

Weekly Announcements, Updates and Concerns

July 26, 2020

This is replacing the bi-weekly newsletter for the coming weeks. As times change, it is believed a weekly announcement sheet that can be received at worship or via the website is the best way to stay connected. We will continue to send this update to those who do not have internet access. For printing purposes, please have all information to the church office by Thursday morning at 10:00 AM.

VBS Update...

A Fun Fair kick-off event will be held outside on Sunday, August 2, 2020 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM with Zoom VBS the following four nights at the same time. Parent or designated adult is asked to attend the kick-off event with their children. Pre-registration is required this year/no walk-ins allowed. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, August 2nd for help with a puppet show, crafts, and games. Also, we would like to set up easy-up pop-up canopies at the fair to protect our volunteers and create that "carnival vibe". Please see the Sign-up Genius link on our VBS website page (shown below) to sign-up or contact Michele, (717) 225-3932 or (717) 659-1339, who is the coordinator for this event. Please register with the registration form on the back or at <http://www.lischeysucc.org/super-heroes-vbs.php> by Wednesday, July 29th.

Harvest of Hope Food Pantry Needs Our Help...

Council President, Larry Spangler, reported to Council on July 13th that the food pantry has seen a significant increase in the number of people being served compared to last year this time. There are 235 more families, 137 more senior citizens, 308 more adults and 560 more children. At this time, due to CoVID restrictions, they cannot receive food items but our financial support is greatly needed. Harvest of Hope envelopes will be available near the offering plate on Sunday mornings. You can also send a check or drop one off during office hours. *Checks should be made out to St. Peter's Lischey's UCC with the memo: Harvest of Hope.* Please prayerfully support this important ministry in our community.

Worship Schedule...

At the July Council meeting, it was decided to keep our current worship plan in place (with outdoor services at 8:30 AM and Zoom worship at 10:30 AM) through Labor Day weekend. The Task Force will meet prior to the August Council meeting to make recommendations to come inside after Labor Day as the weather cools and outdoor worship is no longer an option.

Questions of Faith"...

How does our faith see us through difficult and challenging times? What faith questions have or do you wrestle with at times? Pastor Cathy is looking to you to supply questions of faith for consideration. You can put your questions on a piece of paper and place it in the offering plate or email Pastor Cathy at CathyLHS19@comcast.net. Next week we will begin a series on "The Basic Tenants of Our Faith," by looking at the Ten Commandments.

Communion – Next Sunday, August 2nd...

We will share the Sacrament of Communion the first Sunday in August. Please plan to provide your own juice and bread for the sacrament.

Office Hours have Resumed...

The staff of Lischey's is available to you five days a week. Doors will be locked for security, therefore we ask that you call (717) 225-3932 to let us know you are coming. Staff will be there at the following times:

Mondays	10 AM - 1 PM	Michele Hamme, Secretary
Tuesdays	1 PM - 3 PM	Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music
Wednesdays	1 PM - 3 PM	Cathy Sherry, Pastor
Thursdays	10 AM - 1 PM	Michele Hamme, Secretary
Fridays	1 PM - 3 PM	Cathy Sherry, Pastor

Money Counters...

Now that services have resumed, the need for money counters has also resumed. If you are uncomfortable coming to the church or going to the bank, please find a replacement or call Michele at (717) 225-3932 to have her find a replacement. Thank you.

July 27	Joanne Hoffman, Jim Messinger
August 3	Darlene Miner, Diane Breeden, Lois Nelson
August 10	Elvin Myers, Jim Messinger, Sandy Lehman

Fundraiser...

Red, white, and blue stained glass stars are available for \$12 each. Money can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you to Jim Messinger for making these!

Upcoming Events...

Sunday, August 2 nd	8:30 AM – Outdoor Worship at Lischey’s & FM Frequency 89.9 9:30 AM – Adult Sunday School via Zoom 10:30 AM – Worship via Zoom 11:30 AM – P, B & J 6:00 PM – VBS Family Fun Fair at Lischey’s
Mon, Aug 3 rd – Thurs, Aug 6 th	6:00 PM – VBS via Zoom

Upcoming Birthdays (*over 80)...

Joe Crisamore	August 2	Melisa Altland	August 13
Dennis Luckenbaugh	August 3	Justin Walker	August 13
Emma Reichart	August 3	Mark Kramer	August 14
Russ Bolden	August 5	Nancy Staub	August 20
Jenell McKowen	August 5	Maria Hildebrand	August 22
*Anna Moul	August 12	Gwen Walker	August 22

Community Aid Box...

Collection has resumed. Lischey’s receives a check, quarterly, for your donations. Community Aid also offers non-profits grant money for outreach, mission and programming. This year, the grants will not occur, due to the necessary shut down of their stores. Please continue to support this ministry in our community!

Hartman Center...

It is with great sadness we share with you the PCC Board of Directors voted on Sat., June 13th to permanently close Hartman Center and make it available for sale. The facility was operating at a \$93,000 deficit and with the closure of all camps for this summer due to the pandemic, it was determined it was not possible to recoup the losses. Many people across PCC grieve this loss.

How Will Meetings and Other Gatherings Occur at This Time?...

Some meetings will begin to take place in the church, in the fellowship hall with masks and social distancing.

Questions and Concerns...

If you have questions, thoughts, or concerns, PLEASE communicate them in a constructive manner. Emailing, calling the pastor or a member of Council is far more productive and considerate of the entire body than discussing them with one another on the phone. We are here to listen and are endeavoring to prayerfully move forward with care and compassion for ALL.