewardship and faithfulness in mission. We are your heralds and apostles. Thank you, God. Amen.

***Hymn #53**

"Let All Things Now Living"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

by Lani Smith

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today by Alex and Joanne Jalowy.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory and honor of loved ones by Kenny and Shirley Miller.

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 Linford Weiss, Kerm Goda, 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, 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 continue the discussion flowing from our recent work in 1 Samuel 22 – 24. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

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

Advent Opening Devotions ~ Jesus' Birth

Story: Excerpts from the Gospel of Luke

Song: Joy to the World!

Memory Bible Verse: "This very day in David's town your Savior was born – Christ the Lord!

Luke 2:11 Good News Version

Journey to Advent

This Evening, at 6:30pm everyone is invited to journey into Advent with Scripture, Carols and refreshments. Please bring along a refreshment to share. Drinks will be provided. Please join us as we begin this joyous season!

Kid's Corner and Chocolate Covered Pretzels

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Holiday Bazaar Kid's Corner, dipping pretzels and selling pretzels. Thank you to the Congregation for supporting the youth by purchasing their delicious pretzels!

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.

Lunch Outing

Youth and adults, join us for lunch at Chairo's in Green Lane and a trip to the United Schwenkfelder Choir on Sunday, December 6th following the worship service. Please bring money for lunch. Youth, lunch is free. Please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP to Barb Master.

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsals

Christmas program rehearsals will be held on Sundays during the Sunday school hour beginning November 29th. Kids should go to Opening Devotions first and should try to attend as many rehearsals as they can. Parents and teachers who can stay and help would be great. One Saturday rehearsal is planned for December 19th 9:00am – 11:30am.

Children's Christmas Program

The Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 20th at 10:15 am during worship. Kids should arrive at 9am for rehearsal. After worship, join us in the Adult Sunday school room for refreshments and a hoagie sale.

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 **next Sunday, November 29th**. 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.

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!

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 **by tomorrow, 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!!

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

The Deacons would like to thank the members of Palm for sponsoring bulletins and real flowers every Sunday for the 2015 calendar year! Everyone who did sponsor, please remember that bulletin sponsorships are \$15, flower sponsorships are \$50, and the flowers are yours to keep after the service. Please keep an eye out for the new 2016 chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

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.

Clara Graber
Pennsburg Manor – Room 104
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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 _____

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November 22, 2015

A Thanksgiving Message

From Rev. Sharon S. Morris, PSEC Associate Conference Minister

How many of you are thinking about what you need to do this week to create a wonderful Thanksgiving feast for your family? How many are worrying about having enough food, enough places for everyone to sit; concerned about what time you need to put the turkey in the oven in order to have it ready for the meal?

Worry and anxiety are such an epidemic in our country that pharmaceutical companies are making a bundle. We worry about our jobs, our families, our homes, food, what the world will be like for our children and grandchildren, including whether we will have enough income when we retire.

Jesus tells us not to worry, the Lord will provide. But, we live in a challenging world and Jesus' words from Matthew aren't always easy to hear and even more difficult to obey. Worrying is a part of life. When I hear Jesus' words I want to tell Jesus, "You don't know what life is like today: terrorists are seeking to destroy the world, countries are creating nuclear weapons, and parents send their sons and daughters off to war in a foreign country. Jesus, you really don't know what it is like to live with the pressures, the hopes, the expectations, the difficulties that we experience everyday of our lives!"

I envy Abraham's faith. As he was walking up the mountain to sacrifice his son Isaac, he told Isaac that God would provide a sacrifice, and God provided a ram saving Abraham from sacrificing his son. Abraham named that mountain "The Lord Will Provide." We need Abraham's "down to your socks" trust in God.

On this Thanksgiving may we confess that we have not always trusted in God's care for us, that our worry and anxiety have gotten in the way and caused us to be hijacked from our main purpose in life: worshiping God. Our worry and anxiety cause us to obsess on things and to attempt to become self-sufficient, getting in the way of giving thanks to God and keeping us from following Jesus.

As we approach this Thanksgiving, we are acutely aware of all that has happened this past year. Some of us have been touched by illness, others the loss of a loved one, marital discord, and others by financial problems. Some are wondering if they will have a job, some in their later years are wondering, "What is the point of my life?" We all wonder what the future year may hold.

On this Thanksgiving (before we enter into the commercial onslaught of gift gluttony) let us be still and know that God is. We are called first to exalt God in all that we do and say. God will provide day by day. Let us give thanks for all that God provides!

UCC Trains 10 New Disaster Recovery Long-Term Volunteers

Written by Carol Fouke-Mpoyo



Ten people have just completed special training to prepare them to serve as disaster long-term recovery volunteers in United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries. Each of them has a unique story of prior engagement in disaster recovery. Each story leads them to a common desire and commitment to step up their involvement.

The recent four-day training, held at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss., included Volunteer Management, Construction Management, Safety, Teamwork, Communication, Long-Term Recovery Group Development, and Disaster Response and Recovery Processes and Partners, including UCC Disaster Ministries' mission and role. **New Long-Term Volunteers included PSEC Volunteers Rev. Karl and Cathy Jones, members of St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Cressona, PA....**

Trainees Alyce and Jack Downer, now of Owosso, Mich., lived in New Orleans in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina hit. They helped receive work teams, even opening their home to long-term volunteers. That was their first engagement in disaster recovery.

Why do they want to intensify their involvement? "There are so many people in this world who really, really need the help," Alyce said, adding, "I'm anxious to get started! Jack is a retired die maker, and I recently retired as an information technology program manager. We just bought a travel trailer. We're available to go!"

Members of St. John's UCC in Allentown, the Lenharts have led several youth work teams to disaster recovery sites in Florida and Tennessee. Keith retired in June as an elementary school teacher. Linda, a retired youth pastor, now is commissioned to disaster ministry and serves as Disaster Ministries Coordinator for the UCC's Penn Northeast Conference.

"It's very fulfilling to do mission work as a couple," said Linda, noting she and Keith have been married for 40 years. While they await their first assignment as disaster long-term volunteers, they are retrofitting two tool trailers donated to the conference by UCC Disaster Ministries' national office.... ***(read more volunteer stories at ucc.org/disaster_longterm_volunteers)***



Prayers are requested for St. Luke's UCC in Philadelphia and Pastor Teresa (Terri) McNamara.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, November 23

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, November 24

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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 25

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ St. Philip Neri

Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving!

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, November 27

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, November 28

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, November 29

9:00am Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am First Sunday of Advent Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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