

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2020 - 10:30 AM

Gathering Music: The Quiet Carol
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

Lorenz
Martin

Ringing of the Bell

Announcements

Prelude: Lift Up Your Heads

Paxton

Chime Choir: What Child is This?

Hakes

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle of Joy

Scripture: Isaiah 61: 1 - 4

Lighting of Advent Candle

L: O Holy One, we light this third candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world.

P: With the coming of this light there is joy, joy that is ours not only at Christmas but always.

L: Soon we will celebrate the birth of Jesus.

P: We worship with joy in our hearts

ALL: And remember the words of the angels: "Behold I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people."

Opening Prayer

Music Interlude: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayer of Confession...

ALL: God, too often we have closed doors that you have opened for us. We have elevated our own desires and made our own judgments over yours because we have been too arrogant, or too stubborn or simply just human. We are in need of your light and your joy. Come Lord Jesus to restore and renew us. Amen.

Scripture: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Message: Expect Joy

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Music Interlude: Jesus, Name Above All Names

Benediction

Postlude: Fantasia on "Adeste Fidelis"

Smith/Wade

Weekly Announcements, Updates and Concerns

December 13, 2020

For printing purposes, please have all information to the church office by Thursday morning at 10 AM.

The Altar Flowers...

The altar flowers today are placed in memory of loved ones and in celebration of my mother, Phyllis Gingrich's 98th birthday, presented by Jean Weidler.

Family Sponsorship for Christmas...

Eric Hess has been on our prayer chain for several months. Eric is 35 years old and is dealing with cancer for the second time in his life. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy every other week at Hershey and being monitored for congestive heart failure. We learned about the Hess family through Karla Waltersdorff, who is a co-worker of Eric's wife. They have a 2½ year old child. Help with gas cards (Sheets, Rutter's or Giant), monetary contributions to help with medical costs are much needed. Please use the green envelopes with a Christmas tree and place in the offering plate. *Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Lischey's with memo: "Hess Family."* We also have a Christmas tree with items that could be purchased for their daughter. Please bring these items to church in a gift bag by December 20th and place in the Christmas tree box in the overflow room. Thank you for considering this outreach ministry!

Hello...

Many thanks to all of you who do so many nice things for us.

We thank you so much for the copies of the church bulletins each week. They are so very much appreciated. And the phone calls we receive now and then mean a lot.

Thank you, Pastor Cathy, for your card at Thanksgiving. Also for the lovely card from the care committee and the church family. And a big thank you to Jean Gross for the food care package she delivered.

Carl faithfully does the exercises daily, and every now and then, he forgets his cane, and goes to the kitchen without it, and back to the living room. My prayers are in sincere thanks to God at those times and many others. He can't do steps at all, so our one-floor home works really well. I'm quite proud of him. He turned 89 on August 10th. So, all in all, we thankful for every blessing we've received. Many thanks to all of you.

Sincerely, *Nancy Cunningham*

P.S. Almost forgot. Our daughter prepared our Thanksgiving dinner for us. She's still working, and did that for us. I helped with the veggies and the pies. She takes very good care of us.

The Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is seeking a few new members to replace valued members we lost in 2020. Anyone interested can see Melisa Altland or anyone of the Altar Guild members. We meet twice a year and each person normally handles Altar Guild duties 4 weekends a year.

Homewood

Homewood sends its thanks for all the Kleenex boxes, Christmas cards, wrapping paper, and bows. Your generosity is a blessing for the residents.

Church Secretary News...

Michele Hamme has recently submitted a letter of resignation, and will step down from her role as church secretary, in preparation of starting a new chapter in her working career. Michele has accepted a full-time position with the West York Area School District, as the middle school's new Building Clerk. Michele will continue as our church secretary through February 13, 2021. As we are saddened to see Michele leaving us, we should also be thankful for the time she so graciously shared her time and talents with us, and wish her well in her future endeavors. Please join me in congratulating Michele on her new position, and also thanking her for almost seventeen years of dedicated service.
Larry Spangler, Council President

Harvest of Hope...

Thank you for your generous support of this local ministry!! Volunteers are needed to help from 4:15-7:00 PM on Thursday, December 17th. Please sign up if you are able to help. **Our final count for the 30 for 30 mission project was 44 families!! Thank you!**

Office Hours...

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:

Mon/Thur	1:30 PM – 4 PM	Michele Hamme, Secretary
Tuesday	1 PM – 3 PM	Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music
Wed/Fri	1 PM - 3 PM	Cathy Sherry, Pastor

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Mon, December 14	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Sun, December 20	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School via Zoom
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School & Confirmation
	10:30 AM	4 th Sunday of Advent Worship Service in Sanctuary & via Zoom
	4:30 PM	Advent Devotions via Zoom
Thurs, December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (outdoors/dress appropriately)
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service with Communion (Sanctuary/via Zoom)
Sun, December 27	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 AM	Worship Service via Zoom only

Joseph Martin Concert...

A special Christmas music program will be available this year from Joseph Martin Creative Services. The program includes virtual choirs – adult and children – as well as a bell choir, soloists, and more. To register to see this program, go to www.virtualsingingchristmastree.wpcomstaging.com. Once there, click on “Join a Watch Party”. There you will choose from four (4) dates and times: Sunday, December 13th at 7 PM; Wednesday, December 16th at 8 PM; Sunday December 20th at 7 PM; or Tuesday, December 22nd at 8 PM. After you make your date selection, you will be asked to register with your name and email address. A link will be emailed to you to watch the program. In a year when music options are limited, I hope this program of beautiful Christmas music will be a blessing to you!

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

Attendance	66 (47 sanctuary/ 19 zoom)
Current	\$3,295.00
Loose Offering	35.00
Harvest of Hope Food Pantry	370.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	30.00
Strengthen the Church	10.00
Hess Family	177.00
Homewood Home Auxiliary	74.00
Altar Flowers	30.00
Sunday School Books	28.00
Good Samaritan Offering	210.00
Building for Service	40.00
Building for Service – memory of Treva Lease	1,000.00
<u>OCWM</u>	<u>190.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$5,489.00

Plastic Jugs...

Thank you for your donations of plastic jugs. At this time, we have plenty and appreciate your donations!

Upcoming Birthdays...

Judy Minik	December 14	Jim Messinger	December 27
Tom Waltersdorff	December 17	Pat McKowen	December 30
Ken Brown, Sr.	December 25		

Thank You to Our Helpers...

This week

Sound System

ZOOM Helper..... Joy Spangler

Money counters .. Joanne Hoffman,
Lois Nelson

Next Week

Sound System

ZOOM Helper..... Melisa Altland

Money counters .. Darlene Miner,
Sandy Lehman

Worship in the Sanctuary...

Please avoid lingering before and after the service. Please keep outerwear with you. Designated pews for seating will help accomplish social distancing. Masks will be used and there will be no singing at this time.

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.