
PALM SUNDAY

Worship Theme: *We delight in the Hosanna celebrations of Palm Sunday. Why, if we didn't proclaim our praise, even the stones would shout out! But how long will we follow Jesus with such passion? A few hours? A few days? All the way to the cross?*

Gathering Music: "All Glory, Laud and Honor, All Hail the Power" -Ensemble
(arr. Teschner/Perronet-Holden)

Welcome

Sharing the Joy and Peace of Christ (greeting one another)

Sharing Joys, Introductions, & Announcements Phyllis P.

(Prayer requests will be collected by our ushers along the center aisle and brought forward during the Prelude.)

Prelude: "A Quiet Song" (arr. Swearingen) -Ensemble

***Call to Worship** (back of bulletin)

***Gathering Prayer**

Gathering Hymn: "Hosanna, loud hosanna" **No. 238**

(Please be seated as children process with palms)

Time for Children of All Ages Theresa E.

Children ages 4 to 3rd grades are dismissed for Children's Church at this time.

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 OT p. 884

***Hymn of Praise:** "All glory, laud, and honor" **No. 237**

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

Prayer

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Offertory: "The Palms" (arr. Smith) -Piano/Organ Duet

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40 NT p. 83

Anthem Response: "Hosanna Processional" (Joseph M.)

Message: "Pet Rocks and the Big Reveal" John M.

***Hymn of Response:** "Ride on, ride on in majesty" **No. 239**

*Benediction

*Postlude:

“All Hail, King Jesus”

(arr. Moody)

April Deacons on Call:

Troy S. // Mina Sue B. // Dave Z. // Cindy M.

Remembering in Prayer:

Pete, rehabilitation in Maryland

Darla, in rehabilitation

Those others who are dealing with health challenges and recovery.

Even as you remember all of our homebound and retirement home residents, we invite you to extend special care this week to: Paul C, Jr.

Thanks to all who assisted in the arrangements to honor Bill Replogle at the Remembrance service this past Monday.

The Altar Flowers are presented by Phyllis P. in loving memory of her mother.

Happening This Week: *” Holy Week”*

Monday: 6pm-7.15pm: Youth Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday: 8.30am: Men’s Breakfast at Brother’s Restaurant

1.00pm: Caregiver’s Group Meeting in Library

Wednesday: 9.00am: Quilting in Choir Room

11.30am: Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

6.15pm: Ensemble Practice

7.30pm: Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday: 7.00pm: Bell Choir Practice

Friday: **7.00pm: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Saturday: 6pm-8pm: Sunrise Service Preparation

This Sunday: *“Palm Sunday”*

10:30am: Combined Worship Service, John M. Preaching

6:30pm: Love Feast

9:15am: Sunday School

Next Sunday: *Easter*

7:00am– **Sunrise Service** – Traci R. preaching

8:00 AM – Youth Fundraiser Breakfast

9:15am – Sunday School

10:30 – **Easter Worship**

Pastor Del plans to resume regular hours on Tuesday this week, but still will be pacing himself as his recovery continues.

CHECK the SIGN-UP SHEETS (Sign Up Area/bulletin board) for:

- 2019 MAY Greeters SIGN UPS – See Vicky K.
 - 2019 Altar Flower SIGN UPS – See Marie H.
 - Wednesday Coffee Fellowship – SIGN UP TODAY!
 - **APRIL** New Hope Ministries half sheet near sign-up sheets.
 - Annual Conference Information (bulletin board)
 - Family Promise Week Sign-ups – May 5 – 12, 2019
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Thinking of Spring! Spring is a wonderful time of the year to refresh our volunteer roster. Volunteers are the souls of the Church. Without these VIPs we would not have such outstanding programs each week. Here are two such programs:

- [The Nursery and Children's Church](#): There is a curriculum in place and assistance for Children's Church.
 - [Funeral Meals and Funeral Set-up/take-down](#): We can always use an extra hand or two.
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Congregational Forum – Sunday, April 28th

Our Spring Congregational Forum is planned for **Sunday, April 28th**. A carry-in meal after 10:30 Worship will precede the meeting. Plan to bring a hot dish and salad or dessert to share. The meeting will begin as close to 12:30 as possible. Members are needed and all of our participants are welcome for the lunch and Forum.

How do you get involved? EASY! Ask anyone on Nurture: Vicky K, Lois S, Jim D, or Phyllis P, co-chair of Nurture. If you need your Child Protection Clearance papers, Bill C. will assist you in completing those important documents. **Please consider adding your name to our VIP list.**

APRIL COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

This Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 11:30 AM

Guest Speaker is Jesse Swoyer, who recently received the Jefferson Award.

His presentation is a healthy lifestyle through exercise.

Menu: Spring Picnic with chicken and baked beans.

We need volunteers for potato & macaroni salads. Dessert provided.

SIGN UP on the sheet in the narthex.

Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren
www.MechanicsburgCOB.org

2019 District Women's Spring Luncheon

"Living a Worshipful Life"

9:00 AM – Saturday, April 27, 2019

At Chambersburg Church of the Brethren
260 South Fourth Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Speaker: Alexandra (Ali) Toms

\$10.00 per person (Deadline: April 15, 2019)

See bulletin board for poster & pamphlets.

The church is getting rid of two old pianos. One is an upright that has not been used in the last twenty plus years. The other is a small baby grand that has not been used in the last several years. Both need repairs. If you are interested in having one or both of these pianos, contact Ron K, stewards commission chairperson, **by today, April 14th**.

Join us for these Holy Week Opportunities

Palm Sunday Love Feast – Tonight - 6:30 PM

"Grace that is Greater than our Sin"

Good Friday Prayer Walk – 12-1:30 PM

Again, this year, a gathering of Christian congregations from our community are coming together to provide a **Good Friday Prayer Walk** for our area from 12 – 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19. Pick up sheets in the narthex for prayer sites and more information.

Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Evening Worship: A Service of Scripture and Hymns from the Gospel of Luke, with a contribution by the Chancel Choir. The service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service at 7 AM

with Traci R. preaching followed by

Youth Fundraiser Breakfast at 8:00 AM

Menu: Pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit bowls, and bagels with choices of cream cheese spreads and coffee/tea.

Sunday School at 9:15 AM

Easter Worship at 10:30 AM

Pastor Keeney preaching on "Beyond Imagining"

with Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers.

The Friends of Cross Keys Village-It is MEMBERSHIP TIME again!

Dues will be collected throughout February, March and April.

- **BRONZE** Individual Membership is \$10.00 (\$20 per couple);
- **SILVER** Individual Membership is \$50.00 (\$100 per couple);
- **GOLD** Individual Membership is \$100.00 (\$200 per couple).

Look for Nancy S. in the narthex. Please make checks out to “The Friends”.

Our Stewardship for Last Sunday: April 7, 2019		
REGULAR GIVING:		
Last Week:	Rec'd: \$8,698.00	Budget: \$7,161.25
Special Donations Received:		
Altar Flowers:	\$20.00	
Designated Fundraiser:	\$3,560.69	(Spring Fling Rummage Sale)
TOTAL RECEIVED:	\$12,278.69	
ATTENDANCE:	Sunday School – 70	10:30 Worship – 101

Note of Appreciation:

“Please accept my deep gratitude for your prayers, cards and other gracious acts of care and support during my liver surgery and recovery. My special thanks to our deacons, to Warren Eshbach who provided pastoral care and leadership for Bill R’s funeral; to Theresa E, who coordinated and planned worship; and to our preachers, Traci R, Bill W, and John M. as they led us during my recovery.”

-Blessings, -Pastor Del