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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts Offering

Prayer

Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Robert Thygerson

***Call to Worship**

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

We celebrate the steadfast love of God, our Creator.

Surely God is faithful to all who live in covenant.

From the sun’s rising to its setting, the creation speaks.

Day and night, earth’s creatures announce God’s works.

The commandments of God are clear, enlightening the eyes.

God’s law is perfect, calling forth our best.

God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.

God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The ordinances of God are true and righteous.

In following them, we gain wisdom and strength.

***Hymn #209**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have come to your temple, loving God, because this is your place, not ours. We confess that we sometimes forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to you as we scramble for all we can claim for ourselves. Our actions deny your love, which is at the heart of your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of your law to suit current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Clear us of hidden faults and redeem us from those we recognize and confess. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 25 (NRSV p. 926; LP p. 1783)
 John 2:13 – 22 (NRSV p. 863; LP p. 1660)

Children's Choir "Jesus Is a Gentleman" Kathie Hill

Children's Sermon

Children's Church Liz Kennedy

***Hymn #484** "The Old Rugged Cross"

Sermon "The Foolishness of the Cross"

Senior Choir Anthem "This Lonesome Valley" Traditional Spiritual
arr. Don Besig & Nancy Price
Solo flute – Kate Pence

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 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Charles Callahan

***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**
We bring our offerings, O God, not to buy your favor, but to
express our gratitude, not to support an institution, but to
support your mission. We support the church in its efforts to
challenge the false wisdom that pervades our culture. We seek
to make this community of faith a center of values that are
consistent with your will. May we be zealous in your service,
willing to sacrifice for love's sake, and eager to embrace your
word in our everyday living. Amen.

***Hymn #549** "Near the Cross"

***Benediction**

Postlude "The Way of the Cross" Paul Davis

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in honor of Glenn Hoffman by Nancy, Brad, and Eric.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Clarence Shelly by Brian and Renee Shelly.

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:

The family of Bernard Beard, 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

This week's online Bible Study will share comments for discussion offered recently by Study Partners. To take part in the discussion, please contact 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

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).

Lenten 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.

Lenten 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 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.

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!

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

Today, Palm's Relay for Life Team will be selling quarter pounder ham and cheese sandwiches as well as our delicious homemade pickled cabbage. 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.

"The Dogs" Are Coming!! Concert to Benefit Upper Perk Relay for Life

You are invited to a Relay for Life benefit concert that will be held on Saturday evening, March 21st, at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center! (105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg), beginning at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Palm's Relay for Life team. This evening of musical entertainment features local favorites "The Dogs of Falkner Swamp!" Accompanied by acoustic guitar, vocalists Glenn Moser, Bob Schnaars, and Bob Erb are guaranteed to delight you with their amazing repertoire of secular and spiritual songs, including well-known hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Mark your calendar and come out for a toe-tapping, hand clapping casual evening of music! Seating is limited, so order your tickets early. Tickets may be reserved by calling 215 - 679 - 6839, or you can purchase them at the door on the night of the concert. Prices are \$10 in advance, and \$12 at the door. A dessert bar and other light refreshments are included in your ticket price. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's cancer research and patient assistance programs!

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. Thanks for your participation! And thanks to all those who helped in any way to make the dinner a big success. Approximately 70 people were served a delicious meal.

Brown Bag Lecture Series


This coming Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a lecture entitled *Remembering Pennsburg of Yester Year* with Narona Gebert. Come with us as we walk through the streets of Pennsburg in the early 1930s. Join us in a discussion of "the way it was" back then.

Treasurer Report – February, 2015

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating cash on hand	\$ 6,836.57	\$ 6,836.57
Operating Income Received	\$10,869.48	\$24,773.70
Operating Expenses	\$27,077.62	\$63,471.05
Operating cash on hand	\$(9,371.57)	\$(31,860.78)

{Please note that because of the weather, we had one Sunday service cancelled and one Sunday had very light attendance, which greatly impacts our income for the month.}

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.

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!

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.

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 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 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 – Sumneytown 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 8, 2015

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - Next Week, March 15

Call for support from the PSEC Disaster Ministries Mission Team



United Church of Christ

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference

The Disaster Ministries programs of the United Church of Christ are conducted in cooperation with and through the 38 Conferences of our church. When disasters occur in their geographic area, each Conference draws upon the gifts of its local

congregations to determine how to best serve as denominational and ecumenical partners and witnesses of hope. The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference coordinators are Ms. Patricia Kutz and the Rev. Karl Jones. They work with a team of volunteers to help churches and individuals prepare for a crisis. They help organize volunteers for clean-up and rebuilding efforts, as well as participate in response and long term recovery efforts in communities affected by natural disasters.

People and communities impacted by disasters require assistance spiritually, physically, financially, and psychologically. The Office of Disaster Ministries at the national level works to resource faith organizations, individuals related to the religious community, and community organizations.

The resources for this important work come from our tax-deductible gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. As part of Our Churches Wider Mission, One Great Hour of Sharing, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in 138 countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. 100% of designated gifts go to the designated area of response. Non-designated funds are encouraged, because they allow One Great Hour of Sharing to address future hidden and forgotten emergencies around the world.



United Church of Christ selects the Rev. John Dorhauer as Candidate to Become Ninth General Minister and President

The United Church of Christ's General Minister and President Search Committee has identified the Rev. John C. Dorhauer, Conference Minister of the Southwest Conference of the UCC, as the candidate to become the ninth leader of the United Church of Christ.

"John is an articulate visionary who has a deep love for the United Church of Christ and will help us shape the future of the church for years to come," said the Rev. Kent Siladi, Co-chair of the Search Committee.

"I am deeply humbled and honored by the trust and confidence placed in me by the Search Committee," Dorhauer said. "I am grateful for the work they have given over the last four-and-a-half months. Taking nothing for granted, I look forward to meeting with the full board in March."



Dorhauer's candidacy must be confirmed first by the United Church of Christ Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote at its upcoming meeting March 19, then by the delegates of the 30th General Synod, meeting in Cleveland June 26-30, with a 60-percent majority.

Dorhauer served as Associate Conference Minister in the Missouri Mid-South Conference for five years prior to being called to the Southwest Conference, and has also served churches in rural Missouri. Dorhauer has a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, where he studied white privilege and its effects on the church.

Friday's announcement concludes a search process set in motion in mid-August, when current General Minister and President the Rev. Geoffrey A. Black announced his plans to retire at the conclusion of General Synod.

"The committee made its decision after careful prayer and intentional deliberation over the past months," said the Rev. Bernard R. Wilson, co-chair of the search committee and chair of the UCC Board of Directors. "We are enthusiastic about his recommendation." To read the full article by Anthony Moujaes, visit: ucc.org/dorhauer_general_minister_president_02132015.



Prayers are requested for Reformed Church of the Ascension in Jeffersonville and Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier



Performing March 21, 2015
7:30PM

**Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center,
Pensburg, PA**

Admission- \$10.00 in advance
\$12.00 at the door

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, March 9

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 2:13–22)
- 6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee
- 7:00pm Diaconate Meeting
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 10

- Deadline for April Newsletter
- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Exodus 20:1–17)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:15pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 11

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 6:1–15)
- 12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture @ SLHC
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Community Lenten Service @ Pennsburg UCC

Thursday, March 12

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 19:1–6)

Friday, March 13

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 19:7–10)

Saturday, March 14

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 19:11–14)

Sunday, March 15

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service – One Great Hour of Sharing](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(John 3:14–21\)](#)

2:00pm [Palm Country Day School Open House](#)

4:30pm [Progressive Dinner for Confirmands and Mentors](#)

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Ministers: All Church Members

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Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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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

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Greeter: Deb Callodonato

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