

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 8, 2024
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Sharon Winter

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: Chime Choir- "Angel Medley"

Osman

Call to Worship

Solo Voice: O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

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

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

**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: He shall judge between nations, and shall decide for many peoples.

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

Advent Candle Lighting ~ The Candle of Peace (*Sam Wagaman & Nancy McIntyre*)

L: The prophet Malachi calls us ... until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

P: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified to reflect God's love throughout the earth.

L: We light the candle of peace ...until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Let us pray:

ALL: Dear God, we have much to do and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important, to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' 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: Lord, come to us and show us the way through the wilderness of life. Come to us, for there are mountains we need to climb that seem too high, and valleys through which we must pass that seem too deep. Come and be with us for life is rough and sometimes rugged. Lord, come to us in a new way. Come to us as a child and fill us with new meaning and purpose. Amen.

L: Live with hope. Live in peace with one another. Believe a new day is coming, for God has forgiven you.

P: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - Red Hymnal #92

Zundel

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Scripture: Luke 3:1-17 – Nancy King

Message: The Countdown Continues

Statement of Faith - A New Creed (Praise Booklet- p. 3)

Announcements

Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet- p. 3)

*Closing Hymn: "Who Would Think That What Was Needed" (Praise Booklet, p. 20) Belle/Maule

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Sing to the Lord on High!"

Livingston, Jr.

**All who are able, please rise.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
December 8, 2024

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Church Decorators...

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Waltersdorffs for providing the stunning Christmas tree that graces our church this season. A special thank you to everyone who joined us last Saturday to help bring the holiday spirit to life: Donnie Carl, Chris DeGroft, Gary Kyp, Darlene & Steve Miner, Connie & Mike Neiderer, and Karla & Bill Waltersdorff. Your efforts make our church feel warm, inviting, and truly picturesque every Advent season. We are deeply grateful for your dedication and love.

TODAY: Experience the Magic of "Christmas Memories" with the Spring Grove Alumni Chorus!

Join us TODAY at 4:00 PM at Spring Grove Area Middle School for a heartwarming holiday concert presented by the Spring Grove Alumni Chorus. Featuring special performances by the talented Alumni Instrumental Ensemble, this event is the perfect way to kick off the festive season. Don't miss the chance to celebrate the season and show your support for the chorus, especially our church members who are a part of it. See you there!

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*

Lischey's Lunchers TODAY...

Lischey's Lunchers will gather today at noon for lunch at Genova's! Please let Jean Weidler know if you'll be joining us. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

TODAY- 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.

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 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:

Gathering Music Sharon Winter
Lay Liturgist Nancy King

Next week's helpers are:

Michele Hamme
TJ Mensinger

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| <i>Children's Message</i> | Michele Hamme | Melisa Altland |
| <i>Acolyte</i> | Sam Wagaman | Sage Freed |
| <i>Greeters</i> | Joanne Hoffman & John Klinedinst | Julie & Dick Myers |
| <i>Money Counters</i> | Lisa Crisamore, Pat McKowen, & Elvin Myers | Joanne Hoffman, Pat McKowen, & John Klinedinst |
| <i>Sound & Streaming</i> | Pat McKowen | Joy Spangler & Steve Miner |

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

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| Thursday, December 12 th | 6:30 PM | Chime Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday, December 15 th | 9:15 AM | Adult Sunday School |
| | 9:30 AM | Children & SPLATT Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Adult Christmas Cantata |
| Sunday, December 22 nd | 9:30 AM | Joyful Singers practice, then perform during the worship service |

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:

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| Cathy Sherry, Pastor | Call the church to schedule an appointment |
| Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music | Mon/Thur 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM |
| Pat McKowen, Secretary | Mon-Thur 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM |

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

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| December 08 | Carson Fuhrman | December 12 | Diane Breeden |
| December 09 | Brandon Hubley | December 14 | Judy Minik |
| December 10 | Jean Gross | | |

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

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| Attendance | 60- 57 Sanctuary/ 3 YouTube |
| Current Offering | \$2,945.00 |
| Loose Offering | 10.00 |
| OCWM | 150.00 |
| Good Samaritan Fund | 125.00 |
| Giving Tree | 20.00 |
| Harvest of Hope | 25.00 |
| Total | \$3,275.00 |

Join us at
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
for an engaging presentation by

Shawn Carbaugh

A renowned local historian

January 5th at 10:30 AM

Shawn will delve into the fascinating early history of the Spring Grove area. With deep roots in the community—his family has lived here for over 250 years—Shawn brings unique insights and a heartfelt passion for local history.

- Following the event, enjoy a delightful church social where you can connect with others and share your own stories about the area.

Location: St. Peter's Lischey's UCC,
5671 Lischeys Church Rd., Spring Grove.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the rich heritage of Spring Grove!

St. Peter's Lischey's 275th Anniversary Giving Tree Initiative

Next year, we will commemorate 275 years of ministry at St. Peter's Lischey's by highlighting the many facets of our church's history. Each two-month period will focus on a specific theme:

- **January & February:** The buildings, sanctuary, pastors, and cemetery
- **March & April:** Missions
- **May & June:** Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- **July & August:** Fellowship
- **September & October:** Sunday School
- **November & December:** Worship

To support the celebrations and special events planned by each group, we are introducing the **Giving Tree**. Each group will add new leaves to the tree throughout the year as their planned events move forward.

How the Giving Tree Works:

The tree will feature leaves, each representing an event or activity with a specific financial need, ranging from \$5 to \$40. You can choose which activities to support by:

1. **Selecting a Leaf:** Take the leaf from the tree and **write your name** on the back.
2. **Making Your Contribution:** Place the leaf, along with your cash or check, in the 275th Anniversary envelope located on the offering table.
3. **Submitting Your Gift:** Put the envelope in the offering plate.

This approach allows us to fund special events as they are planned, without adding additional expenses to the church budget. By participating, you help bring our anniversary celebrations to life while ensuring financial stewardship. Thank you for your support as we honor the legacy of St. Peter's Lischey's and look forward to its future!

St. Peter's Lischey's 275th Anniversary January/February Celebration Months Upcoming Events

- **January 5th**
 - Present the early history of the Spring Grove area and history about the church
 - Enjoy social after church service
- **January 12th**
 - Finish history presentation. Talk about merger into UCC.
 - Display a map with the areas that Reverend Lischey preached.
- **January 19th**
 - Present history of the stained-glass windows
- **January 26th**
 - Discuss the symbols of the stained-glass windows
- **February 2nd**
 - Recognize former pastors and share information about parsonages

- **February 9th**
 - Present history of renovations, steeple, basement, and addition

- **February 16th**
 - Present history of cemetery

- **February 23rd**
 - Left open in case of inclement weather