WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS St. Peter's Lischey's UCC www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932 7th Sunday of Epiphany Sunday, February 23, 2025 10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Blaine Breeden

Ringing of the Bell

<u>Prelude</u>: "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

Sawyer

Runyan

Call to Worship (Based on Jeremiah 17)

- L: Let us praise God who gives living water, through whom the faithful flourish. **P: Like trees planted by the water, are those who trust in God.**
- L: Like trees with deep roots, are those who place their trust in you.

P: Like green trees in winter, are those who receive their life from you. ALL: We praise you, God, for life that has no end, through our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" - Red Hymnal #43

Confession

L: God's love has been shown to us in Jesus Christ, yet sometimes we live as if that made no difference to us. Let us confess to God.

ALL: Compassionate God, we confess the times when we have closed ourselves to your love. We cling to our fear, our indifference, and prejudices rather than open ourselves to your inclusive love. Forgive us, and give us courage to trust you and let your love flow through us to others. Amen.

L: God loves us, forgives us and frees us to love others.

P: In Jesus, God receives us and forgives us. Thanks be to God!

*<u>Ioyful Singers</u>: "*Zacchaeus"

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Scripture: Luke 6: 27-38 – Blaine Breeden

Message: Forgive as You Have Been Forgiven

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" - Red Hymnal #556

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 3)

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275th Anniversary Moment

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

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

*<u>Closing Hymn</u>: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" – Red Hymnal #286

*<u>Benediction</u>

**Postlude*: "Go Forth in Faith"

*All who are able, please rise.

Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns February 23, 2025

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.

Memorial Flowers...

The flowers in the memorial vase are in memory of Nick Jay Wetzel, our son, brother, and uncle. We've missed you for 10 years, but will continue to celebrate your beautiful life for the remainder of ours.

We love you. *Mom, Dad, Alyssa, Kiersten, Austin, and Lane Jay.*

Harvest of Hope Food Collection...

Throughout March, Lischey's will be gathering essential items to help provide Easter meals for those in need. We aim to collect **100 of each** of the following:

- Boxed Potatoes
- Boxed Stuffing
- Chicken or Turkey Gravy

Your generosity makes a difference! Thank you for your continued support of Harvest of Hope.

Naegeli

Gale

February Council Meeting Highlights...

- The Council is seeking interested candidates to conduct the annual audit. Responsibilities include ensuring personnel files are complete and up to date, reviewing the checkbook, bank statements, and expenditures in accordance with the audit program. If you are willing to assist with this task, please reach out to a Council member.
- The Property Committee has received an estimate to address ongoing water issues at the church and the sexton's house. The planned work includes installing a new 400-gallon tank with a float system, removing the existing water softener, and replacing it with a new, updated system. We aim to complete this project soon.

In Case of Inclement Weather...

For Monday through Friday:

• In the event of bad weather, we will follow the Spring Grove School District's announcements regarding delays or cancellations of events.

For Sundays:

- By 9:00 AM, an update regarding the service will be available on the church answering machine at **717-225-3932**.
- A notification will also be posted on the **Home page** of our website at <u>www.lischeysucc.org</u>.

If the weather is uncertain, please call or visit the website before traveling to church. If Sunday in-person worship is canceled, we will send out a Zoom invitation on Sunday morning so you can join our virtual service. Stay safe!

Thank you to our helpers this week:		Next week's helpers are:	
Gathering Music	Blaine Breeden	Don Carl	
Lay Liturgist	Blaine Breeden	Jean Gross	
Children's Message	Michele Hamme	Pastor Cathy	
Acolyte	Sierra Godfrey	Ellie Kessler	
Greeters	Diane Breeden & Jean Gross	Toni & Abigail O'Neal	
Money Counters	Joanne Hoffman, Don Carl,	Elvin Myers, Tammy Wetzel,	
	& Carol Brown	& John Klinedinst	
Sound & Streaming	Cole McKowen & Don Carl	Amanda Godfrey & Diane Breeden	

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

There does Falser over 27th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Practice	
Thursday, February 27 th	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice	
Sunday, March 2 nd	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School	
	9:30 AM	Children & SPLATT Sunday School	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	
Wednesday, March 5 th	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday dinner and service at St.	
Weathesday, March 5"		Paul's UCC, Stoverstown	

Monday, March 10 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Sunday, March 16 th	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting for the Annual Report

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	Wed-Fri	Noon – 2:00 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

February 23	Dylan Kramer	February 26	Heath O'Neal
February 23	Megan Myers	February 27	*Larry Spangler
February 26	Sage Freed	February 28	Scott Carl

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

Attendance 72-67 Sanctuary/5 YouTube