

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

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ring of the Bell

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision"

Labenske

Call to Worship

L: We gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers,

P: the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam, and Moses,

L: who hears the cries of the people and comes to their aid;

P: who meets us on holy ground and calls us to follow;

L: who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind

P: and take up our cross and discover what it means to truly live!

ALL: This is our God! Let's worship together.

*Hymn: "More Love to Thee" – Red Hymnal #363

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Prayer of Confession:

ALL: O God, we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them. We could welcome those we do not know, but we choose to close our hearts. We could make outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our cliques. Forgive us God, for our foolish choices. Hold on to our shaky lives, until we learn to clasp your goodness to our hearts so we can give it away to those around us. Whisper your grace and hopes to us, until we can stop cursing our enemies and bless them as our friends. Smooth the rough edges of our arrogance. Then we would put aside our stumbling blocks to discipleship, so we can follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as he leads us in your way of denial and life.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Nancy King

Message: It's A Long, Long Road

Rev. Susan Emmons

Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" – Red Hymnal #376

Thomas

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

Dunbar

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Our Refuge and Strength"

Callender

**Members should rise if able.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

August 30, 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.

Thank You...

I want to thank everyone for their prayers this past year for my son, Joe as he struggled with his severe mental health issues. He is doing much better. By the grace of God, we are thankful that his team of doctors were able to find a medicine regimen to stabilize his condition. Thanks be to God. ~Lisa Crisamore

Perfect Sunday School Attendance...

We are pleased to recognize Cody Kauffman, Elliot 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!

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!**

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. The fun begins on **Thursday, September 3rd!**

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.

<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>	Nancy King	Jenell McKowen
<i>Greeters</i>	Lois Nelson & Joan Messinger	Debra Brooks & Joanne Hoffman
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Tammy Wetzell, & Pat McKowen	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & Janet Brown
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Amanda Godfrey & Pat McKowen	Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

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

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)

August 30	Elliott Kauffman	September 04	*Nancy Cherry
September 01	*Nancy King	September 05	Bud Hamme
September 01	Jane Sager	September 05	*Carolyn Krout
September 03	Donna Wiker	September 06	Bonnie Luckenbaugh

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

Attendance 63: 60 Sanctuary/ 3 YouTube

Current Offering	\$1,525.00
Total	\$1,525.00