

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Sunday, March 19, 2023
4th Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude- "The Breath of God"

Landis

Call to Worship

L: Let us gather in the name of God to remember and give thanks.

P: Let us gather in the name of His Son, our Savior, with a spirit of penitence.

L: Let us call upon the Holy Spirit, that we may hear the word of God and become the people God intends for us to be.

ALL: God most Holy, we welcome you to this time of worship and into our lives!

Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross" - #186 Red Hymnal

Bennard

Confession

Call to Confession:

L: When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites who love to stand on the street corners so others may see them. When you pray, pray to your Father in secret and your Father, who sees you, will repay you.

ALL: During this time of Lent, may we be steadfast in seeking our Lord in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Confession:

ALL: Lord, you call us to leave our old ways behind, but we like our comfortable lives. You call us to go where you will show us, but we want the map directions before we leave. You call us to be a blessing to all, but often we want to keep the blessing for ourselves. Help us to hear your voice and to let go of what holds us back. Lead us, Lord, to walk your way on any road we travel. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Friends, hear the Good News: No burden of the past is stronger than the power of love to forgive, heal, and bless. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message - Michele Hamme

Scripture: Luke 11:37-52 – Tammy Wetzel

Message: Hearts of Stone

Hymn: "At the Cross" - #188 Red Hymnal

Hudson

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (Lent Praise Booklet- p. 3)

Announcements

Sanctuary Choir w/ SPLATT & Friends: "Sanctuary of Grace"

Martin

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Lent Praise Booklet- p. 3)

Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" - #304 Red Hymnal

Nicholson

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- "Rock of My Salvation"

Moore



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

March 19, 2023

Condolences...

We express our deepest Christian sympathies to the family of Clara Eisenhart, who passed away on Wednesday, March 15th. We pray God's grace and peace during the days and weeks ahead. A graveside service was held at Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens in Gettysburg on Saturday, March 18th.

Lenten Season Mission Activity

40 Days of Lent Challenge- We will collect items for Safe Home, a homeless shelter in Hanover. Items will include: new towels, washcloths, small bars of soap, and toothpaste. You can pick up a list of the needed items on the table in the overflow room. There is a bin under the table in the overflow room for your donations.

Lenten Season Worship Options & Meals...

Please pick up a copy of *A Lenten Menu Offered by St. Peter's Lischey's Church* pamphlet to see all of your options for worship this Lenten Season. Midweek in-person services will be Wednesdays at 7 PM in the fellowship hall following dinner at 6 PM. Each week an excerpt from a movie will serve as our entrée for worship and reflection.

We will need volunteers to provide food for the suppers this Lenten season. This year we will again have themes for the Wednesday evening meals between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. Our next themes are: Favorite Comfort Food for March 22nd, and GRACE (foods beginning with each of the letters in the word) for March 29th. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the overflow room. Bring a friend!

Council Meeting Highlights

- York association is having a plastics and Styrofoam collection project for Earth Day.
- Approved change to facilities usage responsibilities, and have anyone using church to pay security deposit
- VBS scheduled for June 19th -23rd with presentation and picnic to follow on June 25th.
- The pastoral candidate that was mentioned during the last congregational meeting has had first interview and the search committee has been reaching out to candidate for follow up.
- A York Association Youth event is planned for April 18th and 19th.

Easter Egg Hunt...

Our Easter Egg Hunt is on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, at 1:30 PM. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a story, snacks, and crafts in addition to the Easter egg hunt. Candy donations will be accepted in the bin located under the table in the overflow room.

Easter Lilies...

Easter lily time is here again. The price is \$8.50, and the deadline to order is April 2nd. Call Carol Brown to place your order, 717-891-1440. Fill out the dedication forms and put them, along with your payment, into the envelopes that are found beside the bulletins in the overflow room. Put the envelopes into the offering plate.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering- TODAY...

Today is the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. Envelopes are on the cart by the bulletins.

Susquehanna Senior Center Volunteer and/or Job Opportunity...

The Susquehanna Senior Center – Connect is looking for 2-3 volunteers and 2 employees:

- 2-3 volunteers 1-3 days a week, 8-Noon.
- Administrative Assistant starting at 8 AM, 5-6 hours daily with infrequent weekends. Requirements include: Knowledge of Microsoft Office, good with people, computer, organizational, and editing skills.
- Food program Coordinator starting at 8 or 8:30 AM, 3-4 hours daily. Meals are delivered daily; distribution of meals is the responsibility of this position. Infrequent meal prep required for member events. Computer data entry is required, and a willingness to learn meal reporting software. The process is repetitive and not difficult to learn.

Contact Patricial Wilkerson, Executive Director, Susquehanna Area Senior Center – Connect, 2427 Craley Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368, (717) 244-0340.

Thank you to our helpers this week:		Next week's helpers are:
<i>Greeters</i>	Melisa Altland & Joan Messinger	Connie & Mike Neiderer
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sage Freed	Grace Mensinger
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Tammy Wetzel	Jean Gross
<i>Money Counters</i>	Darlene Miner, Pat McKowen, Tammy Wetzel	Joanne Hoffman, Darlene Miner, John Klinedinst
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Joy & Larry Spangler	Blaine Breeden & Don Carl

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Wednesday, March 22 6:00 PM Lent at the Movies- Dinner, Movie Clip, Discussion

Thursday, March 23	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 26	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers Rehearsal (Will perform during the service.)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class-homeless shelter meal preparation in kitchen
Sunday, April 2	1:30 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 9	8:00 AM	Worship Service with Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion
Monday, April 10	All Day	Church Office closed

Office Hours...

The office will be open Monday through Thursday this week. See below for hours. 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	Office hours will vary due to home communions.
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon -Thur 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

March 20	Grace Mensinger	March 25	Donald Carl
March 22	Dennis Kimball	March 28	Michael Neiderer
March 24	Cameron Freed	March 30	Tammy Wetzel

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

Attendance	57 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube
Current Offering	\$1,720.00
Initial Offering	200.00
OCWM	15.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	300.00
Easter Dinners (Harvest of Hope)	60.00
Total	\$2,295.00

Easter Lilies



Name: _____

Price: \$8.50

Deadline to order: April 2, 2023

Quantity _____ x \$8.50 each

= _____ Total Enclosed

In honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Presented by: _____

Give orders to Carol Brown, call her at (717) 891-1440, or text car7br@gmail.com



Memorial Fund Donation

If you would prefer to donate money to the Memorial Fund instead of purchasing an Easter Lily, please fill out the information below.

Donation Amount \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

Presented by: _____
