

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”

J. Wayne Kerr

Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Come, all who have known gloom and anguish.

Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken.

Our losses seem greater than we can bear.

God is our light and our salvation.

God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

Enemies lose their power when we look up to God.

We come now, seeking God’s face.

Come, behold the beauty of our God.

Come to find shelter in a day of trouble.

We will sing and make melody to God.

We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.

***Hymn #612**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Turn our lives around, God. Help us to identify in ourselves those parts of us that need to change if we are to experience your joy. Too long we have been hiding in the shadows, reluctant to express our faith. Too long we have shunned the light, afraid of what might be exposed. Too long we have avoided people with whom we have a quarrel, refusing to build bridges across our differences. Save us from ourselves that we may enjoy your realm. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Bell Choir

“With a Joyful Spirit”

Paul A. McKlveen

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 18 (NRSV p. 926; LP p. 1782 – 1783)
Matthew 4:12 – 23 (NRSV p. 785; LP p. 1509 – 1510)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Lisa Stitt

***Hymn #26**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Sermon

“Our Calling”

Senior Choir Anthem

“Softly and Tenderly”

Will L. Thompson
arr. Joel Raney

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

“How Firm a Foundation”

James Boeringer

***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**

**Christ, you invite us to follow and become fishers of others.
You equip us with talents and gifts for our venture. We
humbly respond to your gracious invitation and place our gifts
at your disposal. As we go out to serve, receive the results of
our efforts in your name. Turn them to good where we have
erred. Shed light on our path as we seek to abide in your way.
Amen.**

***Hymn #648**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*Benediction

Postlude

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Nancy Raabe

*All who are able, please stand.

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:

Sandy Chrysczanavicz, Meg Lester, Katherine Kocs, Michael Marsicano, Jean Gabel, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Carmen Davis, Mae Gerhart, Rev. Bill Vanderslice, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, 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 Olivet Schwenkfelder Church.

Bible Study

The online Bible Study will continue the discussion of forgiveness inspired by 1 Samuel 31. 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!

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.

January Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Lily Hoffman (1/4), Ian Ross (1/5), LJ Morasco (1/14), Dillon Reinert (1/15),
Johanna Kinsler (1/25)

Migrant Hospitality Project

Thank you to all who have supported MHP throughout the year. Financial support and donated time and furnishing have us ready to serve a household of up to four legal, Christian exiles fleeing persecution from anywhere in the world. 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."

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee will be holding a meeting **today, Sunday, January 22nd**, after the worship service in the Contemporary Issues classroom.

Men of Palm

The Men of Palm will hold their annual meeting **next Sunday, January 29th**, in the sanctuary following the worship service.

February 5th – Souper Bowl Sunday

The Ladies' Aid will be selling soup after the worship service on Sunday, February 5, 2017. So whether you're a football fan or not, please plan on purchasing some delicious soup for lunch!

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.

Upcoming dates for flower sponsorship:

January 29th; February 26th, March 19th

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship:

January 29th; February 5th & 26th; March 1st (Ash Wednesday), 5th, & 26th

New Kitchen Floor

From now until the end of the month, we will be installing a new tile floor in the kitchen. Because of this work, the kitchen will be unavailable and no functions or events will be held in Fellowship Hall until the work has been completed.

Did You Know?

We are starting a new feature in our bulletins entitled “Did You Know?” Items of interest to members and visitors will be listed. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

Did You Know?

- LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher. LARGE PRINT Bibles are also available for use during worship services, located on the table to the left between the front and back sections of pews.
- Listening devices are available for those who would like them. Please see an usher to assist you.
- A fully accessible restroom is located in the hallway, across from the office. A baby changing table is there, also.
- There are greeting cards on the podium as you enter the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to sign – you don’t need to be a member of the congregation to add your name to the well wishes.

Did you also know...

- Your monetary support to Missions allows our church to sponsor 3 children through the Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ. We are currently sponsoring Varduhi (a 13 year old girl from Armenia), Taurai (a 16 year old boy from Zimbabwe), and Vignesh (an 11 year old boy from India). We recently received a lovely letter from Varduhi’s mother, thanking us for the help we have given her daughter. Thank you for your continued support of Palm Schwenkfelder’s Missions!



Valentine's Day Wishes

Please prepare valentine cards or treats for the church members listed below. You may make your own cards, or use store bought cards. Place the cards in the Valentines box in the Narthex by **February 5th**. The valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Verna Badman
Grace Beard
Lucille Berky
Kylene Bertoia Hart
Perma Bower
Ray & Carmen Davis
Edward Fegely
Marion Fox
Alyssa Guldin
Alvera Heffner
Heinz & Mary Jane Herrmann
Gladys Hoffman
Bob & Lucille Jones
Payton Keyser
Pauline Kloenne

Grace Kuhns
Meg Lester
Virginia Longacre
Clyde Masemore
Helen Pannepacker
Beverly Phifer
Betty Pope
Margaret Schultz
Schwoyer Family
Carol Shafer
Bill & Jane Shermer
Dorothy Trumbauer
Adam Walter
Gene Wilcox

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January 22, 2017

White Privilege: Let's Talk

When you hear the term "White Privilege," do you feel defensive, uncomfortable, angry, curious? Do you consider race an important part of your identity? Are you able to articulate the ways your skin color has affected your life journey?

As Christians, we can set an example for our society by having sacred and honest conversations about race. The PSEC Justice & Witness Mission Team is hosting four opportunities to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race, using the UCC curriculum *White Privilege: Let's Talk*. Rev. John Dorhauer, UCC general minister and president, writes: "This curriculum, written by five gifted authors with decades of experience teaching about race and privilege, is presented to enable such dialogue to take place at every level of the Church."

The PSEC Justice & Witness Mission Team is offering four different dates and locations in order to reach as many laity and clergy as possible. Absolutely everyone is welcome! At each four-hour event participants will share their own experiences and reflections, as they consider their own spiritual autobiography told through the lens of race.

These events are free, although participants must register in advance at <http://psec.org>. The first step in understanding the complicated dynamics of race and privilege in our society – and in our churches - is having meaningful dialogue. Join the PSEC Justice & Witness Mission Team for *White Privilege: Let's Talk* from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at one of the following locations:

Calvary UCC (Reading) Sat, February 11, 2017

Glenside UCC (Glenside) Sat, February 25, 2017

Zwingli UCC (Souderton) Sat, March 4, 2017

Community UCC (Reading) Sat., March 18, 2017

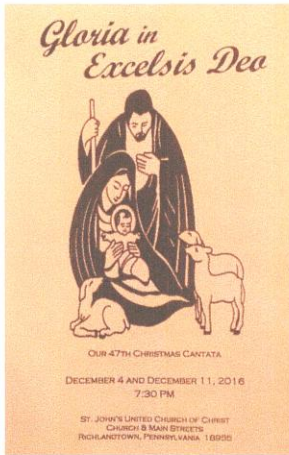
To register click on the links at psec.org.

Rev. Leslie Kearney, Chair
PSEC Justice & Witness Mission Team

Getting to Know :

St John's UCC

4 N. Main St., Richlandtown, PA 18955



St. John's UCC, Richlandtown just completed their 47th Cantata musical performance under the direction of musician Larry Benner, who has served as musical director of St Johns for 50 years!



Prayers are requested for the congregation of St. John's UCC in Richlandtown and Rev. Linda M. Lennon.

Women's Community Communion Service

Saturday, January 28, 2017

10:00 a.m.

at New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ
1070 Church Road, East Greenville, PA 18041

**** Please note the new date and time ****

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED.
SAVE THE DATE — MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



A light luncheon will be held
in the Fellowship Hall
following the service.
Please join us!

~ Socks are the #1 requested item of clothing by the homeless shelters.

Please can you contribute some heavy men's and
women's socks (no child sizes) for those in need?

Collection will be taken to the Lehigh Valley Shelters. Thank you! ~



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, January 22

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, January 23

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, January 24

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

Wednesday, January 25

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, January 27

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, January 28

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, January 29

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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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

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Greeter: Joan Pusey

Ushers: Kevin Master, Barb Master, Blake Master, Kate Pence

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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