

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS  
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC  
[www.lischeysucc.org](http://www.lischeysucc.org) (717) 225-3932  
4th Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 19, 2021  
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: Christmas Pastorale

Hughes/Gruber

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

L: We look for an extraordinary sign of hope for our world, but God's sign is most ordinary;

**P: A young woman is with child.**

L: We look far and wide for God's mystery, but God points us home;

**P: The child will be called Emmanuel: God-with-us!**

L: We look to power for strength in our world,

**P: But God's points to the most vulnerable.**

**ALL: Let us rejoice and worship our God who comes to our ordinary lives and is with us forever and ever!**

Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus - #124 - Red Hymnal - Stanza 1

Prichard

Advent Candle Lighting- The Candle of Love ~ Lois Nelson & Ryan McKowen

Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus - #124 - Red Hymnal - Stanza 2

Prichard

Scripture: Micah 5: 2 - 5 and Luke 1: 39 - 45

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer- **ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Children's Christmas Program (SEE INSERT):

*"Jingle Bell Beach"*  
by Christy & Daniel Semsen

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful - #145 Red Hymnal - Stanzas 1 & 2

Wade

Benediction

Postlude: Resonet in Laudibus

Paxton



**Weekly Announcements, Updates and Concerns**  
**December 19, 2021**

**Thank You...**

Thank you to Jean Weidler, the Mission Committee, Cynthia Elicker, Larry Spangler, Pat McKowen, and members of the congregation for the calls, cards, words of comfort, and most importantly, the prayers given during my granddaughter, Kate's illness, and untimely passing! A special thank you to Rev. Cathy, for her caring and constant support as well. May God bless you all.~ *Pat Warner*

**Special Flower Arrangement...**

The flowers today are in appreciation of Lisa Crisamore for all of the hard work she did to bring this children's cantata to fruition. Her artistic talent, creativity, and dedication to the children is greatly cherished. Thank You!

**Featured Church...**

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC is the featured church in the January edition of the York Association's newsletter. You can find copies of the newsletter on the table under the bulletin board and read the story of our church by Jean Weidler.

**Special Offering TODAY...**

There is a special offering today for the Christmas Fund, which benefits the **Veterans of the Cross**. The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums. Last year, donations to the Christmas Fund helped pay the rent for low-income retired ministers, helped a retired minister attend his brother's funeral and assisted many other low-income retired clergy in paying for daunting medical expenses, prescriptions and groceries. The Christmas Fund helps those who have dedicated their lives to serving our churches. If you wish to support this offering, you may use the envelopes in the bulletin or label a brown envelope from the cart. Thank you!

**Offering Plate...**

The offering plate is located on the cart in the overflow room beside the bulletins.

**Christmas Mission Opportunities...**

Our **Christmas tree** for hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks will be in the Overflow room until December 20. We are collecting all sizes from children through large adults. Items will be shared through Harvest of Hope on December 21 and Mr. Sandy's Homeless Veteran's Center during this Christmas season and beyond. Please note that socks for Mr. Sandy's should be men's ankle socks.

If anyone would like to buy additional items for Mr. Sandy's, they are looking for long sleeve shirts and thermals for men. Any monetary gifts designated for Mr. Sandy's will be used to buy additional items for the center to distribute to the homeless veterans.

In this season of giving, we are welcoming monetary gifts for the Good Samaritan Fund to help individuals in need. If you have any questions, please see Jean Weidler.

### **Christmas Eve Services...**

There will be two worship services on Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The 4:00 PM service is in-person only and will be a family-oriented service. The 7:00 PM service is in-person and on YouTube and will be a quiet service including the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Both services will include the traditional lighting of the Christ candle, the birth narrative from Luke 2, the singing of "Silent Night" with candles and conclude with "Joy to the World".

### **Thank You to Our Greeters...**

Thank you to today's greeters, Wendy Carl & Amanda Godfrey. Next week's greeters are Diane Breeden & Joanne Hoffman.

### **Thank You to Our Liturgist...**

Thank you to today's liturgist, Melisa Altland. Next week's liturgist is Nancy King.

### **Thank You to Our Acolyte...**

Thank you to today's acolyte Sage Freed. Next week's acolyte is Grace Mensinger.

### **Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...**

Friday, December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service- A family-oriented service
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service- A quiet service including communion
Sunday, December 26	10:00 AM	A time of fellowship
	10:30 AM	Worship, with a special time for children in the fellowship hall following the children's message
Sunday, December 26 – January 1		Minister of Music on vacation
Sunday, January 9	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with the installation of new council members
	11:30 AM	Worship & Music Meeting
Monday, January 10	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Sunday, January 16	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with guest speaker, Major White

### Upcoming Counters

Monday, December 20	Darlene Miner	Carol Brown	Sandy Lehman
Monday, December 27	Elvin Myers	Joanne Hoffman	John Klinedinst
Monday, January 3	Joanne Hoffman	Lois Nelson	Donald Carl
Monday, January 10	Carol Brown	Tammy Wetzel	John Klinedinst

### Office Hours...

The office will be open Monday & Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, and Tuesday & Thursday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. 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:

Cathy Sherry, Pastor	Mon/Wed	10:00 PM - 12:00 PM
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon-Thur	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

Attendance	(60 Sanctuary)
Current	\$2,085.00
Initial Offering	50.00
Building for Service	30.00
Memorial	300.00
<u>OCWM</u>	<u>160.00</u>
TOTAL	2,625.00

### Upcoming Birthdays (\*designates Over 80)

December 25	Kenneth Brown Sr.	January 12	Joan Messinger
December 27	James Messinger	January 13	Barry Wetzel
December 30	Pat McKowen	January 14	Amanda Godfrey
January 08	Blaine Breeden	January 14	Christopher White
January 10	David Wiker	January 17	Brock Walker