

**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS**  
**St. Peter's Lischey's UCC**  
**www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2023**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude- Chime Choir: "In the Garden"

Miles/McChesney

Call to Worship (Based on Joel 2)

L: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.

**P: For our God is gracious and merciful.**

L: God is slow to anger and relents from punishing.

**P: Our God abounds in steadfast love.**

L: Know that God is in our midst.

**ALL: You, O Lord, are our God and there shall be no other.**

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

Hudson

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: God, open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to the subtle voice of Jesus calling us into integrity and peace. We confess those places in our hearts where we hold on to hurt, fear, disappointment, judgement, unkindness, and control of our own life and that of others. God, we come seeking the grace of Your forgiveness. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**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 - Diane Breeden

Scripture: John 8:1-12—Jean Weidler

Message: Sticks and Stones

Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (Lent Praise Booklet- p. 22)

Heermann

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

Announcements

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

Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This" - #177 Red Hymnal

Walker

Extinguish Lenten Candle

L: Today, we observe the third week of Lent, and we are three weeks away from Easter. 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. Today we extinguish the candle of worry, so that we might feast on faith.

**ALL: Psalm 23 reminds us, "The Lord is my shepherd. Even though I may walk through the darkest valley, I fear not, for you are with me."**

L: As we extinguish a third candle - the candle of worry, let us fast from lives consumed by fear and worry, that we might live the full and abundant life God desires for all His children. Let us pray:

**ALL: Dear God, you are the Good Shepherd. You provide for us daily. You walk with us daily. You are the giver of all good and perfect things. May our worries be displaced by gratitude and faith that you are always with us. In the name of your Son we pray. Amen.**

*Extinguish one candle.*

Benediction

Postlude- "Postludiam"

Moore



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

March 12, 2023

Thank You...

Thank you to Joan Messinger for organizing the supply closet next to the kitchen. Now we can easily see what we actually have. It turns out we have enough plastic cups to last us for the next 20 years despite thinking we ran out of them during the Community Ash Wednesday Service.

Thank You for your Easter Meal Donations to Harvest of Hope...

The Missions committee set a goal to raise \$750 to provide 50 Harvest of Hope families with Easter meals, and our congregation smashed it. We raised \$1,312 since February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Harvest of Hope Food Pantry Volunteers Needed...

Three volunteers are needed on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:15-7:00 PM to work at the food pantry.

### 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: Tailgate Food for March 15<sup>th</sup>, Favorite Comfort Food for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the theme for March 29<sup>th</sup> is still to be determined. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the overflow room. Bring a friend!

### Donations Needed for The Confirmation Class's Meal Preparation for the Homeless Shelter...

The confirmation class will be serving the local community by preparing a meal for the homeless shelter in Hanover at the end of March. You can sign-up to donate specific items. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the overflow room. Food donations are needed **by** March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Easter Egg Hunt...

Our Easter Egg Hunt is on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

### Jefferson Homemakers' Gathering...

The Jefferson Homemakers will meet in the church Fellowship Hall on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM before heading out to view quilt and dollhouse collections. Lunch will be in Spring Grove. All are welcome. For questions, see Joan Messinger.

### Easter Lilies...

Easter lily time is here again. The price is \$8.50, and the deadline to order is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 on the bulletin table in the overflow room and on the **last page of this bulletin**. Put the envelopes into the offering plate.

### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering- March 19<sup>th</sup>...

One Great Hour of Sharing, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

<b>Thank you to our helpers this week:</b>		<b>Next week's helpers are:</b>
<i>Greeters</i>	Toni & Abigail O'Neal	Melisa Altland & Joan Messinger
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sam Wagaman	Sage Freed
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Jean Weidler	Tammy Wetzel
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Darlene Miner, Lois Nelson	Darlene Miner, Pat McKowen, Tammy Wetzel
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Diane Breeden & Pat McKowen	Joy & Larry Spangler

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

Monday, March 13	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 15	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers- Meet at Church

Wednesday, March 15	6:00 PM	Lent at the Movies- Dinner, Movie Clip, Discussion
Thursday, March 16	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 19	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	SPLATT & Friends Rehearsal (Will perform during the service.)/ <b>Confirmation Class</b>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class-homeless shelter meal preparation in kitchen
March 26	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers Rehearsal (Will perform during the service.)
Sunday, April 2	1:30 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
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 13	*Nancy Cunningham	March 18	William Hersh
March 16	Evelyn Walker	March 20	Grace Mensinger
March 17	Sandra Lehman	March 22	Dennis Kimball

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE LAST SUNDAY WAS...**

Attendance	57 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube
Current Offering	\$3,750.00
Loose Offering	130.00
Initial Offering	20.00
OCWM	180.00
Facility Rental	60.00
Easter Dinners (Harvest of Hope)	120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,260.00</b>

**2022/2023 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT... (\*Note: The Current Offering below consists of the Current Offering, Building for Service, Kennies Rewards, and the Loose Offering)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current Offering</u>	<u>Ave. Weekly E-tithing</u>	<u>Total Received for Current</u>	<u>Weekly Budget Needed for Current</u>	<u>Difference in Weekly Budget Needed for Current</u>	<u>Difference in Budget Needed for Current Year to Date</u>
Mar 05	\$3,880.00	\$207.00	\$4,087.00	\$3,159.00	+\$928.00	-\$8,254.00

## Easter Lilies



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \$8.50

Deadline to order: April 2, 2023

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each

= \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

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