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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

EASTER SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude & Choral Introit “Because He Lives”
(Ethel Soffa, pianist)

arr. Joel Raney

***Call to Worship**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

This is the day the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn #251**

“Thine Is the Glory”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We cannot truly worship you, loving God, until we recognize how unloving we have been. We cannot truly live until we admit the many ways we have been dwelling in death. We cannot know forgiveness until we honestly face the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. We admit before you now the anger and spite we have carried in our hearts, the doubts and fears we have allowed to paralyze us, the misplaced priorities that have led us away from your will and way. Help us break down the barriers we have erected so we can experience new life today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Mark 16: 1 – 8 (NRSV p. 829 – 830; LP p. 1595)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church No Children's Church Today

***Hymn #254**

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

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

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Lani Smith

*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

**By your hand, O God, we have been blessed with life, with food,
with refreshment, with hope. Day by day you are saving us,
healing our brokenness, calling forth our gifts, granting us
strength to serve with Christ as a part of your revelation to the
world. Thank you, God, for times of resurrection. Thank you
for this day of celebration. We dedicate ourselves anew with
our offering. Amen.**

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.

Senior Choir Anthem "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arr. Hal Hopson
Congregation Joining to Sing Hymn #234
(All Those Who Are Able Please Rise for Verse 4)

***Benediction**

Postlude "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" David Paxton

*All those who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of Helen Miller's birthday by Marguerite Fries.

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

The Badman Family
Ed & Kathy Bieler
Gladys Frantz
Gladys Frantz
Anne Goda & Daryl Leh
Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman
Alex & Joanne Jalowy
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Barbara Kirwin
Barbara Kirwin
Richard & Kay Kleppinger
Andrew & Sandra Kriebel
Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Kuhns
Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Kuhns
Kevin & Barbara Master
Thelma McNeal
Marianne Miller
Marianne Miller
Marianne Miller
Shirley & Kenny Miller
Joan Pusey
Marilyn Roznowski
Marilyn Roznowski
Frank & Ethel Soffa
Carol & Dave Woodward

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Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman

Andrew & Sandra Kriebel

Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Kuhns
Tom & Tammy Long
Kevin & Barb Master
Walt & Lillian Master

Joan Pusey

Frank & Ethel Soffa

In Memory Of

Wes Ashenfelder
Our Parents
Earl Frantz
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Weber
Barbara R. Goda
Our Parents
Marie Hartman
Donald Hartman
Alexander Jalowy, Sr.
Anna & Earl Scherer
John Kirwin
Our Parents
Our Parents
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kuhns
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Long
Our Loved Ones
Esther & Earl Tyson
Alta & James Miller
Helen & Floyd Kleckner
Mabel & Benjamin Boyer
Neil Gery
My Parents and My Husband
Austin Fox
Andrew Roznowski
Our Parents
Loved Ones

In Honor Of

Our Palm Church Family
Our Parents
Kerm Goda
Richard & Merle Leh
Our Children
 and Grandchildren
Our Children
 and Grandchildren
The Kenneth Kuhns Family
Our Parents and Children
Our Loved Ones
Our Children
 and Grandchildren
My Children
 and Grandchildren
Our Children
 and Grandchildren

... 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 First Church Worship Center.

Bible Study

This week's online Bible Study will take a broad look at 1 Samuel 18. Add to the discussion by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

April Kindness Look-Out

Ladies' Aid and Men of Palm☺, Please help us be on the look-out for our Palm youth acting kind. Punch cards are located in the Narthex. You may punch the fish card yourself or you may ask the youth to punch their fish card. Thank you for helping! **"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"**
Matthew 4:19

April Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Parker Morasco (4/5), Pierce Wright (4/10)

Teacher Egg Hunt

Thank you, teachers, for participating! The kids really enjoyed the friendly competition. Teachers for the 5th and 6th grade class, Liz Kennedy and Sally Muse, won the Dunkin' Donut party for their class, great job! All classes will enjoy munchkins. The donut party will be on Sunday, April 19th, so be sure to join us on that Sunday.

Lenten Food Drive

Today is the last day to donate to Open Link for the Lenten food drive. However, the boxes are always in the Narthex closet if you wish to make a food donation at any time. Thank you for all your donations. All youth who bring in food, please see Barb Master for a fish card punch. "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

Relay for Life Banner

Youth are invited to join us after worship on Sunday, April 19th for a short planning meeting to design Palm's Relay for Life Banner. You don't have to be on the team to help.

Goodie Boxes 2015

The Goodie Boxes have been mailed and we hope that our six college students and three young adults in the military are enjoying their packages and cards. This year we literally mailed our greetings around the world – Hawaii, Rome, Michigan, California, Kutztown, University Park, Arizona, New York, and Maryland! A big THANK YOU to everyone in the congregation who signed the greeting cards or sent a personal note. A special THANK YOU to Stauffer Glove & Safety for so generously offering to again ship all of our packages. Thank you to everyone who made a monetary donation to offset the cost of the “goodies” – your generosity is very much appreciated! (Boxes/cards sent to Matthew Guldin, Alyssa Guldin, Adam Walter, Christal Horn, Phillip Badman, Seth Kuhns, Whitney Leh, Lauren Schultz and Kasey Schultz)

Spread The Word About Palm

Are you on Facebook? Did you know the church has our own Facebook page? Please consider “LIKING” our Facebook page to see the weekly happenings at church – and enjoy occasional inspirational messages. If you already follow the church’s Facebook page – please consider asking your fellow “Facebook Friends” to like our page, so they too can see our upcoming events and enjoy our church’s activities. Thank you.

Thank You

Thank you to all the members of the congregation who sent me sympathy cards and well wishes to me for my life here at Frederick Living. Grace Beard

SLHC Brown Bag Lecture Series

This Wednesday, April 8th, at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear about the Schwenkfelder Heritage Tour 2014 with David Luz and Allen Viehmeyer. Meet the people we met; see the places we visited in Germany and Poland with the most recent snapshots of Twardocice, Ossig, Jelenia Góra, Berthelsdorf, Herrnhut, Berlin, and many places and friends. You’ll be able to see photos from the 2014 Heritage Tour, September 24 - October 10, with comments by Dave and Allen.

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Committee focus is to ensure optimum communication between the congregation and Pastor Nick and to that end, encourages questions or comments. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee: Jeff Stauffer, Dave Woodward, Gail Ferry, Lil Master, Ray Hausman, Doug Wallinger, Jean Ross, or David Luz. The next meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee will be held **next Sunday, April 12th**, after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

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 this coming 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.

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April 5, 2015

Easter Message from Rev. William P. Worley PSEC Conference Minister

Easter is the highlight of the church year, the biggest celebration of them all, after which I can't help but ask, "So now what?" After the intensity of Holy Week, the sorrow followed by the joy, where do we go from here?

We go back to the work of living, of cleaning up the flowers, of straightening up after the party, and seeing the usual people on Sunday mornings. It's hard not to feel a little sad that every Sunday can't be like Easter. But my, what if it was? What if we came to church every Sunday to a similar experience of energy, joy and expectation; that on *this Sunday* and the next and everyone thereafter, our God of resurrection is really going to show up? I can't help but wonder if that would transform our Easter-only visitors into every-Sunday attenders?

Easter is a Son that never sets, but true to the form of every mystery, it's hard to hang to. It's always half-hidden to our hearts, and so hard to sustain for very long.

It took a while before the disciples stopped mistaking Jesus for a gardener. It took more than one visit to the tomb, more than one search of the garden, more than one good cry in the dark before they began to see. And in seeing, began to live the resurrection every day. It changed their lives, the lives of the people around them and eventually, the world.

The resurrection will change us today, if only for moment. But sometimes those moments, strung together, are enough to change the world. May it be so for you and for me and the people we love.



Getting to Know:

St. Peter's UCC

427 Dietrich Avenue, Orwin, PA 17980

St. Peter's, Orwin began as a Lutheran and Reformed Church in 1856, and is one of the oldest churches in our vicinity. The Village of Orwin is located in the southwestern corner of Schuylkill County in Porter Township. This year Pastor Maureen Duffy-Guy accepted the call to shepherd our flock. Pastor Maureen also serves Trinity UCC in neighboring Tower City. St. Peter's regularly receives the 5 for 5 Award for contributing to all five United Church of Christ offerings.



Three confirmands joined St. Peter's as new members this Spring. The photo shows members of the 1st and 2nd year confirmation class students with mentors on a weekend retreat at Camp Hebron.

God has blessed us at St. Peter's, and we in turn bless others. St Peter's hosts the Tower City Stamper Group, who create greeting cards of all types to give to residents of nursing homes and others. The prayer shawl knitters have been clicking their needles for several years, presenting comforting prayer shawls to over 300 folk. The Ladies Aid Society and Breakfast club meet monthly providing support in many ways to worship, fundraising and social events. St. Peter's Congregation generously contributes to OCWM and many local charities and organizations. St. Peter's is handicapped accessible and has ample parking. We met our budget last year, and average attendance this year so far is 54! Children and adults enjoy Sunday school. Our Bible study with Trinity UCC welcomes all to a monthly breakfast out. We have a rich history, and we count our blessings, knowing God always has more blessings to give!



Prayers are requested for St. Peter's UCC in Orwin and Rev. Maureen Duffy-Guy.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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)

Monday, April 6

- 11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, April 7

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 8

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series @ SLHC
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 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, April 9

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

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 12

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting Following Worship
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

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Ministers: All Church Members

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Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master

Greeter: Kevin Master

Ushers: Alex Jalowy, Joanne Jalowy, Barb Master, Kevin Master

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