

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Sunday, February 26, 2022
1st Sunday of Lent and Sacrament of Holy Communion
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breedon

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude- "Prayer"

Von Flotow/Blake

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 51)

L: We gather in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

L: Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.

P: God, you have saved me and I will sing to your glory.

L: God does not delight in sacrifice or pleasure in burnt offerings.

P: The sacrifice God desires is a contrite heart.

ALL: Lord, open our lips so our mouths may declare your praise.

Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" - #59 Red Hymnal

Watts

Confession (Based on Isaiah 29)

Call to Confession:

L: Through the prophet Isaiah, God says: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is rote." God sees within us. Let us make our confession to God.

Confession:

ALL: Holy God, the prophet Isaiah rightly accuses me of honoring you with my lips but not my heart. Deliver me from worship and service based on rules taught by men rather than the leading of your Spirit. Fill me with the new life that is mine in baptism so that I might bring forth fruits of repentance grounded in love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Friends, hear the Good News: no burden of the past is stronger than the power of love to forgive, heal and bless. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Joyful Singers: "Make Me A Servant"

Willard

Children's Message - Pastor Cathy

Scripture: Exodus 32- Blaine Breedon

Message: Written in Stone

Announcements

Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord!

L: We come to this table, O Lord, in company with tax collectors . . . Amen.

L: let us give thanks: For your creating hand . . . bondage to freedom:

P: Receive our thanks, O God.

L: For coming to us in Jesus our Lord . . . we too may share in resurrection life:

P: Receive our praise, O God.

L: For the outpouring of your Holy Spirit . . . an abundance of spiritual gifts:

P: Receive, O God, our offering of thanksgiving and praise.

L: Be present at our table, Lord!

P: Be here and everywhere adored!

L: Bless now this bread and wine we share,

P: And for heaven's banquet prepare us.

Words of Remembrance

The Lord's Prayer (Lent & Easter Pew Book - p. 3)

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine

Sharing of Elements

Words of Thanksgiving

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

P: And all that is within me, bless His holy name;

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

P: And forget not all his benefits.

Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" - #304 Red Hymnal

Nicholson

Extinguish Lenten Candle

L: Psalm 51 says: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

P: Let us begin Lent by seeking to let go of judgement in our lives and focus on tolerance and acceptance.

L: Let us pray:

ALL: Lord God, quiet my tongue and my mind from focusing on the failures of others. Help me know my need for mercy, that I might be merciful, accepting, and tolerant. In the name of our crucified Lord, who died for my sin, I pray. Amen.

Extinguish one candle.

Benediction

Postlude- "Postlude in A Minor"

Wetherill



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
February 26, 2023

Visitors...

Thank you for joining us today. We are happy to have you here. Since you may be unfamiliar with us, below are some housekeeping items to help you find your way around:

- Please sign the guestbook located at the bell tower.
- 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.

Thank You...

Thank you to Bud & Kaleb Hamme for building and donating the new cross. Bud and Kaleb made the new cross using a 100-year-old chestnut barn beam purchased at Baummer Sawmill. The leather wrapping is from a deer hide donated by Ness Taxidermy, which is owned by Cody Kauffman's parents.

Thank You...

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, concerns, and prayers as I recover from my eye surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Cathy for her phone calls, words of encouragement, and support as I go through what has turned out to be another long recovery. Please continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers.~ *Chris DeGroot*

Remove Christmas Items from the Cemetery

This is a reminder from the Cemetery Board to remove Christmas items from the cemetery. Thank you.

Volunteers Helping to Make Lent in a Bag...

Remember to stay after church today. Meet in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Lunch will be provided. Thank you.

Phone Number Change...

Sandy Lehman got rid of her home phone. You can reach her on her cellphone, (717) 870-5410.

Easter Meals for Harvest of Hope...

The Missions committee came up with a goal to raise \$750 to provide 50 Harvest of Hope families with Easter meals. We will be collecting money through March 19th. You can use the brown envelopes and place your donation in the collection plate. Mark them, "Easter Meals".

Lenten Season Mission Activity

40 Days of Lent Challenge- We will collect items for Safe Home, a homeless shelter in Hanover. Items will include: new towels, washcloths, small bars of soap, and toothpaste. You can pick up a list of the needed items on the table in the overflow room.

Lenten Season Worship Options & Meals...

Please pick up a copy of *A Lenten Menu Offered by St. Peter's Lischey's Church* pamphlet to see all of your options for worship this Lenten Season. Midweek in-person services will be Wednesdays at 7 PM in the fellowship hall following dinner at 6 PM. Each week an excerpt from a movie will serve as our entrée for worship and reflection. Our first movie on March 1st will be *The Chosen*.

We will need volunteers to provide food for the suppers this Lenten season. This year we will have themes for the 5 Wednesday evening meals between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. Our first two themes are: Picnic for March 1st, and Pennsylvania Dutch for March 8th. The other 3 themes will be chosen soon by the participants. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the overflow room. Bring a friend!

The Confirmation class will be visiting Temple Beth Israel in York on Friday, March 10th, serving the church by hosting the Egg Hunt on April 2nd, and serving the local community by preparing a meal for the homeless shelter in Hanover the end of March. There will be opportunities for you to support their projects in the coming weeks.

Easter Egg Hunt...

Our Easter Egg Hunt is on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, at 1:30 PM. More details to follow.
SAVE THE DATE.

Facility Rentals...

Groups are starting to book the Fellowship Hall again. If you plan to book the hall for a function, check with the office to make sure your date is available. There is paperwork to be completed. The application will be presented to Council for approval, so get your paperwork into the office as soon as you can. The policy calls for submitting your application at least 45 days in advance of your event. If you are an internal group, like the Fellowship Committee, the confirmation class, or the Easter egg hunt, paperwork is not necessary. However, you want to make sure the office knows of your plans so that the Fellowship Hall can be set aside for your use and no other groups book your date.

Council Highlights from February Meeting...

- Amending list of duties that people using our facility are responsible for.
- Depositing a grant check that we received from Community Aid.
- Lenten season donations to go to Safe Home of Hanover.
- Upcoming dates of interest: March 19th - One Great Hour of Sharing collection, June 3rd - Revolution baseball game, if we have at least 27 tickets ordered, children 12 and under will receive wristbands and we will have a section that we can sit together.

In Case of Inclement Weather...

If there is bad weather Monday to Friday, we will follow the Spring Grove School District's announcements regarding delays or cancelations of events. On Sundays, there will be an announcement on the church answering machine, 717-225-3932, by 9:00 AM with information about the service. There will also be an announcement on the *Home* page on our website, www.lischeysucc.org. If the weather is iffy, you should call or check the website before traveling to church. If in-person worship is canceled for Sunday, we will get a Zoom invite out to you Sunday morning to attend our virtual service.

Thank you to our helpers this week:		Next week's helpers are:
<i>Greeters</i>	Connie Neiderer & Lois Nelson	Donna & Dave Wiker
<i>Acolyte</i>	TJ Mensinger	Olivia Godfrey
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Blaine Breeden	Jean Gross
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, Tammy Wetzel, and Don Carl	Carol Brown, Joanne Hoffman, & John Klinedinst
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Ryan & Pat McKowen	Blaine Breeden & Ryan McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Wednesday, March 1	6:00 PM	Lent at the Movies- Dinner, Movie Clip, Discussion
Thursday, March 2	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 5	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School. SPLATT & Friends Rehearsal. Confirmation Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday, March 8	6:00 PM	Lent at the Movies- Dinner, Movie Clip, Discussion
Friday, March 10	6:45 PM	Confirmation class visit to Temple Beth Israel-York
Sunday, March 12	9:15	Adult Sunday School Class
	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers Rehearsal, Sunday School and Confirmation Class
Sunday, April 2	1:30 PM	Easter Egg Hunt

Office Hours...

The office will be open Monday through Thursday this week. See below for hours. 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	Mon/Wed	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon -Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

February 26	Sage Freed	March 06	Sierra Godfrey
February 26	Heath O'Neal	March 07	Julie Myers
February 28	Scott Carl	March 08	Blakelyn Sanders

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST SUNDAY WAS...

Attendance	52 Sanctuary/ 6 YouTube
Current Offering	\$1,580.00
Loose Offering	100.00
Initial Offering	20.00
OCWM	65.00
Easter Dinners (Harvest of Hope)	175.00
Total	\$1,940.00

2022/2023 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT... (*Note: The Current Offering below consists of the Current Offering, Building for Service, Kennies Rewards, and the Loose Offering)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current Offering</u>	<u>Ave. Weekly E-tithing</u>	<u>Total Received for Current</u>	<u>Weekly Budget Needed for Current</u>	<u>Difference in Weekly Budget Needed for Current</u>	<u>Difference in Budget Needed for Current Year to Date</u>
Jan 29	\$1,776.00	\$193.00	\$1,969.00	\$3,159.00	-\$1,190.00	-\$5,152.00
Feb 05	\$3,163.00	\$182.00	\$3,345.00	\$3,159.00	+\$186.00	-\$4,966.00
Feb 12	\$1,930.00	\$218.00	\$2,148.00	\$3,159.00	-\$1,011.00	-\$5,977.00
Feb 19	\$1,680.00	\$211.00	\$1,891.00	\$3,159.00	-\$1,268.00	-\$7,245.00