

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
2nd Sunday of Christmas
Sacrament of Holy Communion ~ Sunday, January 5, 2025
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "I Surrender All"

Weeden/Smith

Call to Worship

L: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

P: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

L: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

P: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

L: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

P: O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

L: Lord, guide us as we look to You and worship You.

ALL: May this be so today, and in the days to come, as we celebrate 275 years serving God in this community.

Hymn: "As with Gladness Men of Old" - Red Hymnal - #163

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Confession

L: As the new year begins, let us approach God seeking a fresh beginning.

ALL: Forgive us God, when we keep you at a distance and defy your call.

Forgive us God, when we wallow in indecision and take advantage of others.

Forgive us God, when we make it harder for people to know you and see your extravagant welcome to all. Forgive us when we refuse your counsel, waste your gifts, and withhold compassion for others. As the new year begins, may we look forward with hope, knowing that in and through You, all things are made new, even us. Amen.

L: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Hymn: "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" - Red Hymnal #167

Williams

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14 - Nancy King

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker- Shawn Carbaugh

Announcements

Prayer:

L: Bless this community, that in your light we may become a servant to one another. Bring us together in story, song, joy, and sorrow; and let every daughter and son who comes among us find your love and acceptance in this place.

P: Let us walk together in love, showing the same mercy to one another, those who journey in sickness, fear, or any kind of trouble. Meet them with your rest, peace, and good cheer.

L: May we walk faithfully with You in the coming year, remembering our heritage and moving forward looking to You for direction and purpose.

P: Dear God, with longing and thanksgiving, knowing that you hold this world and all its children dear in your heart, we pray for the grace to receive your gifts, to lift up our eyes and look around, and to offer back those same gifts to you and your world, with love.

L: To the One who is the road on which we travel, our companion along the way, and our journey's end,

P: we pray in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ Jesus, Amen.

Hymn: "In the Bleak Midwinter" (Praise Booklet, p. 14)

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

L: Christ invites to this table all who are ready...All are invited to this meal, for all are forgiven their past regrets and invited into God's grace-filled future!

P: Praise to our Living God!

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts to God.

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Communion Prayer

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...as followers of Christ, we proclaim and live out this holy mystery:

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration & Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine

Sharing of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctuary Choir: "Love Grows Here"

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*Benediction

*Postlude: "Praise Ye the Father"

Goumod/Wells

**All who are able, please rise.*

Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
January 5, 2025

Welcome to our Guest Speaker...

Today, we are delighted to welcome Shawn Carbaugh, a renowned local historian and accomplished auctioneer, who is often described as a "walking American history book." Shawn's roots run deep in York County, where he grew up immersed in the rich traditions of PA Dutch farm life. Fluent in both PA Dutch and English, Shawn's lifelong passion for history has made him a dedicated advocate for preserving the past. Several years ago, his love for local heritage led him to spearhead efforts to save the Hoke House, a historic landmark in Spring Grove that has been intertwined with the community for as long as Shawn's ancestors – who have lived in the area for over two and a half centuries. As Shawn aptly puts it, "I'm a lover of my local history." Shawn is married to Nicole (Lecrone), a former member of Lischey's, and together they are proud parents of four children – three daughters and one son. Thank you, Shawn, for joining us today, and sharing your invaluable insights and stories about our local history.

Thank You...

Thank you for all of the Christmas gifts and well wishes from the choirs and members. Your generosity and love are greatly appreciated. ♥*Nancy Cherry*

Lischey's Lunchers - January 12th...

Join us for Lischey's Lunchers next Sunday, January 12, at Genova's! We'll gather at noon following the church service. To ensure we have enough seating, please RSVP to Jean Weidler.

Don't forget – see you at today's Anniversary Luncheon right after worship!

Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting- January 15th...

Come to the Jefferson Homemakers' gathering on Wednesday, January 15, at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The Homemakers be diving into a discussion of *Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea. Lunch will be provided, and everyone is welcome. Don't miss this opportunity for great conversation and community!

Hygiene Kits for SGASD Students...

We're collecting hygiene items for the next distribution of Hygiene Packs to Spring Grove students! This time, we've been asked to provide:

- **35 bottles of shampoo** (12.5–18 oz.)
- **50 packs of Band-Aids** (1-inch width Band-Aids/5 pieces per pack). Please bundle each pack with a small rubber band.

All donations are needed by **Sunday, January 26**.

A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the overflow room. Thank you for helping us support our students!

Free Concert at St. Matthew Lutheran Church - January 17th...

Join us for a wonderful evening of music at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, located at 30 W. Chestnut St., Hanover, on Friday, January 17th, at 7:00 PM. This annual concert, featuring Joseph Martin and a talented ensemble of musicians, is free and open to the public – no tickets required. Don't miss this inspiring musical program!

Thank you to our helpers this week:**Next week's helpers are:**

<i>Communion Servers</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Toni O'Neal, & Tammy Wetzel	
<i>Gathering Music</i>	Don Carl	Sharon Winter
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Nancy King	Don Carl
<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme	Pastor Cathy
<i>Acolyte</i>	Olivia Godfrey	Grace Mensinger
<i>Greeters</i>	Connie & Mike Neiderer	Joan Messinger & Lois Nelson
<i>Money Counters</i>	Joann Hoffman, Tammy Wetzel, & Pat McKowen	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & Lois Nelson
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen	Diane Breeden & Amanda Godfrey

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Thursday, January 9 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Sunday, January 12 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children & SPLATT Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service, including the completion of the church history presentation for the 275th Anniversary, and a map display highlighting the locations where Rev. Lischey preached.
Monday, January 13 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting

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/Thur	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Tue-Thur	Noon - 2:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

January 06	Ashlyn Hamme	January 10	*David Wiker
January 08	Blaine Breeden	January 12	*Joan Messinger

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST WEEK was...

Attendance 12/24: 143- 141 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube
 12/29: 69- 67 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,406.00
Loose Offering	77.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Christmas Eve Offering	920.00
Kennies Rewards	210.00
Giving Tree	40.00
Harvest of Hope	25.00
Total	\$3,688.00