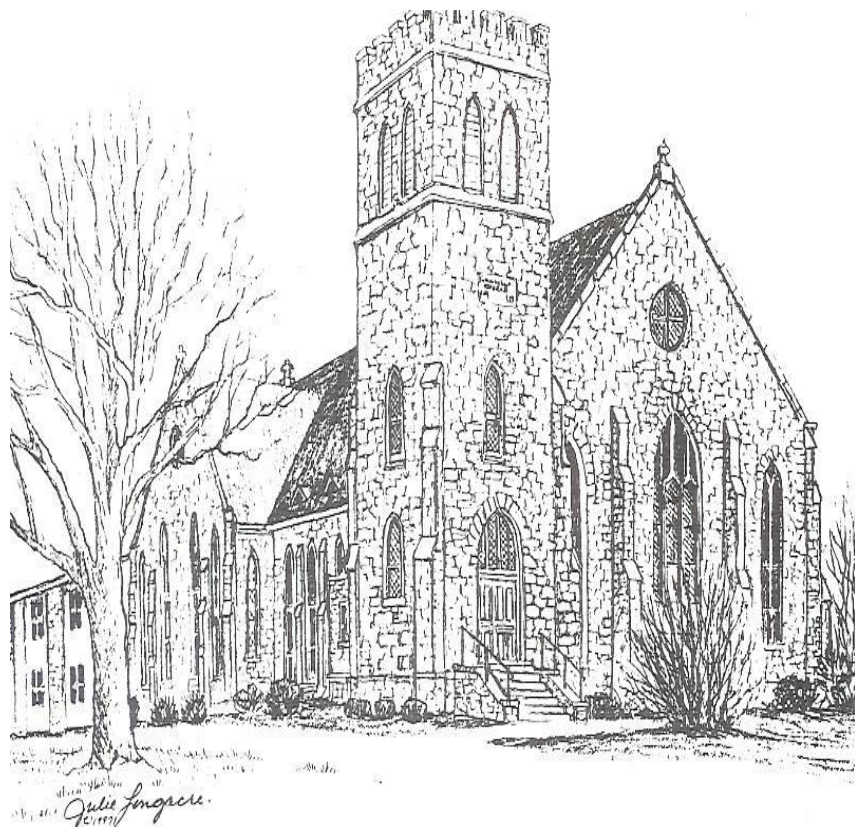


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Marty Haugen

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***Hymn#557**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Great Shepherd, we thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered far from the paths of integrity, justice, and peace that you have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, you prefer people like us and not those who appear, believe, or act differently. Even as we say those words, we know we are not in tune with your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Bell Choir

Scripture John 9:1 – 41 (NRSV p. 871 – 872; LP p. 1675 – 1676)

Children’s Sermon

Children's Church

Lisa Stitt

Hymn #522

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Sermon

“Light of the World”

Senior Choir Anthem

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Dan Forrest

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

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Dale Wood

***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**

Loving God, as you illuminate our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities, we reach out to share your love through our tithes and offerings and our investment of time and energy in tasks to which you call us. All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you, the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence. Let us, rather, dwell with you and serve you wherever we go. Amen.

***Hymn #635**

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Denise Marcoux Dolloff.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Kenneth Wilson 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:

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, 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

This week's online Bible Study will discuss the pitfall in missing the spy in 2 Samuel 1:1-16. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

H.E.R.O.

Helpful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Optimistic!

When you recognize heroic behavior among our youth, please let them know. Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out!

Holy Bible App by YouVersion

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

Bible for Kids by YouVersion

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

March Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

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

Youth Food Drive

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

Easter Eggs

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

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 11 of this bulletin.

Mission Moment: One Great Hour of Sharing

In 1946, in an effort to seek relief and reconstruction funds during and following World War II, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at that time, broadcasted a nationwide challenge to people of faith to raise “one million dollars in one hour,” and the challenge was achieved. In 1949, hoping to find the same level of success using the Bishop’s fundraising model in the United States for domestic and international disaster and aid relief projects, church leaders representing multiple denominations created a scripted national radio program entitled, “One Great Hour,” which debuted on March 26, 1949, and in 1950 the new title, “One Great Hour of Sharing” was used for the first time. Over these many decades, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has been through many transitions, but the goal of raising funds for disaster relief, development, and humanitarian aid, through special gift offerings to be used around the world has remained an unwavering mission. *In 2016, the United Church of Christ received over \$2.2 million for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Every dollar was used to help people and communities living in critical situations worldwide.* On March 26, 2017, Palm Schwenkfelder Church will participate in the special gift collection for One Great Hour of Sharing, for which this year’s theme is, “You are Here.” During a time when many in the world are experiencing strife and sorrow, their pleas seeking His comfort and assistance are echoed around the world, as they gaze to the Heavens above and cry aloud where God may be, we know he is near: “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth,” Psalm 148:18.

Migrant Hospitality Project

Thank you to all who have supported MHP throughout the year. Financial support and donated time and furnishing have us ready to serve a household of up to four legal, Christian exiles fleeing persecution from anywhere in the world. Cash donations are still appreciated, in anticipation of moving costs and final items that depend on demographics of the actual clients. Please mark your donations “Migrants.”

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.

Thank You

A simple thank you for the prayers, cards, and phone calls while I worked my way through the shingles.
Shirley Miller

Thank You, Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who helped get the April Palm Leaves out: Janet Butterweck, Nancy Hoffman, Ty McNeil, Shirley Miller, Jean & Greg Ross, Lee Schultz, Jeff Treichler, and Carol Woodward.

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 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. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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 **this week**: Thursday morning March 30th at 9:00am to mix, Thursday evening March 30th at 6:00pm to roll the eggs, Friday morning March 31st at 9:00am, and Friday evening March 31st at 6:00pm 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 **ends today**. 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. **Today is the deadline** for accepting your donations. 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 **today**. 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.

Palm Leaves Correction

There is an error on the edition of the April Palm Leaves that has been mailed out. The date for the Confirmands & Mentor Lunch and Meetinghouse Tour is listed incorrectly. It will be held on April 23rd (snow date April 30th), but it is listed on the back page of the Palm Leaves, as well as in the announcement itself, as being held on April 19th. **The correct date is Sunday, April 23rd.** I apologize for any confusion this may cause.

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.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

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

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.

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.

COVENTRY SINGERS PRESENT

We the People

INCLUDING
THE MUSIC OF

Aaron Copland

William Dawson

Moses Hogan

Randall Thompson

Gwyneth Walker

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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



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March 26, 2017

PSEC 2017 Spring Meeting
June 9—11, 2017 @ West Chester University
Are YOU Registered?



Join us again this year for the 3-day Spring Meeting of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference! The purpose of this meeting is to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and each other and to strengthen our gifts to ministry in service to God's people.

On Friday, attendees will have the chance to participate in a two-part session presented by Rev. Molly Baskette, based on her book "Real Good Church. Rev. Traci Blackmon, will preach during Opening Worship on Friday evening.

The business of the Conference will be handled Saturday morning followed by an afternoon of workshops, including one with Shane Clayborne who will also be the speaker for the Saturday evening program.

Celebration Worship will take place Sunday morning with guest preacher, Rev. Yvette Flunder followed by lunch and fellowship to end the meeting. During the weekend there will be time for fellowship, perusing exhibit tables and recreation. All are invited!

Visit the PSEC website at www.psec.org to learn more and access the link to register.

Early bird registration closes THIS THURSDAY, March 30th!
Are your pastor(s) and church delegates registered?

East Vincent UCC

282 Hill Church Rd., Spring City, PA 19475



East Vincent UCC is a small church with a family feel. As caring and supporting Christian disciples, we offer opportunities for spiritual growth, service, fellowship and friendship, and development of our uniqueness both as individuals and a community of faith. We reach out in love to welcome the stranger, give hope to the hopeless and share the peace of Christ with our neighbor.

East Vincent has several mission projects, including special collections for Bethany Children's Home, Phoebe Homes, CWS Kits, Project Outreach, PACS, St. Peter's Pantry as well as local fire companies. We also provide meals twice a year to St. Mary's Shelter in Phoenixville. East Vincent also participates in Royersford's National Night Out with 1st UCC. This is an anti-crime campaign encouraging us all to get out into the streets and get to know our neighbors...just like Jesus!

Family activities held during the past year included Lenten celebrations, a game night, a bon-fire sing-a-long, a pumpkin carving night, and an Advent Workshop. These new intergenerational activities were planned as a way to include more families and friends while continuing to teach our children about our faith and how to live it. Together we are a "family in Christ".

Summer Worship is held outside in the pavilion



Prayers are requested for East Vincent UCC in Spring City and Rev. Katherine E. Davidheiser

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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)

Monday, March 27

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Ezekiel 37:1 - 14)

Tuesday, March 28

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 130)

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 29

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Romans 8:6 - 11)

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Community Lenten Service @ Palm

Thursday, March 30

9:00am Ladies' Aid Making Easter Candy

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 11:1 - 16)

6:00pm Ladies' Aid Making Easter Candy

Friday, March 31

9:00am Ladies' Aid Making Easter Candy

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 11:17 - 27)

6:00pm Ladies' Aid Making Easter Candy

Saturday, April 1

9:00am Ladies' Aid Making Easter Candy (Add'l Day If Needed)

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 11:28 - 37)

Sunday, April 2

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 11:38 - 45)

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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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Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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