

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
1st Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 29, 2024
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Cynthia Elicker

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "The First Noel"

Hughes

Call to Worship

L: I bring you good news of great joy! Let your hearts be joyful and let your spirits rejoice.

P: The newborn child is the Savior of the world!

L: Those who walk in darkness will see the shining light.

P: Those who suffer under the yoke of oppression will be set free.

L: For a child has been born: Authority rests upon his shoulders, and there shall be endless peace.

P: He will establish his kingdom and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time onward.

ALL: Our hearts are joyful, and our spirits rejoice, for the Christ child who has come lives and reigns forever!

Hymn: "What Child Is This?" - Red Hymnal - #137

Dix

Confession

L: Before the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us approach with faith, bow down in reverence, and offer our humble confession.

ALL: God of grace, we know you are waiting on us, for we are slow to make room in our hearts for the Christ Child. Your stars are shining, and the angels' songs are praising, yet we are in no hurry to hear the message of peace and goodwill, or to sing "Glory" with the angels. God, forgive our unbelief, forgive our lack of wonder, and forgive us for denying your presence among us. Forgive our lack of faith and hope. Open us to your miracle and let us hear the message of love that Jesus brings. Amen.

L: God's mercy is so abundant and His love for us is so great He has brought us new life in Christ.

P: All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace.

Children's Message- Pastor Cathy

Scripture and Reflection: Jeremiah 23: 5-6 – Blaine Breeden

Hymn: "The Birthday of a King" - Red Hymnal #162

Neidlinger

Scripture and Reflection: John 1: 1-5 – Blaine Breeden

Hymn: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" - Red Hymnal #131

Smart

Scripture and Reflection: Matthew 2: 1-12 – *Blaine Breeden*

Hymn: “We Three Kings” – Red Hymnal #166

Hopkins, Jr.

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn: “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” – Red Hymnal #152

Calkin

*Benediction

*Postlude: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Smith

**All who are able, please rise.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
December 29, 2024

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.

Thank You...

Thank you to Larry Spangler, Sr. for creating the beautiful Christmas card that was shared with some of our members this year. Your thoughtful contribution truly added a special touch to the holiday season!

Thank You...

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas card featuring a picture of our church's altar. The special part for me was all the people who wrote their name on the card. WOW! I hope everyone's Christmas is filled with Joy and Happiness! For the year 2025...Let's hope and pray for a Miracle – A more Peaceful World! ~*Bob Strausbaugh*

Thank You...

A sincere thank-you to Joann Hoffman and John Klinedinst for thoughtfully preparing the “Silent Night” candles for our Christmas Eve service. We also extend our gratitude to Elvin Myers, Don Carl, and Darlene & Steve Miner for their hard work in setting up the pew candle holders. The glow of the lighted candles transforms our church into a place of breathtaking beauty, adding to the wonder of the season.

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*

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.

St. Peter's Lischey's 275th Anniversary Celebration...

St. Peter's Lischey's will be celebrating its 275th anniversary in 2025. We will focus on different areas of church life throughout the year. If you are interested in helping to plan the activities/events, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the overflow room. Please indicate an area in which you are interested in helping.

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 on the table in the overflow room. 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.

In Case of Inclement Weather...

If there is bad weather Monday to Friday, we will follow the Spring Grove School District's announcements regarding delays or cancelations of events. On Sundays, there will be an announcement on the church answering machine, 717-225-3932, by 9:00 AM with information about the service. There will also be an announcement on the *Home* page on our website, www.lischeysucc.org. If the weather is iffy, you should call or check the website before traveling to church. If in-person worship is canceled for Sunday, we will get a Zoom invite out to you Sunday morning to attend our virtual service.

<u>Thank you to our helpers this week:</u>		<u>Next week's helpers are:</u>
<i>Gathering Music</i>	Cynthia Elicker	Don Carl
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Blaine Breeden	Jenell McKowen
<i>Children's Message</i>	Pastor Cathy	Michele Hamme
<i>Acolyte</i>	Will Bakner	
<i>Greeters</i>	Joy & Larry Spangler	Darlene & Steve Miner
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, John Klinedinst, & Pat McKowen	Elvin Myers, Tammy Wetzell, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Toni O'Neal & Pat McKowen	Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Thursday, January 2 nd	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice
Sunday, January 5 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children & SPLATT Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service- New Year Communion and 275 th Anniversary Celebration kickoff featuring local historian Shawn Carbaugh. A luncheon will follow the service.
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 Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music Pat McKowen, Secretary	Office Closed 12/25/2024 - 1/01/2025 Office Open 01/02/2025-01/03/2025: from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
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Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

December 30 Pat McKowen

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

Attendance 84- 81 Sanctuary/ 3 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,016.00
Loose Offering	10.00
OCWM	30.00
Christmas Eve Offering	40.00
Poinsettias	119.00
Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross)	150.00
Giving Tree	30.00
Sexton Expenses from Cemetery	2,500.00
Total	\$4,895.00