

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS  
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC  
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: Chime Choir- "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Scholes

Call to Worship

L: The Lord is our shepherd.

**ALL: We shall not want.**

L: God leads us to green pastures and still waters.

**ALL: God restores our souls.**

L: Even when we walk through the darkest valleys, we are not alone.

**ALL: For God is with us, guiding and protecting us.**

L: Come, let us worship the One whose goodness and mercy follow us all our days.

**ALL: We come with hope and gratitude to worship the Lord.**

Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" - Red Hymnal #462

Bradbury

Confession:

L: Shepherd of our souls, you lead us in paths of life, but we often choose our own way.

**ALL: We wander from your guidance and trust in our own strength.**

L: You call us to trust you in every valley, yet we are often ruled by fear and doubt.

**ALL: Forgive us, O God, and restore our souls.**

L: Remind us that your mercy never leaves us. Guide us again in your ways of love and faithfulness.

**ALL: Lead us beside still waters and renew our hope. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance:*

L: Hear the good news: The Lord is our shepherd. God's goodness and mercy pursue us every day.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.**

L: Walk in hope and peace.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Joyful Singers: "Jesus Calls Them One by One"

Scripture: Psalm 23      Jenell McKowen

Message: Hope That Walks With Us

Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" - Red Hymnal #381

Scott

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

\*Closing Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - Red Hymnal #468

Dykes

Extinguish Lenten Candle

L: Today, we observe the fourth week of Lent. We have extinguished the candles of judgement, so that we might feast on acceptance. We have extinguished the candle of discontent, so that we might feast on gratitude. We have extinguished the candle of worry, so that we might feast on faith.

**ALL: In Romans 12, Paul wrote these words: For by the grace given to me, I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.**

L: As we extinguish the fourth candle - let us fast from stereotyping others, that we might feast on truth. Let us pray:

**ALL: Dear God, help me not to fear others I do not know. Help me have the heart of Christ and to trust in you. May I be as generous with grace to others, as you have been to me. Amen.**

*Extinguish one candle.*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: "Lift Up Your Songs of Praise"

Trusselle

\**Members should rise if able.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

March 15, 2026

Welcome & Thank You, Andrew Boyer...

We warmly welcome and thank Andrew Boyer for leading us in worship today. Andrew has been with us before, and we are grateful for his willingness to once again share his time, gifts, and message with the congregation of St. Peter's Lischey's UCC. Andrew is currently finishing the second year of a four-year Master of Divinity program at Lancaster Theological Seminary, which is part of the Moravian School of Theology. As a student in discernment, he continues to explore God's call to ministry while gaining valuable experience through supply preaching in congregations throughout the York and Gettysburg areas. Andrew is an active member of Starview United Church of Christ, where he enjoys being involved in the life and ministry of his home church. As part of his studies, Andrew is looking forward to participating in a cross-cultural class trip to the Dominican Republic in May. Outside of school and church life, he enjoys kayaking, working on creative projects, and spending time with his cat, Peppermint. We thank Andrew for being with us today and for sharing his gifts with our congregation. Please join us in welcoming him to St. Peter's Lischey's UCC.

### **Harvest of Hope Food Collection...**

From March 1 to March 22, Lischey's will be gathering items to help provide Easter meals for those in need. Our goal is to collect 100 of each of the following: boxes of stuffing and boxes of potatoes. Thank you for your continued support of Harvest of Hope.

### **Mission Committee Meeting TODAY...**

The Mission Committee will meet TODAY, Sunday, March 15 after our worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your ideas of how we can serve others for the remainder of 2026. All are invited to join us or give us new ideas to serve others in our community, country, or world. Any questions or ideas, please talk to Jean Weidler or others on the team.

### **Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> ...**

Jefferson Homemakers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Our program will be a demonstration of exercises to improve balance and strength, that includes a video presentation and discussion support with Joann Nace. Our meeting includes lunch. All are welcome.

### **Sight & Sound Bus Trip- Reserve Your Spot Today...**

A bus trip to Sight & Sound is once again being coordinated by SPLATT. A new show is being presented this year - Joshua. The bus will depart from the church at 9:15 AM on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll be stopping for a late lunch at Golden Corral following the matinee performance. Please see Bud Hamme to reserve your spot. This year's cost is \$125 per person which includes coach bus transportation, show tickets, and lunch. Cash or check payments can be given to Bud by June 1. Checks should be made to St. Peter's Lischey's UCC with a note indicating it's for the SPLATT trip.

### **Easter Egg Hunt- March 29<sup>th</sup>...**

An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned by SPLATT for Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the church service. The day will include a light luncheon, crafts, and egg hunt. Please support us by placing **candy donations** in the bin in the overflow room. Thank you!

### **Easter Sunday Breakfast- April 5<sup>th</sup>...**

SPLATT is proud to announce the return of Easter breakfast this year! A pancake and sausage breakfast, together with fresh fruit, sides, and drinks, will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 AM, as a fundraiser for their upcoming bus trip to Sight & Sound. Monetary donations will be collected in baskets as you enter the fellowship hall. Please come hungry and support the youth of our church.

### **March Council Meeting Highlights...**

- Council would like to reinstate the Care Committee to facilitate the visitation of our shut-ins. Please see any member of Council if you are interested in participating in this important outreach.
- The painting project has been completed by Ausherman's Painting Company.
- Ellie Kessler will be coordinating the VBS program and a date has been set for June 15-19. Volunteers will be needed. Please see Ellie with your interest.
- The Council & Cemetery Board are contracting an outside mowing service to complete our mowing & trimming needs. Council is still looking for a cleaning option.

### **Thank you to our helpers this week:**

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Jenell McKowen
<i>Acolyte</i>	Will Bakner

### **Next week's helpers are:**

Blaine Breeden
Nancy King
Olivia Godfrey

<i>Children's Message</i>	None	Michele Hamme
<i>Greeters</i>	Darlene & Steve Miner	Melisa Altland & Michele Hamme
<i>Money Counters</i>	Joanne Hoffman, Don Carl, & Tammy Wetzel	Lisa Crisamore, Jean Weidler, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Blaine Breeden & Cole McKowen	Joy & Larry Spangler

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

Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Soup-Supper & Community Service- St. Paul Zeigler's Lutheran in Seven Valleys
Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Soup-Supper & Community Service- Trinity Roth's UCC in Spring Grove
Sunday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM	Easter Egg Hunt at church
Tuesday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours

### **Office Hours...**

The office will be open during the hours listed below. 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:

Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Tue-Thur	11:00 AM - 2 PM

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

March 16	Evelyn Walker	March 18	William Hersh
March 17	Sandra Lehman	March 20	Grace Mensinger

### **Our Response to God's Love Last Week was...**

Attendance 67- 63 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,265.00
Initial Offering	20.00
OCWM	130.00
Harvest of Hope-Community Lenten Service	329.00
Harvest of Hope	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,784.00</b>