

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 16, 2025
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Festival"

Price

Call to Worship

L: The doors of this church are closed to no one.

P: For welcome and acceptance and understanding are the ways of our faith community.

L: We come together as whole-hearted disciples who gather to serve in Christ's name.

P: We come together as warm-hearted people who gather to proclaim and to practice Christ's love.

ALL: For this time together, we offer our thanks and praise.

Hymn: "Come, We That Love the Lord" – Red Hymnal #18

Williams

Confession

L: God calls each of us to listen and act. Let us place ourselves before God and open our minds and our hearts to God's loving forgiveness.

ALL: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer confessing our need for your mercy with confidence in your forgiveness and love.

We look at your beloved creation and see its wholeness shattered by abuse, misuse and neglect; we have treated the earth's resources as conveniences available to support our lifestyle rather than as gifts offered to sustain us.

We look at our own lives and acknowledge the difficulty we sometimes have in holding all the pieces together; we have relied upon the wisdom of the world and convinced ourselves that comfort and meaning can be found apart from faith. By your power and grace, transform us we pray. Amen.

L: By the grace of God, you have been restored and forgiven.

P: With joy and faith in God's promises we are forgiven and ready to begin anew. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" – Red Hymnal #451

Smith

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Sanctuary Choir: "A Trilogy of Praise"

Martin

Scripture: Matthew 23: 1 – 12

Jenell McKowen

Message: Religious Fashion Shows

Affirmation of Faith: United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Praise Booklet, p. 5)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

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

**Hymn:* "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" – Red Hymnal #562

Messiter

**Benediction*

**Postlude:* "Festive Postlude"

Broughton



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
November 16, 2025

Visitors...

Thank you for joining us today. We are happy to have you here. Please sign the guestbook located at the bell tower. Since you may be unfamiliar with us, below are some housekeeping items to help you find your way around:

- Restrooms are located in the overflow room, in the new section by the office, and down the stairs from the new sections.
- Brown offering envelopes are located in the pew backs and also in the overflow room by the bulletins. The offering plate is located on the same table.

Thank You...

We extend our sincere thanks to **Gary Kyp** for sharing his musical gifts with us last week by playing the *Postlude* on his World War II Chaplain's Reed Organ. It was a special and meaningful addition to our worship.

Please Stay for Today's Annual Congregational Meeting...

Following today's worship service, all members are encouraged to remain for our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. This important gathering gives us a chance to look ahead to 2026 as we review and approve the proposed budget and elect new Council members. (Copies of the budget are available on the table in the overflow room.) This year's nominees are **Bud Hamme** and **Matt Kessler**, along with **Blaine Breeden**, who is standing for a second term. We also extend heartfelt thanks to **Lisa Crisamore** and **Toni O'Neal** for their faithful service as they complete their terms. Your participation matters – please plan to stay and take part in this vital moment in the life of our church!

Jefferson Homemakers Meetings...

The Jefferson Homemaker's will meet Wednesday, November 19th at 10 AM to make greeting cards. Please bring along any materials you may have at home to use for card making. Lunch will be provided. All are invited to join us.

On Wednesday December 17th, the Jefferson Homemakers will gather for lunch at 11:30 AM at the Hoss's restaurant in Hanover. Those who want to carpool should be in the church parking lot by 11:00. Please let Jean Weidler know by December 15th if you would like to join us.

Christmas Gift-A-Way Collection & Event...

The Christmas Gift-A-Way collection begins today, **November 16th**, and continues through **Sunday, November 30th**. Please bring your **gently used toys and gifts for adults** and place them in the back of the overflow room. Our annual **Christmas Gift-A-Way** will take place on **Saturday, December 6th, from 1:00–3:00 PM** at **Mt. Zion UCC**. We invite you to set aside items to donate and consider volunteering to help with this special event as we share God's love and generosity with others this Christmas season. Larry and Joy Spangler are also looking for help after the **November 23rd** service to help **distribute the flyers around Spring Grove**. If they have enough help, it should only take about an hour. **Please see Larry or Joy Spangler.**

Alumni Choir...

Come celebrate the spirit of Christmas through beautiful music and community as the **Spring Grove Alumni Chorus** presents *Christmas in the Grove*, featuring the **Alumni Instrumental Ensemble**. The concert will be held on **Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 4:00 PM** in the **Spring Grove Area Middle School** auditorium.

Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive Continues...

The Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive continues today and runs through November. The Homewood Auxiliary generously provides enhancements to the health care center of Homewood Living Ministries. **Please join!** The suggested donation is still only \$3 per person, or \$5 per couple. Your light can make a difference in the lives of many. See Nancy Cherry to support this drive. Thank you.

Bingo Prizes & Christmas Cards...

We will be collecting Bingo prizes and Christmas cards for Homewood residents again this holiday season. Please do not seal Christmas cards as they are easier for residents to open. If you wish to donate bingo prizes, the residents enjoy chocolate, single serving snack items, small holiday trinkets for all seasons, word search puzzles, small stuffed animals, and Dove bar soap. Please have all donated items at church by **November 30th**. Thank you for your continuing support of Homewood residents. If you have questions, see Nancy Cherry.

Poinsettia Ordering Information...

It's that wonderful time of year again to order poinsettias! Each plant is \$8.50, and orders are due by **December 10th**.

- To order:
Pick up a poinsettia envelope and dedication form – available on the cart in the overflow room near the bulletins.
- Complete the form, include your payment, and place the envelope in the offering plate on the cart.
- You may also call the church office to place your order and provide your dedication information.

All orders will be handled through the office this year.

A big thank-you to **Deb Brooks** for stepping in to coordinate this cherished Christmas tradition and for keeping it thriving!

November Council Meeting Highlight...

Jean Weidler and Nancy Cherry agreed to do the planning of the worship services to get us started in January, 2026. The long-term goal is to have a seasonal task force to help facilitate this need until Lischey's has a permanent part time pastor in place.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Jenell McKowen
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sage Freed
<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Greeters</i>	Michele Hamme & Jean Gross
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Tammy Wetzel, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Amanda Godfrey & Pat McKowen

Next week's helpers are:

Blaine Breeden
Nancy King
Olivia Godfrey
Pastor Cathy
Diane Patterson & Elvin Myers
Darlene Mineer, Don Carl, & Pat McKowen
Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Wednesday, November 19 th	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
Thursday, November 20 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 21 st	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class Field Trip
Sunday, November 23 rd	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School & SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Saturday, December 6 th	1:00 PM	Christmas Gift-A-Way at Mt. Zion UCC

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:

Cathy Sherry, Pastor	Tue/Wed	10:00 AM - Noon
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)

November 18 *Ruth Wagner November 20 Cynthia Elicker

Our Response to God's Love for the Last Two Weeks was...

Attendance **11/02-** 67: 65 Sanctuary; 2 YouTube/ **11/09-** 106: 103 Sanctuary; 3 You Tube

Current Offering	\$5,270
Loose Offering	140.00
OCWM	145.00
Harvest of Hope	725.00
Crop Walk	380.00
Total	\$6,660.00