

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Einekleine Nachtmusik"

Mozart

Call to Worship

L: Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

P: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

L: We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize the Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

P: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

L: We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

P: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

L: Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

P: We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice.

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" - Red Hymnal #1

Beethoven/Hodges

Confession:

L: Christ is the light that exposes all we keep hidden, but offers us healing and renewal instead of judgment.

ALL: God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: You do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake. We are forgiven by God.

Joyful Singers- "The B-I-B-L-E"

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Scripture: Michele Hamme

Psalm 23 (*Read in unison with the congregation.*)

ALL: The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

Forever.

Acts 2:42-47

Message: We Are the Church *Rev. Susan Emmons*

Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" - Red Hymnal #284 Scholtes

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: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" - Red Hymnal #354 Showalter

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Turkish Rondo" Mozart

**Members should rise if able.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

April 26, 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 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 the belltower and middle entrances.**

Thank You...

We extend our thanks to Gary Kyp for filling in for Nancy as our organist, and sharing his musical gifts with us today. Your time and talent help lead our worship in a meaningful and uplifting way, and we are truly grateful for your willingness to serve. Thank you, Gary!

Creating a Peaceful and Worshipful Space...

As we gather for worship, we invite everyone to help us create a peaceful and reflective atmosphere in the sanctuary. Quiet conversation before and after the service is always welcome, and we kindly ask that we keep talking to a minimum during the service itself so that all may fully hear, reflect, and worship without distraction. Thank you for your care, consideration, and for helping make this a meaningful time for everyone.

Hygiene Kits for SGASD...

We are collecting items for the May distribution of hygiene kits for students in the Spring Grove Area School District **TODAY**, April 26th. Requested donations include: 20 bottles of shampoo (12-18 oz.), 20 bars of soap, 20 tubes of lip balm, and 40 packets of 5 bandages each. This shared mission includes several local churches: St. Peter's Lischey's, St. Paul's Lutheran (Stoverstown), St. Paul's UCC (Stoverstown), Christ UCC (Jefferson), and Zeigler's Lutheran (Seven Valleys). **The hygiene kits will be assembled on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's UCC.** Thank you for your continued support of this shared mission to our local children and youth!

Spring Grove Alumni Chorus Concert...

The Spring Grove Alumni Chorus will present "*This is Our Country*" **TODAY** at 4:00 PM at the Spring Grove Area Middle School. The concert will also feature the Alumni Instrumental Ensemble. All are invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon of inspiring and patriotic music.

Lischey's Lunchers - Sunday, May 3rd at Noon...

Make plans to join us for Lischey's Lunchers on Sunday, May 3rd 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.

Pentecost & Memorial Day Geranium Celebration...

We will once again adorn our church with beautiful red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. As this day also falls on Memorial Day weekend, the color red will serve as a meaningful tribute to honor and remember loved ones who have served or are currently serving in our military.

Geraniums may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one, a veteran, or someone currently serving. The cost remains \$5.75 per plant, and you are welcome to order as many as you wish. This special weekend offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate both the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost and the sacrifice and service of those who have served our country.

Any flowers designated as donations to the church will be planted in our outdoor flower beds and enjoyed by all throughout the summer months. If you plan to take your flowers home, please be sure to pick them up following the service on May 24th. If you are unable to do so, kindly indicate this on the order form so your flowers are not mistakenly planted.

Order envelopes are available on the offertory table in the overflow room. Please complete your order and return it with payment in the offering plate by Sunday, May 10th.

We will also need volunteers to help plant the geraniums during the week of May 24th – another great way to take part in this meaningful tradition!

If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Miner.

Sight & Sound Bus Trip- Reserve Your Spot Today...

A bus trip to Sight & Sound is once again being coordinated by SPLATT. A new show is being presented this year - Joshua. The bus will depart from the church at 9:15 AM on Thursday, July 16th. We'll be stopping for a late lunch at Golden Corral following the matinee performance. Please see Bud Hamme to reserve your spot. This year's cost is \$125 per person which includes coach bus transportation, show tickets, and lunch. Cash or check payments can be given to Bud by June 1. Checks should be made to St. Peter's Lischey's UCC with a note indicating it's for the SPLATT trip.

April Council Meeting Highlights...

- There will be no summer outdoor services held for the Summer 2026 season.

New Song Community Choir Gospel Concert...

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ invites you to a special afternoon of music as the New Song Community Choir presents a gospel concert on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 PM. The program is free to the public, and a love offering will be accepted. A reception will follow the concert. Come and enjoy an uplifting time of praise and fellowship as we welcome the choir and celebrate their gift of music!

<u>Thank you to our helpers this week:</u>		<u>Next week's helpers are:</u>
<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden	Don Carl
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Michele Hamme	Blaine Breeden
<i>Acolyte</i>	Will Bakner	Olivia Godfrey
<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme	None
<i>Greeters</i>	Diane Breeden & Joan Messinger	Linda & Jim Freed
<i>Money Counters</i>	Darlene Miner, Janet Brown, & Jean Weidler	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & John Klinedinst
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Pat & Cole McKowen	Steve Miner & Cole McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Sunday, April 26 th	4:00 PM	Spring Grove Alumni Chorus Concert- SG Middle School
Thursday, April 30 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 3 rd	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class/ Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Lischey's Lunchers- Genova's
Tuesday, May 5 th	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours
Monday, May 11 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Sunday, May 17 th	10:30 AM	Confirmation Sunday- Pastor Cathy will lead the service.
Sunday, May 31 st	10:30 AM	Music Appreciation Sunday

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	Mon, Wed, & Thur	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

April 26	Larry Spangler, II	April 30	Kimberly Bolden
April 27	Jayden Myers	May 01	Barbara Gardner
April 27	Sharon Winter	May 04	*Anna Foreman

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

Attendance 72- 66 Sanctuary/ 6 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,640.00
OCWM	180.00
SPLATT- Sight & Sound Bus Trip	975.00
Pentecost Geraniums	20.00
Total	\$3,815.00