

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 15, 2024
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Jesus is All the World to Me"

Hughes

Call to Worship

L: In autumn beauty, the sky is blue and the land is golden. Apple gathering children and nut-gathering squirrels alike prepare for winter.

P: In our tradition, harvest is a time of rejoicing in God's natural bounty and the ingathering of our lives.

L: Seasons turn but God's love is changeless.

P: We praise God for all we have received. Maple leaves dancing, crisp breezes blowing, the good news stories of Jesus and the restless winds of the Spirit rushing through our lives - all assure us of God's faithful presence.

Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" - Red Hymnal #59

Bolks

Confession

Call to Confession: God is always there for us and calling us to be all that we can be. Let us tell God all about ourselves, leaving nothing out.

Confession:

ALL: God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We worry about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go. We ask for your forgiveness and understanding for mistakes we cannot take back and tasks left undone. In your mercy, restore us and lead us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens their heart to ask for forgiveness.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ and by God's grace, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God.

Children's Message: Blessing of the Backpacks – Michele Hamme

Sanctuary Choir: "I Am Your Servant"

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Scripture: James 3: 1-12 – Don Carl

Message: A Gentle Tongue is a Tree of Life

Affirmation of Faith- The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Praise Booklet, p. 3)

Announcements

Joys and Prayer Concerns

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

*Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" - Red Hymnal #292

Hughes

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Sing a New Song of Joy"

Livingston

**All who are able, please rise.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
September 15, 2024

Thank You...

Thank You to everyone for all of the well wishes for our wedding day! We are blessed that the weather cooperated and that we were able to spend the day surrounded by love from our family and friends! ~*Kaleb and Ashlyn Hamme*

Thank You...

Thank you to Darlene Miner for the impromptu birthday celebration before choir. The refreshments and fellowship were great! ~*Nancy Cherry*

Blessing of the Backpacks TODAY, September 15th ...

We will have our traditional back-to-school blessing of the backpacks today during the service at 10:30 AM.

Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting...

The Jefferson Homemakers will gather for their first meeting of 2024-25 on Wednesday, September 18th at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. At this meeting, they will plan all of the remaining meetings for the year. All are welcome. Lunch is provided. Bring your ideas.

Shared Mission Project - Hygiene Kits for SGASD...

We will again join four local churches to collect items for hygiene kits for students during September. Participating churches, including St. Peter's Lischey's, are St. Paul's Lutheran, Stoverstown, St. Paul's U.C.C., Stoverstown, Christ UCC, Jefferson, and Zeigler's Lutheran in Seven Valleys.

We have been asked to donate **75 tubes of toothpaste** (6.5 oz. or larger) and **75 combs**. Please sign up for what items you can donate on the sheets on the table in the overflow area. Items are due by Sunday October 6. Containers will be in the overflow area for donations. Thank you!

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 2025. If you are interested in helping to plan the activities/events, there is a signup sheet on the table in the overflow room. Please indicate an area in which you are interested in helping.

September Council Meeting Highlights...

A new council member is needed for the upcoming January 2025 term to replace Amanda Godfrey, who cannot serve another term. Anyone that has an interest to serve should see a member of council. Thank you, Amanda, for your many years of council service.

Message About All Saints Sunday...

We will observe All Saints' Sunday on October 27th. If you have a loved one who died this past year, whether a member of the church or not, that you would like lifted up during the service, please fill out the form located on the table in the overflow room. If you have a picture or two of your loved one to share, that would be very welcomed. Place the picture(s) with the form in the secretary's mailbox by October 20th. Thank you.

Pictures Wanted for Veterans Sunday November 10th...

This year, we would like to display pictures of the active duty or veteran service members in your family. In the next couple of weeks, there will be a small form to fill out with the name, rank, branch of service, and dates of service (as best as you can remember) to go along with the pictures that you bring in of the family member(s). Tent cards with that information will be made to display with the pictures. Please return the information forms as soon as you can. **To avoid confusion with the All Saints' Sunday pictures, please don't bring the military picture(s) in before November 3rd.** The tent cards will be on the display tables. Place your picture(s) with the appropriate tent card. **To summarize: Fill out the information form and put it in the secretary's mailbox or offering plate before November. A tent card of the information will be made and placed on the display table in the overflow room. In November, on or before November 10th, place the picture(s) with the appropriate tent card on the display table. You will retain control of the picture(s). You will not turn the picture(s) into the office with the information form.**

Christmas Gift-A-Way...

Save the date- On Saturday, December 7th, Mt. Zion, Spring Grove, will host the 2nd Annual Christmas Gift-A-Way. Begin thinking about what items you may want to donate. We won't be collecting items until later in November. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	Don Carl
<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Acolyte</i>	Kira Bakner

Next week's helpers are:

Blaine Breeden
Jean Weidler
Pastor Cathy
TJ Mensinger

<i>Greeters</i>	Toni & Abigail O'Neal	Michele Hamme
<i>Money Counters</i>	Carol Brown, Lois Nelson, & Joanne Hoffman	Lisa Crisamore, Don Carl, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Pat McKowen & Blaine Breeden	Steve Miner & Joy Spangler

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Thursday, September 19	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 15	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers Practice
Sunday, September 29	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers will practice, and then perform during the 10:30 worship service.
Thursday, October 3	4:00 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours

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 - 12:00 PM
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Fri	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon-Thur	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

September 16	Crystal Freed	September 23	Matthew Kessler
September 19	Raylinn Waltersdorff	September 30	Adrienne Messinger
September 22	Diane Patterson		

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

Attendance	60- 56 Sanctuary/ 4 YouTube
Current Offering	\$2,822.00
Loose	10.00
OCWM	20.00
Building for Service	10.00
Total	\$2,862.00