

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 18, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude: "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

Glyncannon

Call to Worship

L: We have come to praise God, who has done wonderful things among us.

P: In Jesus the Christ, God has shown us love, giving light for our darkness and strength for all our days.

L: Sing praise to God's name; bow before God in prayer; open your hearts to God's saving word.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

Hymn: "Ye Servants of God" – Red Hymnal #17

Croft

Confession:

L: And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose image we are created. Let us remake ourselves in that image as we make our confession before God and each other.

ALL: Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought. We turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that you love us and do not abandon us. Call us back to you – back to your love, back to your grace, and back to your light. Forgive us we pray, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

L: Friends, hear the good news: The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia.

Children's Message- SPLATT

Sanctuary Choir: "God is So Good"

Wagner

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7
John 1:29-42

Don Carl

Message: What Are You Seeking?

Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (Praise Booklet, p. 369)

Mann

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 5)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

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

*Closing Hymn: “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (Praise Booklet, p. 12)

Huber

*Benediction

*Postlude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Mansfield

**Members should rise if able.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

January 18, 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...

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Susan Emmons** back to St. Peter’s Lischey’s Church today and thank her for sharing her time, gifts, and leadership with us in worship. Rev. Emmons serves as a United Church of Christ Supply Pastor for the York Association and has provided pastoral leadership to many congregations within the Penn Central Conference and beyond. A dual-career pastor, she faithfully maintained her UCC ministerial standing while also serving for three decades as an attorney supporting survivors in family and criminal court. We are grateful for her continued faithfulness to ministry, and are blessed by her presence with us today. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Rev. Emmons.

Jefferson Homemakers’ Meeting...

The Jefferson Homemakers will meet on Wednesday, January 21st, at 10:00 AM. The program will be a book discussion of *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. All are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided.

Hygiene Kit Collection for Local Students...

During January, we will once again partner with four local churches to collect items for hygiene kits for students. Thanks to the generosity of the participating congregations, the supplies currently on hand at St. Paul's UCC in Stoverstown will meet most of the needs for the kits being assembled in early February. In April after Easter, we will be collecting additional items for the May distribution of hygiene kits. Participating churches include St. Peter's Lischey's, St. Paul's Lutheran (Stoverstown), St. Paul's UCC (Stoverstown), Christ UCC (Jefferson), and Zeigler's Lutheran (Seven Valleys). Our congregation has been asked to donate **15 tubes of toothpaste (6.5 oz. or larger)** and **20 small packs of tissues**. Please sign up for the items you are able to donate on the sheet located on the table in the overflow area. Donations are due by **Sunday, February 1st**, and a collection container will be available in the overflow area. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this ministry.

Children's Message Leaders Needed for 2026...

We are looking for volunteers to lead the Children's Message during worship in 2026. There are plenty of open dates available, and we would love to have a variety of voices sharing God's Word with our young people. If you feel called to help or would like more information, please contact the church office. Thank you for considering this important ministry!

Vacation Bible School Coordinator Needed...

St. Peter's Lischey's Church is seeking a new **Vacation Bible School Coordinator** to carry on our treasured VBS ministry. For more than **100 years**, our church has faithfully offered Vacation Bible School, nurturing the faith of generations of children in our community. **We need someone with a heart for children, creativity, and teamwork to step into this meaningful role** and help continue this long-standing legacy. If you feel called to serve as VBS Coordinator or would like more information, please contact the church office. Let us continue this joyful tradition together.

January Council Meeting Highlights...

- VBS coordination meeting will be held on February 23, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the church. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
- 2026 Council Officers:
 - President:* Donnie Carl
 - Vice President:* Bud Hamme
 - Secretary:* Joy Spangler
 - Chaplain:* Blaine Breeden
- Our church has received a bequest from the estate of Pam Kiser and the council has decided to put these funds in our Edward Jones accounts.
- Lischey's will be participating in the Community Lenten services with more information to follow.
- There will be one service for Easter on April 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Don Carl
<i>Acolyte</i>	Will Bakner
<i>Children's Message</i>	SPLATT
<i>Greeters</i>	Linda & Jim Freed
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Jean Weidler, & John Klinedinst
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen

Next week's helpers are:

Blaine Breeden
Jean Weidler
TJ Mensinger
Michele Hamme
Connie & Mike Neiderer
Elvin Myers, Janet Brown, & Don Carl
Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Wednesday, January 21 st	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
Thursday, January 22 nd	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, January 25 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers Practice (Joyful Singers will also sing during the Worship Service)/ Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
February 1 st	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class
February 23 rd	6:00 PM	VBS coordination meeting at the church

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)

January 18	Gloria Detwiler	January 21	Elvin Myers
January 18	Toni O'Neal		

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

Attendance 60- 56 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,191.00
Initial Offering	1.00
OCWM	200.00
Memorial Fund	1,025.00
Pam Kiser Bequest	117,743.00
Total	\$121,160.00