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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

EASTER SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Robert Hobby

***Call to Worship**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

While they were wondering about this, suddenly, two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright, the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!”

Christ Is Risen!

Christ is risen Indeed!

Senior Choir Anthem

“Great Day! The Lord Is Risen!”

*Incorporating “Great Day, Somebody’s Knocking, and What a Morning”
(from Joseph M. Martin’s cantata “A Journey to Hope”)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dazzling God, we are blinded by your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. We shrink from the chastening judgment we deserve. We resist the changes we know we must make to receive new life. Save us from the calamity of our selfish ways. Rescue us from all hurtful and destructive habits. Forgive our broken promises, heal our broken relationships, lift our broken spirits, so we may share in the resurrection of Christ. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn #234** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Senior Bell Choir “Rejoice! He Is Risen!” Cathy Mocklebust

Scripture Luke 24:1 – 12 (NRSV p. 860; LP p.1654)
Acts 10:34 – 43 (NRSV p. 895; LP p. 1721 – 1722)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church No Children’s Church

***Hymn #254** “Alleluia, Alleluia!”

Sermon

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 “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” Wilbur Held

***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**
Thank you, God, for resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the
first fruits of all that you make available to us. As you offered
Christ to the world, so we would offer ourselves. May we,
along with our gifts, testify to good news of your forgiving love
and empowering acceptance. Amen.

***Hymn #238** “Because He Lives”

Service of Communion

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, young and old, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Communion Prayer and Consecration

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

***Hymn #251**

"Thine Is the Glory"

***Benediction**

Senior Choir Anthem

"Hallelujah!"

George Frederic Handel

Postlude

"Thine Is the Glory"

Janet Correll

*All who are able, please stand.

(Correction from last week)

The Palm Sunday bulletins were sponsored in loving memory of Clarence Shelly by Brian and Renee Shelly.

Our Easter bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Kenneth and Dorothy Wilson by the family.

Communion Note

The Lord's Table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. The Deacons will serve the congregation in the pews. Trays should be passed halfway through the pew and then returned to the same deacon, take the bread or grape juice while the person next to you holds the tray. Please hold the bread and the cup until the Pastor invites everyone to eat or drink. Then quietly place the cup in the holder on the back of the pew.

Note: Gluten-free Communion Wafers (individually wrapped) are provided on the bread trays for people with wheat sensitivity.

“Concerning the Communion Service of Palm Schwenkfelder Church, children of our congregation take communion after confirmation. If you choose to have your children partake in Communion please explain the sacred meanings behind the ritual. If you would like to speak with someone on the meanings of Communion please speak with Pastor Nick or any Deacon.”

Deacons of Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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.

Easter Flowers

Presented By

Ed & Kathy Bieler
Margueriete Fries
Anne Goda, Daryl Leh,
Whitney & Victoria Leh
Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman
Alex & Joanne Jalowy
Richard & Kay Kleppinger
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Andrew & Sandra Kriebel
Andrew & Sandra Kriebel
Kevin & Barb Master
Kevin & Barb Master
Walt & Lillian Master
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Thelma McNeal
Marianne Miller
Marianne Miller
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Kenny & Shirley Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Bart Moser
Joan Pusey
Marilyn Roznowski
Marilyn Roznowski
Frank & Ethel Soffa
Wallace C. Stauffer
Carol & Dave Woodward

In Memory Of

Our Parents
Kathryn & Arthur Marks

Barbara Goda
Our Parents
Marie Hartman
Tom & Pat Miller
George & Pauline Kleppinger
Kelly Sell
Our Parents
Howard Master, Sr.
Howard Master, Jr.
Linda Keiser
Howard Master, Sr.
Howard Master, Jr.
Robert & Helen Schleicher
Esther Tyson
Mabel & Benjamin Boyer
Helen & Floyd Kleckner
Alta & James Miller
Viola & Carl Weber
Marion Bleile
Myrtle & Charles Stahl
Austin Fox
Andrew Roznowski
Our Parents
Lenore H. Stauffer
Our Parents

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**Badman Family
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Joan Pusey
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Ross
Frank & Ethel Soffa**

In Honor Of

**Mary Steltz
Our Palm Church Family
Our Parents**

Kerm Goda

**Richard & Merle Leh
Our Children and
Grandchildren**

**Our Children and
Grandchildren**

**Decker Family
Master Family
Our Children
Our Grandchildren
Ardelle Master
My Children
Our Parents
Our Children and
Grandchildren**

... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family ...

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

George Manion, Edmund Kuhns, Ian Ross, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Mary Steltz, Kerm Goda, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, Vern Weller, , Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, John Hathaway, Betty Pope. Please also keep in your prayers the men and women serving in the United States Military. This month from our Schwenkfelder Prayer list we uplift Schwenkfelder Missionary Church in Philadelphia.

Bible Study

How would you explain "re-boot" to someone who saw the Risen Jesus? This week's online Bible Study will revisit this question, first raised in 2012, for the benefit of new participants. Participate by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

Quilters

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

March Youth Birthdays

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

Bible App for Kids – A Call to Action!

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

The Big Picnic, Jesus feeds 5,000 (Mark 6:30-44)

Coming Home, A father and his two sons (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

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

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

Children's Church ~ A Joyful Noise

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

Opening Devotions/Sunday School Theme

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

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

Open Link Food Drive

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

Relay for Life

Thank you to the many members of Palm's church family who contributed to the American Cancer Society's 2016 Relay for Life. Our Relay for Life Committee is deeply touched by your continued generosity and financial support. Through your efforts, our church has qualified as a "Presenting Sponsor" for this year's Relay to be held on May 14th, at Camelot Park in Upper Hanover Township.

Christian Exiles Are Fleeing Persecution

Let's help rescue some Exiles! The Deacons at Palm have arranged a partnership with Church World Service (CWS) that will allow all of us to play a role in solving the problem. We will begin by serving as a Hospitality Team for legal, Christian refugees arriving in our area. CWS is one of nine agencies certified by the US State Department to receive refugees. It is difficult not to be distracted by news reports, but it should be noted that it will be another two years before current Syrian exiles can be expected. Meanwhile, we seek to minister to a Brother or Sister from anywhere in the world who has made it through the process and arrives as a stranger in need. Please watch for announcements polling our congregation for specific needs. In the meantime, please include this mission in your prayers. Ask the Lord to guide us and ask how He wills each of us to participate.

Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project

Offerings to support the Migrant Hospitality Project are welcomed. Please mark "Migrant" on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

Are You Free for Service Sometime in April?

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

Are You Ready for Spring Cleaning?

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

Annual Report Available to View

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

Knotting Party

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

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

August 7th & 14th; September 18th; October 2nd & 9th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

May 29th; July 31st; August 7th, 14th & 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!

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.

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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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March 27, 2016

**Easter Message from Rev. Sharon S. Morris,
PSEC Associate Conference Minister**

I once had a cat named Puff, who had one blue eye and one brown eye. I loved Puff, but one day my Dad came home and broke the news—Puff had been hit by a car and he had buried him. My heart was broken. I cried for days—really I did!

A month later as I was playing in the yard, I looked up, and there walking toward me was Puff! I couldn't believe my eyes! I ran and picked up Puff and yelled to Mom and Dad, "Puff is alive!! He's alive!! There was no questioning, I believed, Puff was dead, but now he was in my arms and alive!

This Easter morning we shout, "He is alive! He is risen! He is risen indeed!" We stand at the empty tomb and we say, "He actually did it; it has come to pass; it is finished, Jesus Christ has done exactly what he said he was going to do." On Easter we believe the unbelievable; we believe that the impossible is possible; we simply see and believe.

What gives power and meaning to the broken body and shed blood is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Resurrection!!! If it were not for Easter morning, his suffering the days before would have been for naught. But because of Easter morning, Christ lives and so do we.

Are we a church of the resurrection or a church of "that's the way we have always done it?" My prayer is that we become resurrection people; Easter people; not just on Easter morning, but every day of the year. May we remember the power of the Holy Spirit and believe that the impossible can be possible!



Upcoming Events for and at Our Local Churches

Details: psec.org/category/local-events and * psec.org/category/conference-wide-events

New Goshenhoppen UCC Seeking **Camp Counselors** (posted 3-4-16)

Mar 29 – Spirit on Tap at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Reading

* **Apr 2 – Member in Discernment Day** at Zwingli UCC, Souderton

* **Apr 2 & 30 - Spouses & Partners of Clergy** Group Meeting in Reading

Apr 2 – Pork & Sauerkraut Fundraiser at New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville

Apr 3 - Joybells of Melmark at Zwingli UCC in Souderton

* **Apr 5 - Quiet Day** at New Goshenhoppen UCC in East Greenville

Apr 7 – The Phoebe Institute on Aging Spring Conference

Apr 9 – Relay for Life All-U-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at Calvary UCC in Barto

Apr 9 - Schuylkill Association Workshops at First UCC in Schuylkill Haven

Apr 10 – Praise Band Worship Service at Huff's Union Church in Alburtis

YOUTH - Apr 15-17 - PSEC SYE: Helping the World to Change at South Mountain YMCA Camp in Wernersville ([Register by Apr 3](#))

Apr 16 – Rummage Sale at St. James UCC in Limerick

Apr 30 – Inspirational Southern Gospel Music at Solomon's UCC in Perkasio

May 1 – Swing Dance at Zwingli UCC in Souderton

May 2 - Renewal Retreat for Mid-Career Clergy at Pendle Hill in Wallingford

* **May 3-5 Clergy Convocation** at DoubleTree in Lancaster ([Register by Mar 28](#))

* **May 14 – Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer Visits PSEC: Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism** Workshop ([Register by May 2](#))

* **May 21 – Committee on Ministry Training** in Boyertown (Register by May 16)

May 21 – Steinway Piano Celebration at Salem UCC in Doylestown

May 25 – Simple Gifts Music Program at Calvary UCC in Barto

* **Jun 10-12 – PSEC Spring Meeting** at West Chester University in West Chester ([Register by Mar 31 for early bird discount](#))

Jul 9-Aug 5 – Summer Camp 2016 at New Goshenhoppen Park in East Greenville

* **Aug 27 – Committee on Ministry Training** in Boyertown ([Register by Aug 22](#))

* **Oct 8 – Committee on Ministry Training** in Boyertown ([Register by Oct 3](#))

YOUTH - 2016 PSEC NYE Bus Registration, Scholarship Application, and T-shirt Order Deadlines: Scholarship Apply by Apr 4; Bus & T-shirt Register by May 27; Check for Bus to PSEC by Jun 4.

Saturdays 10 am – 5 pm **Homeless Outreach** at Trinity Reformed UCC in Pottstown

1st Sat of Month – **Informal, 5-pm Church Service** – Leesport

3rd Wed of Monthly – **Salem Prime Timers & Lunch** at Salem UCC in Doylestown

Tues Afternoons – **Quilting for a Cause** – Trinity Reformed UCC in Pottstown



Prayers are requested for First UCC in Spring City and Rev. Erick J. Kern, Jr.

Brunner's Bakery and Home Delivery
Back Porch Seminar
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center
Sunday, April 3, 2016, 2:30

The retail route salesman, those skilled sellers or hucksters, brought dairy products, baked goods, meats, and other items directly to your door. The regular visit of the home delivery driver-salesman provided one with the ease of shopping at home while spending a few minutes with a friend. It was an opportunity to share local items of interest, gossip, or hold solid debate on just about any issue.

Many folks remember the Metros, Divcos, and other unique looking vehicles that made up the fleets of the local businesses. The milkman made his delivery in the early hours. The baker brought fresh bread and sweet treats that were guaranteed to enhance kitchen tables (and waistlines). The butcher couldn't bring his products into your home for display, so he used his peculiar sounding horn to summon you to his vehicle.

One of the local businesses that gave us home delivery was Brunner's Bakery. Located at 246-248 Main Street in East Greenville, it was operated by Christian, John, and Joseph Brunner, Jr. for forty-two years.

According to a newspaper account, they came to East Greenville in 1927 when the bakery was purchased from Robert G. Mohr. They took it from a horse-drawn wagon business in 1927 to a thriving enterprise that employed over 100 area residents in the 1960s. The bakery ceased operations in 1969 and was sold a year later to a Philadelphia-based wholesale baking business.

This "Back Porch Seminar" will present an opportunity to hear from a panel of people who served the community with home deliveries. Hear about the challenges and adventures they faced as they made their deliveries, and some of the amusing stories that they accumulated during their years of service.

The panel will be moderated by Larry Roeder, who worked as a driver's helper in the early 1960s. The panel will include Joe Brunner, who worked as a driver-salesmen and was a son of one of the original co-owners, Joseph Brunner. In addition, Neil Brunner, driver-salesman and baker who is the son of another of the original co-owners, John Brunner.

Also on the panel will be men who worked as drivers and drivers helpers: Harold Schultz, a helper in the 1940s; Robert Christman, a helper from 1949 through 1952; and Arlen Christman, who worked as a driver from 1960 through 1964. This seminar promises to be a nostalgic and fun-filled trek into the past. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, March 27

- 7:00am Easter Dawn Worship Service
- 7:45am Covered Dish Breakfast Immediately Following Worship
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Easter Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 20:1 – 18)

Monday, March 28

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 29

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, March 30

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing at 2:00
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 31

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing at 2:00

Friday, April 1

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing at 2:00

Saturday, April 2

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, April 3

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are



PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Rev. John C. Dorhauer will be formally installed as the United Church of Christ's ninth general minister and president during a three-city worship service in mid-April. So members of our conferences can participate in this "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity, the Pennsylvania Southeast and Penn Northeast Conferences have joined together to provide bus transportation to the service in New York City on April 15.

The bus will depart from the **Pennsylvania Southeast Conference office**, 1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown PA 19464 at **3:30 pm** and travel to **Jerusalem Western Salisbury UCC**, 3441 Devonshire Road in Allentown PA 18103. The bus will depart from Allentown at **4:15 pm**.

Fee for the bus is \$30 per person. ***Bring food to eat on the bus for dinner.***

[Register online by April 3.](#)

PNEC participants should direct questions to Rev. Homer Royer Jr. at RevRoyer@ptd.net.

PSEC participants should direct questions to Tammie Wisniewski at tammie@psec.org.

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Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

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