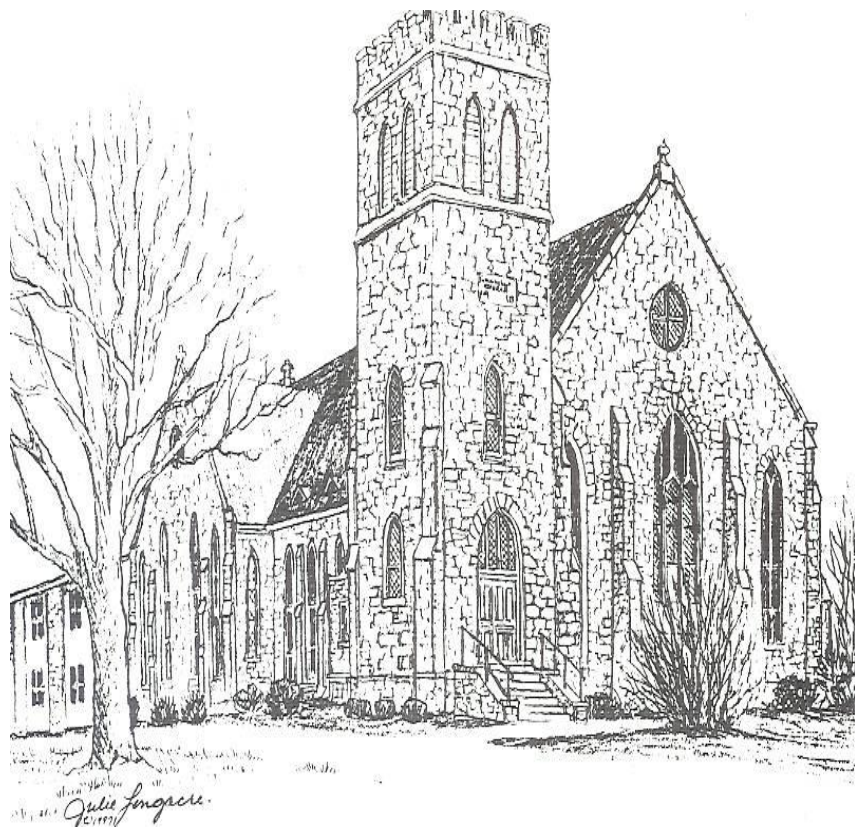


# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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**Hymn #213**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**Sermon**

“Much More Surely”

**Senior Choir Anthem** “Give Peace to Your People”

Tom Fettke

**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**

“Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days”

David Paxton

**\*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**

**By your surprising grace, O God, our eyes are opened, our ears  
unstopped, our hearts attuned to the needs of others. We give  
so that more people may know your acceptance and  
forgiveness. We support the ministry of preaching, teaching,  
and healing among us and through the outreach of the church.  
Expand our horizons, we pray, and tear down the limits of our  
caring. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #512**

“At the Cross”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Lowell Mason

\*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today by Kevin and Karen Schultz in honor of Kasey's birthday.

**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:**

Lou Morasco, Leon Wohlbach, Sandy Chryszanavicz, Meg Lester, 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, 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 the Schwenkfelder Missionary Church.

**Bible Study**

This week's online Bible Study will invite closing reflections on 1 Samuel. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

**Library Class**

The Library Class is beginning the Proverbs. Please drop-in next Sunday at 9:00 AM and helps us understand some of them. The Library (at Palm) is where we meet. It does NOT imply copious reading.

**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.

## **March Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

Andrew Barrett (03/25), Andrew Kriebel (03/20), Blake Master (03/30), Brent Master (03/01)

## **First Monday Meal**

The First Monday Meal is a free community meal organized by Open Link that is open to the public on the first Monday of every month. The meals are held at Pennsburg UCC and are hosted by different churches or community organizations each month. Our church will be hosting the meal **tomorrow, Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will be providing a ham dinner with all the trimmings. Many hands are needed in preparing and serving the meal, as well as help in clean-up. If you could spare a few hours to help us, we certainly would appreciate it. It’s a fun and rewarding evening! We also need donations of homemade desserts such as cakes, brownies, cupcakes, etc. (pies, puddings, gelatins or any other items that need refrigeration are not allowed). Please bring your dessert donations to church by 2:00pm **tomorrow**. Please speak to any Deacon or Lillian Master if you are interested in helping in this very important community mission. Thanks!!!

## **Mission Moment: One Great Hour of Sharing**

In 1946, in an effort to seek relief and reconstruction funds during and following World War II, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at that time, broadcasted a nationwide challenge to people of faith to raise “one million dollars in one hour,” and the challenge was achieved. In 1949, hoping to find the same level of success using the Bishop’s fundraising model in the United States for domestic and international disaster and aid relief projects, church leaders representing multiple denominations created a scripted national radio program entitled, “One Great Hour,” which debuted on March 26, 1949, and in 1950 the new title, “One Great Hour of Sharing” was used for the first time. Over these many decades, 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. *In 2016, the United Church of Christ received over \$2.2 million for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Every dollar was used to help people and communities living in critical situations worldwide.* On March 26, 2017, Palm Schwenkfelder Church will participate in the special gift collection for One Great Hour of Sharing, for which this year’s theme is, “You are Here.” During a time when many in the world are experiencing strife and sorrow, their pleas seeking His comfort and assistance are echoed around the world, as they gaze to the Heavens above and cry aloud where God may be, we know he is near: “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth,” Psalm 148:18.

## **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.”

## **What’s for Lunch During Lent? Brown Bag Bible Study**

During our 2017 Lenten schedule we are delighted to once again host a brown bag lunch Bible study led by Sister Millicent Drake. This Scriptural study is focused on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, 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 March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to join the study as your schedule allows.

## **Ladies’ Aid Easter Candy 2017**

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, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We always need extra hands in making the candy so we are asking for help on Thursday morning March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to mix and roll the eggs, and also on Friday morning, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am and again Friday evening, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm, to dip and package the eggs. Please make plans to join us for some sweet fun in the candy kitchen!

## **Palm Gives Hope!**

Our church’s fundraising for the 2017 Relay for Life event is well under way. Thanks to your participation in our Christmas season projects, and to the generous support of additional Palm donors, we are now \$1,506.00 away from receiving a “Presenting Sponsor” designation for the Upper Perk Relay for Life. Please prayerfully consider helping us to reach this goal. We will be accepting your donations following worship from now until a final deadline of Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, or you may drop your donation in the lockbox until that date along with a note designating it for the Relay for Life. Please donate as you are able by cash or check. (Checks must be made payable to “Palm Schwenkfelder Church” with memo: “Relay for Life”). Thank you to all for your gifts of hope!

## **Encore!**

Thanks to your fantastic support (Great Job, Palm!), our Relay for Life Committee’s second “Ham ’n Cheese Quarter Pounder” sale will be held following worship on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Prepaid orders will be accepted until a final deadline of Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by our table in the Narthex and pick up an order form or place your order. If paying by check, kindly make it payable to *Palm Schwenkfelder Church*, memo: “Relay for Life.” 100% of our proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society for research and patient services.

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship**

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: March 19<sup>th</sup>; May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship: April 30<sup>th</sup>; May 7<sup>th</sup>

## **Brown Bag Lecture Series**

This Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation entitled “Tales from the Schwenkfelder Genealogical Record.” The *Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families* is acknowledged by some professional genealogists to be one of the best anecdotal genealogies ever written. The stories hidden in its pages can now be further explored and delved into thanks to internet research. Heritage Center Curator Candace Perry will take you on an illustrated trip to discover some of the most fascinating stories of the people you'll meet in this amazing family record.

## **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...*

- That your monetary support to Missions allows our church to be a “Silver Sponsor” of The Open Link to assist them in carrying out their mission of “providing services and programs that help, educate, and empower, as well as opportunities that promote socialization and volunteerism for people of all ages to lead healthy and productive lives in the greater Upper Perkiomen Valley.” Your continued support of Palm Schwenkfelder's Missions is greatly appreciated!

# Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent at 11:30am  
Friedens UCC – Sumneytown at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent at 11:30am  
St. John's Lutheran – Sumneytown at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent at 11:30am  
St. Paul's Red Hill at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent at 11:30am  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent at 11:30am  
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent at 11:30am  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

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

Maundy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>

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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March 5, 2017

***“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” Psalm 51***

***“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12***

Today is the first Sunday in Lent. Most folks outside the church have no idea what Lent is. Many of us in the church are not always entirely clear either. Most people have a vague sense that it’s something to do with giving something up—some behavior or chocolate—for reasons that have the best intention of making us better disciples of Jesus.

Lent has been a personal favorite liturgical season. Not just because it speaks to the dark mood of my Germanic nature. Lent begins with a day of preparation. Shrove Tuesday or Fasnacht (doughnut) Day—the day when all sugar was cleared from the home; the joy and comfort of which would not return until Easter. I was, for the first part of my life, able to consume enough grandmother-made fasnachts in one day to carry me contentedly for the forty-day season of Lent. A deeper awareness of the health risks of doing so have changed my behavior a good bit.

“Deeper awareness” and “changed behavior” are the heart of Lent. It’s more than just “sinner change your cheating ways.” To think and feel deeper is an awakening to the notion that our past thinking and feeling have been more shallow and self-centered than God-centered. And so, consequently, was our past acting.

It is impossible in our day to get away from sugar. It is in almost every product you pick up at the grocery store. “Epidemic” and “addiction” are the words some use to describe its presence. Let me suggest a possible Lenten discipline to deepen your discipleship. Every time you pick up something labeled with “sugar”, “high-fructose corn syrup,” “blackstrap molasses” and the like, put it down with the words “God create in me a clean heart.” Together you and God will clean your heart AND your soul. Wouldn’t that be something to celebrate?

- Rev. William P. Worley, Conference Minister

## Getting to Know:

## Saint John UCC

150 Pine St., Tamaqua, PA 18252

Fellowship is an important identity of St. John Tamaqua. Fellowship can mean a lot of things. Maybe another way of saying this is that we do ministry and share life together. A big part of our time together centers around food. We have a fellowship time after worship on Sunday morning. Coffee, punch, cookies, snack food, and cheese is served every Sunday. We share our stories with one another around the tables in the fellowship hall.

Our kitchen crew called "The United Citchen Crew" (that's UCC for short) also sells hoagies, soup, and halupkis throughout the year. Some of our crew is shown here. Twice that number, and more, actually serve us through the year.



We meet in the fellowship of small groups. Sunday school provides education for our children. A weekly adult bible study delves into God's Word. Choir leads us in worship. Our choir enjoys the opportunity for a more contemporary event every Christmas as they put together a band and sing a cantata.

Opportunities for serving together are also provided. We regularly donate food for the food pantry housed at Trinity United Church of Christ, also in Tamaqua. We have walked dogs and petted cats at the animal shelter. A food drive was also done for them. For more than 10 years we have provided a Christmas party for one of the cottages at Bethany Children's Home. The Christmas Pizza Party with Bethany has been a wonderful opportunity to discover how alike we are with one another.

We worship joyously on Sunday morning and we strive to make all we do a worship. We want to know Jesus better and show him to the world.



Prayers are requested for Saint John UCC in Tamaqua and Rev. .J. Kevin Duffy-Guy.

## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **Sunday, March 5**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Matthew 4:1 - 11)

### **Monday, March 6**

11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Romans 5:12 - 19)

6:00pm First Monday Meal @ Pennsburg UCC

### **Tuesday, March 7**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 32)

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, March 8**

11:30pm Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent

12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series @ SLHC

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
(Genesis 2:15 - 17; 3:1 - 7)

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Community Lenten Service @ Friedens UCC  
Sumneytown

### **Thursday, March 9**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Genesis 12:1 - 4a)

### **Friday, March 10**

*Deadline for April Newsletter*

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 121)

### **Saturday, March 11**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
(Romans 4:1 - 5, 13 - 17)

### **Sunday, March 12**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 3:1 - 17)

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