

SERMON OUTLINE FOR JUNE 15, 2025
"HUMILITY AND THE TRINITY"
John 16:12-15

- I. Most of us think we're always __, but there's a benefit to admitting we may be __.
 - A. Illustrations attempt to explain the Trinity, but none of them quite __ the __.
 - B. This is no surprise because the Trinity is a ____, a __ concept, one that __.
- II. In the face of such a divine ____, it is good to practice _____.
 - A. Most of us tend to think we are always _____. And this causes problems.
 - B. But the complexity of life and of the Trinity demands that we practice _____.
- III. The Trinity can help us become more __ because the search for truth is a _____.
 - A. In the novel *War Bug*,
 - B. We should never become too _____ about our correctness.
- IV. The Trinity also illustrates __ by being a community where there is love and _____.
 - A. All parts of the Trinity want the best for each other and for us, working together for our benefit, gathering all of God's truth, and declaring it to us.
 - B. As recipients of such love and __, how can we feel anything but _ gratitude?
 - C. Since we are each a work in _____, we can listen to and learn from each other, and together we can receive the _____ that Jesus sends.

A time for reflection, pondering at home, and discussing with each other:

What words or phrases or thoughts stand out for you from our scripture reading (s)?

How might those words affect your outlook and guide the way you live?

In the deepest recesses of your soul, do you think that you're always right, or not?

Do you accept that the Trinity is a mystery? Or do you want it explained better?

Do you feel humble? Do you think you should? Is the search for truth a process for you?

Does it make sense that the Trinity is a community of love and generosity?

Do you believe the Trinity is declaring God's truth to you as you are able to absorb it?

What stands, what steps, do you need to take now that are important to God and you?

Where do you think God is in all of this? How does God show up in your life?

How specifically are you building up your life of faith, in community, here?



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

June 15, 2025

Welcome...

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Dr. Richard F. Pulling**, who prefers to be called **Pastor Rick**, as our guest preacher today.

Although “retired,” Pastor Rick has remained active in ministry, serving as a part-time interim pastor for four UCC congregations in the York Association and one in the Gettysburg Association. Most recently, he completed an interim role at St. John’s Blymire’s UCC in Dallastown.

Pastor Rick is no stranger to York County – he first served in this area during the 1990s as pastor of the Bethlehem Steltz Lutheran and UCC Cooperative Parish in Glen Rock. Over the years, he has faithfully led both UCC and Disciples of Christ congregations across multiple states, in both settled and interim roles, full-time and part-time. In the early 2000s, he also served as an Assistant Professor of Humanities within the Indiana Community College system while continuing part-time ministry there.

Eight years ago, following his initial retirement, Pastor Rick and his wife, Becky, returned to York County to be closer to their children and grandchildren in Pennsylvania and Virginia. We are grateful to have Pastor Rick with us today at St. Peter’s Lischey’s UCC to worship, to fellowship, and to share God’s love with us.

Volunteers Needed: Offering Counters...

We are currently in need of volunteers to help count the weekly offering. With a few of our regular counters stepping back, we’re looking for a few new helping hands to ensure the load is shared fairly. Each volunteer typically serves just once a month, and the task takes about 20 minutes – occasionally a bit longer. If you’re willing to lend your time and assist with this important behind-the-scenes ministry, please contact the church office. Your help will make a meaningful difference!

Help the Harvest of Hope Children This Summer!

Harvest of Hope is excited to continue the tradition of providing chocolate milk as a special treat for the kids participating in our Summer Lunch Program. To help make this possible, we’ve set a fundraising goal of **\$600 by TODAY, June 15th. We have collected \$470 so far.** If you’d like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked “**Chocolate Milk.**” Thank you for your continued generosity and support in sharing joy with the children in our community!

Church Picnic Sign-Up – June 22nd...

Join us for our annual church picnic on **Saturday, June 22nd**, immediately following the **10:30 AM worship service** (please note there will be only one service that day).

The church will provide the main course – fried chicken and hotdogs – along with drinks and paper products. We kindly ask each family to bring a **side dish or dessert to share.**

To help us plan, please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the **overflow room**. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun!

Celebrating Our Graduates!

Do you have a family member or loved one who has recently graduated from high school, college, or another program? We would love to celebrate their achievements with our church family! If you would like your graduate to be recognized and lifted up during an upcoming service, please contact the church office with their name, school, and a brief description of their accomplishment by the end of June. Let's honor these important milestones together!

Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's Lischey's!

Join us for an exciting week of fun, faith, and adventure at **Vacation Bible School** from **June 16th to June 20th**, each evening from **6:00 PM to 8:15 PM** at **St. Peter's Lischey's Church!**


This year's theme: "True North"

Embark on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights dance above towering mountains, rushing rivers, and shimmering glaciers. As kids journey across the tundra, they'll discover how easy it is to lose their way in today's wild and ever-changing world. But through it all, *True North VBS* points them to Jesus – the constant, faithful friend they can always trust. He is our guiding light. He is our *True North*.


Light supper served nightly from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Come early, grab a bite, and get ready for an evening filled with joy and discovery.

This event is **open to all** – Bible Study will also be offered to the adults. We can't wait to see you there! Bring your friends and let's follow True North together!

 *St. Peter's Lischey's Church*

 *June 16–20*

 *5:30 PM supper | 6:00–8:15 PM VBS*

June Council Meeting Highlights...

- Council will not be meeting in July.
- The deposit for the roof repairs was made to Bealing Roofing. Updates to follow when we have a planned date for service.
- The Search Committee has received three candidate profiles. One candidate is from another country. We are awaiting a response for an interview from the second candidate. The third candidate will fill in for two services while Pastor Cathy is on vacation, but is not looking for a called position.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden
<i>Acolyte</i>	Ellie Kessler
<i>Greeters</i>	Julie & Dick Myers
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Don Carl, & John Klinedinst
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Ryan McKowen & Don Carl

Next week's helpers are:

Blaine Breeden
Kira Bakner
Jami & Jude Tomlinson
Joanne Hoffman, Pat McKowen, & Darlene Miner
Blaine Breeden & Toni O'Neal

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Monday, June 16 th	6:00 PM	VBS begins
Sunday, June 22 nd	10:30 AM	VBS Celebration and Church Picnic
Wednesday, July 16 th	9:30 AM	Bus leaves for SPLATT bus trip to Sight & Sound

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	Mon-Thur	Noon - 2:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

June 16	*Clair Kessler	June 21	Cheryl Albright
June 20	Laiden Reichart	June 21	Christine DeGroft
June 20	Scott Sanders	June 21	*Robert Strausbaugh

Our Response to God's Love for Last Week was...

Attendance 67- 16 Outside/ 49 Sanctuary/ 2YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,540.00
OCWM	70.00
SPLATT Bus Trip	50.00
Fellowship Hall Usage	200.00
Harvest of Hope- Chocolate Milk	150.00
Building for Service	50.00
Total	\$3,060.00

A Father's Day Tribute

Today we pause, in love and grace,
To honor dads in every place—
The steady hands, the guiding light,
Who teach us how to walk upright.

In every lesson gently taught,
In every battle bravely fought,
A father's love, though rarely loud,
Is strong and steady, humble, proud.

And here today, a bloom of blue
Marks all the love that fathers do.
A token soft, yet full of grace,
Each petal speaks in their embrace.

We thank Bob Strausbaugh, kind and true,
Who year by year sees this tradition through.
For over twenty faithful years,
These carnations have appeared with cheers.

He gives them in devoted name—
To Roman Strausbaugh's lasting flame,
His father, strong with wisdom's tone,
Whose legacy still stands alone.

And also to a life well-spent,
Paul F. Kern, with love well-meant—
The father of dear Norma's heart,
Whose memory lives, though far apart.

So take a flower, hold it near,
And feel a father's presence here.
Their love, like roots, still holds us fast—
A gift that time cannot outlast.

Through Bob's devotion, hearts unite,
In blue carnations, shining bright.
We celebrate, give thanks, and say:
We bless our fathers this Father's Day.

