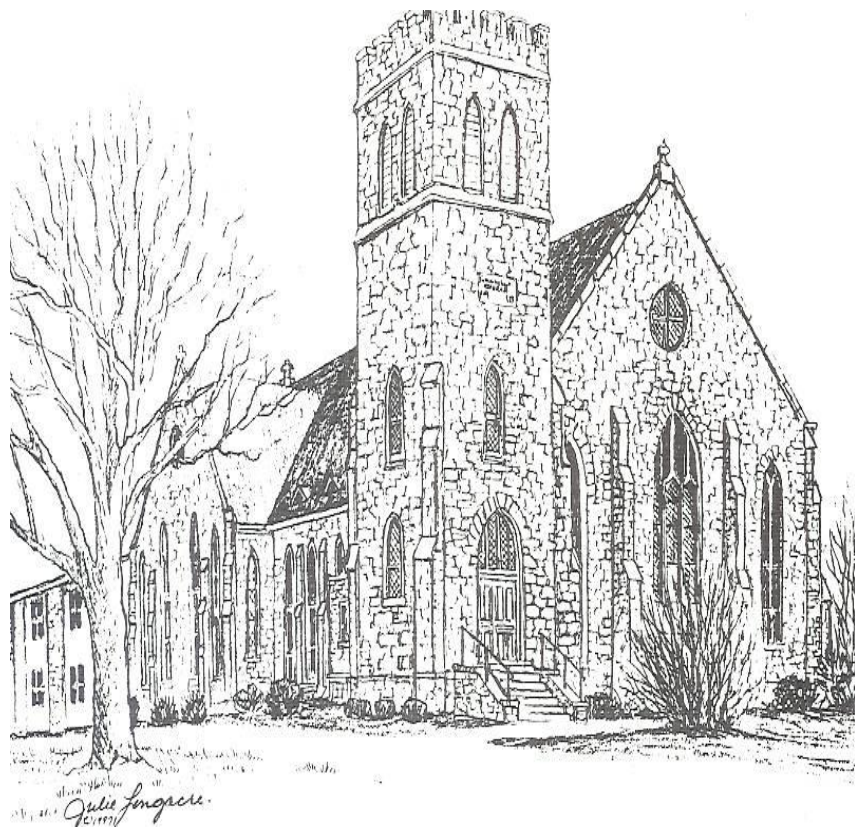


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Let All Things Now Living”

Raymond Hann

***Call to Worship**

No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit.

Truly I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen.

Everyone who believes in the Son of God may not perish but have eternal life.

God sent not the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #72**

“To God Be the Glory”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we have been far more ready to say we believe than to trust you to lead us to new ventures of faithfulness. We are afraid of the evil that surrounds us. We fear rejection, failure, and ridicule. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to follow in his footsteps that lead to a cross. In the midst of life as we know it here, how can we catch glimpses of eternity? Save us, we pray, from our timidity, and use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Senior Choir Anthem

“Jesus Paid It All”

John T. Grape
arr. Brad Nix

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture John 3:1 – 17 (NRSV p. 863 – 864; LP p. 1660 – 1661)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Barb Master

Hymn #145

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Sermon

“Lifted Up”

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

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
Dorothy Howell Sheets

***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**

O God, you have sent your Son into the world, that we may have life. As we go forth from your sanctuary, may we offer life in Christ’s name to our neighbor. Use our talents to build up Christ’s body. Use the money we give to bring healing for his sake. All that we give is in response to your benevolent care. Amen.

***Hymn #53**

“Let All Things Now Living”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“To God Be the Glory”

Garrett Parker

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Jacob Fox by Richard and Merris Ann Hoffman.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of our parents by Richard and Kay Kleppinger.

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:

Ernie Guldin, Leon Wohlbach, Sandy Chryszczanavicz, Meg Lester, Jean Gabel, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Carmen Davis, Mae Gerhart, Rev. Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig Kimmel, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Reverend Ed Winslow, 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

Are you good at puzzles? The online Bible Study would appreciate your help. The close of 1 Samuel and the opening of 2 Samuel appear to be puzzles to be solved. Lend your insight 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

New Lent Bible reading plans such as 40 days of Lent, come to the upper room devotions, Finding Jesus, and many more.

Bible for Kids by YouVersion

The Big Picnic: each day's video teaches a memory verse, a key truth, and a song.

March Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

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

Youth Food Drive

Lent is upon us, and the Youth will be doing a Lent food drive for Open Link from now till April 16th. If you would like to donate, items needed are non-perishable foods and personal items. The box will be located in the Narthex.

Easter Eggs

Easter Eggs are located in the narthex and need to be filled with goodies. Please take a bag and drop it back off in the Narthex by April 2nd. Please do not tape the eggs. Thank you for helping to make the Easter egg hunt a success for the children.

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.” MHP hopes to be activated soon, as long as the proposed March 16th date stands for a predictable new national policy concerning 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. Please feel free to join the study as your schedule allows.

Mid-Week Lenten Series Update

Please take note of the following two pieces of information. The first is a note from Pastor Nick on a revised Lenten Worship Series schedule, and the second is a note from Pastor Becky Schanely at St. John's Lutheran, explaining the food donation process.

- There was a scheduling mix-up which I missed for the Lenten series. Friedens and St. John's have *switched*, so we are actually at Friedens this week. We are invited to bring tomato products.
- The food collection that is happening during our mid-week Lenten services will be geared towards the specific items that each church normally collects for Open Link. Churches that do not have a regular collection item have landed on a specific thing to collect – and here's the list:
 - March 15th – Friedens – tomato products
 - March 22nd – St. Paul's and Pennsburg UCC – peanut butter and personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, etc.)
 - March 29th – Palm – Paper products, specifically paper towels
 - April 5th – St. Mark's – juice

Since we have one more week where there are two churches partnering together, the host church is the one listed in bold so folks remember where to go. For the week, the pastor from the other church is preaching, which would be Deb Timmins on March 22nd. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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 2nd, and Sunday, April 9th. We always need extra hands in making the candy so we are asking for help on Thursday morning March 30th at 9:00am to mix and roll the eggs, and also on Thursday evening March 30th at 6:00pm, Friday morning, March 31st at 9:00am, and again Friday evening, March 31st 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 very close to 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 26th, 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 26th. Prepaid orders will be accepted until a final deadline of Sunday, March 19th. 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.

Volunteers Needed

On Tuesday, March 21st, at 10:00am, we will need volunteers to fold and sticker-seal the March Palm Leaves for mailing. We are still trying to keep our newsletter process completely in-house, but we can't do it without your help. Please consider coming out to help us on the 21st. Contact the church office to volunteer, or to just find out more about this volunteer opportunity.

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.

Treasurer's Report

<u>January, 2017</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand 1/1/2017	\$ 65,440.30	\$ 65,440.30
Operating Income Received	\$ 25,029.00	\$ 25,029.00
Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 40,736.61</u>	<u>\$ 40,736.61</u>
Operating Cash on Hand 1/31/2017	\$ 49,732.69	\$ 49,732.69
<u>February, 2017</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand 2/1/2017	\$ 49,732.69	\$ 65,440.30
Operating Income Received	\$ 18,032.50	\$ 43,061.50
Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 24,803.72</u>	<u>\$ 65,540.33</u>
Operating Cash on Hand 2/28/2017	\$ 42,961.47	\$ 42,961.47

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 15th

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

Wednesday, March 22nd

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

Wednesday, March 29th

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

Wednesday, April 5th

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

Palm Sunday, April 9th

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 13th

Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th 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 16th

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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Diagnosing The Health of Your Congregation

Congregational Training with Rev. Cean James begins:

Diagnosing The Health of Your Congregation with Bowen Family Systems Theory

For about 20 years now, congregations have been using the work of psychiatrist Murray Bowen to better understand the church as a family system. Bowen Family Systems Theory provides congregational leaders with a framework for understanding behaviors they are experiencing in congregations.



Surely, congregations aren't families, yet in congregations of all sizes the relationships within the congregation sometimes have family-like intensity. "We allow behaviors in congregations that we would only allow in our family or (adversely) we allow behaviors in congregations that we would never allow in our family. Bowen Theory, when used well, builds awareness and confidence in the leader, provides a more objective view of the congregation, and calms anxiety. It allows thinking to catch up with praying and praying to catch up with thinking."

**Alban at Duke Divinity School is our primary resource.*

This is open to everyone, especially pastors and church leaders.

These sessions are free to attend. Three different locations are being offered.

Sessions will take place at:

March 18th @ Woodcrest UCC in Philadelphia

April 22nd @ Reformed Church of the Ascension in Norristown

April 29th @ St. Paul's in Auburn

To register for any of these sessions, log onto the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference website at www.psec.org.

Getting to Know :

First UCC

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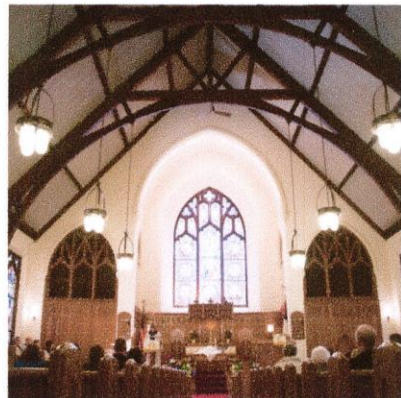


First UCC, Royersford is celebrating 125 years of serving God and serving others! Some highlights from the past few years include the continuing success of organizing Royersford's National Night Out, which has grown to over two blocks of food, games and fun while bringing the community together and supporting local law and emergency personnel.

First is also proud to be Open and Affirming showing the community we welcome everyone in the church's life and ministry. Currently, we are in the process of developing an online leadership training program thanks in part to a grant awarded by the conference. It is our hope that all churches in the conference will be able to benefit from this training.

Two years ago, First became determined to face head-on the pattern of decline that many churches are facing today. We created the "Our Church of the Future" project with the goal of developing a common understanding of what constitutes a successful church, and *make it happen!* With the formation of five action teams focusing on Family Fellowship, Communications, Ministries and Missions, Spiritual Opportunities, and Church Building and Grounds we continue to come up with new ideas, plan events and generate new enthusiasm. We have a new sense of urgency to generate excitement about

Church, to create and effectively sustain Out-Reach Missions to meet peoples' need to be generous and do God's work in our communities, and In-Reach Missions that meet peoples' need to be brought closer to God and learn faith deepening and sharing. In short, we are living the good news: once again we are engaged in our faith, our churches, and our communities.



Prayers are requested for the congregation
of First UCC in Royersford



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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)

Monday, March 13

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Romans 5:1 - 11)

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 14

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 95)

7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 15

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Exodus 17:1 - 7)

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Community Lenten Service @ Friedens – Sunneytown

Thursday, March 16

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 4:1 - 15)

Friday, March 17

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 4:16 - 26)

Saturday, March 18

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 4:27 - 30)

Sunday, March 19

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 4:31 - 42)

4:30pm Progressive Dinner for Confirmands and Mentors

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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