



March & April 2017

Boehm's United Church of Christ

Beams from Boehm's

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 9th:
10:00 a.m.

**Palm Sunday Service
& Easter Egg Hunt**

April 13th
6:00 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday Meal
&
Tenebrae Service**

April 16th:
10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service



Pancake Breakfast & Laughter Sunday Service

Boehm's Church will be celebrating it's fifth annual "Laughter Sunday" worship service on **March 19th** in the fellowship hall at **10:00 a.m.** The service will be preceded by the annual **Pancake Breakfast** which will begin at **8:30 a.m.**

What is "Laughter Sunday"? Also known as "Holy Humor Sunday," Laughter Sunday is often observed on either the Sunday after Easter or on the fourth Sunday of Lent, which is also known as "Laetare Sunday," which comes from the first word of the traditional collect for the day - "Rejoice." It is characterized by joking around, singing, dancing, pranks and other forms of merry-making. And it reminds us that God is God of in times of laughter as well as of sorrow - much as God is Lord of the valleys as well as the mountain tops. This year, we're holding it a little bit early (on the third Sunday of Lent).

Is there anything we should do to prepare for "Laughter Sunday"? Yes, there is. During the service there will be multiple opportunities to tell a favorite joke or anecdote. So, bring your best material and be ready to hold your sides from all the laughing (not to mention the pancakes!).



The children will be making the pancakes for the breakfast. Please sign up to bring the side dishes in the church foyer. The breakfast begins at 8:30 am—before the worship service.



Bella Rowles helping out at a prior pancake breakfast



Palm Sunday Worship Service & Easter Egg Hunt.

Sunday, April 9th
10:00 a.m.

Bring a basket!



The **Ash Wednesday** worship service will be held on March 1 at 7:30 pm.





From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Dear Beloved Ones of Boehm's Church,

Before we know it, we'll be once again in the peak of the Christian church year—Holy Week and Easter. These events are at the heart of our faith and speak unequivocally of our God's love for the world.

One of the great things about Easter is that the joy and celebration doesn't end after April 16th, Easter Sunday. Instead, the good news of the Risen Christ is a 24/7/365 reality (in other words, "all day, every day")! We are always the Easter people, the people of the promise, hope and truth of God's never-ending love.

What difference does it make? It's like this—we followers of Jesus have genuine hope, authentic joy, life-changing truth, abundant love, and generosity in service. And all that is exactly what our sad and hurting world needs. You can be a shining light, one true friend, for the blessing of someone else. You can let the resurrected life of Christ overflow into all your relationships. When you visit the sick or frail and bring encouragement, you are witness of the Risen Christ. When you comfort a child who has been bullied in school and you remind them that they are a beloved child of God, you are a witness of the Risen Christ. When you open your heart and risk intimacy and vulnerability, and in turn embrace the vulnerability of the other, you are a witness of the Risen Christ. When you stand up against injustice, and speak of God's kin-dom hopes, you are a witness of the Risen Christ.

I pray we make every effort as we enter into Lent, the season of preparation before Easter itself, to open ourselves to the powerful blessing of the Holy Spirit as we embrace this good news!

Peace,

Pastor Bill



Eggs Needed!



Plastic eggs filled with candy and treats are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday (April 9th, following the worship service). Please leave donations in the Church Kitchen by **Saturday, April 8th**. Thanks!

"Tuesdays with Paul & The Kingdom of God" Bible Study

How did Paul understand the Kingdom of God?

What was his mission?

What do his letters say to us?

Where did his travels take him--and why did he go there?

Come join us for the continuing 12-session Bible study on Paul and the Kingdom of God. The study takes place on Alternate Tuesday evenings @ 7:00 p.m.

The format of the study consists of scripture studies and teaching moments led by Pastor Bill, supplemental video from the curriculum "Eclipsing Empire" featuring John Dominic Crosson and Marcus Borg, and spirited conversation from the participants. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Join us!



Benefit Concert

For: Bayard Taylor Elementary School
Philadelphia, Pa.

At : Boehm's United Church Of Christ
571 Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike
Blue Bell, Pa. 19422

Date: Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 4pm

Featuring:
High Note Voices

Sponsored By: High Note Vocals Voice Studio
www.highnotevocals.com



A free will offering will be taken to benefit the school.
Church parking is in front and across the street.
Reception immediately following performance.
For more information, call 215 362-8685.

About The Suburban Advocacy Program

The Vision:

*"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.'
Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will
show you my faith."*

- James 2:18

The Suburban Advocacy Program, in collaboration with David Laver, the principal of the Bayard Taylor Elementary School, has identified needed items for the school that can be reasonably provided by the faith communities of the suburbs. It is hoped that these efforts will lead to continuing, mutually encouraging and supportive relationships. The goal is to build bridges that will lead to change for our urban schools and transformational ministry in our suburban faith communities. Furthermore, financial gifts to the schools not only help the students, but also encourage the teachers in the knowledge that people in the larger community appreciate, and want to support, their good work.

The Suburban Advocacy Program was created by members of Old First Reformed United Church of Christ in Philadelphia and Boehm's United Church of Christ in Blue Bell, PA.

HELP WANTED

Do you enjoy the fellowship time after the worship service each week? Time to talk is sweet and so are the snacks provided for that time! We need your help to provide those snacks...the schedule on the bulletin board is often empty. Please consider signing up. Your fellow worshippers will really appreciate you!



Easter Flowers!!



Let's fill the sanctuary with Easter flowers!

You can either sign up to donate flowers on the forms in the back of the church or see Pat Delp.



Flowering Cross!

A flowering cross will be assembled on Easter Sunday. Please bring some cut flowers to insert into the cross and help continue a long-held tradition at Boehm's Church!

Easter service will be at 10:00 am on April 16th. **Please come at least 15 minutes early to insert any flowers.** Bring your friends and family to celebrate Christ's resurrection!



Boehm's Calendar

Sundays

- ♦ Worship @ 10 am
- ♦ Sunday School during worship

Committee meetings:

History : March 15 & April 25 @ 11:00 am

Consistory: March 19 @ 11:30 am

& April 30 @ 11:30 am

COG : March 12 & April 9 @ 11:30 am

Special events:

- ♦ Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1
- ♦ Ash Wednesday service @ 7:30 p.m.
- ♦ Laughter Sunday & Pancake Breakfast March 19 @ 8 a.m.
- ♦ Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt April 9
- ♦ Maundy Thursday supper & worship April 13 @ 6 pm
- ♦ Easter Sunday April 16.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 6 | Jordan Rowles |
| 11 | Bob Calvert |
| 17 | Linda Williams |
| 19 | Chelsea Rosiek |

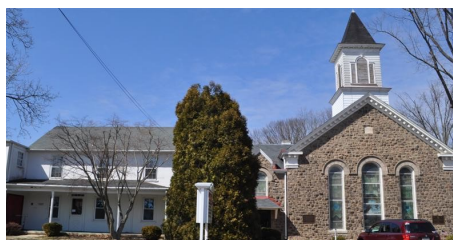


APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Gary Rowles, Jr. |
| 3 | Shaun Palmer |
| 6 | Emilie Resnick |
| 20 | Catharine Coryell |



Birthday Blessings



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to 1:00 p.m.

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We're on the web: www.boehmschurch.com

Visit us on Facebook!

Other Meetings at Boehm's:

Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Brownie Girl Scouts
Alternate Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Society of Christian Scientists
Worship: Alternate Sundays,
11:00 a.m.
Readings: Alternate Wednesdays,
7:00 p.m.