

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 6, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Beloved of the Lord"

Clarke

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 149)

L: Praise the Holy One! Make our praise known in the gathering of the faithful, the hopeful, and even the questioning.

P: Let us praise God with a new song. Let the rhythm of praise resonate in our being.

L: The Holy One takes pleasure in the presence of God's people.

P: Let us glorify God with our senses, our hearts, and our spirits.

L: Let us praise the God of justice with high praise!

P: We worship the Holy One in truth and righteousness! Praise God!

*Hymn: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" - Red Hymnal #585

Moore

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession:

L: Let us pray together.

ALL: Grace-filled and compassionate God, you know us. You know our strengths and our weak spots. You know the hurting places in us that need healing...healing that is deep and lasting. We, your children, have suffered at times from unfair judgments, unkind words and attitudes, and mean-spiritedness because of who we are, who we love, and the way in which we follow Jesus with acts of mercy and inclusive love. Barriers have been thrown in the path of finding you, but we have persevered anyway. And yet we also know, there are many for whom those barriers are too painful, too off-putting, too toxic. Place your healing within them, and help them know a deep sense of their own belovedness, no matter what others who hear your name say.

And God, we admit that sometimes we have acted in ways that harm, putting stumbling blocks in pathways that others walk trying to find you and know you better. Forgive us for careless words, unthinking responses that harm, and other ways we stand in the way of you, instead of bearing your light and love. As you show mercy to us, may we show that same mercy to others. Create in us clean hearts, O God. We are grateful to start again. Grant in us your peace. Amen!

Word of Assurance:

L: Family of faith, God has heard the prayers of our hearts. Forgiveness is always ours with God's peace as near as our breath. Accept that forgiveness, and be assured that you are loved unconditionally! Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20

Jenell McKowen

Message: There Among Them

Spring Davidson

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – Red Hymnal #92

Zundel

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: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" – Red Hymnal #286

Mason

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Festal Postlude"

Stairs

**Members should rise if able.*

Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

September 6, 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, here 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 section.
- Brown offering envelopes are located in the pew backs and also on the cart by the bulletins. The offering plates are located on the cart, and at the belltower and middle entrances.

Welcome and Thanks to Our Guest Speaker, Spring Davidson...

Today, we are delighted to welcome **Spring Davidson** to worship with us and to thank her for sharing God's message with us.

Spring's journey has taken her all across the United States, growing up in many different places and experiencing life in communities throughout the country. She brings a rich and diverse background, holding a **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**, an **MBA**, and a **Master of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary**. Over the years, she has served in a variety of roles, including software engineer, college instructor, and director of a retreat center.

Spring and her husband, Jeff, have a wonderful story together. They were high school sweethearts and have now been married for more than 45 years. They are blessed with three adult children and six grandchildren. Nine years ago, they moved to Dover, PA, and Spring often notes that it is the longest she has ever lived in one place.

We are grateful that God has brought Spring to be with us today. Please give a warm welcome to **Spring Davidson** and thank her for sharing her gifts and insights with our congregation.

Thank You for Your Prayers...

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers for Donna. She is improving more each day, and we are very grateful for your continued prayers, love, and support. ~Dave Wiker

Perfect Elementary Sunday School & SPLATT Attendance...

We are pleased to recognize Bud Hamme, Michele Hamme, Cody Kauffman, Elliot Kauffman, Kari Kauffman, Natalie Kauffman, Jenell McKowen, and Beth Mensinger, for achieving perfect Sunday School attendance this year. Their commitment to learning, growing in faith, and being part of our Sunday School community is something to celebrate. Congratulations, and thank you for making Sunday School a regular and important part of your week!

Altar Flowers...

Today's altar flowers are in honor of Jenell McKowen and Beth Mensinger for their dedication and passion for Christian education. They truly impact our young children as they guide and teach God's Word! ♥ *Lisa Crisamore*

Jefferson Homemakers Meeting...

The Jefferson Homemakers will meet on **Wednesday, September 16th at 10 AM** for a planning meeting. Please bring your ideas and suggestions for upcoming activities and events. **Lunch will be provided. All are welcome!**

Church Picnic – September 20th...

Mark your calendars! Our **Church Picnic** will be held **following the worship service on September 20th**. The church will provide the **meat, drinks, and paper products**.

Please sign up on the **sheet located in the overflow room** so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and fun together!

Worship & Music Meeting- September 27th...

Please join us for the Worship & Music Committee meeting on September 27th in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service to plan and discuss upcoming worship opportunities.

Jefferson Area CROP Walk...

The 39th Annual Jefferson Area CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 18, 2026**. Registration begins at **1:00 PM** at Hanover Junction, followed by announcements and prayers at **1:30 PM** before the walk starts. Participants may walk the full 10-mile route or turn around at any point. A "Toe" truck will be available along the route to provide rides back to Hanover Junction as needed. Water and snacks will be available at the Larue Road and Glen Rock turnarounds. This community event helps fight hunger locally and around the world. **Twenty-five percent of all funds raised remain in our area**, supporting five local food pantries, including **Harvest of Hope Food Pantry**. If you would like to walk or support a walker, sign-up sheets are available on the table in the overflow room. Please make checks payable to **St. Peter's Lischeys UCC** and return donations by **October 25, 2026**. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity.

Looking for a Healthy Start This Fall?

Are you thinking about beginning the fall season with a new and rewarding activity? Consider joining one of our music ministries! Whether you enjoy singing or playing chimes, participating in a choir offers benefits that go far beyond making music. Singing and playing together can improve your musical skills, boost your mood by releasing endorphins that help reduce stress and depression, and provide a strong sense of belonging and purpose. It also encourages deep breathing, promotes good posture, and offers gentle physical activity. Why not give it a try? We'd love to welcome new members of all experience levels. Choir practices began on September 3rd, but it's not too late to join the fun!

Yarn Available...

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting items for the Sock and Mitten Tree or other projects, donated yarn is available. If you are interested, please see Nancy Cherry.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Don Carl
<i>Children's Message</i>	None
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Jenell McKowen
<i>Greeters</i>	Debra Brooks & Joanne Hoffman
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & Janet Brown
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen

Next week's helpers are:

Sharon Winter
Melisa Altland
Michele Hamme
Darlene & Steve Miner
Lisa Crisamore, Tammy Wetzel, & Pat McKowen
Cole McKowen & Blaine Breeden

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Thursday, September 10 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 13 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	SPLATT and Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship service
Monday, September 14 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 15 th	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours
Sunday, September 20 th	11:30 AM	Church Picnic

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	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

September 06	Bonnie Luckenbaugh	September 11	Sharon Slusser
September 07	Darrell Sager	September 13	Adelaide Waltersdorff

Our Response to God's Love last week was...

Attendance	49: 45 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube
Current Offering	\$880.00
OCWM	30.00
Total	\$910.00