

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
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Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, May 24, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Hegarty

Call to Worship

L: The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

P: The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

L: The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

ALL: As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" - Red Hymnal #249

Atkinson

Confession:

ALL: Gracious God, Living Eternal Spirit, we thank you that you seek us in tender loving care, lest any be lost. Forgive the pride, prejudice, and self-righteousness which separate us from one another. Bind us close together. May we rejoice with one another's joys and weep with one another's sorrows, not only with the sheep of this fold but with all of Christ's people. Send your Spirit upon us, that when we speak the word of your love, people may hear and understand in their own language as on that Pentecost day so long ago. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Words of Assurance:

L: Whoever trusts God will not be disappointed. Whoever reaches out to others in the Spirit of Christ will know the joy of God's love. You are forgiven. You are loved.

Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" - Red Hymnal #259

Read

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Scripture: Acts 1:1-21

Don Carl

Message: Walk With Us, O Divine One

Rev. Susan R. Emmons

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Sacrament of Holy Communion (Taken from UCC Book of Worship Service of Word and Sacrament I)

Invitation

Communion Prayer

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: We give you thanks, Holy One, almighty and eternal God...

We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church. Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most High.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

L: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread...Do this as often as you drink in remembrance of me.

ALL: Christ had died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring Cup

Call to Supper

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" - Red Hymnal #252

Beethoven/Hodges

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Smith

*Members should rise if able.























Pentecost Geranium









































Dedications

In Honor of:

-  In honor of Anna Mae Foreman, my mother, for bringing me joy in my life every day, presented by Christine Jones
-  In honor of Joan Messinger for being such a friend and such a kind person, presented by Christine Jones
-  To the Glory of God! Presented by Steve & Darlene Miner
-  In honor of Anna Glatfelter, presented by Joe, Lisa, Joe, & Ava Crisamore
-  In honor of our grandchildren, Carson, Kylie, Raylinn, & Adelaide, presented by Bill & Karla Waltersdorff
-  In honor of Billy Waltersdorff and in memory of all past service members, presented by Bill & Karla Waltersdorff
-  To the Glory of God! Presented by Cynthia Elicker
-  In honor of Jenell McKowen, presented by Lois Nelson
-  In honor of Amy Weddle, presented by Lois Nelson
-  In honor of Sarah Pasmore, presented by Lois Nelson
-  In honor of my grandpa, Larry Spangler, Sr., presented by Jami Tomlinson
-  In honor of my grandsons, Sebastian and Everett, presented by Jill Neiderer
-  In honor of our grandmother, Lois Nelson, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
-  In honor of our aunts, Mitzi, Jackie, Cindy, Amy, and Sarah, presented by Cole and Ryan McKowen
-  In honor of Cynthia Elicker for her generosity, presented by Jenell McKowen
-  In honor of Royce Messersmith, Sr., for sharing from his garden, presented by Jenell McKowen & Lois Nelson
-  In honor of Nancy King for volunteering in my classroom, presented by Jenell McKowen
-  In honor of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, presented by JoAnn Kirkwood
-  In honor of Nancy Cherry and all those in the music programs, presented by Jean Weidler
-  In honor of the music programs, presented by Ken & Janet Brown

In Memory of:

-  In memory of Harry Smeltz, Jr., presented by Jeff & Kathy Flickinger
-  In memory of Brenda Kessler, presented by Jeff & Kathy Flickinger
-  In memory of Delphine Waltersdorff. Her presence in church is missed. She was such a dear lady. Presented by Christine Jones
-  In memory of Dennis Kramer, presented by Beth, Terry, TJ, & Grace Mensinger
-  In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Miner, presented by Steve & Darlene Miner
-  In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Allen Haar, presented by Steve & Darlene Miner
-  In memory of our parents, Raymond & Pauline King and Walter & Edna Klinefelter, presented by Tom & Nancy King
-  In memory of my husband, Ed Warner, presented by Pat Warner
-  In memory of my granddaughter, Kate Warner, presented by Pat Warner

-  In memory of Bill & Fayne Crist, presented by Joe, Lisa, Joe, & Ava Crisamore
-  In memory of our parents, Norman & Delphine Waltersdorff and Norman & Elaine Zartman, presented by Bill & Karla Waltersdorff
-  In memory of William & Clairbel Miner, presented by Cynthia & Donald Elicker
-  In memory of Lindy & Constance Elicker, presented by Cynthia & Donald Elicker
-  In memory of Norman & Mary Lau, presented by Cynthia & Donald Elicker
-  In memory of Mary McElhinny, presented by Gary Kyp
-  In memory of our son, Douglas Messinger, presented by Jim & Joan Messinger
-  In memory of my loved ones, presented by Linda Pentz
-  In memory of my loving husband, Kim, presented with love by Chris DeGroft
-  In memory of my parents, Gerald & Betty Thomas, presented with love by Chris DeGroft
-  In memory of my nephew, Zachary Neiderer, presented with love by Chris DeGroft
-  In memory of Gladys & Arlene, presented by Lois Nelson
-  In memory of Sharon Gates, presented by Joann Nace
-  In memory of Cathy Yadlosky, presented by Joann Nace
-  In memory of Linda J. Spangler, presented by Larry Spangler, Sr.
-  In memory of Grace L. Spangler Tarlton, presented by Larry Spangler, Sr.
-  In memory of Clyde & Ruth Staub, presented by Larry Spangler, Sr.
-  In memory of Jennie Bollinger and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dubbs, presented by Anna Mae Foreman
-  In memory of my father, Bradley Tomlinson, presented by Jami Tomlinson
-  In memory of my parents, Jean & William Trout, presented by Jill Neiderer
-  In memory of our grandparents, Lee & Bob McKowen, and Don Nelson, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
-  In memory of my husband, William Kirkwood, presented by JoAnn Kirkwood
-  In memory of Rev. Dennis L. Weidler, presented by Jean Weidler
-  In memory of my parents, Robert & Phyllis Gingrich, presented by Jean Weidler
-  In memory of Maybelle Altland, presented by Melisa Altland
-  In memory of Norva Sherberger, presented by Melisa Altland
-  In Memory of my husband, Rev. Kenneth Cherry, presented by Nancy Cherry
-  In memory of my mother, June Canfield, presented by Nancy Cherry
-  In memory of my mother-in-law, Olevia Cherry, presented by Nancy Cherry



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

May 24, 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.

Thank You...

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, and kindnesses during the illness and passing of John Klinedinst. A special thank-you to Pastor Susan for her visit. It is such a blessing to have a caring church family. We are having John's Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 27th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. It is being held at the Stambaugh farm, 3312 Days Mill Rd, York. (Just outside of York-New Salem.) It will be back the farm lane down by the pond. All are invited and welcome. ~*Joanne Hoffman*

Strengthen the Church Offering - "Sent Forth in Love"

Today we will receive the annual Strengthen the Church (STC) special offering. This year's theme, "*Sent Forth in Love*," reminds us that through our giving, we help share Christ's love by supporting the growth and future of the church. The STC offering supports leadership development, youth ministries, new church starts, and the revitalization of existing congregations throughout the United Church of Christ. Gifts are shared equally between our Conference and the UCC National Ministries, helping churches both locally and across the country grow in faith and ministry. Thank you for your prayerful support of this important mission and ministry.

Congratulations to Dylan Brooks...

Congratulations to Dylan Brooks on his upcoming graduation from Spring Grove Senior High School on May 29th! We celebrate this special accomplishment and wish Dylan God's blessings as he begins this exciting new chapter in life. Dylan is the son of Brooke Tomlinson, grandson of Kelli Spangler, and nephew of Jami Tomlinson. May God guide him with wisdom, faith, and success in all that lies ahead.

Pentecost Geranium Display & Planting Volunteers...

Thank you to everyone who helped adorn our sanctuary this Pentecost Sunday with beautiful red geraniums. We are especially grateful to all who purchased and arranged

the flowers, helping create our largest display ever with 77 geraniums brightening the sanctuary.

Please remember to take your geranium home with you today. Any remaining flowers will be planted this week to decorate our church flower beds throughout the summer.

As we move into the next phase of the project, we are **looking for volunteers to help with planting**. A sign-up sheet is available on the rear table where you can indicate whether Tuesday or Wednesday works best for you, along with your preferred time – morning or late afternoon/early evening. Please sign your name, and arrangements will be coordinated with you.

Thank you again to everyone for your support and willingness to help beautify our church grounds!

Celebrating Our Graduates 🎓

Do you have a family member or loved one graduating this spring? We would love to celebrate their accomplishment! Please share their name, the school they are graduating from, and your relationship to them so we can recognize and honor them in an upcoming bulletin. Kindly submit your information to the church office at your earliest convenience. Let's come together to lift up and celebrate this special milestone!

SPLATT Bus Trip to Sight & Sound - One Ticket Available

The SPLATT bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatres to see Joshua was officially sold out, but **one ticket** has become available due to a cancellation. The cost is \$125 and includes the show ticket, bus transportation, and a late lunch at Golden Corral. The trip will take place on Thursday, July 16th, with the bus departing from the church at 9:15 AM. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Bud Hamme.

Collecting Funds for Harvest of Hope Summer Lunch Program...

Harvest of Hope is excited to continue the tradition of providing chocolate milk as a special treat for the kids participating in their Summer Lunch Program. We have set a goal of \$600. Monetary gifts will be collected from now through Sunday, May 31st to help fund this program. If you'd like to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Chocolate Milk." Thank you for your continued generosity and support in sharing joy with the children in our community!

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.

SPLATT Summer Sunday School Schedule...

SPLATT Summer Sunday School will be held on the following Sundays: May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23. We will return to weekly Sunday School classes beginning September 13. We hope everyone enjoys a safe and blessed summer!

<u>Thank you to our helpers this week:</u>		<u>Next week’s helpers are:</u>
<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden	Cynthia Elicker
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Don Carl	Cole McKowen
<i>Acolyte</i>	Joy Spangler	Grace Mensinger
<i>Children’s Message</i>	Michele Hamme	SPLATT
<i>Greeters</i>	Joy & Larry Spangler	Joanne Hoffman & Darlene Miner
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Darlene Miner, & Pat McKowen	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Blaine Breeden & Larry Spangler	Joy Spangler & Steve Miner

Upcoming Events at Lischey’s Church...

Thursday, May 28 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 31 st	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children’s Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Music Appreciation Sunday
Thursday, June 4 th	3:45 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours- 4 Volunteers still needed
Monday, June 8 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Monday, June 15 th	6:00 PM	VBS Starts

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/Tue/Thur	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

May 29	Lily Bakner	May 30	Darlene Miner
May 29	Amanda Henning	May 31	Todd Kramer

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

Attendance 114- 112 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube

Current Offering	\$3,570.00
OCWM	130.00
SPLATT- Sight & Sound Bus Trip	400.00
Memorial Offering	50.00
Pentecost Geraniums	60.00
Harvest of Hope- Chocolate Milk	145.00
Strengthen the Church Offering	25.00
Total	\$4,380.00