

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 1, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Jesus Paid It All"

Hughes

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 121)

L: Looking to the mountains, we recall the source of our hope.

P: Our help comes from the Lord. God is Maker of heaven and earth.

L: On the paths we walk, the way can be treacherous, the footing unsure.

P: God will not let our foot slip. God watches over us with care.

L: Our concerns can be given to our faithful God. God loves us and will deliver us from harm.

P: We rest in the Lord. Wherever we go, God watches over us and keeps us safe.

Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible" – Red Hymnal #25

Traditional Melody

Confession:

L: Join together in confession to God and each other.

ALL: God, I repent for relying on my own strength rather than seeking your guidance. Grant me humility to follow your understanding. May humility guide my thoughts, words, and decisions each day. Let my heart be devoted to Your will alone. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

L: Where the love of God dwells, forgiveness has its home. We open ourselves to that love and live as people forgiven.

Children's Message- Rev. Susan Schmidt

Sanctuary Choir: "Burdens Are Lifted"

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Scripture: John 3: 1-17

Don Carl

Message: Gifts of the New Birth

Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" (*Sing Twice*) - Red Hymnal #247

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Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

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

*Closing Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal" - Red Hymnal #483

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Extinguish Lenten Candle

L: This week, we seek to fast from a spirit of discontent, of not being satisfied, of always wanting more, more, more - so that we might focus on a spirit of gratitude.

P: God, help us put down our stones and use our hands to bless and heal our broken and divided world.

L: Paul writes in Philippians 4: "I know how to survive in tight situations, and I know how to enjoy having plenty. In fact, I have learned how to face any circumstances: fed or hungry, with or without. I can be content in any and every situation through the Anointed One who is my power and strength."

P: Let us fast from judgement and feast on acceptance, understanding and love. Let us fast from discontent and feast on gratitude.

L: Let us pray:

ALL: Dear God, you are the Good Shepherd. You provide for us daily, you walk with us daily, and you are the giver of all good and perfect things. Grant us the grace to be content in the assurance of your love and provision. May our worries be displaced by gratitude and faith that you will give us this day our daily bread. Amen.

Extinguish one candle.

*Benediction

*Postlude: "March Recessional"

Strickland

**Members should rise if able.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

March 1, 2026

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 on the cart by the bulletins. The offering plate is located on the cart.

Welcome Back & Thank You, Rev. Susan Schmidt...

We are pleased to welcome back Rev. Susan Schmidt to St. Peter's Lischey's UCC and thank her for sharing her time, gifts, and leadership with us in worship today. Rev. Schmidt brings many years of pastoral experience, including beginning a church in Maryland with her husband, Dan, serving expatriate churches in Costa Rica and Chile, and most recently serving as pastor of Salem United Church of Christ until her retirement this past May. We are grateful for her continued ministry among us and warmly thank her for being with us again.

Lischey's Lunchers - TODAY, Sunday, March 1st at Noon...

Make plans to join us for Lischey's Lunchers **TODAY** at 12:00 PM! We'll gather at Genova's in Spring Grove for a time of good food and great fellowship. Lischey's Lunchers is a wonderful opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy one another's company outside of Sunday morning worship. Whether you're a regular attendee or joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you there. Please let Jean Weidler know if you're able to attend, so she can inform the restaurant and ensure we have enough seating for everyone.

Forty Forty Lent Challenge...

If anyone is interested in joining me for a Forty Forty challenge during Lent, please let me know. It will involve walking 40 miles over the 40 days and having a scripture for each day, February 25th to April 5th. You can call or text me at 717-818-6922. ~Melisa Altland

Harvest of Hope Food Collection...

From March 1 to March 22, Lischey's will be gathering items to help provide Easter meals for those in need. Our goal is to collect 100 of each of the following: boxes of stuffing and boxes of potatoes. Thank you for your continued support of Harvest of Hope.

Congregational Meeting- March 8th ...

There is a Congregational Meeting scheduled for March 8th, following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to go over the Annual Report. The Annual Report has been emailed and there are printed copies on the table in the overflow room.

Our Penn Central Representative is Coming Next Week...

Please plan to stay after worship on March 8 if you are able, for an opportunity to visit with Rev. Keven McLemore. As the new Regional Conference Minister for Region 1 of the Keystone Conference, he will be spending time getting to know us better and learning what we hope for in our next pastor. He will have questions for us, and we encourage you to bring your own as well. This will be a meaningful time of conversation as we move forward together in faith.

Mid-Week Lenten Preservice Meal & Worship...

Please join us on Wednesday, March 4th, as we host the **Mid-Week Lenten Preservice Meal and Worship Service**. A light meal of **soups and drinks** will be served at **6:00 PM**, followed by **worship at 7:00 PM**. The church will provide the drinks. We are looking for **volunteers to provide soup – six crockpots of soup needed**. **Mt. Zion** will be bringing the **bread, fruit cocktail, and relish tray**. If you are able to help by providing soup, please sign up on the sheet in the overflow room, or contact the church office. Thank you for helping make this a welcoming time of fellowship and worship during the Lenten season.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Support the Spring Grove Color Guard...

The **Spring Grove Color Guard** is raising funds for their upcoming trip to Wildwood, NJ, to compete in the Atlantic Coast Championships. We invite you to come out to our **church fellowship hall** and support these talented students!

Date: Friday, March 6

Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Tickets: \$10 each- *See Ellie Kessler*

Menu Includes:

Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread/breadstick, side salad, dessert, and a drink.

Guests may choose to dine in or take their meal to go. When purchasing tickets, you will select one of the following time slots:

- 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Additional opportunities to support the Color Guard will include:

- A baked goods table featuring homemade desserts and treats available by donation.
- A silent raffle with homemade crafts and donated items. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Thank you for helping support the Spring Grove Color Guard on their journey to the Atlantic Coast Championships.

Mission Committee Meeting...

The Mission Committee will meet Sunday, March 15 after our worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your ideas of how we can serve others for the remainder of 2026. All are

invited to join us or give us new ideas to serve others in our community, country, or world. Any questions or ideas, please talk to Jean Weidler or others on the team.

Easter Egg Hunt- March 29th...

An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned by SPLATT for Palm Sunday, March 29th, immediately after the church service. The day will include a light luncheon, crafts, and egg hunt. Please support us by placing **candy donations** in the bin in the overflow room. Thank you!

A Whimsical Gift from Pam Kiser...

We are delighted to share that four whimsical mouse paintings by Pam Kiser have been lovingly placed on the table in the overflow room. These charming little works of art capture Pam's creativity and playful spirit so beautifully. They are being offered free of charge to anyone who would enjoy having a keepsake from Pam, or whose heart is simply delighted by the subject. If one of these sweet paintings "tickles your fancy," please feel free to take it home and treasure it. We hope they bring a smile and a fond memory for years to come.

Easter Sunday Breakfast- April 5th...

SPLATT is proud to announce the return of Easter breakfast this year! A pancake and sausage breakfast, together with fresh fruit, sides, and drinks, will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 5th from 9-10 AM, as a fundraiser for their upcoming bus trip to Sight & Sound. Monetary donations will be collected in baskets as you enter the fellowship hall. Please come hungry and support the youth of our church.

Prayer Chain Procedures Announcement...

We are thankful for the gift of prayer and for those who feel called to serve on our Prayer Committee Prayer Chain. Members who would like to participate are asked to respond to the email invitation, or call the church office (717) 225-3932 indicating their desire to be part of the Prayer Chain by March 8th. Once responses are received, both an email group and a text message group will be formed to help us share requests quickly and efficiently. When a Prayer Chain member receives a prayer request, he or she will send the request out to the group by email or text so that others may immediately lift the concern in prayer. We are especially grateful to **Carol Brown**, who has once again graciously agreed to keep track of the prayer requests. We thank her for her continued dedication to this important ministry. If you feel led to be part of this meaningful ministry of prayer, please watch for the email invitation and respond accordingly.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

Next week's helpers are:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Don Carl	Sharon Winter
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Don Carl	Jean Weidler
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sage Freed	TJ Mensinger
<i>Children's Message</i>	None	Melisa Altland
<i>Greeters</i>	Debra Brooks & Joan Messinger	Joanne Hoffman & John Klinedinst
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Tammy Wetzal, & Pat McKowen	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & Janet Brown
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Amanda Godfrey & Pat McKowen	Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Sunday, March 1 st	12:00 PM	Lischey's Lunchers at Genova's
Wednesday, March 4 th	6:00 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Soup-Supper & Community Service- St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
Thursday, March 5 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 6 th	5:00 PM	Spring Grove Color Guard Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Sunday, March 8 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers Practice/ Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday, March 11 th	6:00 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Soup-Supper & Community Service- St. Paul's UCC in Stoverstown
Wednesday, March 18 th	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting

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:

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)

March 02	Kelli Spangler	March 07	Julie Myers
March 06	Sierra Godfrey	March 08	Blakelyn Sanders

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

Attendance 46- 36 Sanctuary/ 10 YouTube

Current Offering	\$925.00
Loose Offering	20.00
OCWM	55.00
Harvest of Hope	25.00
Total	\$1,025.00