PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH Associate Member: United Church of Christ



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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts Offering

Prayer

Prelude "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Benjamin Culli

Call to Confession

Time of Personal Confession

Senior Choir Anthem "Jesus Walked to Calvary" Incorporating "Calvary" (from Joseph M. Martin's cantata "A Journey to Hope")

Assurance of Pardon

 *Call to Worship God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks! Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst. How good it is to be chosen by God; we gather to sing our praises and thanks. God has done great things for us; we are glad! Now God is pointing us toward new goals. We are waiting to hear what God would have us do; we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful. Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water. Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy. Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future; we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ. 					
*Hymn #101	"My	Jesus, I Love Thee"			
Scripture	John 12:1 – 8 (NRSV p. 874 – 875; LP p. 1682)				
Children's Cho	oir	"Kum Ba Yah"	Traditional		
Children's Sermon					
Children's Chi	urch	Barb Master	(All Youth – Prayer Cards)		

*Hymn

"Said Judas to Mary"

Verse 1

Said Judas to Mary, "Now what will you do with your ointment so rich and so rare?" "I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord and I'll wipe it away with my hair," she said "I'll wipe it away with my hair."

Verse 2

"Oh Mary, oh Mary, O think of the poor. This ointment, it could have been sold; and think of the blankets and think of the bread you could buy with the silver and gold," he said, "You could buy with the silver and gold."

Verse 3

"Tomorrow, tomorrow, I'll think of the poor; tomorrow," she said, "not today; for dearer than all of the poor of the world is my love who is going away," she said, "My love who is going away."

Verse 4

Said Jesus to Mary, "Your love is so deep Today, you may do as you will. Tomorrow, you say, I am going away, but my body I leave with you still," He said, "My body I leave with you still."

Verse 5

"The poor of the world are my body," He said, "To the end of the world they shall be. The bread and the blankets you give to the poor you'll know you have given to me," He said, "You'll know you have given to me."

Verse 6

"My body will hang on the cross of the world tomorrow," He said, "and today. And Martha and Mary will find me again and wash all the sorrow away," He said, "And wash all the sorrow away."

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Sermon

"Foreshadowed"

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, Lover of My Soul"

James Mansfield

*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

Glory be to you, O God, for the gift of creation and its bounteous mercies. Praise be to you, O Christ, for redeeming love and the promise new life. Thanks be to you, O Holy Spirit, for guidance, counsel, and abiding revelation. O blessed Trinity, we honor and worship you in presenting our offerings. Take our lives and let them be consecrated, O God, to thee. Amen.

*Hymn #509	"O, How I Love Jesus"
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*Benediction

Postlude	"Jesu, Kreuz, Leiden und Pein"	Robert Below
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*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in honor of Blake Master's 15th birthday and Brent Master's 12th birthday.

The bulletins are sponsored in honor of Glenn Hoffman's $65^{\rm th}$ birthday by the family.

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:

Wanda Gentry, Debbie Staver, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky Kraig Kimmel, 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, Donald Long, 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

1 Samuel 25:1 is a milepost. Samuel dies. The online Bible Study invites discussion about the five key characters we have encountered in the Book to this point, beginning with King Saul. 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, <u>A Journey to Hope</u>, 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.

Quilters

The quilters at Palm Church are looking for help. The y would like to continue quilting, but they need someone to coordinate the job. Actual quilting by the new coordinator would not be necessary, but would be appreciated. If interested, please speak to Shirley Miller.

March Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday... Brent Master (3/1), Andrew Kriebel (3/20), Blake Master (3/30), Happy 18th Birthday to Elias Gabel-Trippe (3/3).

Bible App for Kids - A Call to Action!

Help your kids connect each day and help them fall in love with God's Holy Word. Stories to read for this week:

The Big Picnic, Jesus feeds 5,000 (Mark 6:30-44) Coming Home, A father and his two sons (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

Current Easter plans: Risen, Awed By Christ's Resurrection, 7 Words from the Cross, Seven Mile Miracle, The Story of Easter.

Teens ~ Current plans: Jonah Challenge, Samson Challenge, Parents, Friendship, Peer Pressure, Integrity, Depression, How to Pray.

"Change Our Hearts" Offering

In conjunction with the First Monday Community Meal that Palm hosted on March 7th, we are 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!!

Children's Church ~ A Joyful Noise

Children ages 4 years thru 4th grade may go upstairs for a Bible lesson, snack, and activity or craft after the children's sermon. If your child has allergies/food allergies, please remember to notify the leader for each Sunday.

Opening Devotions/Sunday School Theme

This month we learn of Paul's rebirth to Christianity and we proclaim Jesus by saying,

"He is indeed the Son of God" Acts 9:20

Lent Service Transportation

If anyone (kids or adults) is in need of carpooling to the community Lent services, Maundy Thursday service, or Good Friday walk and lunch, please contact Barb Master at 610-295-2190.

Maundy Thursday

Youth, be sure to join us 7:00pm Thursday, March 24th, at Palm Church for the Maundy Thursday Service.

Good Friday Walk

All youth and adults, join us Friday, March 25th 12 noon for a spiritual walk to St. Mark's in Pennsburg where a community church service will be held. After the church service, everyone is invited for fellowship at McDonald's. All youth will be treated to a free meal.

Good Friday Lock-In

Youth from 5th grade and up are invited to join us at 6:00pm at Palm Church for a pizza dinner and a lock-in. Fellowship and fun with movies, games, and a casual candle-lit Lenten service.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunts

Teachers ~ After opening devotions on Sunday, March 20th, youth Sunday school teachers will participate in an egg hunt, eggs hidden by the youth. The winning classroom will win a Dunkin' Donut party for their class. All classes will be treated to munchkins. The donut date will be Sunday, April 10th. Good Luck! **Youth Egg Hunt** ~ After the worship service on Sunday, March 20th, all kids please meet in the adult Sunday school classroom (next to the church office) for snacks before we begin finding eggs. All youth ages are welcome!

Youth Egg Donations

Today is the due date for plastic eggs for the youth egg hunt. If you forgot them, try to have them in the Narthex by this Tuesday, March 15th. The doors will be unlocked in the evening for choir rehearsals. Thank you.

Open Link Food Drive

For the next two weeks leading up to Easter Sunday, we are collecting items for Open Link's food pantry. There is a list of most needed items on the table in the Narthex which includes some non-food items. However, anything you donate will be a blessing. Thanks for your contributions.

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.

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.

Are You Free for Service Sometime in April?

It looks very likely that the Migrant Hospitality Project will be ready for our first client household very shortly. If you might be available, may we call you in case the arrival is on a day when our volunteer roster is thin? Please let our Deacons know. A few items can only be gathered when detail is known about who is arriving. Cash donations are still appreciated., and your prayers are still sought. Please include Thanks for His Blessings already evident for MHP.

Are You Ready for Spring Cleaning?

Consider volunteering for some spring cleaning at the church and meeting houses on Saturday, April 9th. Possible chores include picking up branches at the meeting houses, straightening tombstones on the church cemetery, and clearing out some of those areas at church that seem to accumulate stuff we never use. Watch the bulletin for more details. Or contact Kevin Master if you want to volunteer or have questions.

Annual Report Available to View

The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Annual Report for 2015 has been posted to the church website. It can be found at <u>http://bit.ly/1QfQGoz</u>, or by going to <u>www.palmschwwenkfelderchurch.com</u>, rolling your mouse over the "About" tab, and then by selecting the "Present" page from the drop down menu.

February	Year to Date
\$20,669.31	\$35,761.03
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\$25,955.74	\$60,942.07
\$26,913.79	\$26,913.79
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Knotting Party

On April 5th, at 9:00 am, the Ladies' Aid will be sponsoring a Knotting party. No experience needed. Come and help make blankets for the migrant ministry project. Bring a bag lunch and stay for the Ladies' Aid monthly meeting at 1:00 pm.

One Great Hour of Sharing- Today

In a world where communities are being destroyed by the catastrophes of war, famine, and natural disasters, the Church is called to help. Our faith calls us to respond to people in crisis. Unfortunately, crisis such as war, disaster, changing climate or a devastated economy have forced millions of people over the years to seek safety as refugees. Today, our world is facing a refugee crisis beyond anything we have seen in recent generations. At this moment, there are more refugees in the world than at any time since World War II. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is rooted in responding to Christ's call to welcome the stranger. The offering provides assistance beyond emergency food, water and shelter. Please prayerfully consider donating to this extremely important mission. As we respond generously, may we recognize that in giving, we are on a personal journey to live in Christ's image.

Ladies' Aid Easter Candy!!!!

Get your sweet tooth ready! The Ladies' Aid has made Easter candy again this year. There are chocolate covered peanut-butter eggs and coconut eggs, as well as a few other sweet surprises. The candy will be for sale **today** and next Sunday, March 20th.

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:

June 5th; July 10th; August 7th, and 14th.

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 5th, and 12th, July 31st.

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!

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.

MCC Mobile Canner Project

In years past, our local MCC canning Operation produced nearly 14,000 cans of protein-packed meat for families devastated by draught, flood, tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, extreme poverty, war, or other emergencies. This year our local church community has been asked to help purchase, prepare, and pack 17,500 cans of meat needed to provide vital nutrition to sustain the lives of hungry people here and abroad. The MCC Mobile Canner will operate for three days at the MCC Material Resource Center (MRC) from 6:00am to 7:00pm tomorrow Monday, March 14, Tuesday, March 15, and Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Contributions have been coming in, but we need more volunteers. If you are interested in putting your love into action to help the needy through the simple act of sharing your time, please call the MRC at 267 - 203 -8074. If you'd like to share your resources, your tax-deductible contributions may be made payable to the "MCC Canner Project" and mailed to the MCC Materials Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964. Go to mcc-harleysville.org, click "Get Involved," then "Meat Canning" for more information about how, together, we can sustain the lives of the hungry.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

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

OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION IN SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

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March 13, 2016

THE REV. DR. JOHN C. DORHAUER TO VISIT PSEC MAY 14-15

Preliminary itinerary includes: **Saturday, May 14**: Lancaster Seminary Graduation at Church of the Apostles UCC in Lancaster from 10 am - 12 pm;

Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism Workshop* at Bethany Children's Home from 2-6 pm (details below) Visit psec.org to download a flier with more information and register online by May 2;

Sunday, May 15: Preaching at Ascension UCC, 1700 W Main Street in Jeffersonville at 10 am; Presentation at Philadelphia Association meeting The Common Place, 5736 Chester Avenue in Philadelphia at 3 pm.



* Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer will cover a variety of subjects related to his doctoral research on White Privilege and its affect on the church. He will introduce the concept of a

Spiritual Autobiography told through the lens of race. Following that, John will open up discussion on two foundational pieces to understanding the manifestation and impact of white privilege: whiteness as the norm; and whiteness as cash value. The presentation will conclude with a look at what it means to be a white ally. This last part introduces critical thinking about what actions can be taken by allies, advocates, and accomplices who are passionate about racial equity.

Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer grew up Roman Catholic in the city of St. Louis, but through a series of life changing events found himself attending Eden Theological Seminary and developing a love for the United Church of Christ. Following ordination Rev. Dorhauer was called to serve Zion UCC in Mayview, MO and followed by First UCC in Lebanon, MO. John served next as a member on the St. Louis Conference Staff. In 2008, John was called to the Southwest Conference to serve as Conference Minister. On June 29, 2015 Rev. Dorhauer was elected to serve as the 9th General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Dorhauer has penned three books and is recognized as a leader committed to social justice. Rev. Dorhauer's Doctoral studies were centered on White Privilege and Its Affect on the Church. He has traveled extensively across the county following the release of his second book, **Steelplejacking: How the Christian Right is Hijacking Mainstream Religion** and was presented with the Shalom Award by the student body at Eden Theological Seminary for his lifelong commitment to justice and peace.

Getting to Know :

St. Peter's UCC

57 Spring Street, Tremont, PA 17981



St. Peter's UCC is a thriving, multigenerational church making a difference in our very small community and our world through prayers and deeds. We are small but strong in spirit and faith. We support our local food bank with collections of food and money through Harvest Home in November and again in February. Our youth have provided recycling bins for our plastics, papers, aluminum and cardboard.

Finding time for Church activities is challenging for today's active youth, so in the fall of 2015, St. Peter's adopted a retreat style for our **Confirmation class**. Our flexible class dates/times enable our youth to stay involved. We gather once each month for several hours for class activities, and a lite meal. As part of their Confirmation experience, our youth participate in our Church services and community service events. They serve at two community events per Confirmation year, e.g., volunteering with our local food bank, the SPCA, and our free clothing collection/distribution center, or other service events that the youth may choose.

Our **Sunday school program** is growing and is extremely active. We emphasize how God's love is shown in the ways we treat each other every day as well as in the Church setting. We plan fun events, like visiting Hershey Park After Dark at Christmas time and a summer pool party. We had participants from age 87 to three months old actively involved in our 2015 Christmas program. After the pageant, everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast together.

Our **adult members** are encouraged to share their faith journey with our Sunday school and Confirmation classes. It is such a wonderful gift from God to see our youth connecting with our other members.

During the summer and early fall months, we collect snack items for our youth who are away at college or in the military, and fruit baskets for our elders and shut-ins. Our weekly bulletins are mailed to our shut-ins on a regular basis, so they are included in the life of St. Peter's.

To learn more about our ministry, visit us on Facebook or contact us by email *stpetersucctremont@yahoo.com* or phone 570-695-2415.

Prayers are requested for the congregation of St. Peter's UCC in Tremont.

LADIES AID EASTER FLOWERS **ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY MARCH 13, 2016**

	Quantity	Each	Price
6" Mums – Assorted Colors	X	\$7.00 =	\$
3 Bloom Hyacinths – Asst'd Colors	X	\$7.00 =	\$
4 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors	x	\$5.00 =	\$
6 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors	X	\$7.00 =	\$
4 Bulb Daffodils	X	\$8.00 =	\$
White Lilies	x	\$8.00 =	\$

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 March 27, 2016.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, March 13

9:00am Sunday School10:15am Sunday Worship Service12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 12:1 – 8)

Monday, March 14

11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Isaiah 43:16 21)
- 6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 15

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 126)

- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134
- 7:00pm Mission Board
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 16

11:30am Brown Bag Bible Study w/Sister Millicent

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Hebrews 11:1 3)
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Community Lenten Service @ St. Paul's' Red Hill

Thursday, March 17

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Hebrews 12:1 - 2)

Friday, March 18

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 116:1 – 2, 12 – 19)

Saturday, March 19

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Philippians 3:4b - 14)

Sunday, March 20

9:00am Teacher Easter Egg Hunt During Sunday School Hour
10:15am Palm Sunday Worship Service
11:30am Youth Easter Egg Hunt
12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Luke 19:28 – 40)

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

<u>Church Office Hours</u> Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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