

Today

“Palm Sunday” marks the beginning of Holy Week, a journey that will take us from the celebration of Jesus’ procession of triumph to the dark day of His death on to the glorious day of His resurrection. Cheers from His followers, fueled by celebration will cause quite the commotion. Cheers would soon be drowned out by chants calling for Jesus’ execution. Confusion would soon be replaced by concern for His body. Grave clothes cast aside would soon reveal that the sting of death is canceled and the tomb could no longer contain the Son of God.

Questions for reflection:

1. Where would you be in the “Palm” parade? Close to Jesus? At a distance, just observing?
2. What emotion would you have concerning the “Palm” parade? Joy? Anger over the noise? Confusion?
3. On this side of the Christ event, what troubles you most about the events of the Holy Week?

11:15 a.m. Back to the Cross Practice, Sanctuary

This Week

March 21-26

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner

6:30 p.m. VBS Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Back to the Cross Practice

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice

FRIDAY

7:00p.m. Good Friday Service

This Week’s Discipleship Journal Reading Plan

March 20 Catch up day

March 21 Matthew 26:57-75, Romans 11:25-36, Psalms 65, Deuteronomy 9-12

March 22 Matthew 27:1-10, Romans 12:1-8, Psalms 66, Deuteronomy 13-17

March 23 Matthew 27:11-26, Romans 12:9-21, Psalms 67, Deuteronomy 18-21

March 24 Matthew 27:27-44, Romans 13, Psalms 68, Deuteronomy 22-26

March 25 Matthew 27:45-56, Romans 14, Psalms 69:1-18, Deuteronomy 27-28

March 26 Catch up day

Announcements

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting.

There will be **no** Evening Service tonight.

There will be **no** Wednesday Evening Bible Study.

There will be a **VBS Meeting** this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for those interested in helping with decorations or being a station leader. Please contact Tara for more information.

Back to the Cross Performers: A reminder that there will be practice this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and the dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Good Friday Service will include foot washing (for those that which to participate) and the sacrament of Communion. This solemn time of worship will begin this Friday at 7:00 pm.

Sunrise Service will be held outside (weather permitting) in the parking lot near the cross next Sunday morning at 7:00 am. A few chairs will be provided for those who may not be able to stand throughout the service. Following the Sunrise Service we will join together in the Fellowship Hall for our Galilean Breakfast. Our Galilean breakfast includes grilled trout, hard boiled eggs, bread and juice.

Our **March Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, March 30, at 12 noon. We will be going to **The Bayou** in Bethlehem. The restaurant is located at 702 Hawthorne Road in Bethlehem. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer.

“**Back to the Cross**” Performance will be held on Sunday evening, April 3 at 6:30 pm. This is a perfect opportunity to invite your coworkers, family and friends. You do the inviting and allow God’s Spirit to speak to them.

Women's Weekend at Sugar Hollow: All women are invited to the Bergey cabin in Tunkhannock, PA on the weekend of April 8 - 10. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

In April, Pastor David will lead the class, “**Exploring Baptism and Church Membership**”. Each class is made up of two sessions. If you desire to make your commitment to follow Jesus Christ public through baptism or you would like to make a recommitment of your faith through water baptism, this class is for you. Additionally, if you have been baptized as an adult or youth and are members of another Christian fellowship you are encouraged to become members of this house of faith. Parents, this is a good time to begin talking to your children about making Jesus Christ Lord of their life. The first class will be April 5 at 7:00 p.m & April 9 at 9:00 a.m. The second class will be April 12 at 7:00 p.m. & April 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner! on Saturday evening, April 23, at 6:00 p.m. The theme question for this event is, “If you could ask God one question and get an answer, what would it be and why?” Everyone is encouraged to participate in this event and sign up to be either a Guest or Host for the evening. Hosts will provide the main meal for the Guests coming to their house, and Guests will be asked to bring either a side dish or dessert to the home where they will be assigned. But shhh... it’s a surprise! Don’t tell others where you are going! Each Host will be told ahead of time how many Guests to expect but not who will be coming. Sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer to indicate that you are wishing to participate and whether you would like to be a Host or Guest.

April 30 is the **Men’s Fishing Trip** off the New Jersey coast. The cost is \$80 per person. Indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Silver Saint/Fall Field Trip: This October 17-19, David and Bev would like to host a three (3) day trip to the Millersburg/Berlin, Ohio region. Plans include two nights lodging at the absolutely fabulous Barn Inn Bed and Breakfast; being a tourist at places like Keim Lumber, the Amish Store, Coblentz Chocolates, Walnut Creek Cheese, Yoder Bargain Store, Vogt’s General Store, Warther Museum; evening meal with an Amish family and as much more as time allows. The projected cost is \$605 double occupancy and \$460 single occupancy. We must make reservations at the Barn Inn not later than the end of March as October is their busiest month. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. You will not want to miss this trip!

Ministry Opportunities & Events

Tara Willard is in need of a helper for the 3rd/4th grade class from April 10 to June 19. Please let Tara know if you are available for this opportunity to serve our children.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

David Truong – March 21
Jaylen Lesser – March 22
Baylen Lesser – March 25
Victoria Young – March 25

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Char & Mim Brunstetter – March 26

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON MARCH 13: \$5719.00

ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 13: 141

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Mar. 27)</u>
Nursery	Kim Matthews Rose Szabo (Alt.) Alyssa Richards	Lydia Mohler Darlene Hein (Alt.) T'yanna Ruiz
Greeters	Bob & Betty Kemmerer	Bobby & Britney Kempf
Worship Ldr.	Kelly Schoch	Dan Reed
Ushers	Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer Rob Ibach	Greg Feenstra Nick Mace Bobby Kempf
Children's Message	Kelly Schoch	Danette Walters

Information

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Sunday School Information

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Janet Heft
Helper, Becky Lesser
Upstairs Nursery

3-YEAR OLDS

Led by Nancy Walters
Helper, Kim Matthews
Room B6

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

Led by Nick Mace
Helper, Rose Szabo
Room LL2

GRADES 1-7

Practice for Back to the Cross
Sanctuary

GRADES 8-12

Led by Greg & Rachel
Feenstra
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS - International

Sunday School Lesson
Elective
Led by Joel Mohler
Chapel

ADULT CLASS – Adventure Of Making Disciples Elective

Led by Pastor David
Lower Level Classroom



"Palm Sunday"

Luke 19:28-40
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier