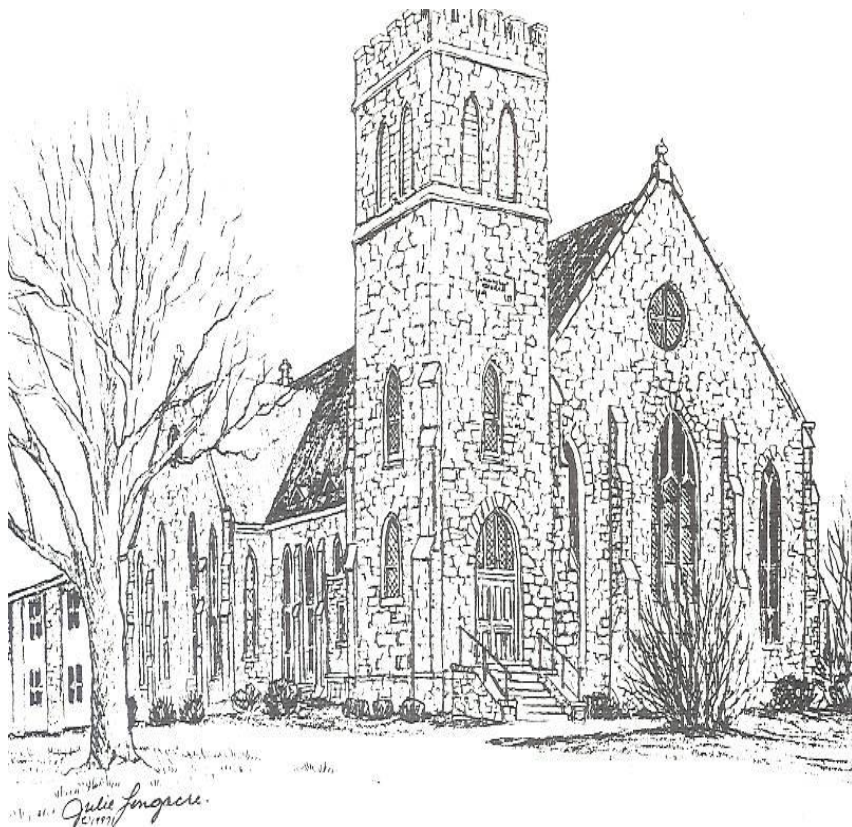


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

TRANSFIGURATION

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Presentation of the Colors**

***Pledge of Allegiance**

Prayer

Prelude

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

Benjamin Culli

***Call to Worship**

We come together, a community of faith.

We have gathered to talk and listen to our God.

May our faces shine in anticipation.

Our God has invited us to this moment of meeting.

We share in a new covenant of promise and hope.

Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.

We come with boldness to encounter our Creator.

We assemble here, eager to be changed by God.

Our fears melt into awe and wonder before God.

Our failures become opportunities for learning.

Let us praise God's holy name in chorus.

Let us share in the glory of life. What a gift!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We tremble before you, O God, for we have sinned. You already know what we have done and what we have failed to do. Hear us now as we recognize and admit our actions and inaction in violation of the trust you have placed in us. Enter into our excuses and our pretensions, Holy One, that we may be saved for ministry and mission. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Bell Choir

“A Melody of Hope”

Sondra K. Tucker

Scout Law

Leader: The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of boys and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:16)

Scouts: A Scout is trustworthy.

Congregation: He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

Scouts: A Scout is loyal.

Leader: You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18) For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land. (Deuteronomy 15:11)

Scouts: A Scout is helpful.

Congregation: Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10)
Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133)

Scouts: A Scout is friendly.

Leader: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

Scouts: A Scout is courteous.

Congregation: A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)

Scouts: A Scout is kind.

Leader: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Scouts: A Scout is obedient.

Congregation: A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast. (Proverbs 15:13-15)

Scouts: A Scout is cheerful.

Leader: Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest. (Proverbs 6:6-8)

Scouts: A Scout is thrifty.

Congregation: Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Scouts: A Scout is brave.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation. (Psalm 24:3-5)

Scouts: A Scout is clean.

Congregation: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30)

Scouts: A Scout is reverent, he is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

***Hymn #99** "When Morning Gilds the Sky"

Scripture 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 (NRSV p. 939; LP p. 1808)
Luke 9:28 – 36 (NRSV p. 843; LP p. 1620)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church No Children's Church

***Hymn #180** "Christ Upon the Mountain Peak"

Sermon

Senior Choir Anthem "In Christ Alone" arr. Benjamin Harlan

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

“Like the Golden Sun”

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**

Thank you, God, for choosing us to speak for you and to act on your behalf. It is an honor to share with others what you have entrusted to us. Our offerings represent ourselves and the depth of our commitment. We rededicate to you the talents, abilities, and resources you have placed in our hands. May we be faithful in our mutual ministry. Amen.

***Hymn#190**

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair”

John Dunstable

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Gayle Wallinger by Doug Wallinger

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:

Becky Kraig Kimmel, Doris Masemore, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Mary Steltz, Kerm Goda, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, Vern Weller, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Jeff Treichler, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, 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 Central Schwenkfelder Church.

Bible Study

What tone-of-voice do you hear in 1 Samuel 23:21? King Saul uses the name LORD for the first time in a long while. This week's online Bible Study seeks this input from Study Partners. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

What's for Lunch During Lent: Brown Bag Bible Study

During our 2016 Lenten schedule we are delighted to host a brown bag lunch Bible study which will be led by Sister Millicent Drake. This Scriptural study is framed upon the Joseph Martin Cantata, [A Journey to Hope](#), and invites us to explore the Biblical foundations of Lent, leading us through Holy Week and the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. The Brown Bag Bible Study will take place every Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m., beginning February 10th and finishing March 23rd. Please feel free to join the study as your schedule allows.

February Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Andrew Pence (2/4), Stacey May (2/1), Samuel Pusey (2/26)

You Version Bible App – Teens & Adults

Bible.com is all new if you enjoy exploring God's Word on larger screens like your computer, laptop, or tablet. You will see clear, simple tabs to get you where you want. You will be able to adjust fonts to customize your reading. And, Bible.com can read to you with audio Bibles. Visit Bible.com to try the best Bible experience offered for the web.

Bible App for Kids ~ Read and interact with, The Beloved Son: Jesus is baptized.

Children's Church ~ A Joyful Noise

Children's church has started again for the New Year. Leaders are needed. To sign-up to be a leader, please see the schedule posted on the wall next to the church office. Thank you.

Parents ~ If your child has allergies, please notify the leader of the day.

Sunday School Theme

“Rejoice in the Lord Always; again I will say, rejoice!” Philippians 4:4
The youth are continuing to do a great job celebrating the joy they receive from God’s love by sharing that joy with others and acting kindly to one another. Thank you for supporting this mission by punching the kids’ cards. May God’s joy ring out in your heart!

"Change Our Hearts" Offering

Beginning today, in conjunction with the First Monday Community Meal that Palm will be hosting on March 7th, we will be having a special change offering. This will continue each Sunday during the months of February and March to help offset the costs of this meal. So, during these months please remember to bring in all your extra change (or bills), for another successful meal!!

Brown Bag Lecture Series at SLHC: Fences on the Farm

This Wednesday, February 10th, at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation by Bob Wood entitled *Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Fencing Practices in Germanic Pennsylvania*.

Donations of Finger Foods

After the Community Lenten Service held at Palm Schwenkfelder Church on February 17th, we will be serving refreshments. If you would like to contribute to the selection of delicious treats, please bring your food donations to the kitchen before the church service. Thank you.

Christian Exiles Are Fleeing Persecution

Let’s help rescue some Exiles! The Deacons at Palm have arranged a partnership with Church World Service (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. It is difficult not to be distracted by news reports, but it should be noted that it will be another two years before current Syrian exiles can be expected. Meanwhile, we seek to minister to a Brother or Sister from anywhere in the world who has made it through the process and arrives as a stranger in need. 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.

Can You Help Out?

Might you be available in the next month or so to help MHP pick up local furniture donations? Please let us know! That is the most pressing need at the moment. MHP is also seeking beds, especially twin beds. Forms available in the Narthex are the best way to communicate. They are helpful supports to senior memory. If elements line up, it should be possible to get all pick-ups done in one full day or two half days.

Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project

Offerings to support the Migrant Hospitality Project are welcomed. Please mark “Migrant” on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

First Monday Community Meal

The Deacons at Palm Church are sponsoring a free community meal at Pennsburg UCC on Monday, March 7th. We will provide, prepare and serve dinner. Last year was a success with serving ham, so it was decided to serve ham again. Volunteers are needed; 6 people to cook and prepare the meal between 3:00 – 6:00pm, and 8-10 people to help serve, box up leftovers and cleanup from 5:45-7:45pm. Monetary donations and food donations will be needed. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex at a later date. If you would like to help cook or serve the meal on March 7th, or make a monetary or food donation, please see Kevin or Barb Master. Donations of desserts are needed. Please bring desserts to the Palm church kitchen either on Sunday, or on Monday morning. Youth are welcome to help!

Back to Back Bay – 2016

The Mission Board is looking for Members to form a Mission Team for the next trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. The trip is scheduled to run from July 30 through August 7, 2016. So whether you are a “Seasoned Veteran,” or have never been on a Mission Trip before; be on the lookout for further details, and consider joining what is sure to be another memorable, and moving, adventure in service.

Men of Palm

The Men of Palm will have their annual meeting **today**, in the sanctuary following the worship service.

Youth Hoagie Sale

Have a hoagie while you watch the Super Bowl! **Today**, after the worship service, the Palm Youth will be in the narthex selling hoagies to raise money for the youth ministries.

Souper Bowl Sunday

The Ladies’ Aid will be selling soup after the worship service **today**.

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. 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.

Treasurer Report – January, 2016

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand 1/1/2016	\$35,761.03	\$35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$19,894.61	\$19,894.61
Operating Expenses	\$34,786.33	\$34,786.33
Operating Cash on Hand	\$20,869.31	\$20,869.31

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.

Women's Fellowship at New Gosh

The Women's Fellowship of New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ would like to cordially invite the women of Palm Schwenkfelder Church to worship with us **this coming Saturday, February 13, 2016**. We will be celebrating "Women's Week" with a communion service in our sanctuary beginning at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens will lead the service and a guest speaker will be bringing a timely and interesting message. Women of neighboring churches are also invited to join the choir for an anthem. A combined rehearsal will be held in the choir room at New Goshenhoppen Church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, prior to the worship service. Following communion, we will enjoy a continental breakfast and a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall. In the event of inclement weather, please call the church office at (215) 679 – 2041, Delores Schuler at (610) 395 – 1570, or Bonnie Fisher (215) 234 – 8483.

MCC Mobile Canner Project

On March 14, 15, and 16, 2016 you can help feed the hungry here and abroad by graciously, lovingly, and compassionately contributing your money or your time to the MCC Mobile Canner Project at the MCC Material Resources Center (MRC). With an outpouring of your support, we can fill the needs of hundreds of thousands of starving people here and around the world. To make a tax-deductible contribution, your check may be made payable to "MCC Canner Project" and mailed to the MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964. Those interested in donating a few hours of their time to this three-day operation may contact the MCC at (267) 203 – 8074, or the following: Glenn C. Moyer at 215-723-0888, Tana Godshall at 215-565-5096, or Earl Young at 610-287-1503. For more information, please see the poster in the narthex. Together, we can – in the name of Christ.

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

February 21st; April 3rd and 17th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

March 6th, 20th, and 27th.

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Wednesday, February 10th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24th
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2nd
Pennsburg UCC at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9th
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran – Sumneytown at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16th
St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill Church at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 20th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 24th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Walk begins at 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship at McDonald's Following the Worship Service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, March 27th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 a.m.

Covered-Dish Breakfast Following the Service

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion Worship Service

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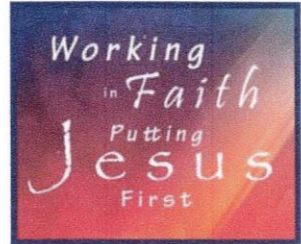
February 7, 2016

Message from Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister

Dear PSEC Brothers and Sisters,

I am thrilled to invite you to our Pennsylvania Southeast Conference multi-day Spring Meeting on June 10-12, 2016 at West Chester University! Our theme is **Working in Faith, Putting Jesus First**, Matthew 25:31-46.

The Conference Meeting Program Mission Team has reshaped "the meeting experience to communicate our ethos of expectation, experimentation and transformation." (Item 16 of the PSEC 2020 Vision Plan) We will experience:



- **AGENDA:** We will have time together to focus on "strengthening the covenantal connections between local churches, Associations and the Conference" (Item 15 of the PSEC 2020 Vision)
- **4 EXCITING GUEST SPEAKERS:** We have assembled exciting guest speakers, including **Rev. Dr. J. William Lentz**, Pastor of Messiah United Methodist Church in Lafayette Hill, PA; **Rev. Alan Miller**, PNEC Conference Minister; **Dr. Anthony Campolo**, Professor of Sociology and Special Assistant to the President of Eastern University; and **Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr.**, The Harry Emerson Fosdick Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary.
- **16 STIMULATING WORKSHOPS:** The leaders of our 16 workshops include many of our local professionals and **Rev. Robin Hynicka**, Pastor of Arch Street United Methodist Church, and **Rev. Brynn White**, Department of Veteran Affairs certified chaplain serving at Coatesville VA Medical Center.
- **1 CONFERRING SESSION:** There will be one conferring session to conduct the business of our Conference to support our working in faith and to deepen our connections with Christ and with each other.

I invite everyone to gather together to learn and reflect as we engage in the challenging work of being the Church during this time of transition. It is my deepest hope that we will spend time with the best resource God has given us —each other.

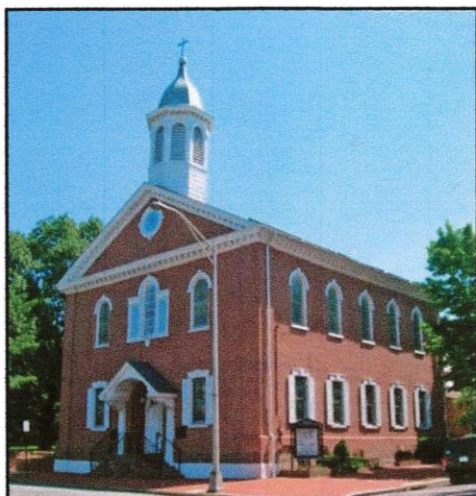
I urge you to identify your delegates as soon as possible so that you can take advantage of the *early bird registration that ends on March 31*. Please be sure to read the Official Call and all registration information and to participate wholeheartedly in the components that will augment your growth as you work in faith putting Jesus first.

Blessings, Rev. William Worley, Conference Minister, PSEC

Getting to Know:

Zion's UCC

209 Chestnut Street, Pottstown, PA 19464



A long spiritual heritage anchors the faithful of Zion's United Church of Christ to its current role in the Pottstown community. Founder John Potts gave German immigrants land for a log church in the mid 1700's and by 1796 the congregation had dedicated a brick church in its place.

Zion's heritage of the "Old Brick Church" is evident in our mission statement: "Zion's UCC welcoming people, uniting in worship, receiving and sharing the love of God." and is reflected in the of the spiritual life of the members.

In our weekly worship we welcome all to first Sunday communion. Seasonal celebrations include Mid-Week Lenten services and a Christmas Eve Family Candlelight service. There is a children's moment and music by adult and/or youth choirs and a hand bell choir.

The Sunday School nurtures a faith journey for children of all ages and an Adult Discussion Group. Youth and adults share a Christmas Workshop and Christmas and Lenten Dramas. Worldwide we support two Philippine school children and participate in Heifer International's "Pass it On" mission. Other fellowship and service opportunities include the Women's Fellowship, Prayer Shawl Ministries, and annual Vacation Bible School.

We offer community service by annually hosting a month long shelter for the homeless with gratitude expressed by both volunteers and guests. Members also prepare and serve a monthly community lunch and offer regular support to the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities.

In addition to our website, www.zionspottstown.org, there is a monthly church newsletter and a weekly account of church activities in the Religion section of our daily Pottstown Mercury.

As a congregation we are responsive to ongoing needs in Pottstown throughout the year. "The Old Brick Church" has carried on into the 21st century John Potts's belief in a town with a deeply religious foundation.



Prayers are requested for Zion's UCC in Pottstown and Rev. Walter Alan Coy.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, February 7

- 8:00am Troop 79 Annual Banquet & Lock-In
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Boy Scout Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Men of Palm Annual Meeting
- 11:30am Youth Hoagie Sale Following Worship
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, February 8

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, February 9

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 10

- Ash Wednesday*
- Deadline for March Newsletter
- 11:30am Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent
- 12:00am Brown Bag Lecture Series at SLHC
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Matthew 3:1 – 17)
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, February 11

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Matthew 6:1 – 6)

Friday, February 12

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Matthew 6:16- 21)

Saturday, February 13

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(Psalm 51:1 – 17\)](#)

Sunday, February 14

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(Luke 4:1 – 13\)](#)

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Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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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

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