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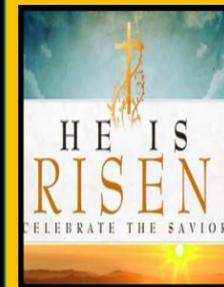
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**COME WORSHIP WITH US!**  
*... and see the wonderful things happening at  
Pfafftown Christian Church*



**March  
2024**

**THE VISITOR**

HOLY WEEK  
*The Journey to the Cross*

**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 24**

Please join us at 11:00 am for our Palm Sunday Worship Service. We will wave palm branches during our processional hymn as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey as His followers spread palm branches at His feet exclaiming, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the events of Holy Week and the ending of Lent. *-Tim*

**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

**Thursday, March 28**  
**7:30 PM ~ Sanctuary**

The night before Jesus' betrayal and arrest, Jesus humbly washed the feet of His Disciples. He gave them a new commandment "to love one another as He had loved them." - John 13:34

Maundy Thursday commemorates this act of love at the Last Supper of Jesus with His Disciples in the Upper Room.

We will recount this solemn evening through words of scripture, meditation, reverent music, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. *-Tim*

**Easter  
EGG HUNT**

**Sunday March 31**  
**10:00 am**

Following breakfast and before Worship Service.

**Tenebrae Service**

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

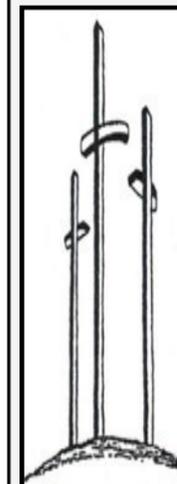
7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**The Seven Last Words  
of Christ**

A Sacred Choral Work composed  
by Theodore Dubois

presented by the

Chancel Choir, Soloists,  
Harp, Timpani, and Organ



Tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. At this Tenebrae Service we feel the emotion of the passion story as shared in music. This is not a service of celebration. We sing solemn hymns and hear the scriptural narratives of Jesus' final words from the cross. Seven black candles and a Christ Candle are lit. After each reading of Jesus' words a candle is extinguished until only the flame of the Christ Candle remains. The Christ Candle is carried out of the Sanctuary at the end of the service leaving us in total darkness (*tenebrae*).

The Tenebrae service recreates the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the crucifixion and is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day. It is a moving spiritually reflective service. We need to witness the full story of Jesus' last hours to truly experience the wonder of Easter morning.

Make plans now and invite your family, friends and neighbors to this powerful, meaningful Tenebrae worship experience. *-Tim*



**Please see Worship Schedule inside.**



## EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

*Come and celebrate with us the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!*

### 9:30 am - Breakfast Buffet (DFH)

Bring a favorite breakfast item/dish

### 10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt (Lawn)

Children bring an Easter basket for collecting your eggs.

### 11:00 am - Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

Please bring your fresh cut flowers to the Sanctuary by 9:30 am so they can be placed on the Easter Cross in the Chancel for the 11:00 Service

### 12:00 pm - Butterfly Release (Portico)

The congregation will proceed to the front lawn of the church as our children release the butterflies as a living symbol of our loving and resurrected Christ!

## Church Board Meeting

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3 ~ 2:30 PM**  
**Downstairs Fellowship Hall**

Several items will be presented for discussion and Board members will be provided with an agenda and additional information prior to the meeting. All members of the Church Board are asked to attend.

**CWF NEWS**



Tuesday February 20th we met to prepare a meal for approximately 50 residents at the Salvation Army Center of Hope Family Shelter. While we were cooking, we did some cleaning in the kitchen.

**Tuesday March 19th** we will meet in Lower Fellowship Hall at **3:00 pm** to prepare items to take to Brookdale Assisted Living tentatively scheduled for Friday March 22. *All* ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us and become a part of this wonderful ladies group!

**Taste and See Bible Study Luncheon**



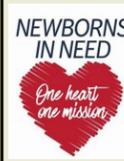
Wednesday, March 13th from 11:30A -12:30P  
Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up in Narthex or call the church office by Friday, March 8th.



The Crisis Control Gift for the month of March is **Canned Meats (Canned Tuna, Canned Salmon, Canned Ham, etc.)** Thank you to everyone that continues to contribute to this vital, local ministry.

**Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th. Be sure to move clocks up one hour. Happy Spring!**

New Borns In Need (NBIN) will host a small reception for the PCC congregation immediately after the Worship Service on **March 17th in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.** This act of kindness is to thank our congregation for their support of the NBIN Ministries.

**Please make plans to join us!**

## Notes from Tim

As we prepare our hearts for Holy Week and the Easter Sunday Resurrection, I think of I Corinthians 15, when Paul says, *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day!"* In this declaration, we find the center of the saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As Christians, taking time to specifically consider Jesus' death and resurrection is one of the ways that we keep ourselves grounded in the gospel. It is here that we come to grieve the greatness of our sin against the Holy and Living God. It is here that we are overwhelmed by God's everlasting love for us in sending his Son to die in our place. It is here that we find unending joy in the immensity of his grace. Our Redeemer laid down his life and took it up again to bring us into relationship with God. What a Savior!

It is my hope and prayer that we, as followers and disciples of Christ and also as members of the body of Christ's fellowship—the church, prepare our hearts and minds by recounting the events of Jesus' last earthly days by attending the service of Maundy Thursday (Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples); the service of Tenebrae (as we remember Christ's sufferings, agony, crucifixion, and his last words from the cross); and Easter Sunday, when we come together to proclaim and celebrate the glorious news of HIS Resurrection and profess our faith in our risen Lord as we "raise the rafters" singing the joyous Easter Hymn together—

*Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say! Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!  
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply! Alleluia!*

Please invite your family and friends to our Holy Week services, as we remember Christ's sacrifice and then on Easter Sunday, also bring beautiful fresh flowers to fill the Chancel Cross in celebration of the "Good News." The children will also release butterflies on the lawn following the "Hallelujah Chorus" to signify new life found through His promise of salvation! Alleluia!

God's amazing gift of love to all. ~Tim

**PRAYER Request**



**Church Family:** \*Ann Thomson, Sue Flynt, Sam and Anne Safrit, Mel Blakley, Jack Groff, Jason Hawkins, Helen Johnson, Jo Poplin, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

**Others:**  
Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell  
Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi  
Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker  
Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter  
Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt  
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

\*Rick Long: Friend of Traci Canter  
Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley  
Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter  
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter  
Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker  
Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley  
Jenny Safrit: Daughter-in-law of Anne & Sam Safrit  
Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer  
Scott Stanley: Son of Skip and Jo Stanley  
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson  
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson  
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi  
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve & Betty Clodfelter

\*Depicts new prayer request.



**We Are Witnesses**  
Acts 10:39

**Disciples of Christ Easter Offering**  
**March 24 & March 31**



**CMF Breakfast**

We had a good turnout for our February breakfast! Ten fellows from our church gathered last week and enjoyed fellowship and a hearty breakfast at Mama Zoe's. Our next CMF breakfast is being planned for **Tuesday, April 23 at 9:00 am.** Additional details will follow in the April Newsletter. -Tim Shoaf