## PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH Associate Member: United Church of Christ



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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH **SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015** FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

**Change Our Hearts Offering** 

**Prayer** 

**Prelude** 

"Lift High the Cross"

Robert Below

#### \*Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says our God;

The day is here to affirm a new covenant.

We call on God's steadfast love and mercy.

We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.

God's law will be written on our hearts.

Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

We are eager to know the God who loves us.

We are ready to learn God's intention for us.

God offers us the joy of salvation.

Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

We are open to the new and right spirit God offers. We seek guidance for our daily living.

\*Hymn #745

"Jesus Shall Reign"

#### Call to Confession

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from the sin that clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in your sight. May your judgment help us to face the truth about ourselves, then wash the stain of our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. Amen.

#### Time of Personal Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV p. 642; LP p.1235) John 12:20-33 (NRSV p. 875; LP p.1683)

#### Children's Sermon

**Children's Church** No Children's Church

\*Hymn #531 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

**Sermon** "Father, Glorify Your Name"

**Senior Choir Anthem** "Here I A

"Here I Am, Lord" arr. Mary McDonald

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

"Glorify Thy Name"

Donna Adkins

#### \*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate these offerings to the proclamation of your word, the teaching of your ways, and the living of your will for all humankind. We reach out with joy and gladness to offer your love to the world. May these gifts enable the sharing of your presence with many who have not experienced a sense of their own value as your children. As we keep covenant with you, we would also share its joys and obligations with our neighbors. Amen.

\*Hymn #229

"Lift High the Cross"

\*Benediction

Postlude

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Frederick Swann

\*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Leon and Eva Long by the family.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Lenore Stauffer by Jeff and Luanne Stauffer.

#### 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 with discussion growing from our recent work on the childhood of King David in 1 Samuel 16 & 17. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

#### **March Kindness Look-Out**

**Deacons** ⑤, we are calling on you to be on the look-out for our Palm youth acting kind. Punch cards are 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), Andrew Kriebel (3/20), Blake Master (3/30) Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Kristen Howerter (3/25)

#### **Lenten Food Drive**

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me," Matthew 25:35. Thank you for your generosity. There are two more weeks to donate food for Open Link. Please feel free to continue dropping off food in the Narthex. All youth who bring in food, please see Barb Master for a fish card punch.

#### **Lenten Service Transportation**

There is one more Lenten service at St. John's in Sumneytown. If anyone would like transportation, call Barb Master at 610-295-2190.

#### **Egg Hunt Donations**

Thank you so much for your kind donations of filled eggs, prizes, gift cards, and candy!

If you still have items to return, please try to have them to the church by Wednesday night or see Barb Master if you need to make other arrangements.

**Palm Sunday Egg Hunt** 

Join us after worship next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, in the Adult Sunday School Classroom for punch and pretzels as we wait for the egg hunt festivities to begin. Bring your Easter basket to collect the eggs.

The age categories are: 0 to 3 years old, 4 years thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. There is one grand prize for each age category and prizes for all. A gentle reminder to please reattach the plastic eggs your child has collected after they have taken out their goodies ©

#### **Teacher Egg Hunt**

The tradition continues next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am for the Teacher vs. Teacher egg hunt. Teachers, come ready to collect eggs hidden by your students. The winning classroom will receive a Dunkin' Donuts party on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. All classes will receive munchkins. Be sure to join us on that day!

#### **Good Friday Walk**

For all youth and adults, join us on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:00 noon for a spiritual walk to St. Mark's in Pennsburg. Following the walk is a community church service at St. Mark's. And, after the church service, youth are treated to McDonald's, but anyone is welcome to come dine with us. Whether you are only able to be there for the walk, or you can only make the church service, that's okay, you don't have to attend both. There are 3 starting points; New Goshenhoppen Church, St. Philip Neri school, and Pennsburg UCC. Please see Kevin or Barb Master if you would like more details or if you need transportation.

#### Family Movie Night and Pizza!

Join us on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00pm at Palm Church for a movie with pizza and punch provided. Please bring a snack to share. Dress as cozy as you like and bring blankets and pillows. *Letters to God* is a PG rated movie about a young boy who has cancer and writes letters to God as a way of praying. Please sign up by Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> so that we can get a pizza count.

#### **Goodie Boxes**

Please stop by the GOODIE BOX table in the Narthex again 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 22nd, 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

#### **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.

#### **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 on sale today as well as next Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 <u>The Passion Play</u> 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 <a href="mailto:buxmontchurchlibrarians@gmail.com">buxmontchurchlibrarians@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="https://www.mcc-harleysville.org">www.mcc-harleysville.org</a> 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 19th; May 3rd and 17th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14th and 21st

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

#### Nursery

When there is no one available to supervise the nursery, parents are welcome to use the nursery but are responsible for their children. If anyone is interested in providing child supervision, please contact Gregg Hoffman.

#### **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 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

	Quantity	<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 avai	lability)	
Yellow	x	\$7.00 =	\$
Pink	X	\$7.00 =	\$
Red	X	\$7.00 =	\$
	Grand Total for	Order =	\$
Given in Honor 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.



March 22, 2015

#### **Employment Taxes**

While the local church is "tax-exempt," employees are certainly subject to multiple taxes with the federal, state, and local governments. As an employer, you must withhold taxes and forward them to the appropriate authorities, as they require.

- Social Security and Medicare (FICA) All employees are required to
  participate in the provisions of the Social Security Act. Contributions will be
  withheld from the employee's pay check and the church will match those
  contributions. These will be forwarded by the church to the Internal Revenue
  Service as prescribed by law.
  - Clergy are treated as "self-employed" for FICA purposes. This means that the clergy are responsible to pay this tax on their own, referred to as SECA (self-employment tax) for which the employer is NOT responsible to match contributions. Clergy pay this SECA tax through estimated payments to the IRS, nothing is withheld from their pay for this tax UNLESS clergy have formally entered into a voluntary withholding agreement with the church.....
- Federal tax Employees should have all filled out form W-4 when hired. This
  dictates to the payroll preparer how much to withhold from each person's
  paycheck for federal income tax purposes. This money is also forwarded to the
  IRS along with the FICA tax mentioned above.
  - Clergy are also exempt from federal income tax withholding but must also pay this liability to the federal government with their SECA tax, as stated above, through estimated tax payments. Again, clergy can enter into a voluntary withholding agreement through the church.
- State and local taxes PA and most localities have a percentage that is due on earned income. These taxes must also be withheld from staff paychecks and submitted to appropriate authorities per their rules.
- Unemployment tax Churches are exempt under Federal law from having to
  participate in unemployment insurance programs so no unemployment tax
  should be withheld from pay checks. Therefore, unemployment income is not
  available to employees who may be laid off from their employment with you....

To read the full article, visit *psec.org/about-psec/our-ministries/stewardship-ocwm/* and click on the link: <u>Employment Taxes</u>

If you have questions or suggestions for an upcoming article, please contact Tammie Wisniewski at **tammie@psec.org** or call 484-949-8774 X304.

# Getting to Know:

#### **Grace Christian Fellowship, UCC**

6208 Grays Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19142

Grace Christian
Fellowship, UCC (GCF)
began as a bible study
meeting in the home
of Rev. and Sis. Cean
R. James during the
summer of 2005.
From that bible study,
twenty-two (22)
people became the
initial members of



GCF. During the initial organizational meetings, GCF decided to make southwest Philadelphia the target community for its evangelism and ministry.

Thanks to exponential growth that quickly resulted in a membership of over 100 people and many visitors each Sunday, in October 2006, GCF purchased a church building from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. On Thanksgiving Day, 2006, GCF had their first worship service in their new sanctuary located at 6208 Grays Avenue.

In April of 2012, after years of prayer and discernment, GCF officially became a congregation of the United Church of Christ. Also that year, we launched GCF Mt. Airy, an early Sunday morning extension of our church that worships at Woodcrest United Church of Christ at Mt. Pleasant and Thouron Ave.

Today, GCF has a membership of over 450 and is growing every week. We are:

**WELCOMING** – Every person, no matter where you are on life's journey, will find a warm and inviting community among us.

**WORSHIPING** – We take seriously the call to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

**WORKING** – We believe that we have been called to work for the right of all our brothers and sisters to live in dignity.

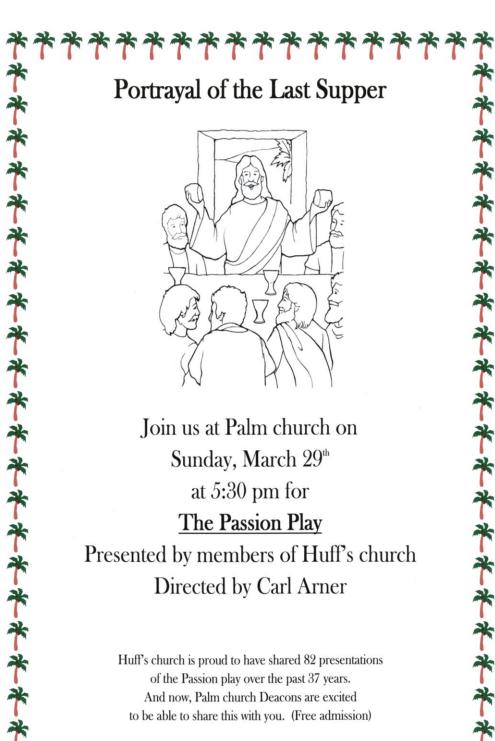


**WALKING** – We believe that faith is a journey, and we are walking together to reach the prize of high calling.

**WITNESSING** – We have been so blessed by what God has done for us, that we feel compelled to tell someone else. To learn more, visit **mygcf.com**.



Prayers are requested for Grace Christian Fellowship in Philadelphia and Rev. Cean James.





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# 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. (Free admission)

# Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association Car Show, Bake Sale & More! Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

Trophy for Best of Show!



Door Prizes!

#### **CAR SHOW**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Cars and Vehicles of any Kind are Welcome

\$10.00 pre-registration per car / \$15.00 registration day of per car (Includes hot dog, chips & soda for car owner)

Door prizes, goodie bags and dash plaque for first 100 participating car owners

#### **BAKE SALE**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association - Delaware Valley Chapter

#### CRAFT FAIR, FACE PAINTING AND MORE!



Live well with us

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Residents and staff of Frederick Living are committed to contributing to the greater good of the community in which we live and serve. This is a family friendly event that enables us to come together as neighbors and develop new friends. Through the activities planned we have chosen to raise funds for Alzheimer's research, a disease that touches the lives of so many.



# TOGETHER, WE CAN FOOD FOR TOMORROW!

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them.

Proverbs 3:27 NLT

The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is a relief, service, and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. MCC reflects the biblical call to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned.

You can help feed the hungry by contributing your money and/or time in support of the MCC Mobile Canner Project, which will be at the MCC Material Resource Center (MRC) from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 23, 24, and 25, 2015.

If you are interested in donating a few hours of your time to this three-day operation, contact either the MRC at 267-203-8074 or the following individuals: Glenn C. Moyer at 215-723-0888, Tana Godshall at 215-565-5096, or Earl Young at 610-287-1503. Your tax-deductible contributions 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.

In years past, thanks to help from people like you, our local operation processed enough Mennonite meat to provide over 120,000 vital protein-filled meals. This year it is our commitment to again meet that goal. Your support in the form of manpower and monetary donations is critical to this unique program that works not only to feed the hungry but to heal a fractured and broken world through the simple acts of giving and sharing. Go to mcc-harleysville.org, click "Get Involved," then "Meat Canning" for more information on how, together, we can food for tomorrow.

#### This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

#### 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)

#### Monday, March 23

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

#### Tuesday, March 24

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 119:9-16)

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, March 25

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Luke 15:11-32)

5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Boy Scouts Board of Review

7:30pm Community Lenten Service @ St. John's - Sumneytown

#### Thursday, March 26

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Hebrews 5:5-10)

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting (April Meeting)

#### Friday, March 27

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 51:1-5)

#### Saturday, March 28

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 51:6-12)

#### Sunday, March 29

9:00am Sunday School - Teacher Egg Hunt

10:15am Palm Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Youth Egg Hunt

11:30am Easter Candy for Sale

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

5:30pm Passion Play

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

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

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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#### Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Kevin Master

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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