

# WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 10:30 AM

Prelude: Awakening Spring

Oberg

Ringing of the Bell

Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 1):

L: Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord!

**P: They are like trees planted by streams of water.**

L: They yield fruit and their leaves do not wither.

**P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.**

**ALL: Happy are those who seek him with their whole hearts!**

Music Interlude: Arise Your Light Has Come

Walter

Prayer of Confession:

**ALL :** Gracious God, we confess our doubts sometimes stifle our joy. Forgive us when we lack faith in you, and comfort us when our fears outweigh our praise. God, forgive us when we fail to trust you, and help us when we do not live as your faithful witnesses. Forgive us when we are self-consumed and waste opportunities to love others as you have loved us. Strengthen us so that we may have the same heart and mind with you and your Father. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: God's promises are true! God upholds us according to His promises so that we may live in His joy!

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Scripture: Acts 1: 1-11

Message: FANAFI

The Apostles' Creed

**ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) "I beg ... you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

**Ephesians 4: 1 - 3**

**Prayer:** Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for a pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search committee as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.

Benediction

Postlude Postludium

Moore

St. Peter's Lischey's United Church of Christ  
Weekly Announcements, Updates and Concerns  
May 16, 2021

Memorial Vase...

The flowers in the Memorial Vase are in memory of my husband's passing. A graveside memorial will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, which would have been his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. *JoAnn Kirkwood*

Thank You...

Thank you to Robert Strausbaugh for his thoughtful and generous donation of books, games, toys, and educational materials to our Sunday School program.

Address Updates...

- **Mrs. Mary Jo Bollinger** (717) 867-4467
  - Lebanon Valley Home
  - 550 E Main St
  - Annville, PA 17003
  - Attention: Mrs. Mary Jo Bollinger
  
- **Mrs. Helen Klinedinst** (717) 632-1414
  - Sharon's Personal Care Home
  - 1441 Baltimore St.
  - Hanover, PA 17331
  - Attention: Mrs. Helen Klinedinst
  
- **Billy Waltersdorff (Effective May 21, 2021)**
  - Billy and Jordin Waltersdorff
  - 1765 Coral Sea Road
  - San Diego, CA 92139

Rite of Confirmation...

Please join us Sunday, May 23, 2021 to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for *Olivia Godfrey, Ellie Grace Kessler, Terrence Donald Mensinger Jr,* and *Abigail O'Neal* during our regular worship service at 10:30 AM.

### **Strengthen the Church Offering (STC) - May 23<sup>rd</sup> . . .**

2020 was a year of challenge in so many walks of life, including the church. STC furthers the work of our conference and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide new programs for youth and young adults. We receive your gifts to this offering on Pentecost because that is when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which empowered the earliest followers of Jesus to dream anew and envision a new future for themselves and their community!

### **Kennie's Community Rewards Program...**

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC received \$239.29 from the Kennie's Community Rewards Program. Thank you to our members who signed us up last year and already enrolled this year. The enrollment period ends June 1<sup>st</sup>. You can sign-up on Kennie's website and designate us as your nonprofit organization of choice, or you can give me your name, phone number, and card number, and I will enroll you annually. See Pat McKowen for questions, or if you aren't sure if you are already enrolled.

### **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) and 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 owners 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.

### **Wear RED next Sunday for Pentecost...**

You are encouraged to wear for Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021.

### **Council Highlights from May 10, 2021...**

- Outside summer worship begins June 6. Beginning that Sunday, mask wearing will be optional for both inside and outside worship. Singing will be allowed outside, but not inside, with the exception of a soloist.
- Kitchen activities may resume on May 31. Again mask wearing is optional.
- Council has decided to use Zoom when we first begin streaming with the new equipment. This allows time to practice, and streaming will begin after the training, to be announced.
- Rev. Cathy Sherry has agreed to extend her interim contract with us until October 31, 2021 with the provision to leave earlier if a pastor is called.

- **Looking ahead:** Election Day, May 18, Church Office Closed; Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 and VBS will be held June 21-25 with one service on June 27 at 9:30 am.

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

Tuesday, May 18	All Day	Church Offices closed due to voting
Wednesday, May 19	7:00 PM	Children & Youth Meeting via Zoom
Thursday, May 20	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 23	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – in person and via Zoom. Rite of Confirmation

### Upcoming Counters

Monday, May 17	Elvin Myers	Joanne Hoffman	Lois Nelson
Tuesday, May 25	Darlene Miner	Lisa Crisamore	Pat McKowen
Tuesday, June 1	Carol Brown	Sandy Lehman	Joanne Hoffman
Tuesday, June 8	Joanne Hoffman	Lisa Crisamore	Lois Nelson

### Upcoming Zoom Assistants...

May 16	Ryan McKowen	June 6	Don Carl
May 23	Joy Spangler	June 13	Pat McKowen
May 30	Toni & Abby O'Neal	June 20	Ryan McKowen

### 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:

Wed/Thurs	1 PM - 3 PM	Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music
Mon/Wed	1 PM - 3 PM	Cathy Sherry, Pastor
Mon, Wed	1 PM - 4 PM	Pat McKowen, Secretary
Thurs	10:00 AM- 2:00 PM	

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

Attendance	(49 Sanctuary + 9 via zoom)
Current	\$1,605.00
Building for Service	30.00
<u>OCWM</u>	<u>70.00</u>
TOTAL	1,705.00

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

May 09	Ryder Linker	May 14	Meggie Byers	May 20	Diane Kimball
May 10	Alex Brown	May 14	Pamela Noel	May 20	Ryan McKowen
May 10	Myles Brown	May 16	Leah Myers	May 24	*Maybelle Altland
May 12	*Anna Mae Mummert	May 16	Susan Sanders	May 29	Lily Bakner
May 13	*Helen Klinedinst	May 19	Linda Pentz	May 29	Amanda Henning