

On the Spiritual Side

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Area seminary receives bequest totaling \$14.5 million

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, based in Allentown, and The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTPS) received a more than \$14.5 million bequest March 11, that will be split evenly between the two organizations.

The bequests of more than \$7.2 million to each organization were

made by the late Helen Nicholson Palmer of Wyomissing, who died in December 2012.

Her husband, Frank R. Palmer, who died in 1992, was the former president and CEO of Carpenter Technology Corp., also of Wyomissing.

"Mrs. Palmer's concern that our congregational leaders

receive the best training possible is inspiring," said the Rev. Dr. David J. Lose, president of the seminary.

"Her gift will make an incredible difference to men and women preparing for ministry and to the congregations they will serve."

Mark T. Pile, Diakon president/CEO, also expressed gratitude for what he called Palmer's "generous contribution."

"She had a lifelong commitment to The Lutheran Home at Topton, evident in her unwaver-

ing attendance at Topton board meetings."

The gift to the seminary will be dedicated to completing several improvement projects that had been deferred because of finances and to providing support to the academic and scholarship programs of the school.

Some of the funds received by Diakon will be used to support the delivery of a wide range of services for children and families.

"This use will certainly be in keeping with the interests of Mrs.

Palmer," Pile said.

A portion of the gift to Diakon may also be dedicated as seed money for eventual refurbishment of the Old Main building on The Lutheran Home at Topton campus for use as a "permanency center" related to adoption and foster care. Pile said that also would correspond with Palmer's interests.

A graduate of Wellesley College in Massachusetts, Palmer was a member of Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing.

Professor speaks on evangelism

Professor Al Tizzon will speak on "The E Word - Evangelism in the Postmodern World" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at Doylestown Presbyterian Church's Celtic Cross Room, 127 E. Court St., Doylestown.

Tizzon, the Ronald J. Sider Associate Professor of Holistic Ministry at Palmer Theological Seminary, is a leader in holistic ministry and evangelical missions devoted to "empowering churches to empower their communities in Christ's name."



AL TIZZON

He is the co-director of the Sider Center on Ministry and Public Policy at Palmer, and co-president of Evangelicals for Social Action.

Refreshments will be served.

Doylestown Presbyterian Church is wheelchair accessible at the Mechanics Street entrance.

Parking is available in the church lot located at Church Street and Selner Lane and in the county lots.

For information, contact the church at 215-348-3531 or dp@dtownpc.org.

Passion performed at St. Martin of Tours

St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church in New Hope, hosts The Immaculate Heart High School Mystery Players enactment of the "Passion of Our Lord" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in the church.

of the Catholic Church.

This will be the Watertown, N.Y., high school students' only Pennsylvania performance. No reservations are required, and there is no charge. However, a free-will offering will be collected to help cover the travel costs.

The program offers a presentation of the Stations of the Cross through the use of special lighting, music, pantomime and paratitular readings. Meditation on the death and resurrection of Jesus is a central part in the prayer life

Small children may be frightened due to the nature of the presentation. For information, call 215-862-5472, or visit the parish website or e-mail info@stmartinfofours.org.

Upper Tincum hosts dinner for food bank

Upper Tincum Lutheran Church, 188 Upper Tincum Church Road, Upper Black Eddy, hosts its third annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" Italian Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

Proceeds support local food banks.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3 to 12. They may be purchased at the dinner, or in advance on Sunday mornings at the church, daily at The Homestead General Store, Upper Black Eddy, or at 908-399-3717.

Spaghetti, meatballs, sausages, special Italian favorites plus salad, bread, dessert, cold drinks, coffee and tea will be served. Takeout meals will be available.

Workshop about Quakerism

An informational workshop on Quakerism called "Faith, Witness, Process - What's it all About?" is set for 10 a.m. to 2

HAPPENINGS

p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Makefield Friends Meetinghouse, 877 Dolington Road, Newtown.

Topics included testimonies, known by the acronym SPICES, whether there are ministers, when Quakerism began, what elders do and why, Friends and singing, God and Quakers, Jesus and Quakers, meetings and more.

The workshop includes a morning session, a break for lunch and sharing and a questions and answer session. Lunch will be provided.

To register, or for information, contact Holly Olson at 215-453-7358 or hollyqc@verizon.net.

langhorneclerk@gmail.com.

Temple Judea honors public school teachers

Temple Judea of Bucks County, 38 Rogers Road, Furlong, holds a Shabbat service that celebrates public school teachers at 7 p.m. March 20.

The Sisterhood of Temple Judea will join with members of Doylestown Hadassah for a joint Shabbat service featuring the Temple Judea choir at 7:30 p.m. March 27.

For information, call 215-348-5022.

St. Mark's offers ethnic Easter food

An Ethnic Easter Food Sale takes place at St. Mark's Orthodox Church, Route 413, 452 Durham Road, Wrightstown, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

Foods include bakka, nut and poppy seed rolls, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and many varieties of pierogies.

For information, call 215-788-2106.

Friends speaker series addresses dementia

The Improving Your Life Speaker Series continues with speaker Kevin Jameson, president and founder of the Dementia Society of America, at 12:15 p.m. March 22, at the Langhorne Meetinghouse, 453 W. Maple Ave., Langhorne.

For information about the free event,

Easter Services

St. Philip's New Hope pastor takes the church to the street

"Jesus was out among the people. That is where we should be," said the Rev. Michael Ruk, pastor of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in New Hope.



The Rev. Michael Ruk stands on the free bridge that runs between Lambertville, N.J., and New Hope.

He practices what he preaches. On Ash Wednesday, he holds traditional services at the little church at the corner of Chapel Road and Route 32, and then he offers what he smilingly calls "Ashes To Go" on the street corners of the town and near area bars and restaurants.

Now, Ruk wants to offer a newly reimagined Stations of the Cross to make the Lenten tradition much more relevant to today and reflective of the area.

"The Stations are really all about areas of life where, as humans, we have failed. So if you look at it that way, we see we need to do work on the environment, on hunger, on homelessness... These are the areas of concern we should pray over and act on, in our journey," he said.

On Monday, March 30, the Monday of Holy Week, at 6:30 p.m., Ruk will conduct Stations of the Cross on Bridge Street.

He will begin in Lambertville, N.J., at the north corner of Bridge and Main streets. Ruk will then stop at locations along his way, including the bridge itself, so he can say a prayer for the river's ecological health and people's safety in living near it.

He will end his procession about an hour later, on the New Hope side of the bridge.

The procession is free and open to the public. You do not need to be a member of his parish, or even a Christian, to participate.

According to Ruk, the quiet, reflective experience is sure to bring new meaning to preparing for Easter for the spiritually inclined.

Contact Ruk at 215-862-5782, or Michael@stphilipsnewhope.org.

CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, March 29, 2015
Masses: Saturday at 5:30 PM, Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Palm will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 30, 2015 - Morning Mass at 8:30 AM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
7:30 PM - Tenebrae

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 31, 2015 - Evening Mass at 7:30 PM
"The Way of the Cross" - 7:30-9:00 PM
By the Immaculate Heart Central School's Mystery Players

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 1, 2015 - Morning Mass at 8:30 AM
Confessions from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2, 2015, 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer in Chapel
7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Visits to the Repository in Chapel until 11:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3, 2015, 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer in Chapel
Visits to the Repository in Chapel until 7:30 PM
3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4, 2015, 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer in Chapel
7:30 PM - Celebration of the Easter Vigil
Blessing of the New Fire, Baptismal Water
Reception of New Members into the Church

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 2015, Masses begin at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

Worship Directory

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, March 22, 2015
The Rev. Dr. Tyson L. Frey
9:30 am Worship / Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship and Refreshments
Nursery Service available
March 25 - Wed. Evening Lenten Service at 7:00 pm
186 E. Court St., Doylestown • www.DoylestownSalemUCC.org
215.348.9860
GOD'S LOVE EXPERIENCED AND EXPRESSED

Newly formed Christian Ministerium holds Lenten Common Prayer service

The newly formed Central Bucks County Christian Ministerium, an interfaith gathering of churches, hosts a Lenten Common Prayer service with the theme: A Call to Conversion "The Return of the Prodigal."

Road, Doylestown (Buckingham Township).

The service will be the first gathering of the group of churches including, but not exclusively, Doylestown Salem United Church of Christ, Point Pleasant Baptist Church, Saint Luke United Church of Christ, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and Saint Philip's Episcopal

Church.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Eugene Miller, pastor of Living Hope Community Church.

There will be a collection of nonperishable food for the Dublin Community Food Pantry.

Following the service, there will be fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome.

Christian Science Services
First Church of Christ, Scientist
29 N. Church St., Doylestown, PA 18901
Subject: **Matter**
Sunday - 10:30am --- Wed. Testimony Meeting - 7:30pm
Sunday School & Child Care --- 10:30am
Tel: 215-348-2150 - csdoylestownpa@yahoo.com - csdoylestown.org
All Are Welcome!

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