

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 23, 2025
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude: Chime Choir- "We Gather Together"

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Call to Worship

L: Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God,

P: who created us and the earth that sustains us.

L: Let us also gather in gratitude for one another,

P: for we are bearers of God's blessing and love to the world and all its people.

ALL: Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach in care and courage so that goodness of life may be for all God's children.

Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" – Red Hymnal #559

Elvey

Confession

L: God has told us the heavenly realm is at hand. God calls each of us to listen and act. Let us place ourselves before God and open our minds and hearts to God's loving forgiveness.

ALL: God, remind us of your desire for us to share the fullness of life with all your children. We forget those who deserve our gratitude. We take our friendships for granted. We too often do not remember the right gesture until it is too late. Make us thankful and generous with all that has been given us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation, so that all may know the goodness of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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: "We Gather Together" – Red Hymnal #561

Kremser

Children's Message- Pastor Cathy

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Nancy King

Message: "I Am Thankful For ..."

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: "Now Thank We All Our God" – Red Hymnal #556

Cruger

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Fantasia on 'St. George's, Windsor'"

Broughton/Elvey



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
November 23, 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...

Dear People of St. Peter's Lischey's UCC, thank you so much for your continued support of Spring Grove's Backpack Program. The families are so grateful for the hygiene bags! I really appreciate your continued partnership! Thank you! Sincerely, *Teresa Weaver*

Christmas Decorating Day...

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Saturday, November 29th, at 9:00 AM**. Come join in the fun as we prepare our worship space for the Advent and Christmas season. Your helping hands are truly appreciated!

2026 Offering Envelopes...

The 2026 offering envelopes are now available for pickup in the overflow room. They are arranged alphabetically for your convenience. Please stop by to pick yours up at your earliest opportunity. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!

Jefferson Homemakers Meeting...

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 will continue 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 **TODAY**, after the worship service, to help **distribute the flyers around Spring Grove**. If they have enough help, it should only take about an hour. **Please sign up on the sheet in the overflow room if you are able to help with distributing flyers and/or transport and set up items or help on the day of the event. If you have any questions, 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*. The concert will also feature 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 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.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden	Cynthia Elicker
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Nancy King	Don Carl
<i>Acolyte</i>	Olivia Godfrey	TJ Mensinger
<i>Children's Message</i>	Pastor Cathy	Melisa Altland
<i>Greeters</i>	Diane Patterson & Elvin Myers	Joy & Larry Spangler
<i>Money Counters</i>	Darlene Miner, Don Carl, & Pat McKowen	Joanne Hoffman, Jean Gross, & Jean Weidler
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Diane Breeden & Cole McKowen	Pat McKowen

Next week's helpers are:**Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...**

Sunday, November 23 rd	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School & SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Distribute Christmas Gift-A-Way flyers in Spring Grove
Monday, November 24 th	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 5 th	6:00 PM	Transport and set up of items for Christmas Gift-A-Way
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 26	Anne Bakner	November 28	Lisa Crisamore
November 26	Beth Mensinger	November 29	Kaleb Hamme

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

Attendance 69: 67 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube

Current Offering	\$1,664.00
OCWM	50.00
Good Samaritan Fund	300.00
Harvest of Hope	20.00
Total	\$2,034.00