

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lisceysucc.org (717) 225-3932
1st Sunday of Advent and Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday, December 1, 2024
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Love Came Down"

Brown

Call to Worship

Solo Voice: O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

ALL SING: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

L: It shall come to pass in later days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come and say:

P: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways.

L: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

ALL SING: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Advent Candle Lighting ~ The Candle of Hope (*Sage Freed & Sharon Winter*)

L: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, . . . the desperate need of the people of the earth for flourishing and peace will also be fulfilled.

P: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

L: We light the candle of hope . . . the days when God's love, justice and mercy will reign. Let us pray:

ALL: Dear God, on this first Sunday in Advent, let this light shine brightly as the days grow shorter, so that we will be ready for your face to shine upon us at Christmas. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "The Advent of Our God" - Red Hymnal #120

Williams

Confession

L: God has made us children of the light, but we have chosen the road of shadows and darkness. Let us make our confession to God.

ALL: God, you have prepared the way for your coming through the words of the prophets, but we have become content, complacent, and indifferent. God, bring forth a new shoot of life from the stumps of our dried-up souls and our desert-like world. Reveal your glory to us again that we may have patience to watch and wait with hope. Amen.

L: "Comfort my people," says our God. "Comfort them! Encourage my people and tell them their sins are forgiven.

P: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Sanctuary Choir: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Drums- Dave Wiker)

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Children's Message- Pastor Cathy

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Lukw 21:25-36 – Jean Weidler

Message: The Countdown Begins!

Announcements

Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn: "A Communion Hymn for Christmas" – Red Hymnal #140 (**Stanzas 2, 3, 4, 5**)

Fettke

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Presentation of Elements

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them to the Lord!

L: Let us give thanks to God,

P: For He is good and His love is everlasting.

L: We thank you, O God, that from the very . . . we shall be made new.

P: Come, Lord Jesus!

L: We rejoice that your Word became flesh . . . grace upon grace.

P: Come, Lord Jesus!

L: We remember that by becoming flesh . . . our human existence.

P: Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again!

L: Through the powerful benediction of your Holy Spirit . . .in the heavenly kingdom.

P: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Sharing of the Elements (You will be invited to come forward.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn: "All Earth is Hopeful" (Praise Booklet, pp. 8-9)

Taule

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Festive Postlude"

Broughton

*All who are able, please rise.

Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
December 1, 2024

Christmas Gift-A-Way Items and Help Needed...

The Christmas Gift-A-Way collection is underway and will run through **December 6th**. (Call Pat- 717-681-8517 for drop off if the church isn't open.) Please bring your gently used toys, as well as gifts for adults, and place them in the back of the overflow room. Helpers are needed TODAY, December 1st, after church, to transport the collected items to Mt. Zion, and 6 to 8 volunteers are needed TODAY to

hand out Gift-A-Way flyers in Spring Grove. Helpers will be needed on December 7th to help run the Christmas Gift-A-Way event. A signup sheet is located on the table in the overflow room.

Hat-Scarf-Glove Tree...

During the month of December, we will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and other cold-weather accessories. Handmade items are warmly welcomed! The Mission Committee will distribute these donations to local mission groups at the start of the new year.

Please place your contributions on the wooden tree located in the overflow room. Thank you for your generosity.~ *The Mission Committee*

Lishey's Lunchers- Meet Next Week...

The Lishey's Lunchers **will not** meet today, December 1st, but will plan to meet at Genova's on Sunday, December 8th after worship at noon. **TODAY, please help today with the promotion and preparation for the Gift-A-Way** on Saturday, December 7th.

Poinsettia Ordering Information...

It's time to place your poinsettia orders! This year's price is \$8.50 each, and the **deadline** to order is **December 11th**. To order:

- **Call Carol Brown** at (717) 891-1440 to ensure your order is included.
- Pick up a poinsettia envelope and dedication form, available on the cart in the overflow room near the bulletins.
- Fill out the form, include your payment, and place the envelope in the offering plate on the cart.

The most important step is to **call Carol** with your order so she can submit accurate numbers. Thank you for your support!

Homewood Auxiliary - Christmas Cards for Residents...

We will be supporting Homewood residents with signed Christmas cards. Please put your cards in the bin in the overflow room by December 10th. Thank you.

Join the River City Singers for a Festive Holiday Performance!

The River City Singers invite you to kick off your holiday season with their delightful concert, "All That Holiday Stuff," on Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 PM at Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Drive, York. See the bulletin board for more details if interested.

Join Us for a Joyful Holiday Concert at Christ United Church of Christ!

Christ United Church of Christ, located at 32 Baltimore St. in Codorus, invites you to a special Christmas concert featuring Troy D. Winemiller's *The Glorious Sounds of Christmas* on **December 8th at 3:00 PM**. See the bulletin board for more details if interested.

Needed: Your Knowledge of the Church...

If there is anyone that has any knowledge of any or all of the memorabilia items (be it the clocks, wall hangings, items in the cupboard, or pictures on the storage unit) in the overflow room to the rear of the sanctuary, please see any members of the anniversary committee (Sandy Lehman, Nancy McIntyre, Darlene Miner, Karla Waltersdorff) or Pastor Cathy to share that information. Thank you! We appreciate your help.

275th Anniversary Memory Notebook Sign-Up...

The 275th Anniversary information during the coming year, in written form, will be shared with the members. Members will receive an email with the information so that they may create their own digital memory books. If you don't think that the office has your current email address, please write it on the form in the room outside the office area. If you would like a notebook to create a hardcopy of

the information, please sign up on the form located in the same area. Handouts of the information presented will be available for pickup in the overflow room.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

Next week's helpers are:

<i>Communion Servers</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Joy Spangler, & Tammy Wetzel	
<i>Gathering Music</i>	Don Carl	Sharon Winter
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Jean Weidler	Nancy King
<i>Children's Message</i>	Pastor Cathy	Michele Hamme
<i>Acolyte</i>	TJ Mensinger	Sam Wagaman
<i>Greeters</i>	Jean Gross & Michele Hamme	Joanne Hoffman & John Klinedinst
<i>Money Counters</i>	Carol Brown, Lois Nelson, & Don Carl	Lisa Crisamore, Pat McKowen, & Elvin Myers
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole McKowen & Don Carl	Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Thursday, December 5 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 8 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Joyful Ringers' Practice Children & SPLATT Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Sunday, December 15 th	10:30 AM	Adult Christmas Cantata

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:

Cathy Sherry, Pastor	Tue-Wed	10:00 AM - Noon
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Tue-Thur	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

December 04	Jonathan Neiderer	December 08	Carson Fuhrman
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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST WEEK was...

Attendance	58- 57 Sanctuary/ 1 YouTube	
Current Offering		\$1,752.00
OCWM		30.00
Good Samaritan Fund		180.00
Harvest of Hope		100.00
Total		\$2,062.00