

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

John G. Barr

***Call to Worship**

Bless God for the good land we have been given.

Praise God, who crowns the year with abundance.

We are thankful for the bounty we have enjoyed.

God has been good to us through another year.

God chooses to love us and draw us near.

God invites us to enjoy the good all around us.

We are grateful for food, shelter, and family.

God enriches our lives with many opportunities.

Let us renew our vows to God in this hour.

May thanksgiving overflow in acts of kindness.

We are here to remember and find renewal.

We have come to listen to God's word.

***Hymn#381**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

See what love the Lord has given us that we should be called the children of God. Yet, we so easily forsake our high calling. We make a mockery of God's goodness and grace. We squander the bountiful assets God entrusts to us when we don't care for the gifts God provides. We turn our attention inward, rather than humbly attending the throne of God's greatness, when we worship ourselves and proudly boast of our gains. Forgive us, O Christ, and intercede for us. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Bell Choir

“Our God”

Scripture

Psalm 100 (NRSV p. 481; LP p. 936)
2 Corinthians 9:6 – 15 (NRSV p. 942; LP p. 1814)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church Anjie Hoffman and Gregg Hoffman

***Hymn#376** "We Gather Together"

Sermon "Thanks Be to God"

Senior Choir Anthem "Thanksgiving Hodie" arr. Joseph Martin

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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Janet Correll

***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**

For food and water, for all the blessings of the land you have given us, for family and friends who enrich our lives, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to you, O God. We have been sheltered and educated and empowered by your generosity. In Jesus Christ, we have been shown a way to the wholeness you intended for us. Receive these offerings as a joyous expression of our gratitude. Amen.

***Hymn#374** "Now Thank We All Our God"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Lani Smith

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in honor of Kenny and Shirley Miller's 48th wedding anniversary.

Today's bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of our uncle Walter Miller who passed away on August 28, 2014 at age 100 by Larry and June Schultz and family, and Lee Schultz.

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:

Pam Gibbons, 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 visit the Book of Malachi for examples illustrating Love-Hate and of a shift in common English meaning impacting understanding. 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 4th 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.

Thank You

Thank you to the youth and adult volunteers who helped at the Kid's Corner and Youth Table at Saturday's Holiday Bazaar. Thank you to everyone who supported the youth by purchasing pretzels and to those who supported the youth in the other various ways.

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!

Older Youth Event

For 5th grade and up, our annual Nativity Story movie night will take place at the home of Lisa Stitt on Friday, December 5th 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

First rehearsal is next Sunday!

Sunday, Nov. 30th 9:00am-10:00am

Saturday, Dec. 6th 9:30am – 11:30am

Sunday, Dec. 7th 9:00am – 10:00am

Sunday, Dec. 14th 9:00am – 10:00am

Saturday, Dec. 20th 9:30am – 11:30am

Sunday, Dec. 21st 9:00am – 10:00am

Sunday, Dec. 21st 10:15am, Christmas program during worship

December Youth Outing

Join us in two weeks on Sunday, December 7th 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 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 6th 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, 27th**. There will be limited seating. Please contact The Wing Man to receive your meal voucher and to make your reservation.

United Schwenkfelder Choir 86th Annual Concert

The United Schwenkfelder Choir will present its 86th annual concert, “Shout for Joy,” on Sunday, December 7, 2014. The 85-voice choir will perform a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music at 2:30p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church, located at 2111 Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, PA 19446. A free will offering will be taken. For additional information, contact 215 – 393 – 9974.

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.

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.

Bulletin Sponsorships

The Deacons would like to thank the members of Palm for sponsoring bulletins and real flowers every Sunday for the 2014 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 sign up for 2015 on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

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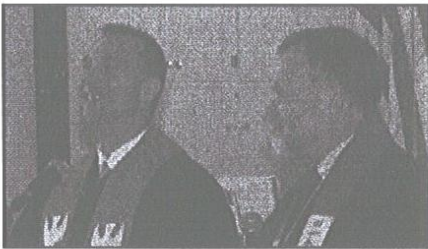
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November 23, 2014

Highlights from the Fall Meeting 2014



On November 8, we gathered at St. Paul's UCC in Douglassville for the PSEC Fall Meeting. The theme for our meeting was ***Gather Together, Imagine Together, Go Together.*** After a brief opening worship, Rev. Steven Hamilton, Moderator, called the conferring session to order. We adopted the minutes from the 2014 Spring Meeting and the Proposed Changes to the Organizational Structure of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, were given a financial update on the Sale of the Mensch Mill property, and passed the 2015 PSEC Proposed Spending Plan.



Rev. William Paul Worley (pictured left) was installed as Conference Minister of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Dr. Bruce Irwin, Interim Conference Minister, Penn Central Conference, called us to worship. Rev. Worley's son, Zach and Fr. William Sneck, S.J., Ph.D.

(pictured opposite page) read the scriptures, and Rev. Dr. Stephanie K. Weiner, Associate Conference Minister, Indiana-Kentucky Conference (pictured opposite page) preached the sermon. The Moderators of the seven PSEC Associations facilitated the prayers and Church and Ministry Chairpersons from the seven Associations facilitated the greeting during the Service of Installation. **Rev. Dr. John Deckenback, Conference Minister, Central Atlantic Conference** (pictured on right above) presented the Conference Minister's Medallion. The choir from Harold O. Davis Memorial UCC provided invigorating music.

Kyrstyn Witmyer added majestic trumpet music, and Rev. Mary Etta Mest, Rev. Steven J. Simpson, Rev. Ann T. Few, Rev. Dr. Stephen Ohnsman enhanced the services with their musical gifts.



We enjoyed a delicious lunch, fellowship with friends, and celebrated the 225th Anniversary of Tinicum UCC in Pipersville and the 275th Anniversary of Zion Blue Mountain UCC in Strausstown.



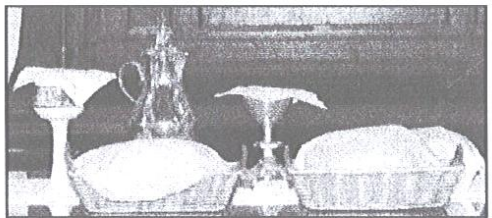
Service of Installation Prayers facilitated by the Moderators of the Seven Associations



Service of Installation Greeting facilitated by Church and Ministry Chairpersons of the seven Associations

We heard 10 one-minute Speakouts from our Conference teams and local churches, and Rev. William P. Worley led us in a discussion about changing to a two-day annual meeting.

We closed with worship that included receiving communion and the collection and blessing of our OCWM commitments for 2015. Visit the PSEC Facebook page to see more pictures: <https://www.facebook.com/UCCpaSE>.



Mark your calendars for the Spring Meeting on June 6, 2015 at Harold O. Davis Memorial UCC, 4500 North 10th Street in Philadelphia.



Prayers are requested for Faith Reformed (Landingville) UCC in Schuylkill Haven and Pastor James Fidler.

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

Every Sunday, until December 14th, you may contribute \$5.00 per line for a luminary to decorate the church driveway on Christmas Eve. This is one of the fundraisers of the Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay for Life Team.

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 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 14th.**

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

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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 27th

Time: 1:00 PM

Please Stop By The Host Station at The Wing Man Bar & Grill by Monday, November 24th 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 23

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, November 24

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, November 25

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Boy Scouts

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Wednesday, November 26

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts Board of Review

7:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ St. Philip Neri

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, November 29

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, November 30

9:00am Sunday School – Children’s Christmas Program
Rehearsal

10:15am First Sunday in Advent 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: Jean Ross

Ushers: Kay Kleppinger, Rick Kleppinger, Karen Schultz, Kevin Schultz

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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