

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 16, 2025
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: Chime Choir- "Two Meditations on the Cross"

Kinyon

Call to Worship

L: This season of Lent, we give thanks for the blessing of community.

P: We offer our gratitude for the blessing of continuity in the seasons of the year.

L: We come to worship and reflect upon the life and sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

P: We come into your presence, O God, to have our spirit strengthened and renewed for the coming week.

L: As God gave Jesus strength and courage in the wilderness, so too, will God do for those who trust Him.

P: We come this day to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit for guidance, that we may be God's people in the world.

Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" - Red Hymnal #183

Maker

Confession

L: God, our hearts are dirty, and need more than bleach for cleansing.

P: You, alone, O God, are able to erase our wrongs and scrub away our guilt.

ALL: God, create in us clean hearts and renew your spirit within us. Deliver us and free us from our sin. Help us live our lives as a testimony to your loving presence in the world. May your Holy Spirit redirect us when we turn from your ways so that we may serve you alone. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Scripture: Matthew 9: 9-13 - Jenell McKowen

Message: "He Eats with Tax Collectors"

Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" - Red Hymnal #369

Mann

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 3)

275th Anniversary Moment- Keith Bergey- Harvest of Hope Food Pantry

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet, p. 3)

Extinguish 2nd Lenten Candle

*Closing Hymn: "Near the Cross" - Red Hymnal #385

Doane

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Victory Through Faith"

Smith

*All who are able, please rise.



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

March 16, 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 on the cart by the bulletins. The offering plate is located on the cart.

Welcome, Guest Speaker!

As part of our 275th Anniversary celebration, the Missions Committee is excited to introduce today's speaker, Keith Bergey, the Food Pantry Operations Manager. Keith is responsible for overseeing the food ordering process from Central Penn, which includes coordinating the pickups and deliveries of the pantry supplies. He works closely with local stores and suppliers to secure food donations, which are then distributed to those in need. Keith also ensures that all food is properly sorted, stored safely, and adheres to the highest standards of hygiene, following all safety and security protocols. His dedication and hard work are essential to the daily operations that allow the food pantry to serve our community effectively. Today, Keith will share his valuable insights on the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry and its impact.

Lenten Season Reflection...

This year, during the Lenten season, the 275th Anniversary Group will reflect on the missions at Lischey's throughout the years. In the coming weeks, my sermon series will be inspired by a Lenten study titled *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. Together, we will explore questions such as: Who did Jesus share meals with? Why is community important? How does hospitality shape our discipleship? I look forward to journeying through this season of reflection and growth with you.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Cathy

Lischey's Hosting Mid-Week Lenten Meal and Service...

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC will be hosting a mid-week Lenten Community Service and Meal on **March 26th**. We are seeking volunteers to contribute soup, crackers, vegetable & fruit trays, cookies, and drinks to serve approximately 100 people. A signup sheet for both food donations and attendance is available on the table in the overflow room. Thank you for your support as we come together during this meaningful season!

Jefferson Homemakers' March Meeting...

Jefferson Homemakers' will meet on Wednesday, March 19th in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM. Our program will be provided by Barbara Esterly who does a reenactment of Mountain Mary. Mountain Mary was a folk hero who lived 40 years in the hills of Oley (Berks County, PA) as a farmer, skilled healer, and community leader. Barbara also has a wealth of information on the preparation and preservation of foods in the 18th Century. All are welcome. Lunch is provided.

The Giving Tree is once again adorned with leaves...

We invite you to select one or more leaves, write your name on the back, and place the corresponding dollar amount in an envelope along with the leaf or leaves. The Mission Committee is raising funds to support two Mission speakers: one on Sunday, March 16th, from *Harvest of Hope*, and the other on April 6th, from *Hanover Area Council of Churches*. Your generous support will help provide a Love Offering to these vital organizations that deliver essential services to our community. Thank you for your contribution! *The Mission Committee*

SPLATT - Sight and Sound Bus Trip to See Noah on July 16th...

The SPLATT group has secured extra tickets this year for the *Noah* production, but they're selling quickly, and seating is limited! Tickets are priced at \$100, which covers both your ticket and transportation. If you'd like to join us, please see Bud to get added to the list. We'll meet at the church on July 16th to board the bus. Baileys has us scheduled to depart by 9:30 AM. After the show, we plan to stop at Golden Corral for a late lunch. (The cost is not included in ticket price.) Don't miss out – reserve your spot today!

Harvest of Hope Food Collection...

Throughout March, Lischey's will be gathering essential items to help provide Easter meals for those in need. We aim to collect **100 of each** of the following:

- **Boxed Potatoes**
- **Boxed Stuffing**
- **Chicken or Turkey Gravy**

Your generosity makes a difference! Thank you for your continued support of Harvest of Hope.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Jenell McKowen
<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Acolyte</i>	Will Bakner
<i>Greeters</i>	Darlene & Steve Miner
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, John Klinedinst, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Blaine Breeden & Toni O'Neal

Next week's helpers are:

Blaine Breeden
Nancy King
Pastor Cathy
Sam Wagaman
Melisa Altland & Michele Hamme
Carol Brown, Lois Nelson, & Joann Hoffman
Joy & Larry Spangler

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

TODAY	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting for Annual Report
Wednesday, March 19 th	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Mid-Week Community Lenten Dinner & Worship Service at St. Paul Ziegler's Lutheran, Seven Valleys
Thursday, March 20 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Sunday, March 23 rd	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children & SPLATT Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday, March 26 th	6:00 PM	Mid-Week Community Lenten Dinner & Worship Service at St. Peter's Lischey's UCC, Spring Grove

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	Mon-Thur	Noon - 2:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

March 16	Evelyn Walker	March 20	Grace Mensinger
March 17	Sandra Lehman	March 22	Dennis Kimball
March 18	William Hersh	March 22	Samuel Wagaman

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

Attendance 72- 67 Sanctuary/ 5 YouTube

Current Offering	\$7,055.00
Initial Offering	40.00
OCWM	605.00
Giving Tree	130.00
Total	\$7,830.00