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SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Edward Broughton

***Call to Worship**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

God has turned mourning into dancing; we are girded with gladness and will thank God forever.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #250**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into the household of faith
through the sacrament of Baptism,

Isabelle Mae Tomlin

Daughter of Matthew and Jackie Tomlin
Godparents Christopher and Natalie Tomlin

Welcome

Address

Questions of the candidates

***Congregational Response**

**We receive this child as a new person in Christ.
We offer our understanding and support as she explores
life. We enfold this child in our love, seeking together to
grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all
people. We join with these parents in telling the gospel in
our midst so that this child may live with us for Christ,
showing forth His love for all people.**

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Prayer

Introduction to the Congregation

Welcome by Deacon

Scripture Acts 9:1 – 6 (NRSV p. 893; LP p. 1717)
John 21:1 – 19 (NRSV p. 883 – 884; LP p. 1698 – 1699)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Liz Kennedy Rainbow Bells

***Hymn #233** “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

Sermon “You Want Us To Do What?”

Senior Choir Anthem “It Is Well with My Soul” arr. John Ness Beck

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.**

Mission Moment Bill Brown
Executive Director of Advanced Living Communities

Call to Offering

***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**

We bring our offerings to feed your lambs and tend your sheep, gracious God. May these gifts extend love in the form of food, pure water, shelter, and acceptance. Let them provide outreach to the world and opportunities for growth within this congregation. Help us to focus on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world. Amen.

***Hymn #239**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Balint Karosi

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Gayle Wallinger by Eric and Sasha Wallinger.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Claude A. Schultz, Jr. by Jean and Gregory Ross, and Barbara and Gerry Colvin.

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:

Reverend Ron Krick, Ray Fox, Jean Gentry, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, David Dotterer, Edmund Kuhns, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Mary Steltz, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, 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 the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center.

Bible Study

The online Bible Study will continue Halftime reflections on the Book of 1 Samuel, upon Samuel's death. This week, we will reflect on the Book's main character, the LORD. Take part 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.

April Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday...

Parker Morasco (4/05) Aubrey Reinert (4/12), Joseph Kinsler (4/13)

Happy 18th Birthday to Pierce Wright (4/10)

Bible App for Kids – A Call to Action!

Great job to the youth for following along with the Bible stories for Easter! Look for more Bible stories to follow on the bulletin board.

Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

Current plans: Beauty Begins: Making Peace With Your Reflection, Hungry for God: Biblical Reflections on Food, 7 Laws Of Love, A Daily Word For Parents with Ron Hutchcraft, Acts of Repentance

Teens ~ Current plans: Switch TV Presents: ReNew, Set Apart, Anger, Identity, How To Be The Church

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

Continue to meet in the Adult SS room at 9am for a devotional, memory verse, and song.

Egg Hunt Thank You

Thank you to the Congregation, Sunday School teachers, and volunteers who helped to make another great egg hunt successful! Congratulations to the 5th and 6th grade class (teachers: Liz Kennedy and Sally Muse) for winning the Dunkin' Donut party!

Open Link Food Drive

Thank you to everyone for contributing toward the 94 items that were collected for Open Link during Lent. "Food is a gift to be gratefully received and generously shared. It is a gift because it has been given us by God." (N. Wirzba, *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating*, Cambridge University Press, 2012)

Movie Outing

Join us Saturday, April 16th for lunch out and the movie *God's Not Dead 2* at the Regal Richland Crossing in Quakertown. It is a PG movie. Parents with children in 4th grade or below must chaperone. Lunch and admittance to the movie are free for all youth. All adults and chaperones attending will need to pay for their lunch and movie. Our meeting time will be determined once the updated movie schedule is released.

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.

Migrant Hospitality Project Action Update

The Migrant Hospitality Project went on alert for our first household on April 1st. Thank you for your prayers and donations that made this possible. Donations are still in order for household #2. Volunteers are always welcome, even for household #1. Please keep us in your prayers for a safe and successful mission.

Brown Bag Lecture Series at SLHC

Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center this Wednesday, April 13th, at noon to hear a presentation by Candace Perry entitled *How the Pretzel Survived Prohibition, and other Twisted Tales*. One of the most significant contributions of the Pennsylvania Germans to the American food is the pretzel. But when "zwei lager und ein pretzel" (two beers and a pretzel) were outlawed, the fate of the pretzel may have been doomed. SLHC curator Candace Perry will discuss how the pretzel survived prohibition and became one of America's favorite snack foods, plus a brief history of pretzel making in Pennsylvania and more in this illustrated lecture.

Election Day Bake Sale

The Ladies' Aid Society is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 26th. Donations of baked goods are needed. Smaller items such as cupcakes, muffins, breakfast cakes and cookies are especially popular on Election Day. Please bring donations to the church Monday evening after 7:00 p.m., or on Tuesday morning. Thank you!

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Committee's 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 Sunday, April 24th, after the worship service, in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

Chester County Migrant Ministries Donations Drive

Since the 1970s, migrant farm workers, and their families, have arrived in the area to harvest a variety of crops. Most of these migrants live and work year-round in the area, and they arrive with very little to their names. Typically, they come unprepared for the colder northern temperatures. In addition, the majority have not learned English, which makes it difficult to ask for help and receive various services. Palm Schwenkfelder Church participates in the annual drive to collect basic necessities. Palm Schwenkfelder Mission Board would like to invite you to participate in our annual drive, from **today through May 22, 2016**.

Current needs include:

Health Kits: Toothbrushes/toothpaste, bath towels, wash cloths, disposable razors, soap (Ivory, med. size), pocket mirrors, toilet paper, plastic coffee cups, heavy plastic ware, shaving cream, combs and women's feminine products.

Other items needed: new/used blankets (used blankets must be clean and in good condition), first aid kits, paperbacks, Spanish/English dictionaries, and Bibles. Please place all items at the Migrant Ministry Display by **Sunday, May 22, 2016**. Furthermore, a list of necessities will be posted on the Mission Board's information center in the Narthex. Thank you for your assistance, as all donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated. *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" Hebrews 13:16.*

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!

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.

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Interviewing potential Staff

Article from Tammie Wisniewski, PSEC Financial Operations Manager, tammie@psec.org

Churches, like any other employers, are not allowed to discriminate and this applies generally to both lay and ordained positions. During job application interviews, care must be exercised in asking questions. In 1994, the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) issued guidelines for interviews. Below are some general rules as to questions that may be asked during interviews:

- Are you able to perform specific job-related functions?
- Can you meet the attendance requirements of the job?
- How many days of leave did you take last year?
- Do you use illegal drugs? Have you ever been convicted of illegal drug use, sale or possession?

According to the EEOC, here is a sample of questions that you may **NOT** ask during an interview:

- Do you have any type of disability or mental health issues?
- How many days were you sick last year?
- Have you ever filed a workers' compensation claim?
- Have you ever been addicted to drugs?
- Are you taking prescription drugs?

In addition to this list there are questions that have been found to be discriminatory by courts:

- Age, year of graduation, or dates of school attendance.
- Height or weight, color of eyes, hair, complexion.
- Does one own a car?

There are many more questions that you cannot ask. Use your best judgment or seek legal advice. If it seems it may be construed as discriminatory, it probably is.

Hiring: Employment begins with an "offer letter" or "contract," which specifies the terms of employment and any conditions. Many churches offer a position with just a handshake. Nevertheless, the prospective employee deserves to know the terms of employment to include such details as salary/wage, working hours, job description, reporting relationship and such details not otherwise contained in your employee manual.

Employment-at-Will: All employees are employees-at-will. Nothing in your manual should be construed as a guarantee that any employee's employment will continue for any specified period of time or end under certain conditions.

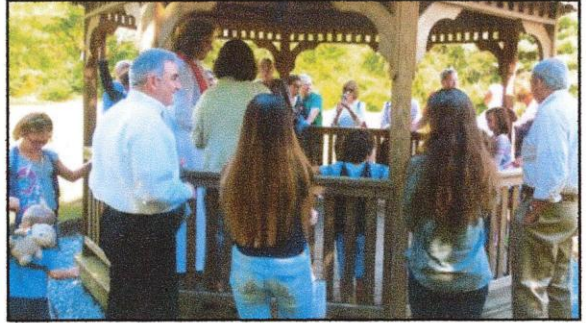
Furthermore, you should state in your employee manual, that the Church may from time to time, in its sole discretion, amend, supplement, modify or eliminate one or more of the benefits, work rules or policies described without prior notice. Whenever changes are made, updates to the manual will be provided.

Getting to Know :

UCC East Goshen

1201 N. Chester Road, West Chester, PA 19380

UCC East Goshen (founded in 1971) is an open and affirming congregation, offering hospitality, grace, and hope to all. Extravagant welcome is a guiding principal and comes naturally to our congregation. Our modest size and diversity make it



easy for everyone to feel comfortable and involved. Pastor Angelee Benner-Smith has shepherded the congregation for 22 years, and she continues to inspire and challenge us through her innovative and meaningful style of worship.



In addition to services focused on the church calendar, we offer a blessing of animals and biannual services of healing and remembrance. All services are punctuated with glorious music under the guidance of the Director of Music Ministry and the voices of a dedicated choir. The musical talents of church members are also reflected during Cabaret nights when they perform Broadway style music with proceeds supporting the church music program.

Christian education is fostered through active Sunday School programs for both children and adults and through Vacation Bible School. The

church hosts a Boy Scout Troop, AA and GA meetings, and serves as a polling place. Monthly meals are prepared and delivered to the Salvation Army; the summer gleaning garden provides fresh vegetables to the homeless shelter, and our mission projects help us to grow our faith and express our gratitude.

UCC East Goshen has a contagious spirit of joy. The annual Apple Butter Festival in the fall provides an opportunity to welcome visitors for a day of fun, family activities. For two years, the church has also offered Drive-Thru Prayer during which passersby are invited to receive an individual prayer through their car window. This has allowed us to reach out to individuals who may be in crisis or are not regular church attenders.

Our Facebook and web pages share news about the church, and we are increasing our internet knowledge and presence continuously. Please come visit—in person and/or online: www.ucceastgoshen.org.

Prayers are requested for Prayers are requested for UCC East Goshen in West Chester and Rev. Angelee C. Benner-Smith.



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, April 10

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, April 11

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 12

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

2:00pm Office Closed at 2:00pm

7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, April 13

12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series at SLHC

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

2:00pm Office Closed at 2:00pm

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 14

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

2:00pm Office Closed at 2:00pm

Friday, April 15

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

2:00pm Office Closed at 2:00pm

Saturday, April 16

(TBD) Youth Lunch and Movie Outing

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, April 17

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

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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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Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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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

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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