

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

**Associate Member: United Church of Christ**



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**PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts Offering

Prayer

Prelude

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

Benjamin Culli

**\*Call to Worship**

We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

**When we cried to you with our troubles, O Lord, you saved us from our distress.**

We give you thanks, O God, for your wonderful works to all of humanity.

**Hear now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving, as we tell of your deeds with songs of joy.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn #539**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Healing God, we are sick through our sinful ways. We are impatient, complaining, and troubled. We love the night because it hides the evil we have done and the doubt that shows on our faces. By our self-indulgent habits, we are destroying ourselves, and depriving others. As a church, we seem content to be dead in our trespasses, for we are afraid to embrace the changes that come with the new life you offer. We cry out to you in our trouble. Save us from our distress. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Numbers 21:4 – 9 (NRSV p. 122; LP p. 242)

John 3:14 – 21 (NRSV p. 864; LP p. 1661)

Junior Bells

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Douglas E. Wagner

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Children's Church**

Barb Master

**\*Hymn #212/ Senior Choir Anthem**      "What Wondrous Love Is This"  
(Congregation joins in singing verses 1 & 3)

**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**      "There Is a Green Hill"      arr. Lani Smith

**\*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**  
**For life-sustaining gifts we so often take for granted – for shelter, food, and meaningful tasks to do; for your steadfast love that awakens us and raises us from our sinful ways; for your word that guides and heals us – we give you thanks, gracious God. As we invest a part of all you entrust to us to further the ministries of the church, may we show to others the immeasurable riches of your grace in Jesus Christ. Make this church a beacon of hope for the world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #72**      "To God Be the Glory"

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**      "To God Be the Glory"      Garrett Parker

\*All who are able, please stand.

Both the bulletins and the flowers are presented today in loving memory of Jacob Fox by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoffman.

### **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:**

Meg Lester, Sandy Zuchero, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Lucile Jones, 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, 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 continue to share input from Study Partners on recent topics. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 in two weeks, on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 **today**. 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

Please stop by the GOODIE BOX table in the Narthex **today!** We have 8 Goodie Boxes and one card (to Whitney Leh in Rome) ready to be sent to our young people – and we would love to include your notes of good wishes! We will have blank paper available, as well as a greeting card for each young person that you can sign. If you would like to take paper home to write your message, you can bring it back next Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we'll make sure it gets included in the boxes. We will also be accepting cash donations to offset the cost of the goodies. Thank you for your support of this project. Karen Schultz

## “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 **this Saturday evening, March 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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!

## 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.}

## **Change Our Hearts Offering**

On Sundays in 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.

## **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.

**Today**, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We always need extra hands in making the candy, so we are asking for help on Thursday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to mix and roll the eggs, and also on Friday evening March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 in two weeks at Palm Church on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Librarians and Friends Workshop**

Early PA Settlers and their Relationships with Native Americans will be the theme for the 2015 Librarians & Friends' Workshop on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> beginning with registration at 8:00 a.m., Mennonite Heritage Center, 565 Yoder Road, Harleysville. Featured speakers will be Ervin Stutzman and John Ruth. Ervin, who has written *Jacob's Choice* about the Hochstetler Massacre which took place in 1756 near Shartlesville; has a second book in the series to be published in June. Dr. John Ruth, a prolific writer and storyteller, will be sharing from current research he has been doing for a book about the relationships of the early settlers and the Native Americans in Eastern Pennsylvania. Luncheon will be catered by Social Tea Caterers. Books for sale by the Doylestown Book Shop. Cost is \$15 for the luncheon and the workshops. For more information or to register, contact [buxmontchurchlibrarians@gmail.com](mailto:buxmontchurchlibrarians@gmail.com) or Mary Grieser, 215-872-2585.

## **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](http://www.mcc-harleysville.org) click “Get Involved,” then “Meat Canning” for more information about how, together, we can – in the name of Christ.

## **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 19<sup>th</sup>; May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

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.

## **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 18<sup>th</sup>  
St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill Church at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran – Sumneytown at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</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 5<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



**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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CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**Communitas**

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464  
484-949-8774

March 15, 2015

## Experiment in Worship: An Experience of Casual Worship



*Can a church connect with people through a unique experience of worship?*

The members of Christ Church UCC in Norristown are hoping the answer is "yes."

Our first "Experiment in Worship" at Christ Church began Sunday, June 29, 2014 as the result of a year-long effort to create an alternative worship

opportunity. The goal is to help people connect with God who might appreciate a more informal worship time.

As an "experiment," we use a number of methods at different times to communicate the message of Christ. We have had short "skits" written by one of our participants, discussion based on the skit and scripture readings, sharing of stories, prayers, both video and guitar music, artistic expressions, sharing of spiritual journeys, and a service based on the liturgy of Taize. Our "Experiment in Worship" is characterized as casual, interactive, and brief but meaningful. The service often concludes with a time of fellowship and refreshments during which the Pastor is available for prayer.

Future plans include a campaign to share this opportunity with the community and the possibility of holding the service in locations outside the church building.

"Experiment in Worship" currently meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6 pm. You are invited to check it out and come with friends and family.



### Visit these [psec.org](http://psec.org) website pages for:

- Conference-wide events: [psec.org/category/conference-wide-events/](http://psec.org/category/conference-wide-events/)
- Local Church events: [psec.org/category/local-events/](http://psec.org/category/local-events/)
- Classified Ads: [psec.org/category/classified/](http://psec.org/category/classified/)
- Special eNews publications: [psec.org/newspublications/special-communications/](http://psec.org/newspublications/special-communications/)
- Submit your church event: [psec.org/calendarevents/events/submit-an-event/](http://psec.org/calendarevents/events/submit-an-event/)
- Submit your church classified ad: [psec.org/newspublications/submit-a-classified-ad/](http://psec.org/newspublications/submit-a-classified-ad/)

You can sign up to receive our weekly eNews email by clicking on **Signup for eNews** on the right side of any page of the website: [psec.org](http://psec.org)

## St. Peter's Union Church

7863 St. Peter's Rd., Macungie, PA 18062



On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1844, in the 68th year of American Independence, Church Articles were drawn up for a Union Church to be called St. Peter's German Lutheran and Reformed Church. Long before that, beginning in 1773, people had gathered to educate their children and worship at "Da Barrick Schule", on the same site in Upper

Milford Township, Lehigh County. It is interesting to note that these Articles gave the right to Mennonites, Moravians, and Schwenkfelters to bury their dead in the cemetery also on the property. A new Church Building on the southeast corner of the burial plot was dedicated on Christmas Day 1844.

At one time a horse shed for the benefit of the preachers stood a few feet west of that building. Attached to it was a small utility shed for storage. St. Peter's first attempt at electrification, a Kohler plant, was housed there; as well as the coal supply for the church's two pot-bellied stoves. It is believed the timbers and stones for this shed came from the old school house when it was razed after the "new church" was built.

Changes to the building have continued throughout the years. In 1969 an educational wing was added; in 1994 a major renovation was done to the church; and in 2005 a separate multipurpose building, St. Peter's Place, was constructed as a meeting place and centerpiece of community outreach. Currently it is being used on the first Friday of each month to serve a free meal to those living in need in our neighborhood.

Throughout the church's long history, there has always been good cooperation between the Lutheran and Reformed (U.C.C.) members. After living into it for years, in 2013, St. Peter's Union Church legally became *one* congregation, with official ties to *both* faith traditions. As St. Peter's looks to the future, its prayer is that the spirit of those members who established and maintained the "Little White Church on the Hill" long ago will inspire current members to find new ways to respond to God's call. To learn more, visit our website: [stpeterspa.org](http://stpeterspa.org).



Prayers are requested for St. Peter's Union Church in Macungie and Rev. Jerel W. Gade



Performing March 21, 2015  
7:30PM

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

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

# CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

SATURDAY, March 21, 2015

3:00 - 6:30pm

## PENNSBURG UCC

775 Main Street, Pennsburg, PA  
215-679-7513

\$10.00/Adult

\$10.00/Take Out

\$4.50/Ages 6 -12 yrs.

Children 5 & under eat for free!

### Menu

Chicken Pot Pie

String Beans; Pickled Red Beets

Homemade Apple Sauce

Bread & Apple Butter

Lemonade, Coffee, Iced Tea

Dessert

## Portrayal of the Last Supper



Join us at Palm church on  
Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30 pm for

### The Passion Play

Presented by members of Huff's church  
Directed by Carl Arner

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And now, Palm church Deacons are excited  
to be able to share this with you. (Free admission)

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

### **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](#)

### **Monday, March 16**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(Numbers 21:4-9\)](#)
- 7:00pm [Board of Christian Education Meeting](#)

### **Tuesday, March 17**

- 8:00am [Quilters](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(Psalm 107:1-3\)](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts](#)
- 7:00pm [Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop](#)
- 7:00pm [Mission Board](#)
- 7:30pm [Senior Choir Rehearsal](#)

### **Wednesday, March 18**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(Psalm 107:17-22\)](#)
- 5:30pm [Children's Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 6:00pm [Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 7:30pm [Community Lenten Service @ St. Paul's - Red Hill](#)

### **Thursday, March 19**

- 9:00am [Ladies' Aid Easter Candy Making](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(Luke 10:25-37\)](#)

### **Friday, March 20**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(Ephesians 2:1-10\)](#)
- 6:00pm [Ladies' Aid Easter Candy Making](#)

### **Saturday, March 21**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(John 12:20-26\)](#)
- 7:30pm [The Dogs of Falkner Swamp Concert @ SLHC](#)

### **Sunday, March 22**

- 9:00am [Sunday School](#)
- 10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)
- 11:30am [Easter Candy for Sale](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(John 12:27-33\)](#)
- 4:30pm [Snowdate - Progressive Dinner for Confirmands and Mentors](#)

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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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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Kevin Master

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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