

**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS**  
**St. Peter's Lischey's UCC**  
**www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932**  
**Sunday, March 5, 2023**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
**10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude- "The Penitent Heart"

Higgins

Call to Worship

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.

**P: To Abraham, God said: "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations."**

L: To us, God gives a covenant. Jesus said: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of their sins."

**P: Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.**

L: God said, "The days are surely coming when I will make a new covenant with my people. I will write it on their hearts."

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us. God, help us, in return, to keep our covenant with you.**

Hymn: "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days" (Lent Praise Booklet- p. 13)

Hernaman

Confession

Call to Confession:

L: Thru the prophet Isaiah, God says: "These people honor me with their lips, their hearts are far from me, their worship is rote." God sees within us. Let us make our confession to God.

Confession:

**ALL: God, you are the maker of heaven and earth. We lift up our eyes to the hills, looking for your mercy and forgiveness. You watch over us night and day, and yet our feet go astray; we slip, we stumble, and fall into sin. We confess that we do not look to you for guidance or trust in your protection. Forgive us. We need you to guide us as we go out into the world. Restore us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Friends, hear the Good News: No burden of the past is stronger than the power of love to forgive, heal, and bless. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sanctuary Choir: "Burdens are Lifted at Calvary"

Moore/Drennan

Children's Message - Melisa Altland

Scripture: Psalm 118: 19-24; Mark 12: 10-12 – Don Carl

Message: Rejected Stones

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (Lent Praise Booklet- p. 3)

Hymn: "The Solid Rock" - #404 Red Hymnal

Bradbury

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Lent Praise Booklet- p. 3)

Hymn: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" (Lent Praise Booklet- p. 12)

Folk Hymn

Extinguish Lenten Candle

L: This week, we seek to fast from a spirit of discontent, of not being satisfied, of always wanting more, more, more - so that we might focus on a spirit of gratitude.

**P: God, help us put down our stones and use our hands to bless and heal our broken and divided world.**

L: Paul writes in Philippians 4: "I know how to survive in tight situations, and I know how to enjoy having plenty. In fact, I have learned how to face any circumstances: fed or hungry, with or without. I can be content in any and every situation through the Anointed One who is my power and strength."

**P: Let us fast from judgement and feast on acceptance, understanding and love.**

**Let us fast from discontent and feast on gratitude.**

L: Let us pray:

**ALL: Dear God, you are the Good Shepherd. You provide for us daily, you walk with us daily, and you are the giver of all good and perfect things. Grant us the grace to be content in the assurance of your love and provision. May our worries be displaced by gratitude and faith that you will give us this day our daily bread. Amen.**

*Extinguish one candle.*

Benediction

Postlude- "Lift Up Your Songs of Praise"

Saint-Saens



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

March 5, 2023

Thank You...

Thank you to Cheryl Albright, Nancy Cherry, Amanda & Olivia Godfrey, Michele Hamme, Sharon Winter, Jill Neiderer, and Tammy Wetzels for helping to prepare the Lenten bags for family devotions. Watch for a new bag each week.

Spring Forward March 12...

Remember to set your clocks an hour ahead next Saturday night before you go to bed.

Easter Meals for Harvest of Hope...

The Missions committee came up with a goal to raise \$750 to provide 50 Harvest of Hope families with Easter meals. We will be collecting money through March 19th. You can use the blue or brown envelopes and place your donation in the collection plate. Mark them, "Easter Meals".

## Lenten Season Mission Activity

**40 Days of Lent Challenge-** We will collect items for Safe Home, a homeless shelter in Hanover. Items will include: new towels, washcloths, small bars of soap, and toothpaste. You can pick up a list of the needed items on the table in the overflow room.

## Lenten Season Worship Options & Meals...

Please pick up a copy of *A Lenten Menu Offered by St. Peter's Lischey's Church* pamphlet to see all of your options for worship this Lenten Season. Midweek in-person services will be Wednesdays at 7 PM in the fellowship hall following dinner at 6 PM. Each week an excerpt from a movie will serve as our entrée for worship and reflection.

We will need volunteers to provide food for the suppers this Lenten season. This year we will have themes for the 5 Wednesday evening meals between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. Our next themes are: Pennsylvania Dutch for March 8<sup>th</sup>, Tailgate Food for March 15<sup>th</sup>, Favorite Comfort Food for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the theme for March 29<sup>th</sup> is still to be determined. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the overflow room. Bring a friend!

**The Confirmation class** will be visiting Temple Beth Israel in York on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, serving the church by hosting the Egg Hunt on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and serving the local community by preparing a meal for the homeless shelter in Hanover the end of March. There will be opportunities for you to support their projects in the coming weeks.

## Easter Egg Hunt...

Our Easter Egg Hunt is on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:30 PM. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. There will be snacks and crafts in addition to the Easter egg hunt. **SAVE THE DATE.**

## Facility Rentals...

Groups are starting to book the Fellowship Hall again. If you plan to book the hall for a function, check with the office to make sure your date is available. There is paperwork to be completed. The application will be presented to Council for approval, so get your paperwork into the office as soon as you can. The policy calls for submitting your application at least 45 days in advance of your event. If you are an internal group, like the Fellowship Committee, the confirmation class, or the Easter egg hunt, paperwork is not necessary. However, you want to make sure the office knows of your plans so that the Fellowship Hall can be set aside for your use and no other groups book your date.

<b>Thank you to our helpers this week:</b>		<b>Next week's helpers are:</b>
<i>Greeters</i>	Donna & Dave Wiker	Toni & Abigail O'Neal
<i>Acolyte</i>	Olivia Godfrey	Sam Wagaman
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Don Carl	Jean Weidler
<i>Money Counters</i>	Carol Brown, Joanne Hoffman, & John Klinedinst	Lisa Crisamore, Darlene Miner, Lois Nelson
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Blaine Breeden & Ryan McKowen	Diane Breeden & Pat McKowen

## Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Wednesday, March 8	6:00 PM	Lent at the Movies- Dinner, Movie Clip, Discussion
Thursday, March 9	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 10	6:45 PM	Confirmation class visit to Temple Beth Israel- York
Sunday, March 12	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers Rehearsal, Sunday School and
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday, March 13	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 15	6:00 PM	Lent at the Movies- Dinner, Movie Clip, Discussion
Sunday, March 19	9:30 AM	SPLATT & Friends Rehearsal (Will perform during the service.)/ <b>Confirmation Class</b>
Sunday, April 2	1:30 PM	Easter Egg Hunt

**Office Hours...**

The office will be open Monday through Thursday this week. See below for hours. 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	Mon/Wed	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon -Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Upcoming Birthdays (\*Designates Over 80)**

March 06	Sierra Godfrey	March 09	Stephanie Brand
March 07	Julie Myers	March 13	*Nancy Cunningham
March 08	Blakelyn Sanders	March 16	Evelyn Walker

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE LAST SUNDAY WAS...**

Attendance	57 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube
Current Offering	\$1,009.00
Initial Offering	10.00
OCWM	15.00
Ash Wednesday Comm. Service	279.00
Easter Dinners (Harvest of Hope)	265.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,578.00</b>

**2022/2023 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT... (\*Note: The Current Offering below consists of the Current Offering, Building for Service, Kennies Rewards, and the Loose Offering)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current Offering</u>	<u>Ave. Weekly E-tithing</u>	<u>Total Received for Current</u>	<u>Weekly Budget Needed for Current</u>	<u>Difference in Weekly Budget Needed for Current</u>	<u>Difference in Budget Needed for Current Year to Date</u>
Feb 05	\$3,163.00	\$182.00	\$3,345.00	\$3,159.00	+\$186.00	-\$4,966.00
Feb 12	\$1,930.00	\$218.00	\$2,148.00	\$3,159.00	-\$1,011.00	-\$5,977.00
Feb 19	\$1,680.00	\$211.00	\$1,891.00	\$3,159.00	-\$1,268.00	-\$7,245.00
Feb 26	\$1,009.00	\$213.00	\$1,222.00	\$3,159.00	-\$1,937.00	-\$9,182.00