

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC

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26th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 21, 2021

10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Announcements - Jean Gross

Prelude: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Smith/Elvey

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

L: We are God's handiwork,

P: Fashioned out of dust, so we might never lose touch with the earth,

L: Shaped by God, so we might never forget to whom we belong,

P: Created with a heart, so we might feel the bonds of love that stretch between us,

L: Made with a deep yearning, so we might seek and be found by a faithful God.

P: We are God's delight and we rejoice to praise our Creator.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn: We Gather Together - #561 - Red Hymnal

Kremser

Confession

L: Let us confess our alienation from God and one another as we join together in a prayer of confession.

ALL: God of justice and mercy, we come before you this day in humility. We consider the first Thanksgiving meal, a time of celebration and unity, yet our country is filled with division. All too often, we do not do the difficult work of building bridges and seeking unity. Please forgive us for the times we've made false assumptions, for the times we've been complacent with injustice, and for the ways we focus on ourselves rather than seeking you. Lord, please help us to see your presence in all of the church.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by grace! With great joy, we are made alive!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Chime Choir: Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Burroughs

Children's Message - Melisa Altland

Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson- 2 Samuel 23: 1-7

New Testament Lesson- Revelation 1: 4b-8

Gospel Lesson- John 18: 33-37

Message: Questioning Truth

Update, Message & Prayer from the Search Committee – Tammy Wetzel

“If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete; be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.” Philippians 2: 1 – 2

Prayer: Let us pray that Christ’s attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the search committee and the church during the pastor search process. Amen.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God - #556 Red Hymnal

Cruger

Benediction

All: We are a chosen people, called for the purpose of being sent. Let us go therefore to shine the light of Christ into the darkness, to speak truth to falsehood, to love in the midst of hatred, and to live as those who belong to one another. In the power of the Triune God, we will strive to do these things. Amen.

Postlude: Thanksgiving

Wilson



Weekly Announcements, Updates and Concerns
November 21, 2021

Altar Flowers...

The altar flowers are given by Tom and Nancy King in loving memory of family members, including their parents, Raymond and Pauline King, and Walter and Edna Klinefelter.

Thank You...

Thank you to all who attended the congregational meeting last Sunday. The 2022 budget was passed as presented: 39- yes and 2-no. Tammy Wetzel and Don Carl were elected to serve on Council.

Poinsettia Ordering Information...

Christmas is coming. It’s time to order poinsettias. The price this year is \$8.50 for a 2-quart container or 5 blooms. The deadline for ordering is December 5. Call Carol Brown to order, (717) 891-1440. You will find poinsettia envelopes with dedication forms on the cart in the overflow room by the bulletins. Put the payment and dedication information into the envelope and put it into the offering plate on the cart.

Advent and Christmas Decorations...

The church will be decorated on Saturday, Nov. 27th at 9:00 am. Please mark your calendar and come out to help get our church ready for the advent season and the celebration of Christ’s birth! We need volunteers to get the job done! ~Darlene

Christmas at Homewood...

We have an opportunity to wish the residents of Homewood a Merry Christmas with special donations. You can donate unscented lotion and tissue boxes. Also, the residents love to get Christmas cards. You may donate signed Christmas cards for residents. Sign a card with your name and church, but keep the envelope blank. If you wish to participate, please have your donations to the church by December 5. Thank you! ~ *Nancy Cherry*

Christmas Mission Opportunities...

In addition to our collection of items for Homewood, 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.

Memorial & Altar Flowers...

The price for flowers from Royer's Flowers has almost doubled. The church will not be coordinating the sale of flowers for the memorial and altar vases for the time being, while we look at other options. If you are currently signed up for flowers on the flower chart, your flowers will be ordered at the original cost to you. You may still sponsor flowers and the dedications will be printed in the bulletin as always, but you will have to buy your own and get them to the church by **Saturday** morning. See Pat McKowen or Jill Neiderer if you have questions.

Offering Plate...

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

Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive...

We will be conducting our annual Homewood Auxiliary membership drive in November. The mission of the Auxiliary is to support Homewood Retirement Centers' Health Care residents and programs through volunteer service and supplementary funding. Membership benefits include a subscription to the Fireside newsletter and the deep satisfaction of helping Homewood to fulfill its mission, "to provide compassionate, professional, and caring services," to everyone living at Homewood. Good news! Calendars are available again this year. The suggested donation is still \$3 per person and \$5 per couple. Please see Nancy Cherry to join. Thank you!

Christmas Cantata...

The fall leaves are just beginning to transform into their beautiful display of red and gold. Even though most of the leaves haven't fallen yet, the Sanctuary Choir has already been planning ahead for the next season. We are hoping to have Christmas programs this year in the church. We are hoping to see Christmas decorations and sing Christmas carols. "Let There Be Christmas" is the title of this year's Christmas cantata. We pray you can join us for the message and carols during our worship service on December 5th. ~Nancy Cherry

Care Committee Donations...

The supply of food the Care Committee distributes is getting low. We could use more soups, cookies, and other items. Please consider making a donation. See Nancy Cherry if you have questions.

Are you age 70 1/2? ...

One of our parishioners has made part of her yearly offerings to our church using the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) a tax favorable way to make a gift and reduce your taxable income from an IRA distribution. QCDs can be made by directing your IRA to make a direct contribution (i.e., check payable to a qualified 501c3 (not for profit), in our case the church). This method is best utilized by those who use the standard deduction on their taxes... but can be done by anyone above the age 70 1/2. The charitable contribution can be any size up to \$100,000 per year. A QCD is NOT tax deductible to the donor, but tax liability is zero to the donor and the recipient, as the not for profit realizes the gain, but is tax exempt and therefore receives 100% of the gift. This method is especially helpful for IRA owner who have to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) starting at age 72 who don't need all of those funds that are required to be taken or were going to make a charitable contribution anyway -- any Qualified Charitable Distributions will offset Required Minimum Distributions dollar for dollar and does not need to be all of the RMD.

This is not meant to be a complete discussion on QCDs but to make you aware of it as a way to make your gifts to the Church. Please consult an accountant or financial planner for a more complete review.

Thank You to Our Greeters...

Thank you to today's greeters, Donna & Dave Wiker. Next week's greeters are Cynthia Elicker & Jean Gross.

Thank You to Our Liturgist...

Thank you to today's liturgist, Jean Gross. Next week's liturgist is Nancy King.

Thank You to Our Acolyte...

Thank you to today's acolyte Grace Mensinger. Next week's acolyte is Olivia Godfrey.

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Monday, November 22	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Saturday, November 27	9:00 AM	Decorate for Advent and Christmas
Sunday, November 28	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service in the Sanctuary and via YouTube
Tuesday, November 30	4:15 PM	Harvest of Hope Food Pantry Volunteer Hours

Upcoming Counters

Monday, November 22	Joanne Hoffman	Pat McKowen	Sandy Lehman
Tuesday, November 30	Lisa Crisamore	Tammy Wetzell	John Klinedinst
Monday, December 06	Carol Brown	Darlene Miner	Pat McKowen
Monday, December 13	Joanne Hoffman	Elvin Myers	Lois Nelson

Office Hours...

The office will be open Monday through Wednesday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM this 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:

Cathy Sherry, Pastor	Mon	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon-Wed	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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

Attendance	(60 Sanctuary)
Current	\$3,749.00
Crop Walk	130.00
Good Samaritan Fund	2,730.25
Building for Service	35.00
<u>OCWM</u>	<u>145.00</u>
TOTAL	6,789.00

Upcoming Birthdays (*designates Over 80)

November 25	Jenny Shrader	November 29	Kaleb Hamme
November 26	Anne Bakner	December 04	Jonathan Neiderer
November 26	Beth Mensinger	December 07	Donald Senft
November 28	Lisa Crisamore	December 08	Carson Fuhrman
November 29	Nya Brown	December 09	Brandon Hubley