

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 12, 2021
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Announcements

Prelude: The Church's One Foundation

Hughes

Ringing of the Bell

Introduction to Today's Service

Sanctuary

Call to Worship (Based on Deuteronomy 6: 4 - 9)

L: Hear O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

P: We shall love the Lord our God with all our hearts with all our souls and with all our might.

L: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home.

P: We will talk about them when we lie down and when we rise.

L: Bind them as a sign on your hand and fix them as an emblem on your forehead.

P: We will write them on the doorposts of our homes and on our gates so we might remember this in our coming and going.

ALL: Bless the Lord God of Israel who is our God alone.

Children's Message

Distribution & Blessing of Hymnals

Hymn: Nearer, My God to Thee - Red Hymnal #393

Mason

Call to Confession (Micah 7: 18 - 19)

L: God will have compassion upon us when we cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Dear God, as the waters carry away stones and pebbles, we come to cast away our mistakes and transgressions. Help me to let go of my mistakes. Help me to stop carrying the baggage of the poor choices I have made. Help me let go of all the ways I have missed the mark. May the waters of your grace flow over us, to restore and renew us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: God does not retain his anger forever but delights in showing clemency.

ALL: Our hearts have been opened by your blessing. Bless the Lord God, who is our God alone.

Scripture: Texts from Ezra and Nehemiah

Message: Coming Home

Special Music: Solo- Blaine Breeden, "One Pair of Hands"

Campbell

Dedication of Teachers

L: God's Word is a lamp to our feet.

P: **We have been blessed by God's Word and the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ.**

L: Today we dedicate to God the particular gifts we offer for spiritual formation as we dedicate the ministry of teaching and those God has put in this place to guide us.

Sunday School Teachers Please Stand.

P: **We praise God who has lifted you up among us.**

Teachers: We will seek His guidance in our preparation and we pray that we may be filled with the kindness and compassion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Dedication

Message & Prayer from the Search Committee - Don Carl

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43: 18 - 19

Prayer: Pray for the church to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit. Pray for the church to be strengthened to carry out the vision God has for her.

Prayers and Blessing of our Worship Space

Closing Hymn: We Would Be Building

Sibelius

(Words and music on the last page of the bulletin.)

Benediction

Postlude: Sing a New Song of Joy!

Livingston, Jr.

St. Peter's Lischey's United Church of Christ
Weekly Announcements, Updates and Concerns
September 12, 2021

Our Sunday School Teachers...

Preschool & Elementary Teachers	Middle School and High School Teachers	High School Teacher	Childrens' Music Program Teachers
Crystal Freed Jenell McKowen Beth Mensinger	Cody Kauffman Kari Kauffman	Diane Breeden	Nancy Cherry Lisa Crisamore

Perfect Attendance...

Today began a new season of Sunday School, but before we move too far into the future, let's take a moment to recognize all those who achieved perfect attendance last year: Diane Breeden, Cameron Freed, Crystal Freed, Sage Freed, Olivia Godfrey, Ellie Kessler, Jenell McKowen, Ryan McKowen, Beth Mensinger, Grace Mensinger, TJ Mensinger, Jayden Myers, Abigail O'Neal, and Heath O'Neal. Congratulations!

Condolences to Pamela Kiser...

On behalf of everyone at St. Peter's Lischey's UCC, we would like to express our most sincere sadness at the passing of your sister, Beverly Kiser. May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your extended family.

Reminder: We're on YouTube Now...

Please be mindful when speaking in church that we are now broadcasting on YouTube. When you are lifting up joys or concerns to the congregation, be careful about using last names.

Children's Sunday School...

Children's Sunday School began today and will be on an **EVERY** week schedule.

Children's Message Returns Today, September 12...

Today marks the return of the Children's Message. Volunteers are needed to present the lesson to the children. There are plenty of resources available online to help you plan your message. You can also read a story as the message. See **Pastor Cathy** if you are interested.

Altar & Memorial Flowers...

Now that we are back, live and in person, don't forget that you can sponsor flowers for the altar and memorial vases. There is a sign-up sheet in the overflow room. You may also contact **Jill Neiderer** if you have questions or the order is short notice. If the flowers are in honor of someone, in memory of a loved one, or for a special occasion, don't forget to let the secretary know so he can put it in the bulletin.

Youth Workshop...

There will be a workshop for youth in 7th through 12th grades on September 19 at St. Paul's UCC in Stoverstown from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Participants of this workshop will discover what makes a relationship healthy and how to identify indicators of an unhealthy relationship or friendship. Through a series of engaging activities and discussion, participants will learn about respect and the role it plays in healthy relationships. You can sign up in the overflow room or speak to **Jenell McKowen**. Jenell will be accompanying our youth to the workshop and is also happy to drive or pick-up anyone interested.

Deadline to sign up is TODAY.

Message from the Minister of Music...

It is so exciting to plan the beginning of music ministry in church services again. We pray it can continue safely. The Sanctuary Choir and the Chime Choir will begin rehearsing every week beginning on September 9th. The Joyful Singers/Ringers will be rehearsing every other week. The orchestra will join in worship also. The tentative schedule is listed below.

Please consider helping with this ministry. You don't need to be a soloist to join. All our voices (or chimes or bells) join to make pleasing praise to God. Consider a "Season of Singing and/or Ringing," perhaps through Christmas. You will have an opportunity to get to know choir members better, have fun fellowship, and help inspire our worship. If you decide to participate longer, that's great! If not, we are grateful for the time you were able to share the ministry with us! The whole church is blessed by the contributions of everyone who helps in the music ministry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, September 16	6:30 PM	Chime Choir
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Wednesday, September 22	6:30 PM	Chime Choir
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, September 30	6:30 PM	Chime Choir
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir

Thank You to Our Greeters...

Thank you to our greeters this week: Darlene & Steve Miner. Next week's greeters are Karen Bathgate & Cynthia Elicker.

Thank You to Our Liturgist...

Thank you to today's liturgist, Donald Carl.

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Sunday, September 12 - Sunday,
September 19

Harvest of Hope Food Drive

Monday, September 13

7:00 PM Council Meeting

Thursday, September 16

6:30 PM Chime Choir

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, September 19

9:15 AM Adult Sunday School

9:30 AM Children's Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
and via YouTube

6:00 PM Pizza Social and Youth Workshop
at St. Paul's UCC, Stoverstown

Upcoming Counters

Monday, September 13	Elvin Myers	Pat McKowen	Sandy Lehman
Tuesday, September 21	Lisa Crisamore	Donald Carl	John Klinedinst
Monday, September 27	Carol Brown	Joanne Hoffman	Pat McKowen
Monday, October 04	Joanne Hoffman	Tammy Wetzel	Lois Nelson

Office Hours...

Pastor Cathy, Nancy Cherry, and Pat McKowen will be in the office Monday through Thursday. 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	1 PM - 3 PM
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thurs	1 PM - 3 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon-Wed	12 PM - 4 PM

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

Attendance	(45 Outside/Sanctuary)
Current	\$1,610.00
Building for Service	55.00
Love Offering (2-week total- \$1,195)	370.00
Harvest of Hope	20.00
<u>OCWM</u>	<u>60.00</u>
TOTAL	2,115.00

Upcoming Birthdays (*designates Over 80)

September 16	Crystal Freed	October 05	Jill Neiderer
September 22	Diane Patterson	October 05	Dennis Runk
September 23	Matthew Kessler	October 07	Blair Byers
September 30	Adrienne Messinger	October 09	Marley Hay
October 01	*Deanna Hildebrand	October 09	Dequay Lauchman

Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49; 1 Esd. 5:56-7:15

Purd E. Deitz, 1935; alt.

1 We would be build - ing; tem - ples still un - done o'er crum - bling
 2 Teach us to build; up - on the sol - id rock we set the
 3 O keep us build - ing, Sav - ior; may our hands ne'er fal - ter

walls their cross - es scarce - ly lift, wait - ing till love can
 dream that hard - ens in - to deed, ribbed with fine steel, both
 when the dream is in our hearts, when to our ears there

raise the bro - ken stone, and hearts cre - a - tive
 time and change to mock, the un - fail - ing pur - pose
 come di - vine com - mands and all the pride of

bridge the hu - man rift. We would be build - ing,
 of our no - blest creed. Teach us to build; O
 sin - ful will de - parts. We build with you; O

Ar - chi - tect Di - vine, re - veal the shape of life in your de - sign.
 Mak - er, lend us sight to see the tow - ers gleam - ing in the light.
 grant en - dur - ing worth un - til your prom - ised realm shall come on earth.