

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts Offering

Prayer

Prelude

“Take up Your Cross”

Wilbur Held

***Call to Worship**

We are invited to walk with God.

We are welcomed by God as people of the covenant.

How awesome to stand in the presence of our Creator!

We bring our praise to glorify God.

God calls us by name and gives us new names.

We are summoned to faithfulness and fruitfulness.

God not only speaks to us but also listens.

God hears our cries and meets our needs.

Let the ends of the earth remember and turn to God.

Let the families of all nations worship the Creator.

We will pay our vows to the One who calls us.

We praise the God of all nations and all peoples.

***Hymn #66**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors, we come to you, confessing that we have set our minds on human things. We have sought to gain the world – so many things to buy, so many things to do. Yet we are not satisfied. Life’s meaning eludes us. Your ways seem out of date; your promises appear as the hopes and dreams of a past generation. But in our hearts we sense an eternal design which is for all generations, a way of life more satisfying than we have allowed ourselves to explore. O God, we confess our need for you. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Romans 4:13 – 25 (NRSV p. 916; LP p.1763 – 1764)

Mark 8:31 – 38 (NRSV p. 820; LP p. 1577)

Children’s Sermon

Children's Church No Children's Church Today

***Hymn #655** "Take Up Your Cross,' the Savior Said"

Sermon "Taking up the Cross"

Senior Choir Anthem

"All Because of the Wonderful Cross"
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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Dale Wood

***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**

**Source of all goodness, what can we give that has not already
been given to us? Surely no gift can repay Christ's gift of love.
Therefore, we offer ourselves, with thanksgiving for new life in
the Spirit, and place before you what we have in response to
your love. Use us in ways that fulfill your plan for creation,
and bless what we give, so that others may learn of your ways.
Amen.**

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing,
2. I'll go with Him through the wa - ters, I'll go with Him through the wa - ters,
3. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, I'll go with Him through the gar - den,
4. I'll go with Him to dark Cal - v'ry, I'll go with Him to dark Cal - v'ry,
5. I'll go with Him to the judg - ment, I'll go with Him to the judg - ment,
6. He will give me grace and glo - ry, He will give me grace and glo - ry,

I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low Me."
I'll go with Him through the wa - ters, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
I'll go with Him through the gar - den, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
I'll go with Him to dark Cal - v'ry, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
I'll go with Him to the judg - ment, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
He will give me grace and glo - ry, And go with me, with me all the way.

Refrain

Where He leads me I will fol-low, Where He leads me I will fol-low,
Where He leads me I will fol-low, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system contains the lyrics 'Where He leads me I will fol-low, Where He leads me I will fol-low,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'Where He leads me I will fol-low, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

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***Benediction**

Postlude

“Oh, Jesus”

John Rasley

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in honor of Kasey Schultz’s 23rd birthday by Kevin and Karen Schultz.

The flowers today are presented in honor of Brent Master’s 11th birthday by Kevin, Barb, and Blake Master.

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 Zuchero, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Lucile Jones, Jeff Treichler, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Rick Jones, Bryan Schwoyer, Clara Graber, Anna Bieler, Earl Yerger, Donald Long, Jen Fries, Jean Gentry, Doris Masemore, Wanda Gentry, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, 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 Schwenkfelder Missionary Church.

Bible Study

The online Bible will update our reflection on fatherhood in 1 Samuel, based on David's father, Jesse. We last visited this ongoing issue in October 2012. Take part in the discussion by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

March Kindness Look-Out

Deacons☺, we are calling you to be on the look-out for our Palm youth acting kind. Punch cards are now located in the Narthex. You may punch the card yourself or you may ask the youth to punch their card. Thank you for helping!
"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4:19

Lent Food Drive

During the Lenten season, the youth will be collecting food for Open Link. Please feel free to drop off food items anytime from now until Easter.

Lent Service Transportation

If anyone would like to attend any or all of the community Lent services, but are in need of transportation, please feel free to call Barb Master at 610-295-2190.

Egg Hunt Donations

Our annual Youth Egg Hunt is coming up on Palm Sunday, March 29th. To prepare for this day, please bring home a brown bag of a dozen empty plastic eggs and fill them with goodies. Return the filled plastic eggs, in the original bag, to the Narthex. Other donations for the day include dollar store type items for the prize table. Please bring these donations to the Narthex as well. Please return eggs and donations by Sunday, March 15th. Thanks for your help ☺

Helpful Egg Filling Tips: Please refrain from taping the eggs closed. Please return the eggs in their original bag. If you are placing unwrapped candy in the egg, then please wash the egg out first. Egg filling ideas include, but are not limited to: candy, coins, trinkets, and stickers.

March Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Brent Master (3/1), Elias Gabel-Trippe (3/3), Andrew Kriebel (3/20), Andrew Barrett (3/27), Blake Master (3/30).

And a Happy 18th Birthday to Kristin Howerter (3/25).

First Monday Community Meal

The Deacons of Palm Church are sponsoring a free community meal at Pennsburg UCC tomorrow, Monday, March 2nd. We will provide, prepare and serve dinner. Volunteers are needed: 6 people to cook and prepare the meal between 3:00pm — 6:00pm, and 8 to 10 people to help serve, box up leftovers and clean up from 5:45 — 7:45pm. Monetary donations and food donations will be needed. Change Our Hearts collections will be taken on the Sundays in March. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex. If you would like to help, please see Kevin or Barb Master. Youth are welcome to help!

Annual Report Presentation

Our rescheduled Annual Meeting will be held **today**, following the worship service, where the Board of Trustees will present the Annual Report for 2014.

Annual Report/Directories

Copies of the annual report and directory were mailed to each household. If you would like to have additional reports or directories for other adult members in the household, you may pick them up in the Narthex.

Goodie Boxes Contributions

Can you help make a monetary donation to our annual GOODIE BOX project? We want our young people to know that we are thinking of them while they are away in college or in the military. We will be sending them some special treats along with greetings from our congregation & youth. If you would like to help support this outreach program, please place your donation in an envelope entitled "GOODIE BOX DONATION" and put it in the offering plate or the church office. Any questions, please contact Karen Schultz at schultz.karen12@gmail.com or 215-679-6747. Thank you!

Change Our Hearts Offering

On Sundays in February and March, we will have a "Change our Hearts" collection. Your coins (paper money also cheerfully accepted!) will be used to defray the food cost of the First Monday Community Meal at Pennsburg UCC. Members of Palm Church will prepare the meal on Monday, March 2nd. Thanks for your participation!


Ham, Cheese, and Palm's "World Famous" Pickled Cabbage Help in the Fight Against Cancer!!

Next Sunday, March 8th, Palm's Relay for Life Team will be selling quarter pounder ham and cheese sandwiches as well as our delicious homemade pickled cabbage. No advanced orders will be taken, so mark your calendar and be sure to visit our table in the Narthex following worship. Sandwiches are \$3.00 each and pickled cabbage will be sold in pints (\$3.00 each) or quarts (\$5.00 each). All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's research and patient services programs.

Treasurer Report – January, 2015

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating cash on hand 1/1/2015	\$ 29,325.78	\$ 29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$ 13,904.22	\$ 13,904.22
Operating Expenses	\$ 36,393.43	\$ 36,393.43
Operating cash on hand 1/31/2015	\$ 6,836.57	\$ 6,836.57

One Great Hour of Sharing



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has been through many transitions, but the goal of raising funds for disaster relief, development, and humanitarian aid, through special gift offerings to be used around the world has remained an unwavering mission. On March 15, 2015, Palm Schwenkfelder Church will participate in the special gift collection for One Great Hour of Sharing. “I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, ‘The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little’” 2 Corinthians 8:13-15.

Portrayal of The Last Supper - The Passion Play

Join us at Palm Church on Sunday, March 29th at 5:30pm for The Passion Play presented by members of Huff's Church, directed by Carl Arner. Huff's Church is proud to have shared 82 presentations of The Passion Play over the past 37 years. And now, Palm Church Deacons are excited to be able to share this with you. Admission is free.

Ladies' Aid Easter Candy

Get your sweet tooth ready! The Ladies' Aid will be making Easter candy again this year. There will be chocolate covered peanut-butter eggs and coconut eggs, as well as the possibility of a few other sweet surprises. The candy will be for sale on Sunday, March 22nd and Sunday, March 29th. We always need extra hands in making the candy, so we are asking for help on Thursday morning, March 19th at 9:00am to mix and roll the eggs, and also on Friday evening March 20th at 6:00pm to dip and package the eggs. Please make plans to join us for some sweet fun in the candy kitchen!

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships

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

April 19th; May 3rd and 17th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14th and 21st

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!

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.

MCC Mobile Canner Project

On March 23, 24, and 25, 2015 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. For more information, please see the poster in the narthex, or go to www.mcc-harleysville.org click “Get Involved,” then “Meat Canning” for more information about how, together, we can – in the name of Christ.

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.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 4th
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11th
Pennsburg UCC at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18th
St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill Church at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25th
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran – Sunneytown at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 29th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

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

The Passion Play at 5:30pm

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3rd 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, April 5th
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

LADIES AID EASTER FLOWERS
ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY MARCH 15, 2015

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Price</u>
6" Mums – Assorted Colors	_____	x \$6.00	= \$ _____
1 Bloom Hyacinths – Asst'd Colors	_____	x \$3.00	= \$ _____
3 Bloom Hyacinths – Asst'd Colors	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
4 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors	_____	x \$4.00	= \$ _____
6 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
2 Bulb Daffodils	_____	x \$4.00	= \$ _____
4 Bulb Daffodils	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
White Lilies	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Colored Lilies – 2 Bulb: (color is subject to availability)			
Yellow	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Pink	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Red	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Grand Total for Order =			\$ _____

Given in Honor of: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

- Make checks payable to “Ladies Aid Society”
- Place all completed orders in the lockbox on the door to the Church Office.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Please note: All flowers will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. Each person is responsible for picking up their flowers after the church service on April 5, 2015.

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March 1, 2015

UCC Women's Week

Rev. Wanda D. Craner, Minister of Spiritual Nurture, PSEC

The United Church of Christ has designated March 1-7 as Women's Week. It is no happenstance that World Day of Prayer (March 6) falls within this week, as it is a global ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March. The World Day of Prayer International Committee motto is "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action." This reflects the truth that prayer and action are inseparable. There are quite a number of ecumenical World Day of Prayer gatherings within the bounds of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, and I would encourage everyone - men and/or women who are able - to attend one of these events!

In this UCC Women's Week, I am also reminded of special women in my life who have mentored me and who have shared their wisdom and insights with me over the years. In May, 2013, I had the privilege of meeting one such woman who was celebrating her 65th Ordination Anniversary as the first woman ordained by the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rev. Beatrice Weaver McConnell. I enjoyed sitting with Rev. McConnell at an Alumni luncheon sponsored by Lancaster Theological Seminary –what a gift!

Rev. McConnell was (and is) a woman of courage, a woman of character, a woman of deep faith, and a woman of determination. And though I only spent a brief time with her, I experienced many blessings she shared with all of us who have followed her in saying, "yes," to a call to ordained ministry. Lancaster Seminary has produced a brief video interview with Rev. McConnell in which she shares insightful recollections from her spiritual journey. I'd recommend it to all who have interest in the ways God calls various individuals to serve in the church.

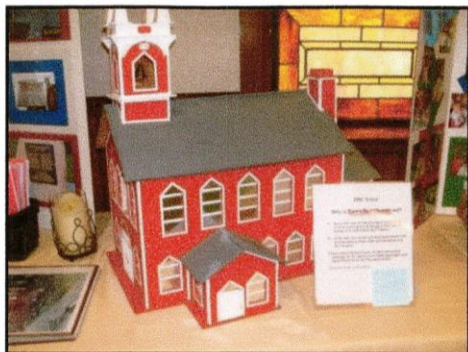
I would invite us to remember in this week, women who have influenced our life journeys in diverse and fruitful ways – grandmothers, mothers, aunts, mentors, teachers, sisters, daughters, church and world leaders, friends, and colleagues. I would invite us to share prayers of thanksgiving for them; and if possible, to write them a note, or call them, or text them, and say, "thank you"!



Lenten Awakenings sessions are being held in 4 different locations: Glenside UCC in Glenside, Maiden creek Church in Blandon, St. Luke's UCC in Ottsville, and Luke's UCC in Trappe. To learn more (dates, times, etc.) and to register online, visit psec.org.

Zion's Red Church

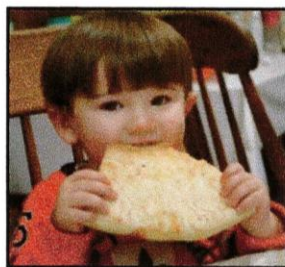
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Why is Zion's Red Church red? We are often asked this question. People who visit our booth at the Schuylkill County Fair find the answer when they take our quiz, stop for prayer or grab a gift. The annual fair booth is only one of the ways we desire to be a blessing our community.

ZRC has been caring for families since 1755. We are a vibrant faith community. We may be small in

number, but we are mighty in spirit! ZRC welcomes all with God's love, strengthens individuals for life's journey, and blesses the wider community. In addition to weekly worship and Bible study, we host an AA recovery group and support the local food pantry and women's crisis center. Our yearly White Elephant yard/bake sale draws quite a crowd, as does our unique summer VBS with themes such as kindness and anti-bullying. We love to bless animals (even a skunk!), motorcycles and bicycles, backpacks and planners, and new homes. A memorial prayer garden honors the DAR, war veterans, and the victims of a gas tanker explosion 50+ years ago. Our Facebook page hosts our prayer outreach.



Messy Church, a movement begun in the UK, has come to ZRC! It's a monthly interactive worship experience for all ages with crafts, games, prayer stations, praise music, dramatic scripture, and a meal. It's a creative way to experience God for today's families.



So why is ZRC red? We wish we could claim it symbolizes the blood of Christ shed for our sins. But instead, red was the color of the clay/milk paint chosen by our frugal German founders. Today, our red color, the catchy phrases on our sign, and our highly visible steeple light the way for everyone traveling by on Route 61.



Prayers are requested for Zion's Red Church in Orwigsburg and Rev. Wanda Schwandt

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Annual Meeting
- 11:30am Board of Music Ministry Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Mark 8:31–33)

Monday, March 2

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Mark 8:34–38)
- 6:00pm Palm Is Hosting the First Monday Meal
@ Pennsburg UCC

Tuesday, March 3

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Romans 4:13–25)
- 1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 4

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Matthew 13:44–46)
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Community Lenten Service @ St. Mark's Pennsburg

Thursday, March 5

- 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Genesis 17:1–7)
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council
- 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Friday, March 6

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Genesis 17:15–22)

Saturday, March 7

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 22:23–31)

Sunday, March 8

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(1 Corinthians 1:18–25)

2:00pm Palm Country Day School Open House

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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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Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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Ushers: Karl Badman, Gregg Hoffmann, Jeff Stauffer, Leon Wohlbach

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