

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
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Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 14, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Blessed Assurance"

Labenske

Call to Worship

L: God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places – under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

P: God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.

L: God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways – in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

P: God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.

L: God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways – in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

P: God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.

L: Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

P: God, open our lives to receive your blessings; that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.

*Hymn: "Praise in the Lord, the Almighty" – Red Hymnal #8

Gesangbuch

Prayer of Confession:

ALL: Gracious and faithful God, we confess we are people of little faith. Like Abraham and Sarah, we have laughed at your promises, not with joy but with doubt. We have looked at our circumstances and concluded that you could not possibly come through. We have grown impatient in seasons of waiting. Forgive us God when we find it hard to hear your promises. Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and mind.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Friends, hear the Good News: The love of God is beyond all measure. Know that we are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Melisa Altland

Message: And Sarah Laughed

Rev. Susan Emmons

Hymn: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" – Red Hymnal #350

Kirkpatrick

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – Red Hymnal #43

Runyan

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Chorus of Praise"

Johnston

*Members should rise if able.



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

June 14, 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 at the belltower and middle entrances.

Congratulations, Sierra Godfrey!

The congregation extends its congratulations to Sierra Godfrey on her graduation from Spring Grove Area High School. Sierra achieved this milestone after completing high school in just three years and graduating in the top 10 percent of her class. This fall, Sierra plans to attend Millersville University, where she will pursue a degree in Child Psychology. During her high school years, Sierra was actively involved in a variety of activities, including marching band color guard, winter guard, fall plays, musicals, and one-act performances. She was also a member of the National Honor Society and the International Thespian Society. In addition to her school activities, Sierra performed with Old Line Independent Color Guard this past winter. Her team earned first place in its local circuit and finished 14th out of 72 teams in its international circuit, an outstanding accomplishment. Sierra is thankful for the support and encouragement she has received from her church family throughout her childhood and is grateful for the many memories she has made both in and out of school. We celebrate Sierra's achievements and wish her God's blessings and success as she begins this exciting new chapter in her life.

Congratulations, Ellie Kessler!

The congregation extends its congratulations to Ellie Kessler on her graduation from Spring Grove Area High School. This fall, Ellie plans to attend Columbus College of Art and Design, where she will major in Illustration. During her high school years, Ellie was actively involved in numerous academic and extracurricular activities, including the National Honor Society (NHS), Tri-M Music Honor Society, Big Buddy Club, Color Guard Club, Orchestra, County Orchestra, and Chamber Strings (Honors Orchestra). Ellie has been dedicated to color guard since 7th grade and has served as captain of both the indoor and outdoor color guard programs since her freshman year, demonstrating outstanding leadership, commitment, and school spirit. We celebrate Ellie's many accomplishments and wish her God's richest blessings as she begins this exciting new chapter in her life.

Thank You for Supporting Harvest of Hope...

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest of Hope Summer Chocolate Milk Fund. Through your generosity, we raised **\$415** to help provide chocolate milk for children participating in Harvest of Hope's summer feeding program. Your support helps ensure that local children receive not only nutritious meals but also a special treat that brightens their day. We are grateful for your kindness and willingness to make a difference in the lives of families in our community.

Thank You for Your Ink Cartridge Donations!

A sincere thank you to everyone who has donated used ink cartridges for our recycling program through Staples. Your recycled cartridges have helped generate rewards that allowed us to purchase needed supplies for the church. Please keep those used ink cartridges coming! Simply place your empty cartridges in the secretary's mailbox at the church. Every cartridge helps support the ministry of St. Peter's Lischey's while also keeping recyclable materials out of landfills. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers & Donations Needed...

VBS sign-up sheets are now available on the table in the overflow room. We are looking for volunteers to help by providing food items for the dinner served prior to the start of VBS each evening, as well as helpers for the various VBS stations throughout the week. Please consider signing up to support this important ministry and help make VBS a wonderful experience for our children.

Vacation Bible School 2026: Rainforest Falls...

Join us June 15–19 at St. Peter's Lischey's Church for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School as we explore this year's theme, "Rainforest Falls – Root Kids in a Relationship With God." Children will enjoy a fun-filled jungle adventure with interactive Bible lessons, hands-on science activities, music, and games while learning to grow deep roots in faith and trust in God. A light supper will be served nightly from 5:30–6:00 PM, with the VBS program running from 6:00–8:15 PM each evening. Everyone is also invited to our culminating program during worship on Sunday, June 21 at 10:30 AM as we celebrate all the children have learned throughout the week.

***UPDATE: SPLATT & Children's Summer Sunday School Schedule...**

SPLATT Summer Sunday School will be held on the following Sundays: May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12, August 9, and August 23. We will return to weekly Sunday School classes beginning September 13. Children's Summer Sunday School will follow the same schedule.

<u>Thank you to our helpers this week:</u>		<u>Next week's helpers are:</u>
<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Melisa Altland	Don Carl
<i>Greeters</i>	Joanne Hoffman	Julie & Dick Myers
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, Joanne Hoffman, & Pat McKowen	Joanne Hoffman, Tammy Wetzel, & Don Carl
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Ryan & Pat McKowen	Don Carl & Ryan McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Monday, June 15 th	6:00 PM	VBS Starts
Sunday, June 21 st	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service- Fathers' Day & VBS Celebration
Monday, June 22 nd	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Saturday, June 27 th	1:00 PM	John Klinedinst- Celebration of Life- Stambaugh Farm
Sunday, June 28 th	9:30 AM	SPLATT & Children's Sunday School
Thursday, July 9 th	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours- 4 volunteers still needed
Monday, August 10 th	11:00 AM	Harvest of Hope Summer Lunch Program- 10 Volunteers still needed

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)

June 14	*Lois Nelson	June 20	Laiden Reichart
June 16	*Clair Kessler	June 20	Scott Sanders

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

Attendance	51- 49 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube	
Current Offering		\$2,165.00
OCWM		125.00
Memorial Offering		40.00
Harvest of Hope		40.00
Total		\$2,370.00