

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS  
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC  
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 7, 2026  
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Labenske

Call to Worship

L: We meet in the presence of God; with the angels of the highest heaven.

**P: And we do not meet alone. We gather to worship God.**

L: With Abraham and Sarah, with the saints of every age.

**P: We gather to worship God.**

L: As we embark on our own journey of faith, God makes of us a great people.

**P: God's holy name be praised.**

L: In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica,

**P: God's holy name be praised.**

L: We journey in the presence of God.

**P: And we do not journey alone.**

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

Bradbury

Prayer of Confession:

**ALL: Oh, God, we come before you acknowledging our shortcomings and the times we have turned away from your call. Just as you called Matthew from his tax booth, we ask for the courage to leave behind our distractions and follow you wholeheartedly. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Help us to embrace your grace and extend it to others, recognizing that we are all in need of your mercy. May we seek to love our neighbors as ourselves and live in a way that reflects your love and forgiveness.**

*Assurance of Pardon:*

L: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

Jenell McKowen

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Message: I Will Bless You, So That You Will Be a Blessing

Rev. Susan Emmons

Hymn: "Standing on the Promises" - Red Hymnal #271

Carter

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: "Trust and Obey" – Red Hymnal #349

Towner

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: "Praise, O Praise the Lord"

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*\*Members should rise if able.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns  
June 7, 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!

### **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!

### **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 & 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, July 26, 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, **except** for July 26- No Children's Sunday School that day. We hope everyone enjoys a safe and blessed summer!

<b><u>Thank you to our helpers this week:</u></b>		<b><u>Next week's helpers are:</u></b>
<i>Gathering Music</i>	Don Carl	Blaine Breeden
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Jenell McKowen	Melisa Altland
<i>Greeters</i>	Lois Nelson & Darlene Miner	Joanne Hoffman
<i>Money Counters</i>	Darlene Miner, Janet Brown, & Jean Weidler	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Amanda Godfrey & Ryan McKowen	Ryan & Pat McKowen

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

Monday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Sunday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	SPLATT & Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	VBS Starts
Saturday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	John Klinedinst- Celebration of Life- Stambaugh Farm

**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 07	Susan Bollinger	June 12	Kathryn Bathgate
June 07	Kenneth Brown, Jr.	June 12	Michael Freed
June 08	Martin Myers	June 12	Aspen Myers

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

Attendance	76- 74 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube
Current Offering	\$2,365.00
Loose Offering	10.00
OCWM	25.00
Harvest of Hope- Chocolate Milk	90.00
Strengthen the Church Offering	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,640.00</b>