

# ~ *The Voice of Consistory* ~

*Easter and Renewing Your Stewardship*



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*Weekly Worship ~  
8 and 10:15 am.  
Sunday School ~ 9 am.*





~ Holy Week Services ~

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service  
April 2nd, 7 pm.**



The Celebration of Word and Sacrament is a solemn observance of the Lord's Supper, known as Tenebrae.

The word Tenebrae means darkness. In this service, candles are gradually extinguished, symbolizing the flight and denial of the disciples and friends of Jesus both before and after the crucifixion. The candles on the communion table, symbolizing Christ, remain lighted through-out the service; reminding us that the light of Christ can never be extinguished. In that light we find forgiveness and hope.



**COMMUNITY**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, April 3 ~**



A three hour service shaped around Christ's Passion and death, will be held beginning at 12, Noon at St. Andrew's UCC, Walnut St., Perkasie with Serena Sellers preaching.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

At first glance, Good Friday appears to be a misnomer. It seems inconsistent that the day of Christ's crucifixion should in any way be described as "good." But that seeming inconsistency vanishes when we understand that the ancient meaning of good was "holy." The word *holy* is entirely consistent with the suffering and cross that Christ endured for us. Hence, Good Friday is also known as Holy Friday.

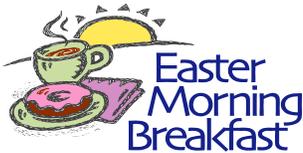


Easter Egg Hunt

**ANNUAL EGG HUNT**

**Worship Services, continued..****EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 5th****“Choices! Choices! Choices!”**

- 6 am. Sunrise Service in Sellersville Cemetery
- 8 am. Service in Sanctuary with Altar-style Holy Communion
- 10:15 am. Worship in Sanctuary ~ Holy Communion  
Handbells, organ/piano duet, brass, and choir anthems, children’s little angel choir and children’s bells will be performing.
- Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43  
Mark 16:1-8
- Theme: Now What
- Liturgist: Debbie Koehler



~ Come for **EASTER BREAKFAST** serving from 6:45 am – 9:15 am. Menu includes: eggs, home fries, bacon, sausage, toast, orange juice, etc. Sign up in the Narthex. We hope it is “Eggsactly” What You Want!

∞ **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Guest Leader)**

**“A Matter of Faith”**

- Rejoice & Praise, 8 am in Parlor
- Sunday School for all ages, 9 am.
- Worship, 10:15 am. in Sanctuary.
- Liturgist: Jim Chrastina
- Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35  
John 20:19-31
- Theme: Marks of Faith
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.

∞ **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**“Stunned and Amazed”**

- Rejoice & Praise, 8 am. in Parlor
- Sunday School for all ages, 9 am.
- Worship, 10:15 am. in Sanctuary.
- Liturgist: Mary Beth Baringer
- Scriptures: Acts 3:12-19  
Luke 24:36b-48
- Theme: Christ Among Us
- Joyful Noise Offering
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation



∞ **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“Consider Yourself Hugged”

- Rejoice & Praise, 8 am. in Parlor
- Sunday School for all ages, 9 am.
- Worship, 10:15 am. in Sanctuary.
- Liturgist: Marty Milkowich
- Scriptures: Acts 4:5-12  
John 10:11-18
- Theme: Enfolded by Love
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation



**JAMES FRANTZ Dedication Award~**

On Celebration Sunday, this award will be given to a young person between the ages of 13 and 19 who exemplifies dedication to the church, similar to that which was shown by the late Jim Frantz. Jim Frantz was a lifelong dedicated member of St. Paul’s, 1919-1999. Last year’s award recipient was *Kristen Tomlinson*.

Nominations can be made by any member of the church by filling out a nomination form found in the black wall bracket in a folder in the Narthex. Please return the form to Rick Moyer’s mailbox by Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The award will be a monetary gift from a CD we have invested and will be donated to a charity of the recipient’s choice in his/her name. The recipient’s name will be placed on the James Frantz Dedication Award plaque located in Fretz Hall.

We have some wonderful youth who are just beginning their lives as church members. Nominees should show dedication to the life of the church in such ways as volunteering at church activities, Sunday School and church attendance, helping in the Nursery, etc. Let’s support them and their efforts.

- JFD Award Committee of the Consistory



6 Week Study beginning Sunday April 19

Join us in the Adult Discussion class meeting at 9am in the Parlor for

*SON OF GOD: The Life of Jesus in You*

Pastor Rick Warren uses scenes from the movie ‘Son of God’ to help illustrate and begin discussion on the six sessions:

1. Jesus’ Baptism and Your Baptism
2. Jesus’ Temptation and Your Temptation
3. Jesus’ Suffering and Your Suffering
4. Jesus’ Death and Your Death
5. Jesus’ Resurrection and Your Resurrection
6. Jesus’ Ministry and Your Ministry

Sign up in the Narthex to order a copy of the study book (only \$5)  
See Neil Clark or Debbie Koehler for more info!



## **“Honor and Preserve All of God’s Creation” Celebrate Earth Day!**

April is the month we observe Earth Day, a day you can do something to help preserve this planet we live on.

With this past winter in mind, we question Global Warming. But climate change is at our doorstep, faster than scientist expected, and we’re seeing the effects in extreme weather conditions. So how can you help?

1. Make your home energy efficient. Get an energy audit (often free) and follow the recommendations.
2. Reduce, reuse, recycle. Recycling just 1 aluminum can will save enough energy to power a desktop computer for 4 hours.
3. The next time you buy a car or truck, buy one that gets better gas mileage than your present vehicle.
4. Wash clothes in warm or cold water. And don’t use heat to dry dishes in your dishwasher.
5. Stay engaged politically at the local state and federal levels. Citizen input is vitally important.

Happy Earth Day and Year!

~ Nancy Lyons



## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP





Good News! St. Paul's Nursery will be reopening the Sunday following Easter.

Nursery will be provided for children birth through age 6, with flexibility for older children who may need it. I have a wonderful group of people volunteering their time, so thank you! I plan to run it as it has been run in the past letting everyone know their assignments a month in advance. There will be two people staffed each week. If you'd like to volunteer your time, I'd be glad to add your name to the

list. Please contact me at [lhendricks06@gmail.com](mailto:lhendricks06@gmail.com). (Lauren Hendricks)

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS for the  
month of April. . .**

April 5- No staffed Nursery, Easter  
April 12- Griffin Allen & Pat Guth  
April 19- Cindy & Chris Fosbenner  
April 26- Karen Weikel &  
Donna Huff



On February 9, 2015, our annual Congregational Gathering was held immediately following worship, with approximately 60-65 adults and children in attendance. This year it was suggested that we bring back the covered dish concept for our meal. An assortment of appetizers, main dishes, and desserts were shared and enjoyed with a request to have this type of meal again! The business meeting followed the meal.

Prior to the Congregational Gathering, Consistory decided to prepare a survey and requested that members complete and submit their surveys either by hand or electronically by February 1. The purpose of this survey was to get a baseline understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of our church, as we make listening to our members a priority as we move forward in 2015. Consistory met prior to the Congregational Gathering to review the survey responses. Three areas of strength were identified: Christian Education, Music, and Congregational Heritage, and three areas of need were recognized: Fellowship, Spiritual Growth, and Sharing the Good News with the Unchurched.

At the meeting, a follow-up form was handed out and used for discussion purposes. Discussion first focused on the three strengths, and ideas were shared on how we could continue to maintain those strengths. Then we switched gears and discussed the three needs and what we might be able to do to improve in these areas. Members were also given the opportunity to identify areas in which they might be able to get involved and were asked to either complete the form at the meeting or to complete it at home and return it later. The opportunity to complete and submit it electronically was also offered. We will continue to look at the many ideas that have been suggested (Young Adult SS class, monthly fellowship activities and meals, staffed nursery during church, etc.) and will share more as we receive your responses. Please remember, we need YOU to help us, and we thank you in advance for volunteering your time and talents.

We encourage all members to communicate with Consistory members and share their ideas by completing the follow-up form, by putting ideas in the suggestion box found in the Vestibule, or by speaking to or contacting

Consistory members individually. We invite you to join us at a Consistory meeting. Watch the Newsletter for opportunities to join one of the many ministry teams here at St. Paul's.

We would like to thank everyone who completed the surveys, shared ideas, and attended the Congregational Gathering. On a personal note, we'd also like to thank Emily Stokes for her work in developing the original survey and for compiling the results and to Aaron Clark for developing the follow-up Survey Results form.

Stay tuned!

~Rick Moyer, Consistory President



**...NORTH PENN ASSOCIATION ~ Pennsylvania Southeast Conference** will be hosting their Spring Meeting on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 which will be held at St. Peter's Tohickon UCC, 1050 Old Bethlehem Road, Perkasie, PA 18944. Registration begins at 6:30. Refreshments and opportunities for fellowship will follow. All are welcome!

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**...Men's Softball** ~ Church Softball season will be here soon! St. Paul's team plays in the Bucks-Mont Fastpitch Church League. We play 2 nights per week May through July ~ a total of about 18 games, Monday-Thursday nights, 6:30 or 8:30 pm. starts. If you are interested, contact Neil Clark for more information.

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**... Sponsors Needed!** Bulletin sponsors are needed for the following dates: April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 31st, ~ cost is \$10. Flower sponsors are needed for the following dates: April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 31st. Please place your name next to the date you wish to sponsor.

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We no longer purchase paper products so donation of paper towels, tissues and toilet paper are always welcome!

Please consider donating non-food items such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving items, soaps, cleaning supplies and laundry detergent.

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| Juices, All Sizes            | ! | Canned meat, beans                      |
| Canned fish and tuna         | ! | Peanut butter and jelly                 |
| Canned fruits and vegetables | ! | Coffee, tea and hot chocolate           |
| Pancake Mix                  | ! | Diapers, sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6      |
| Pancake syrup                | ! | Diaper Wipes                            |
| Cold and hot cereals         | ! | Bath soaps and shampoos                 |
| Dry potatoes                 | ! | Laundry detergent and cleaning products |
| Gravy                        | ! | Gluten Free and Diabetic foods          |
| Soup                         | ! | Feminine products, toiletries           |



**... The Quakertown Food Pantry** would like to Thank us for our recent donation of \$148.25. *"Your contribution from your Community Lenten Service allows us to continue our important role in reaching out to those in need."* Last year Quakertown Food Pantry served 9,031 total households. Volunteers put in 13,661 hours to take care of their community members



who needed assistance for their families and themselves. *“Thanks again for helping us provide this kind of support to our local pantry. We couldn’t do it without you.”* ~ With gratitude,  
Melissa Nevill, Food Pantry Representative.

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. . . **Thank You!** Thank you to everyone who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. We really appreciate your love and support!



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**A Big Thank You** to everyone who sent cards, dinners and made calls to check-in on me. Thanks for the help covering the office as well. We greatly appreciate it and we couldn’t have done it without you.

The Moyer Family



**April 2**



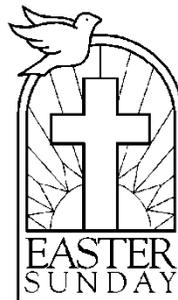
**April 3**



**April 4**



**April 5, 6:45 am- 9:15 am**



**April 5**



*Joyful Noise Offerings*

**April 19**