

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Veterans Day Observance
Sunday, November 9, 2025
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Sharon Winter

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "God of Our Fathers"

Scott/Warren

*Let us rise for the Presentation of the Colors

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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 19 Color Guard

Call to Worship

L: God, we gather before you today to honor all who have placed themselves at risk for the sake of others, for justice, and for peace.

P: Help us remember and honor those who risked or gave their lives as we worship you, O God.

L: Help us remember the sacrifice of all who have followed Christ's example to secure liberty and freedom.

P: Help us appreciate and value their sacrifice.

L: We know war, violence, hatred, and destruction are not your ways, O God.

ALL: Today, as we honor those who have fought, suffered, and even died for peace, we pray, O God, you will show us ways to handle our differences that all may know your peace.

Hymn: "God of Our Fathers" – Red Hymnal #573

Warren

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways. We confess those things we have left undone. We acknowledge that too often we forget the burdens and wounds of war which are borne by veterans and their families, and we fail to recognize our moral obligation to extend compassion and healing for them upon their return. Forgive us, O God and lead us in ways of compassion and healing, in the name and for the sake of your Son, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message- Melisa Altland

Special Music: "In Flanders Field" – Sharon Winter Solo

Jacobson/Emerson

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *Jean Weidler*

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Message: Guest Speaker- *Chris Stoup (U.S. Air Force), Transportation Security Administration*

Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth” (Praise Booklet- p. 27)

Miller/Jackson

Display of Appreciation: This morning, we are honoring Janet & Kenneth Brown.
(See their story in *Announcements*)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer (Praise Booklet- p. 4)

A Tribute to the Armed Services (Please sing along with the choir.)

arr. Larson

**Veterans, as you hear the tribute to your branch of service, please stand at your seat as you are able.*

“The Army Goes Rolling Along” – Army

First to fight for the right, and to build the Nation’s might,
And the Army goes rolling along.

Proud of all we have done, fighting till the battle’s won,
And the Army goes rolling along.

Then it’s hi! hi! hey! The Army’s on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong; two, three, four, hut, two, three!

For where’er we go, you will always know

That the Army goes rolling along.

“Marine Corps Hymn” – Marines

From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli,

We will fight our country’s battles in the air, on land and sea.

First, we fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean.

We are proud to claim the title of United States Marines.

“Semper Paratus” – Coast Guard

We’re always ready for the call, we place our trust in Thee!

Through howling gale and shot and shell to win the victory!

Semper paratus is our guide, our pledge, our motto, too!

We’re always ready, do or die. Ay!

Coast Guard, we fight for you!

"Anchors Aweigh!" – Navy

Anchors aweigh, my boys! Anchors aweigh!
Farewell to college joys. We sail at break of day, day, day, day!
Through our last night on shore, hail to the foam!
Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a happy voyage home!

"The U.S. Air Force" – Army Air Corps

Off we go into the wild blue yonder, climbing high into the sun.
Here they come, zooming to meet our thunder;
At 'em, boys, give her the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under, off with one terrible roar.
We live in fame or go down in flame, for nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!

"America the Beautiful" – Red Hymnal #572

Ward

**Please rise as you are able for the following:*

**Pledge of Allegiance*

**Retire the Colors*

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 19 Color Guard

**Taps*

**Postlude: "Hymn for Our Country"*

Warren/Rasley



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
November 9, 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 in the overflow room by the bulletins. The offering plate is located on the same table.

Welcome to Our Guest Speaker, Chris Stoup...



We are pleased to welcome **Chris Stoup** as our guest speaker for **Veterans Sunday**. Chris is a former member of the **U.S. Air Force** and now serves with the **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)**. We thank Chris for joining us today and for sharing his time, experience, and perspective as we honor all who have served our country.

Chris Stoup, a native of York, began his service to his country on September 11, 2001 when he enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 18. After completing basic military training, he went through technical school to become an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technician. As an EOD technician, Chris was trained to disarm explosive, nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons of both military and improvised design, applying these skills during two combat tours in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while defeating more than one hundred Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). During his time in the Air Force, Chris also had the opportunity to work with the U.S. Secret Service (USSS), providing counter-IED expertise during USSS VIP protective missions, as well as, to provide support for F-117 and F-22 stealth fighter aircraft operations. Chris separated from the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant in 2007, but his service did not end there.

In 2008, Chris was hired by the Transportation Security Administration as an Explosives Specialist supporting the Charlotte-Douglas airport in North Carolina. While in Charlotte, he concurrently obtained his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Several years later, he was hand-selected for a position at TSA headquarters' Explosives Operations Branch in Arlington, VA, where he was responsible for overseeing portions of the national Explosives Specialist program. Present day, Chris works in TSA's Inspection office and runs one of TSA's national covert testing programs.

Chris is a foodie at heart. He loves to share great meals with friends and family, whether dining out or doing the cooking himself. His specialties are Eggs Benedict, Lasagna, and Panang Curry. In his free time, he also enjoys spending time outdoors hiking and camping, rooting for the Washington Capitals, and playing any game in the Legend of Zelda franchise. His most recent undertaking was adopting a kitten named Indy (short for Indiana Jones), with the intent of training him to become an adventure cat who will join him on a variety of endeavors.



Veterans Sunday Spotlight: Staff Sergeants Janet and Ken Brown, USAF

Every year on Veterans Sunday, St. Peter's Lischey's UCC pays tribute to the men and women who are serving or have served our country in the armed forces. Some are current church members, many are buried in our cemetery, and a few are lost on battlefields far from home. As part of this annual tribute, we cast a spotlight on members of our congregation who answered the call to duty and proudly served our country. This year's spotlight shines on **Staff Sergeants Janet and Kenneth Brown**, both of whom served in the **United States Air Force** during the 1970s.

Both born and raised in York County, Pennsylvania, Ken and Janet Brown's stories share a common beginning that would one day become a shared journey of service. Ken was born at home, delivered by a doctor who came to the house. His father, Eugene Brown, had served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a medic, and his mother, Dorothy Brown, worked for Danskin. Janet was born to Theodore and Alice Fake – Theo, a farmer, and Alice, a homemaker – but she was lovingly raised by her aunt and uncle, Lawrence and Anna Rodes. Her uncle, a World War II Army veteran who served in the South Pacific, later worked as the postmaster in Mt. Wolf, while her aunt cared for their home and also served in the local school cafeteria.

Both Ken and Janet attended **York Vo-Tech**, where their paths first crossed. Ken studied electronics, while Janet completed the health assistant program and went on to work as a dental assistant after graduation. Ken enlisted in the Air Force in 1973 during his senior year, and Janet – after the two married in December of that same year – decided to enlist the following summer. Though there was no guarantee that they would be stationed

together, providence smiled on them, and they were both assigned to **McConnell Air Force Base** in Wichita, Kansas.

Ken's Air Force career began with basic training at **Lackland Air Force Base** in San Antonio, Texas, followed by advanced instruction in missile electronic systems at **Sheppard Air Force Base**, also in Texas. He was then assigned to McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas, where he trained to work on **Titan II missiles** – an assignment that took him deep underground into highly secure missile silos stretching ten stories below the surface. The work was demanding and unpredictable. Ken often logged long hours and was sometimes flown by helicopter to remote sites when urgency called. His first helicopter ride quickly became memorable when the pilot, knowing it was Ken's maiden flight, decided to pull a prank – tilting the aircraft sharply until a dummy in the copilot seat “fell out.” As the crew roared with laughter, Ken clung to anything within reach, convinced he might be next. Despite the pressure and high stakes of missile operations, Ken excelled through his technical skill, discipline, and leadership. He rose to become a **Master Technician, Master Team Chief, and Quality Control Evaluator**, earning the rank of **Staff Sergeant** before his discharge in 1980.

Janet's journey was equally remarkable. She completed **basic training at Lackland Air Force Base**, then attended **jet engine mechanic school at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois**, one of only three women in her class. Her small hands proved useful in the shop, allowing her to reach tight spaces others could not. She was the only woman in her maintenance shop at McConnell, earning the respect of her peers and supervisors through hard work and competence. After more than a year in the jet engine shop, she transitioned into an office role where she handled personnel reports, discharges, and other clerical duties – steady, essential work that provided her with more predictable hours as she and Ken started a family.

The Browns' years of service were marked by commitment and sacrifice. Life in the military was not easy – especially being far from home while raising two young children, **Kenny and Breanna**, without family nearby. Still, they persevered, finding strength in each other and in their shared sense of duty.

When their service ended in 1980, Ken and Janet went through out-processing together – a military version of “checking out,” but with way more paperwork. Among the many departments they had to visit, one stood out to Ken: the career office. The Air Force likes to encourage members leaving active duty to consider joining the Reserves or the Air National Guard. The career officer asked what jobs they'd each held. Ken answered first, and before he could finish his sentence, the officer literally pivoted – turned his whole body away from Ken – and focused all his attention on Janet. Apparently, the Air Force Reserves didn't have a need for whatever Ken was doing, but could always use more Janets. After their discharge, they remained in Kansas for three years before returning to York to care for Ken's mother following the passing of his stepfather. Both took advantage of the **G.I. Bill** to

attend **YTI Career Institute** — Janet studying computerized accounting and Ken updating his electronics training to keep pace with advancing technology.

In civilian life, Ken worked as a **service technician for paper handling and paper cutters**, traveling to 47 states and numerous countries. Janet served with the **York County Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA)**, helping high school dropouts learn life skills and prepare for their GEDs. Janet also dedicated much of her time to childcare for her expanding family. Both retired after long and faithful careers.

Their spirit of service did not end with the Air Force. Janet and Ken joined the **American Legion in Shiloh**, and they both went on to serve **with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary**. Ken has been serving for over 28 years. Through the Auxiliary, they have supported boating safety operations, mostly along the Susquehanna River and other locations — patrolling, and assisting those in need. Another mission of the Auxiliary is to fill in for active-duty Coast Guard personnel when needed.

Looking back, both Janet and Ken believe that military service helped shape their lives for the better. The Air Force instilled in them a deep sense of **discipline, teamwork, and responsibility**. Janet often reminds others — especially young people — of the importance of structure and safety, joking that her time in the service made her forever wary of “horseplay.” Ken credits his time working on missile systems for teaching him to **document everything and trust in teamwork** — lessons that stayed with him throughout his civilian career.

For future generations, the Browns hope young men and women will take time to explore the many training and career opportunities available through military service — not only for the valuable skills it provides but also for the personal growth and discipline it inspires. Janet encourages all veterans to take full advantage of their VA benefits, a resource she believes too many overlook. They also encourage young people to consider vocational and technical education as another excellent pathway to meaningful and rewarding careers.

“When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves — praise the Lord!” Judges 5:2

In the days of Deborah and Barak, God called ordinary people to rise with extraordinary faith. Their strength was not their own — it came from trusting the Lord and answering His call with courage. Today, we honor those who lead with conviction and serve with willing hearts. Whether on the battlefield, in our communities, or in our daily lives, may we, too, live with a warrior spirit — standing firm in faith, guided by God’s purpose, and ready to serve where He leads.

Janet and Ken, thank you for your service. You are part of a long tradition of the men and women at St. Peter’s Lischey’s who served their country and went on to serve their communities by being active, productive citizens.

Veterans Sunday Luncheon...

Please join us after the service today for the Veterans luncheon in our fellowship hall.

Thank you...

- A big thank-you to the **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 19 Color Guard** for their participation and support in this morning's service.
- Our sincere gratitude to **all veterans in attendance** today. We honor your service and sacrifices – our freedoms are a result of your courage and dedication. Thank you!

Annual Congregational Meeting...

All members are encouraged to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 16, 2025**. This important gathering provides an opportunity to review and approve the proposed budget for the coming year (copies of the budget are on the table in the overflow room) and to elect new Council members for 2026. This year's candidates are **Bud Hamme** and **Matt Kessler**, along with **Blaine Breeden**, who is standing for a second term. We also offer our sincere appreciation to **Lisa Crisamore** and **Toni O'Neal** for their dedicated service as they complete their terms at the end of this year.

Crop Walk 2025 Donations Due Today...

All donations should be made payable to the church, as contributions will be processed through the church this year. Please be sure to turn in all funds **by today, Sunday, November 9th**.

Veterans Sunday Pictures

Veterans and families, thank you for taking part in our Veterans Gallery. We appreciate everyone who brought in photos to help honor our veterans. Before you leave, please be sure to take your pictures home with you.

Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive Begins...

The Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive continues today and runs through November. The Homewood Auxiliary generously provides enhancements to the health care center of Homewood Living Ministries. **Please join!** The suggested donation is still only \$3 per person, or \$5 per couple. Your light can make a difference in the lives of many. See Nancy Cherry to support this drive. Thank you.

Bingo Prizes & Christmas Cards...

We will be collecting Bingo prizes and Christmas cards for Homewood residents again this holiday season. Please do not seal Christmas cards as they are easier for residents to open. If you wish to donate bingo prizes, the residents enjoy chocolate, single serving snack items, small holiday trinkets for all seasons, word search puzzles, small stuffed animals, and Dove bar soap. Please have all donated items at church by November 30th.

Thank you for your continuing support of Homewood residents. If you have questions, see Nancy Cherry.

Poinsettia Ordering Information...

It's that wonderful time of year again to order poinsettias! Each plant is \$8.50, and orders are due by **December 10th**.

- To order:
Pick up a poinsettia envelope and dedication form – available on the cart in the overflow room near the bulletins.
- Complete the form, include your payment, and place the envelope in the offering plate on the cart.
- You may also call the church office to place your order and provide your dedication information.

All orders will be handled through the office this year.

A big thank-you to **Deb Brooks** for stepping in to coordinate this cherished Christmas tradition and for keeping it thriving!

Christmas Gift-A-Way...

Mark your calendars! Our annual Christmas Gift-A-Way will be held on **Saturday, December 6th, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion UCC**. We invite you to begin setting aside items to donate and help make this special event a success.

<u>Thank you to our helpers this week:</u>		<u>Next week's helpers are:</u>
<i>Gathering Music</i>	Sharon Winter	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Jean Weidler	Jenell McKowen
<i>Acolyte</i>	Grace Mensinger	Sage Freed
<i>Greeters</i>	Linda & Jim Freed	Michele Hamme & Jean Gross
<i>Money Counters</i>	Joanne Hoffman, John Klindinst, & Janet Brown	Lisa Crisamore, Tammy Wetzel, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole McKowen & Steve Miner	Amanda Godrey & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Thursday, November 13 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 16 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School & SPLATT/ Confirmation Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, November 19 th	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting

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	Tue-Thur	11:00 AM - 2 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

November 11 *Dale Krout November 20 Cynthia Elicker
November 18 *Ruth Wagner



Saluting Our Veterans



We thank and honor the following veterans from St. Peter's Lischey's UCC

Janet Brown	U.S. Air Force	1974-1980
Ken Brown, Sr.	U.S. Air Force	1973-1980
Jeffery Flickinger	U.S. Navy	1970-1973
	Reserves	1973-1983
Dennis E. Kimball	U.S. Army	1967-1969
Dale A. Krout	U.S. Army	1964-1966
Pat McKowen	U.S. Marine Corps	1986-1994
Royce L. Messersmith, Sr.	U.S. Army Airborne	1962-1965
Steve Miner	U.S. Air Force	1968-1972
Elvin H. Myers	U.S. Army	1966-1969
Michael E. Neiderer	U.S. Marine Corps	1971-1973
Dennis E. Runk	U.S. Marine Corps	1967-1969
Larry L. Spangler	U.S. Air Force	1958-1962
Robert Strausbaugh	U.S. Army	1952-1954
William N. Waltersdorff	U.S. Navy	2016-2023
	U.S. Navy Reserves	2023-Present
Dave Wiker	U.S. Navy	1962-1966
	U.S. Army Reserves	1978-1996

Missing in Action

Paul Kling U.S. Army



**Veterans Buried at St. Peter's Lischey's United Church of Christ
5671 Lischeys Church Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362**

Old Cemetery along Jefferson Road at Beef Eaters Farm

Daniel Renoll- Revolutionary War

Old Cemetery below church

2 Markers of G.A.R.- 1861-1865 (names not readable)

Bailey, Conrad L.

Folkenroth, William

Gise, William

Butcher, John

Fuhrman, William

Cemetery #2 Back of Church

Altland, John H.

Gross, Donald

Miller, Emanuel

Auchey, William H.

Hamm, Cleason S.

Miller, Harry E.

Baer, Philip R.

Hamm, Robert

Miller, Valentine

Becker, Burnell H.

Helms, Howard W.

Mosebrook, Ralph E.

Boddy, Norman C.

Hoke, David M.

Moul, Robert S.

Bolden, Chester D.

Hoke, Martin

Mummert, David N.

Bollinger, Eugene

Jacobs, William E.

Myers, Elmer H.

Bollinger, Paul L.

Kern, Paul Jr.

Myers, Marlin

Bollinger, Paul M.

Kiser, Lloyd

Myers, Richard C. Sr.

Brandt, Ray L.

Kling, Paul

Myers, Robert D.

Brillhart, Roy F.

Kopp, Nelson F.

Nace, John

Cherry, Rev. Kenneth E.

Kraft, Chauncey E.

Naill, Edward B.

Danner, Dale E.

Lau, George H.

Oberholtzer, Robert P.

Danner, Forrest L.

Lauchman, Carl E.

Patterson, Donald

Day, Autry Charles

Lauchman, Michael A.

Patterson, William J.

Deamer, Irvin M.

Lauchman, Wayne

Pollock, William

Detwiler, Keith A.

Leese, Sterling K.

Reachard, Albert W.

Dick, William H.

Lentz, Chauncey A.

Reachard, Henry M.

Dubbs, Rodger W.

Lentz, George D.

Rebert, Cleo M.

Duttera, Robert B.

Lentz, Robert C.

Reiker, George M.

Emert, Robert C.

Lucabaugh, Charles H.

Rice, Charles

Ernst, Joseph E.

Luckenbaugh, Dwight

Rice, Edward E. Jr.

Faltin, Otto W.

Luckenbaugh, Robert E.

Rice, Frederick A.

Farence, Dale

Luckenbaugh, Robert F.

Rice, Melvin

Fissel, Henry

Luckenbaugh, William M.

Rice, William R.

Gable, William

Lutz, Curvin P.

Riley, Mearl E.

Garrett, Walter C.

Lutz, Robert C.

Rohrbaugh, Alton L.

Gearhart, John E.

Maus, Robert C.

Rohrbaugh, Clair J.

Gearhart, John Jr.

Messinger, Harvey "Gus"

Roomsburg, Donald

Gemmill, Edwin C.

Messinger, Paul Jr.

Ruby, Kenneth E.

Gerhart, Marion E.

Miller, Charles H. Jr.

Runk, Charles Jr.

Runk, Kenneth
Rupprecht, Lewis
Ruth, Gerald E.
Ruth, Joseph W. Jr.
Schneider, Frank
Seidenstricker, Donald
Selack, John R.
Senft, Cornelius
Senft, Ervin S.
Senft, Francis E.
Senft, Guy J.
Senft, Harry J.
Senft, John A.
Senft, Melvin F.
Setters, Alice Mae
Sheffer, John A.
Shutt, John Jr.
Sipe, Ross
Smeltz, Harry A. Sr.

Sneeringer, Francis B.
Snyder, Lewis E.
Spangler, Edward L.
Spangler, Harold R.
Stambaugh, Clarence E.
Stambaugh, Daniel
Stambaugh, Earl M.
Stambaugh, Edward E.
Stambaugh, John A.
Stambaugh, John W.
Stambaugh, Ray W.
Stambaugh, Spurgeon T.
Stambaugh, Woodrow W.
Stauffer, Harry
Sternner, Donald H. Sr.
Stough, William D.
Strausbaugh, Harry B.
Sullivan, Harold W.

Sweitzer, John
Thieret, Richard A.
Thoman, Charles E.
Thoman, Richard O.
Trone, George M.
Trout, Claude
Trout, William J.
Wagner, Maurice H.
Waite, Harold M.
Waltersdorff, Allen H.
Waltersdorff, Norman
Warner, Edward H.
Welsh, Ross B.
Werner, Charles E.
Wetzel, Jay E.
White, Donald F.
White, Kenneth G.
Young, Edward F.

Deceased Veterans of St. Peter's Lischey's UCC buried elsewhere

Black, Vernon L. Sr.
Brown, Barry
Kirkwood, William
Klinedinst, Elwood "Dick"

Krout, Glenn
Donald L. Luckabaugh
Senft, Raymond

Stitely, R. Dean
Thomas, George
Warner, Robert W