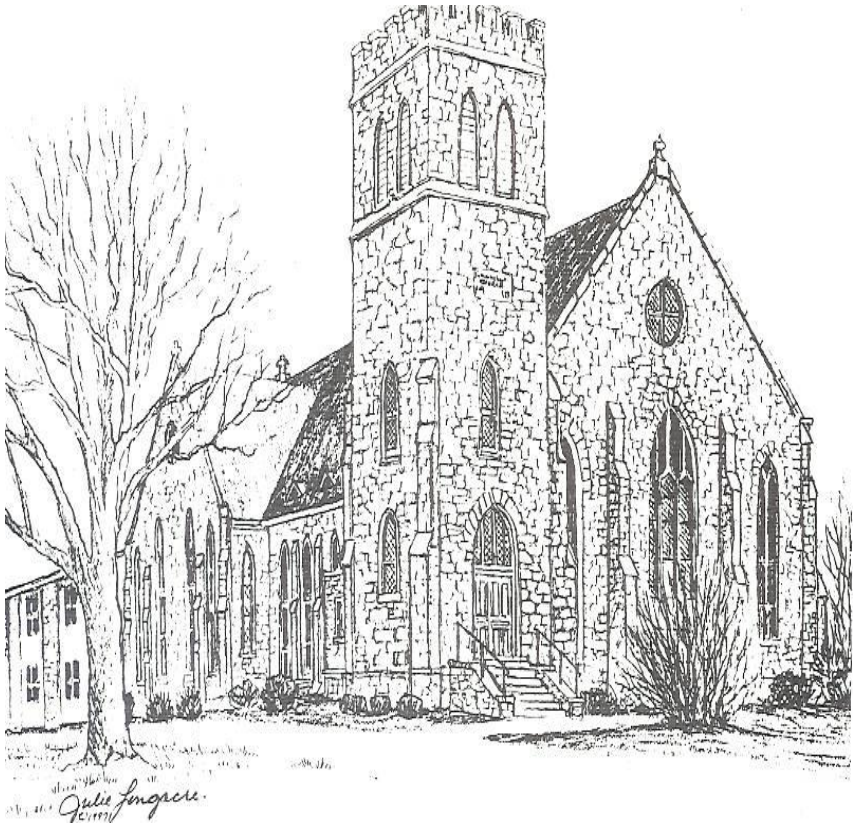


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2014

“A” CHOIR

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Dale Wood

***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 #522**

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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 to 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

Scripture

Psalm 23 (NRSV p. 435 – 436; LP p. 855)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

No Children’s Church Today

***Hymn #615**

“The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well”

Upper Perk “A” Choir Directed by Dr. Mark Thomas

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 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” James Boeringer

*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

*Choral Benediction

Postlude “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Dale Wood

*All those who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored by Waldo and Lena Johnson in thanksgiving for their 63rd wedding anniversary.

The flowers are presented by Kevin and Barb Master in honor of Blake Master, Happy 13th Birthday.

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:

Wanda Gentry, Bob O'Donnell, Jane Shermer, Sue Carlin, Bryan Schwoyer, Charlie Krauss, Kelsie Josie, Jonathan Fox, Margaret Wallinger, Judy Miller, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Vera Boykin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Barbara & John Kirwin, Karen Freed, Clark Schultz, Brad Hoffman, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Harold Smoll, Robert Margerum, Mary and Harold Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, 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.

Bible Study

The oath of fasting that King Saul imposed on the people in 1 Samuel 14:24 is the topic for this week's online Bible Study. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday, Blake Master (3/30)

Happy Birthday, Parker Morasco (4/5)

YouVersion for Kids

The children's church kids had a great time exploring 8 Bible stories. They collected items along the way such as, the Shield of Faith, Belt of Truth, Good News Shoes and others. Bible questions were also answered along the way. A new story will be available soon.

Plastic Easter Eggs

Thank you for filling eggs for the youth egg hunt. Please return all filled eggs by Sunday, April 6th.

Youth Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

The Youth Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13th, at 11:30am. Meet in the Adult SS classroom (located next to the church office) for punch and pretzels before we begin. Bring your Easter baskets! Volunteers are needed that morning at 8:30am to hide the eggs. Please let Barb Master know if you can volunteer. Thanks.

Son of God Movie

Youth 13 and older are invited to the Grand Theater on Sunday, April 6th, at 2:00pm to watch the Son of God movie. Admission is free for youth. Please see Lisa Stitt or Barb Master if interested.

Teacher Egg Hunt

During opening devotions on April 13th, all classroom teachers will compete in an egg hunt to win a Dunkin' donut party for their classroom. Come watch the fun! Youth are needed that morning at 8:30am to hide the eggs. Please let Barb Master know if your children are able to help.

Good Friday Walk

Everyone is invited to join us in a spiritual walk starting at New Goshenhoppen Church and ending at St. Mark's Church with a worship service. After worship we will go to McDonald's for fellowship and free refreshments for the youth. Please be at New Goshenhoppen Church on Friday, April 18th, by 11:50 a.m. If you need transportation, please contact Barb Master. A parent or older sibling must accompany any children under age 11. This walk is appropriate for younger children, but if you are using a stroller it may be better to start at either St. Philip Neri School or Pennsburg UCC. Please see Barb Master with any questions. We hope to see you there!

March Challenge

Today is the last day for choir members to catch kids being kind. Thank you for participating. Tune in next Sunday for the April challenge.

Relay Banner Making

The following dates are scheduled to make the Relay for Life team banner: Sunday, April 6th, after worship, Friday May 2nd, 6:00pm, and Sunday May 4th, after worship. Please pack a lunch for both Sunday's.

VBS

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22nd to June 26th. Currently, we are looking for a crafts leader, 3 group leaders to take the kids around, and some registration table volunteers for the beginning of each night. Any volunteers who are not available for every night, that's okay. Let us know which nights you can help. See Barb Master.

Donations of Finger Foods

After the Community Lenten Service held at Palm Schwenkfelder Church on April 9th, 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.

Goodie Boxes

The Goodie Boxes have been mailed and we hope that our nine college students and two young adults in the military are enjoying their packages. A big THANK YOU to everyone in the congregation who signed the greeting cards or put a personal note in the boxes. A special THANK YOU to Stauffer Glove & Safety for so generously offering to again ship all of our packages. Thank you to the following people who made a monetary donation to offset the cost of the "goodies" –

Jeff and Luanne Stauffer, Edmund and Grace Kuhns, Richard and Merris Ann Hoffman, Jean Ross, Dan and Gail Ferry, Eugene Dolloff, Shirley Miller, Debra Callodonato, Kevin and Barb Master, Ed and Kathy Bieler, Kevin and Karen Schultz

Candy! Candy!! Candy!!!

The Ladies' Aid is once again planning to make their famous candy for the Easter season. We will be making peanut butter and coconut eggs along with a few other sweet surprises! There is much work involved with this project so we need as many helping hands as we can get. Please consider coming out for a time of fun and fellowship in helping to make the candy. We will be making the candy on April 3rd and 4th, (Thursday and Friday). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex---we hope to see your name written on it!!! Thanks! The candy will be sold on Sunday April 6th and Sunday, April 13th.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949, millions of Christians have participated in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), which will be held on March 30, 2014. The special collection is to share God's message of love and hope with individuals in over 100 countries, who seek assistance through life-altering programs, such as disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. The 2014 theme is "Faith Endures", and it reminds us that when we face life's most devastating challenges we can continue to find strength through our faith in God, our community, and ourselves. OGHS envelopes will be available in the bulletins on today and next Sunday, March 30th. *"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts..." (Romans 5:5)*

Relay For Life Luminaria

On Saturday, May 17th, at dusk, at Upper Perkiomen High School, the Relay For Life of Upper Perkiomen will remember and honor loved ones through the luminaria ceremony. Luminaria will line the track. Luminaria are candle lit bags; each luminaria is lit in honor or memory of someone who has battled cancer. The honorees names are prominently displayed on the bags. As participants walk through the night, the luminaria remind and inspire them that the fight against cancer is about real people in the Upper Perkiomen Valley community. Luminaria forms are available in the Narthex.

Relay For Life Super Raffle

It's time for the "Super Raffle"!!! This has proven to be one of our largest and most popular Relay For Life fundraisers, bringing in over \$1,000 each year for the American Cancer Society. Once again, we are asking for your generosity in supplying raffle prizes. To sponsor one of our "grand prizes" please speak to any relay team member. Hand crafted items, collectibles and gift certificates are also always popular. Any item donated is gratefully accepted. Thank you in advance for your support in this very important mission project. Raffle tickets will be sold from mid-April till the end of the 2014 Relay Event. The Upper Perkiomen Relay For Life will take place on May 17th – 18th at the Upper Perkiomen High School.

Candy Tubes

Just a reminder that the money-filled candy tubes benefiting the Relay for Life Team should be placed in the basket labeled "Relay for Life Coin Tubes" on the bench in the Narthex.

Office Hours

Over the next several weeks, there will be days when the church office will be closing early, at 2:00pm. Please check the calendar on our website for the office hours.

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.

Check Out Our Updated Church Website

Have you looked recently at www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com? You will find it has changed and includes a lot of new helpful features. Our home page is an invitation to “Get Started,” “Get Connected,” and to “Get Involved.” You will also find our “Upcoming Events,” “News” and “Recent Facebook Posts” on the home page. Send your friends and family to our webpage where they can explore more “About” our “History,” “Present” and “Affiliation” or “Meet” our congregation and staff. Particularly helpful will be our “Calendar” where you can check out when and at what time things are happening. If you missed church or didn't carry home your bulletin, you can find the weekly bulletin under “Media” as well as our newsletters and photos. Do you need to contact the church office or want to let a friend know how to get to Palm or to one of the other Schwenkfelder sites in South Eastern PA? You can send them to our “Contact Us” page which includes lots of information, phone and email addresses as well as interactive maps. You can also find, to download, our building use forms on that page. Let us know what you think of our updated website and we hope that it will be helpful as we all work together *“To Proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.”*

Bulletin and Flower Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins.

We have openings for flower sponsorships on:

May 4th and 18th, June 1st, 8th, and 22nd

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 1st, 8th, and 22nd

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!

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1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464

484-949-8774

March 30, 2014

Church Break-Ins

Due to the recent increase in church burglaries in our area, we are sharing this document prepared by Tammie Wisniewski, PSEC Financial Operations Manager.

1. DO NOT leave money in the church; always make deposits immediately following any kind of a service or event where money is collected. IF you must leave money at the church, use a safe that is bolted to the floor.
2. Install motion sensitive lights-thieves do not like to be in the spotlight.
3. Turn all computer monitors OFF at the end of each day. The glow from a monitor is sure evidence that a computer is located inside that room.
4. If you have a security system, upgrade it to include motion sensitive cameras. If you don't have a security system, consider installing one.
5. If you have copper pipes, paint or tin them. This makes them useless to recycle facilities.
6. Cable lock your laptop to the desk. Although a cable can be broken, it makes it more difficult for a burglar to take and might deter him long enough to chase him away.
7. Keep outside doors locked when holding meetings. Often burglars will get in to a building while there is a meeting and will hide until everyone leaves.
8. Make regular back-ups of your hard drives. If your computer is stolen, at least you will have all your data to restore to another computer. Also, use a two-tiered password system or data encryption to protect sensitive information stored on your computer.
9. Protect the area around your air conditioners with theft deterrent cages and tamper resistant screws. Also, there are audible alarms that will sound if an attempt is made to move an outside AC unit or if they cut a line that results in the loss of refrigerant.
10. Keep all landscaping away from places where a burglar might attempt to break in. Do not give them a place to hide.
11. Look at the most valuable possessions in your church. What can you do to protect them? Is your insurance coverage high enough to replace them, if they are taken?
12. Look at your deductible. Would it be worth the price of your deductible to implement some safety measures?

There is no way to stop burglars from breaking in. However, if you make it difficult enough to get in, it might make them reconsider. If they do get in, the harder it is for them to find what they are looking for, the better the chance that they will get spooked and leave empty handed. Keep this in mind when considering the safety of your church valuables.

Conversation and Care for All

with Rev. Wanda D. Craner, Acting Conference Minister, PSEC

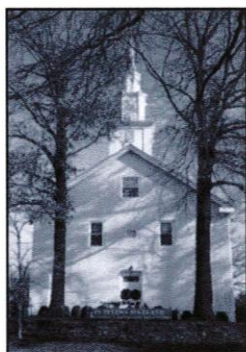
YOU ARE INVITED to Conversations and Care for All with Rev. Wanda D. Craner, PSEC Acting Conference Minister on **April 27** at 7 pm at Trinity UCC, 101 S Main St. in Telford 18969. Register online by April 15 at psec.org. For assistance call Marge at 484-949-8774 x311 or marge@psec.org.



Getting to Know:

St. Peter's Pikeland UCC

1193 Clover Mill Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425



St. Peter's is located on a picturesque hillside in Chester Springs. The current building was built in 1835, though the congregation began in 1812 in an earlier church, shared with our Lutheran sisters and brothers. The Rev. Jesse Knipe, well known as a church-starter in this area, served St. Peter's from 1830-1882. Sunday morning worship is a traditional worship service, always with an emphasis on the Good News of saving grace. Our energetic choir and bell choir bless worship throughout the year.

The St. Peter's church family puts a lot of energy into supporting a number of non-profits, both locally and internationally. Of course, we support Lancaster Theological Seminary and Bethany Children's Home. We also support charities in the Phoenixville area. Internationally, we have been strong supporters of Heifer International, and Room to Read, through which we raise funds for girls' education. Our Sewing Circle ladies, along with the Pickering Valley Guild, donate thousands of sewn, knit, and bought items annually.

If you are ever in the area, Pastor Doug will be happy to give you a personal tour of our "little white church on the hill." To learn more, visit our website: stpeterspikeland.org



Prayers are requested for St. Peter's Pikeland UCC in Chester Springs and Rev. Douglas E. Hanson.

LADIES AID EASTER FLOWERS
ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY MARCH 30, 2014

	<u>Quantity</u>	<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 availability)			
Yellow	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Pink	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Red	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
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 20, 2014.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 2nd
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 13th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th
(Communion Service)
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th 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 20th
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

Summer Camp 2014

At New Goshenhoppen Park



Offering Children and youth a place to enjoy the outdoors and learn about God's Love

Day Camp Programs

\$150 (\$125 if received before May 31st)

Children Ages K- 12 years old

- Kids Camp 1: July 7-11
- Jr. Arts Camp: July 14-18
- Jr. Christmas in July Camp: July 21-25
- Kids Camp 2: July 28-August 1

Teens Ages 13-17

- Sr. Arts Camp: July 14-18
- Sr. Christmas in July Camp: July 21-25

Day Camp is held at the Church Park in East Greenville, offering children a variety of activities focused around the teachings of Jesus and appreciation for the outdoors.



Overnight Camp Programs

Grandparent's Weekend:

July 12-13

\$50 (\$40 if registered before May 31st)

Teen Scene at French Creek State Park

August 7-10

Ages 13-17 years

\$175 (\$150 if registered before May 31st)

Bicycle Camp: "Biking for Spiritual Exercise"

August 3-6

Teens and adults, 13 years and older.

Open to all skill levels

\$200 (\$175 if registered before May 31st)

Camping Scholarships are Available!!

Visit our website at www.newgoshucc.org, call the church office at 215-679-2041, or email Camp Director Chelsea Cornwell at camp@newgoshucc.org for more information!



SPRING MEETING

*The Ursinus Association
of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference
of the United Church of Christ
Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2014,
at the Reformed Church of the Ascension,
on Main Street in Jeffersonville,
just west of Norristown*

*The Rev. Lynn Wetzel, chaplain at
Bethany Children's Home,
assisted by some young people from Bethany,
will present the program*

5:30 - Registration

*6:00 - A delicious supper served by
the people of Christ UCC, Norristown, and
the Reformed Church of the Ascension.*

*Worship Program: Bethany Children's Home
Business Meeting*

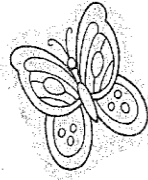
*Reservations for the supper may be made by
calling Ascension Church at 610-539-1693.*

The price is \$6.00.

*In addition to the pastor and two delegates, other members
of each congregation and their youth groups and
confirmation classes are encouraged to attend this
interesting meeting.*

Spring Craft

Bazaar



Pennsburg UCC

775 Main St, Pennsburg

Saturday, April 5, 2014

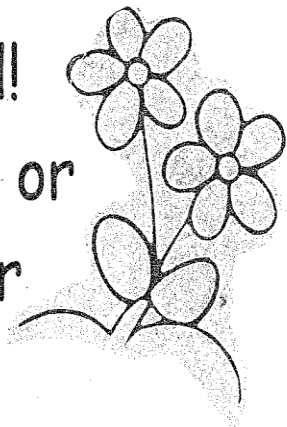
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Crafters needed!

Call 610 850-1209 or

215 872-3692 or

215 679-8105



Homemade Easter Treats
Crafts - Bake Sale - Lunch
Handmade Jewelry - Scarves

Our Schedule: March 30 Through April 6, 2014

Sunday, March 30, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School
10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service
Last Day to Purchase Easter Flowers

Monday, March 31, 2014

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

8:00 a.m.: Quilters
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.: Office Closing Early
1:00 p.m.: Ladies' Aid Meeting
6:30 p.m.: Senior Bells
7:00 p.m.: Boy Scouts Meeting
7:00 p.m.: Daisies
7:30 p.m.: Senior Choir

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open
5:30 p.m.: Children's Choir
6:00 p.m.: Junior Bells
7:30 p.m.: Community Lenten Service at St. Mark's Pennsburg

Thursday, April 3, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open
9:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Ladies' Aid Making Easter Candy
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Ladies' Aid Making Easter Candy
7:00 p.m.: Deacons Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Church Office Open
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Ladies' Aid Making Easter Candy
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Ladies' Aid Making Easter Candy (if necessary)

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Sunday, April 6, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School
9:30 a.m.: Sunday School Fire Drill
10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service

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Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master (484) 358-1684

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Ushers: Karl Badman, Rick Jones, Kay Kleppinger. Richard Kleppinger

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