

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Gather Us In”

Jeffrey Honore

***Call to Worship**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

We shall come into your presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto you with our songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

For we are your people, the flock that you shepherd. We will know of your power as we listen for your voice.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #800**

“The Gathering”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

What will you do with us, God? We are never satisfied. We rebel and complain when things don't go our way. Our hearts chase after things that become gods to us and consume our time, energy, and attention. We spend little time in communion with you and then begin to doubt your presence. You seem far away and unavailable. We create barriers among ourselves that separate us from one another and from you. Send your living water to cleanse us, O God. Empower us to worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Senior Choir Anthem

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris
arr. Lloyd Larson

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture John 4:5 – 42 (NRSV p. 864 – 865; LP p. 1662 – 1664)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church

Corey May

***Hymn #731**

"O Christians, Haste"

Sermon

"Trouble at the Well"

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

"The Old, Old Story Medley"

arr. Harold DeDou

***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**

**Just as our worship of you, O God, is not confined to this place,
so also our praise is not limited to certain times or seasons.
Accept the offerings that we bring as a witness to your Spirit,
who dwells in all that we do. May our acts of love and
forbearance testify to Christ's truth pervading our lives. Use
what we give so that others may come into your presence with
joyful songs of hope and thanksgiving. Amen.**

***Hymn #694**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

arr. Don Hustad

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in honor of Sophie's 9th birthday by Gramma Puff.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Clarence Shelly by Brian and Renée 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:

David Dotterer, Ernie Guldin, 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. 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

The online Bible Study seeks someone skilled at solving television mysteries to tune-in this week and check our work on 2 Samuel 1:1-16. Our work in 1 Samuel allows us to realize that David solves his problem based on clues sprinkled in recent stories. If you can help, please contact 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.

Helping Hands

Look for the Helping Hands box located at the back of the sanctuary. This is a new youth mission. See details on page 10.

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.* **Next Sunday** 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.

Thank You

To my church family at Palm, thank you so much! I truly appreciate the cards and goodies I received *on* Valentine's Day! I thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.

Meg Lester

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 information from Pastor Becky Schanely at St. John's Lutheran, explaining the food donation process.

- 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 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.

Donations of Finger Foods

After the Community Lenten Service held at Palm Schwenkfelder Church on March 29th, we will be serving refreshments. If you would like to contribute to the selection of delicious treats, please bring your food donations to the kitchen before the church service. Thank you.

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, 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, Thursday evening (March 30th) at 6:00 pm to roll the eggs, Friday morning March 31st at 9:00 am, and Friday evening (March 31st) at 6:00 pm to dip and package the candy. Please make plans to join us for some sweet fun in the candy kitchen!

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 provided the meal on Monday, March 6th. We offered a ham dinner with all the trimmings and fed over 90 people with plenty left over for second helpings!! A great big shout out of “Thanks” goes out to everyone who helped to make our dinner a success. We had great help (including our older youth) and a very nice variety of donated desserts. Once again the generosity and helpfulness of our congregation came shining through. Thank you!

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 next 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 next Sunday, March 26th. **Today is the last day that prepaid orders will be accepted.** 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 – Schedule Change

This Thursday, March 23rd (formerly scheduled for Tuesday, March 21st), at 10:00am, we will need volunteers to fold and sticker-seal the April 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 23rd. Contact the church office to volunteer, or to just find out more about this volunteer opportunity.

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: May 7th, 14th, & 28th

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship: April 30th; May 7th

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!

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 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
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

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands is a youth ministry dedicated to our church family who may need extra “helping hands.” Please fill out the form below and place in the Helping Hands box located at the back of the sanctuary. It will be checked every Sunday and you will be contacted to discuss your needs.

Anyone in need of “Helping Hands” please fill out below:

Examples: house cleaning, yard work, errands, minor repairs, spring/fall cleaning, also open to other needs as well.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

NEED OR
PROJECT _____

BEST DAY/TIME FOR
ASSISTANCE _____

If you have any special skills and would like to offer assistance please list your name and number below. Thank you.

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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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March 19, 2017

One Great Hour of Sharing—Why Give ?

This is the time that many UCC Congregations will be collecting, for One Great Hour of Sharing. Why should you consider giving?

“Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

God is most tangibly present in this world where people hunger, thirst, lack adequate clothing and shelter, and are sick or imprisoned. Christ claims people who suffer, as family members.

Christ is so present in them that when you feed the hungry, care for the sick, welcome the stranger—you feed and care for, and welcome Christ.

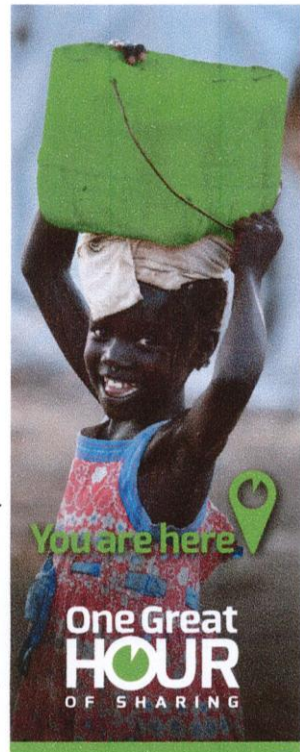
The OGHS offering goes to directly support sources of clean water and food for impoverished communities, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons.

OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

“You are here” is the theme for this year’s campaign. Where do we find Christ in today’s world?

He is here, in those who hunger, thirst and are in need. When you give through OGHS to those who suffer from national disasters, war of systemic poverty, you let them know:

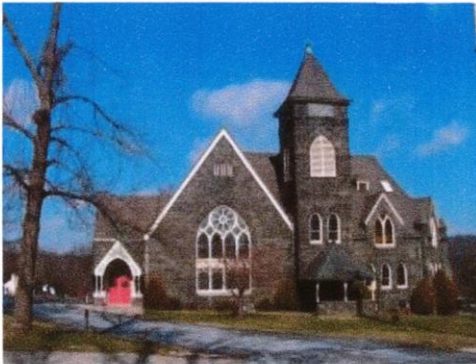
You are here!



Getting to Know :

Heidelberg UCC

251 Perkiomen Ave., Schwenksville, PA 19473



"We are a welcoming church family who seeks to reflect and grow in God's love through worship, prayer, fellowship, study and service."

Located atop of the hill at 251 Perkiomen Ave., Schwenksville, PA., Heidelberg United Church

of Christ traces its roots back to the 18th century when German immigrants brought their religious traditions to the Perkiomen Valley. The original building was shared by Reformed, Lutheran and Mennonite congregations. The current stone structure was constructed in 1892 by the reformed (Now UCC) congregation. We also have a parsonage on-site was built in 1910. The current layout of the church includes a social hall and educational wing. But as we know the church is more than just the building.

Heidelberg's many committees continue to bring God's light to the congregation and the community. From our Board of Christian Education, providing vacation Bible school, and Sunday school, (to children and adults alike), to our Fellowship committee hosting Bunco or a chili cookoff, to our Evangelism committee, who plan our joint worship services with neighboring churches, to our Spiritual Arts, who express their love of the Lord through music at all of our services. The Missions committee prepares and serves meals to the homeless at Trinity UCC in Pottstown, supports the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry with personnel and food items, and supports of the Woman Center of Montgomery County.

Please keep us in your prayers.

Prayers are requested for
Heidelberg UCC in Schwenksville



LADIES AID EASTER FLOWERS
ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY MARCH 26, 2017

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Price</u>
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 April 16, 2017.

COVENTRY SINGERS PRESENT

We the People

INCLUDING
THE MUSIC OF
Aaron Copland
William Dawson
Moses Hogan
Randall Thompson
Gwyneth Walker
and more

CONDUCTOR
Hannah Knauss

ACCOMPANIST
Nadine Lydic

FREEWILL OFFERING

APRIL 22, 2017 – 7 p.m.

Boyertown State Theater
61 N. Reading Ave.
Boyertown, PA

APRIL 23, 2017 – 3 p.m.

Cedarville United Methodist Church
1092 Laurelwood Road
Pottstown, PA



WWW.COVENTRYSINGERS.ORG

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, March 20

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (1 Samuel 16:1 - 13)
- 7:00pm Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 23)
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Mission Board
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 22

- 11:30am Brown Bag Bible Study with Sister Millicent at 11:30am
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Ephesians 5:1 - 14)
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Community Lenten Service @ St. Paul's Red Hill

Thursday, March 23

- 10:00am Volunteers Folding and Stickering the Palm Leaves for Mailing
- 10:00am SLHC-Sponsored Tour of the Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 9:1 - 12)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, March 24

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 9:13 - 23)

Saturday, March 25

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 9:24 - 34)
- 3:00pm Relay for Life Making Sandwiches

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 9:35 - 41)
- 4:30pm Progressive Dinner for Confirmands and Mentors
(Snow Date)

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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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Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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, Rick Jones, Darlene Jones, Hans Muse

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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