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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015

PALM SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts Offering

Prayer

Prelude

“Ride On, Ride on In Majesty”

Lani Smith

***Call to Worship**

Blessed are those who delight in worship.

Blessed are the ones who come in God’s name.

Give thanks to God, all who assemble here.

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Let all who follow Christ sing God’s praise.

Because of God’s help, we are not disgraced.

Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter.

The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that our God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus!

Let every tongue welcome Christ’s reign! Hosanna!

***Hymn #203**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent. Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world, for we, its members, have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer! Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Mark 11:1 – 11 (NRSV p. 823; LP p. 1582 – 1583)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church No Children's Church Today

***Hymn #205** "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"

Sermon

Senior Choir Anthem "Blessed Is He" arr. Tom Fettke

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 Holy City" Stephen Adams

***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**

What you have done for us is marvelous in our eyes, gracious God. Our gifts can never match your goodness towards us. Your saving grace, your healing light, your personal sacrifice are so far beyond our imagining! We can only offer ourselves, all we have and all we are, in response to the coming of Christ Jesus. Hosanna in the highest! Receive, O God, our humble service. Amen.

***Hymn #204** "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

***Benediction**

Postlude "The Palms" Jean-Baptiste Faure

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in honor of Blake Master's 14th birthday by Kevin, Barb, and Brent.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Denise Marcoux Dolloff by the Dolloff 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:

Ray Hausman, 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

The online Bible Study will begin examining 1 Samuel 18 this week. Compare 1 Samuel 18:1 to Luke 10:27 and Leviticus 19:18. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

March Kindness Look-Out

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” Matthew 4:19 Thank you Deacons and congregation for keeping an eye out on our youth acting kind for the month of March ☺!

March Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Brent Master (3/1), Andrew Kriebel (3/20), Blake Master (3/30)

Happy 18th 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 is one more week to donate food for Open Link. Please feel free to bring items with you next Sunday. All youth who bring in food, please see Barb Master for a fish card punch.

Egg Hunt Donations

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

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

Join us after worship **today** in the adult Sunday school classroom for punch and pretzels as we wait for the egg hunt festivities to begin. The age categories are: 0 to 3 years old, 4 years thru 2nd grade, 3rd grade thru 6th grade, 7th 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. Thanks!

Teacher Egg Hunt

The teacher egg hunt took place this morning. The winning classroom will receive a Dunkin' Donut party on Sunday, April 12th. All classes will receive munchkins. Be sure to join us on that day!

Good Friday Walk

For all youth and adults, join us **this Friday**, April 3rd at 12 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 is 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 **this Friday**, April 3rd 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 1st so we can get a pizza count.

Easter Dawn Service

Please join us Easter morning for our Easter dawn service. And immediately following the completion of the worship service you are invited to stay and enjoy the covered dish breakfast.

Relay for Life Banner

Youth are invited to join us after worship on Sunday, April 12th, for a short planning meeting to design Palm's Relay for Life Banner. You don't have to be on the team to help.

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. **Today** is the last day that the candy will be on sale.

Portrayal of The Last Supper - The Passion Play

Join us **this evening** at Palm Church on Sunday, March 29th at 5:30pm for The Passion Play presented by members of Huff's Church, directed by Carl Arner. Huff's Church is proud to have shared 82 presentations of The Passion Play over the past 37 years. And now, Palm Church Deacons are excited to be able to share this with you. Admission is free.

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.

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

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!

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

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

Good Friday, April 3rd 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 5th
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

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March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday Message

Rev. Sharon Morris, PSEC Associate Conference Minister

Today we stand with Jesus and his disciples at the Mount of Olives, and we look down the road to Jerusalem preparing for our descent into the Holiest week in the life of the church. As we stand at the Mount of Olives and look down the road from Bethpage to Jerusalem, we see two roads. They are both clearly marked--one road is named Palm, the other is named Passion. They are two different roads that begin at the same place and end at the same place but what lies between the beginning and the end is different as night and day.

The road we most often travel on this day is the road called Palm. It is a day in the life of the church where we enter the courts with singing and there are shouts of loud hosannas. It is a day that we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where he will be crowned the King of Glory. We celebrate the humility of Jesus, the love of Jesus and all that Jesus stood for as he enters the city gates. Today is a festive day, as well it should be.

This Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday in the life of the church. Passion Sunday leads us straight down the path of the pain and suffering of Jesus Christ. The street named Passion is paved with the blood of Jesus, it is littered with a crown of thorns and the remains of a torn, bloody garment once worn by Christ.

It is very tempting to take the first exit we see off of the street named Passion back to Palm Street. It is tempting for us to find another way around the carnage that waits for us down the road, the carnage we call the cross. Yet we must resist.

The road taken by Christ reminds us of our Christian journeys as well. It would be nice if when God clicked on the GPS for our life's journey that it could be a journey of nothing but straight and well-maintained thoroughfares. It would be nice if we never had to encounter the blind corners of life's unknown, or the road rage of life's cruelty. It would be nice when the road we travel becomes rocky and rough, that we could simply turn off of Passion onto Palm and enjoy a smoother ride.

Today is a day of celebration. But let us be clear as to the source of our celebration. For what we celebrate is the person of Christ: "Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking on the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross."

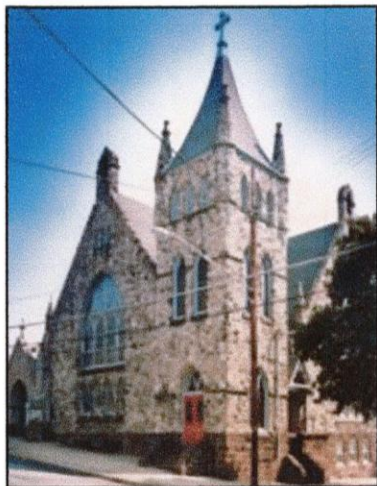


Prayers are requested for St. Andrew's UCC
in Reading and Rev. Michael A. Baal.

Getting to Know:

St. Andrew's UCC

1320 Spruce Street, Reading, PA 19602



St. Andrew's Church was organized March 19, 1891, by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman and members of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church. A corner lot at Spruce and Miller Streets in southeast Reading had been purchased in June, 1889, and in November, a cornerstone laid. The first worship service was held in the basement (the plaster was still drying in the church nave) on November 30, 1890, the feast of St. Andrew. By the time the congregation was officially launched, two-thirds of the cost of the building was paid, and arrangements had been made for the first pastor, a recent Lancaster Seminary graduate, to be called.

As a neighborhood church, St. Andrew's has always provided space for community activities. Boy scouts, girl scouts, and campfire girls; voters and poll workers; and GED instructors and students are among those who have been welcomed in the past. For more than a quarter century now, the Living Room Group of Narcotics Anonymous has gathered in the social hall every Wednesday evening. Discipulando las Naciones Church, a non-denominational congregation, has occupied much of the available space in the building for the past several years.

St. Andrew's regularly helps address community needs. We contribute monthly to the East Reading Food Pantry, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and offer annual gifts to Reading - Berks Habitat for Humanity, which has rehabilitated houses in our neighborhood. We joined with City Reach Church to provide backpacks of school supplies for neighborhood children last fall, donated funds for low-income children to enroll in Reading's summer recreation program, and offered financial support to help City Light Ministries continue their homeless shelter ministry.

The people of St. Andrew's Church took up candy making as a fellowship/fundraising activity in the 1950's. Each year, under the auspices of the Women of St. Andrew's, church, members and friends help support the church's mission by producing homemade, hand-coated candy for the Easter and Christmas holidays.

Two interesting bits of historical trivia: St. Andrew's first pastor, the Rev. Stanley L. Krebs, was originally selected to serve Calvary Church, Reading, as its organizing pastor, but he came down with typhoid fever as he was completing his studies at Lancaster Seminary and had to withdraw from that project. Some months later he had recovered and was chosen to organize St. Andrew's congregation. Rev. Krebs remarried in his later years; his second wife was the Broadway actress Marjorie Main, who after his death went to Hollywood and achieved great fame playing "Ma Kettle" in a series of popular films for Universal Studios.

Portrayal of the Last Supper



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Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association **Car Show, Bake Sale & More!** **Saturday, May 2nd, 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

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This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, March 30

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29)

Tuesday, March 31

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 31:9-16)
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop

Wednesday, April 1

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Philippians 2:5-11)
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(John 13:1-7, 31b-35)
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council
- 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 3

12:00pm Good Friday Walk

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(John 18: 1 – 19:37)

1:00pm Good Friday Worship Service @ St. Mark's Lutheran

2:00pm Fellowship @ McDonald's Following Worship

6:00pm Family Movie Night

Saturday, April 4

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 19:38-42)

Sunday, April 5

7:00am Easter Sunday Dawn Worship Service

{Covered Dish Breakfast Immediately Following Worship Service}

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Easter Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Mark 16:1-8)

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Ministers: All Church Members

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Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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