



March 27, 2016

**Easter Message from Rev. Sharon S. Morris,
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I once had a cat named Puff, who had one blue eye and one brown eye. I loved Puff, but one day my Dad came home and broke the news—Puff had been hit by a car and he had buried him. My heart was broken. I cried for days—really I did!

A month later as I was playing in the yard, I looked up, and there walking toward me was Puff! I couldn't believe my eyes! I ran and picked up Puff and yelled to Mom and Dad, "Puff is alive!! He's alive!! There was no questioning, I believed, Puff was dead, but now he was in my arms and alive!

This Easter morning we shout, "He is alive! He is risen! He is risen indeed!" We stand at the empty tomb and we say, "He actually did it; it has come to pass; it is finished, Jesus Christ has done exactly what he said he was going to do." On Easter we believe the unbelievable; we believe that the impossible is possible; we simply see and believe.

What gives power and meaning to the broken body and shed blood is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Resurrection!!! If it were not for Easter morning, his suffering the days before would have been for naught. But because of Easter morning, Christ lives and so do we.

Are we a church of the resurrection or a church of "that's the way we have always done it?" My prayer is that we become resurrection people; Easter people; not just on Easter morning, but every day of the year. May we remember the power of the Holy Spirit and believe that the impossible can be possible!



Upcoming Events for and at Our Local Churches

Details: psec.org/category/local-events and * psec.org/category/conference-wide-events

New Goshenhoppen UCC Seeking **Camp Counselors** (posted 3-4-16)

Mar 29 – Spirit on Tap at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Reading

* **Apr 2 – Member in Discernment Day** at Zwingli UCC, Souderton

* **Apr 2 & 30 - Spouses & Partners of Clergy** Group Meeting in Reading

Apr 2 – Pork & Sauerkraut Fundraiser at New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville

Apr 3 - Joybells of Melmark at Zwingli UCC in Souderton

* **Apr 5 - Quiet Day** at New Goshenhoppen UCC in East Greenville

Apr 7 – The Phoebe Institute on Aging Spring Conference

Apr 9 – Relay for Life All-U-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at Calvary UCC in Barto

Apr 9 - Schuylkill Association Workshops at First UCC in Schuylkill Haven

Apr 10 – Praise Band Worship Service at Huff's Union Church in Alburts

YOUTH - Apr 15-17 - PSEC SYE: Helping the World to Change at South Mountain YMCA Camp in Wernersville ([Register by Apr 3](#))

Apr 16 – Rummage Sale at St. James UCC in Limerick

Apr 30 – Inspirational Southern Gospel Music at Solomon's UCC in Perkasio

May 1 – Swing Dance at Zwingli UCC in Souderton

May 2 - Renewal Retreat for Mid-Career Clergy at Pendle Hill in Wallingford

* **May 3-5 Clergy Convocation** at DoubleTree in Lancaster ([Register by Mar 28](#))

* **May 14 – Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer Visits PSEC: Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism Workshop** ([Register by May 2](#))

* **May 21 – Committee on Ministry Training** in Boyertown ([Register by May 16](#))

May 21 – Steinway Piano Celebration at Salem UCC in Doylestown

May 25 – Simple Gifts Music Program at Calvary UCC in Barto

* **Jun 10-12 – PSEC Spring Meeting** at West Chester University in West Chester ([Register by Mar 31 for early bird discount](#))

Jul 9-Aug 5 – Summer Camp 2016 at New Goshenhoppen Park in East Greenville

* **Aug 27 – Committee on Ministry Training** in Boyertown ([Register by Aug 22](#))

* **Oct 8 – Committee on Ministry Training** in Boyertown ([Register by Oct 3](#))

YOUTH - 2016 PSEC NYE Bus Registration, Scholarship Application, and T-shirt Order Deadlines: Scholarship Apply by Apr 4; Bus & T-shirt Register by May 27; Check for Bus to PSEC by Jun 4.

Saturdays 10 am – 5 pm **Homeless Outreach** at Trinity Reformed UCC in Pottstown

1st Sat of Month – **Informal, 5-pm Church Service** – Leesport

3rd Wed of Monthly – **Salem Prime Timers & Lunch** at Salem UCC in Doylestown

Tues Afternoons – **Quilting for a Cause** – Trinity Reformed UCC in Pottstown



Prayers are requested for First UCC in Spring City and Rev. Erick J. Kern, Jr.