

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 25, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- *Blaine Breeden*

Ring of the Bell

Prelude: *Chime Choir – “Seek Ye First”*

Hollander

Call to Worship

L: Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

P: God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

L: When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

P: God is the stronghold of our life! Of whom shall we be afraid?

L: No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

P: God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

L: Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

P: We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God!

Hymn: *“Take My Life and Let It Be” – Red Hymnal #379*

Malan

Confession:

L: Please join me in the prayer of confession:

ALL: Holy Christ, we come to you knowing we have fallen away from your intentions for us. We have followed the paths of greed and envy, and turned away from our brothers and sisters in need in order to satisfy our own desires. You gave your life for us, and yet we are willing to give so little at times. Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love. Help us to live for others instead of ourselves. Call us back to repent and return to the kingdom of God. In your precious name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

L: Christ continues to lay down his life for us, so that we might have life.

Christ continues to show us the way, so that we might live into the truth and the life.

Christ continues to love us, so we might love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Joyful Singers: “This Little Light of Mine”

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4 Jean Weidler
Matthew 4:12-23

Message: The Long Search

Hymn: “Jesus Calls Us” – Red Hymnal #375

Jude

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 5)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

***Closing Hymn:** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” – Red Hymnal #376

Thomas

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** “God's Trumpet Call”

Lerman/Blake

**Members should rise if able.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

January 25, 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 sections.
- Brown offering envelopes are located in the pew backs and also on the cart by the bulletins. The offering plate is located on the cart.

Welcome to our Guest Pastor...

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Eva O'Diam** as our guest pastor today and offer our thanks for her leadership in worship. Rev. O'Diam is a retired pastor in the United Church of Christ with more than 40 years of ordained ministry. She formerly served as pastor of Dover UCC and as interim pastor at Hayshire UCC, and she spent 17 years pastoring Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit in Harrisburg, PA. In addition to

congregational ministry, Rev. O'Diam has served with Alder Health Services, working with people living with HIV/AIDS, and with Prisoner Visitation and Support as a recruitment coordinator, where she recruited volunteers nationwide to provide one-on-one visits in federal and military prisons across the United States. Throughout her life and ministry, Rev. O'Diam has been guided by the words of **Micah 6:8**: *"Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."* We are grateful for her faithful witness and for sharing her gifts with us today.

Hygiene Kit Collection for Local Students...

During January, we will once again partner with four local churches to collect items for hygiene kits for students. Thanks to the generosity of the participating congregations, the supplies currently on hand at St. Paul's UCC in Stoverstown will meet most of the needs for the kits being assembled in early February. In April after Easter, we will be collecting additional items for the May distribution of hygiene kits. Participating churches include St. Peter's Lischey's, St. Paul's Lutheran (Stoverstown), St. Paul's UCC (Stoverstown), Christ UCC (Jefferson), and Zeigler's Lutheran (Seven Valleys). Our congregation has been asked to donate **15 tubes of toothpaste (6.5 oz. or larger)** and **20 small packs of tissues**. Please sign up for the items you are able to donate on the sheet located on the table in the overflow area. Donations are due by **Sunday, February 1st**, and a collection container will be available in the overflow area. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this ministry.

Vacation Bible School Coordinator Needed...

St. Peter's Lischey's Church is seeking a new **Vacation Bible School Coordinator** to carry on our treasured VBS ministry. For more than **100 years**, our church has faithfully offered Vacation Bible School, nurturing the faith of generations of children in our community.

We need someone with a heart for children, creativity, and teamwork to step into this meaningful role and help continue this long-standing legacy. If you feel called to serve as VBS Coordinator or would like more information, please contact the church office. Let us continue this joyful tradition together.

January Council Meeting Highlights...

- VBS coordination meeting will be held on February 23, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the church. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
- 2026 Council Officers:
 - President:* Donnie Carl
 - Vice President:* Bud Hamme
 - Secretary:* Joy Spangler
 - Chaplain:* Blaine Breeden
- Our church has received a bequest from the estate of Pam Kiser and the council has decided to put these funds in our Edward Jones accounts.
- Lischey's will be participating in the Community Lenten services with more information to follow.
- There will be one service for Easter on April 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden	Don Carl
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Jean Weidler	Nancy King
<i>Acolyte</i>	TJ Mensinger	Sage Freed
<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme	Blaine Breeden
<i>Greeters</i>	Connie & Mike Neiderer	Joy & Larry Spangler
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, Janet Brown, & Don Carl	Joanne Hoffman, Tammy Wetzel, & Jean Gross
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen	Blaine Breeden & Pat McKowen

Next week's helpers are:**Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...**

Thursday, January 29 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, February 1 st	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class/ Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
February 9 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
February 18 th	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
February 23 rd	6:00 PM	VBS coordination meeting at the church

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	11:00 AM - 2 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

January 18	Gloria Detwiler	January 29	Dylan Brooks
January 18	Toni O'Neal	January 29	Kay Kessler
January 21	Elvin Myers	January 29	Allison Orchowski
January 26	Joy Spangler		

Our Response to God's Love January 11th was...

Attendance Jan 11th: 60- 56 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,191.00
Initial Offering	1.00
OCWM	200.00
Memorial Fund	1,025.00
Pam Kiser Bequest	117,743.00
Total	\$121,160.00