

**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS**  
**St. Peter's Lischey's UCC**  
**www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932**  
**Vacation Bible School Celebration**  
**Sunday, June 23, 2024**  
**10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

*The words have been provided for all of our VBS music.  
We would love to have the congregation join us and sing along!*

*Welcome and Gathering Songs*

*Ringing of the Bell*

*Prelude*

*Call to Worship:*

L: Friends of God, believe this – God loved the world, God loves the world, and we are the beloved!

**P: May the truth of this great love story, shine through our worship today, and renew our sense of calling.**

L: So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements; come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings;

**P: come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.**

L: Come, in friendship to God and to each other, and in friendship to the world, to listen for God's Word to us,

**P: to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.**

L: Friends of God,

**P: let us worship! Amen.**

*Prayer of Confession*

**ALL: God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ, to live and die among us, in order that we might have life. Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice. Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.**

*Hymn of Assurance: "Count Your Blessings"* No. 563 (red hymnal)

*VBS Song: "Count Your Blessings"* Group VBS

**1, 2, 3**

**1, 2 and 3, 4**

*(Repeat above 4 times)*

**When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings,  
Name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.**

*Chorus:*

**Count your blessings, Name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, See what God has done;  
Count your blessings, Name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, See what God has done.**

*Repeat all*

*Chorus*

**1, 2, 3**

**1, 2 and 3, 4**

*(Repeat above 4 times)*

### VBS Presentation

Theme Song "Thanks, God" Group VBS

**Thanks, God, for all the good things you do.  
Thanks, God, You're my light and my truth. Ooh.  
Thanks, God, for the good things you've made.  
Thanks, God, for this heart that was saved. Ooh.  
Thanks, God.**

**All the waves when they crash, when they roar,  
So fun to ride one up to the shore. Thanks, God.  
All the wonders under the deep,  
Down to the bottom where I'll never reach. Thanks, God.**

**Oh, that you love me, I'm so amazed.  
Makes me want to say**

**Thanks, God, for all the good things you do.  
Thanks, God, You're my light and my truth. Ooh .  
Thanks, God, for the good things you've made.  
Thanks, God, for this heart that was saved. Ooh  
Thanks, God.**

**I'm diving into your love. Watch me, here I, I come.  
I'm diving into your love. Watch me, here I, I come.**

**Thanks, God, for all the good things you do.  
Thanks, God, You're my light and my truth. Ooh  
Thanks, God, for the good things you've made.  
Thanks, God, for this heart that was saved. Ooh  
Thanks, God.**

Day 1 God is a friend who is real.

*We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.*

*~John 6:69*

God shows Himself to Elijah through ups and downs. (1 Kings 18-19)

Song: "One True God" Group VBS

*Chorus:*

**You are the one true God.  
There will never be another.  
You are the faithful God.  
Forever we will praise your name.**

*Repeat Chorus*

*Verse:*

**Lord, your mercy is unending.  
You forgive our every sin.  
You're the hope when we are hopeless.  
Lord, your love has drawn us in.  
You brought us all together.  
We are yours forever,  
And together we will sing.**

*Sing Chorus two times*

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**You are the one true God.  
There will never be another.  
You are the faithful God.  
Forever we will praise your name.**

*Repeat Chorus*

**You are the one true God.  
You are the faithful God.  
You are the one true God.  
You are the faithful God.**

Day 2    God is a friend who loves.

*Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.*

~John 13:34

God shows compassion to the people of Ninevah. (Jonah 1-3)

Song: "One Big Family"      Group VBS

**I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!**

**You've got a friend in me!  
Let's have some fun with each other  
Like we're one big happy family.**

*(Repeat)*

**Yeah, let's slide left, left, left.  
Slide left one more time.  
Now turn to the right and give someone a high-five.  
Now slide right, right, right and get back to where you started.  
Now jump up and down.**

It's time to party, 'cause  
I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!  
You've got a friend in me!  
Let's have some fun with each other  
Like we're one big happy family.

Clap your hands. Stomp your feet.  
Now let's get down, down, down, down,  
Now jump and sing with me, 'cause  
I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!  
You've got a friend in me!

Let's have some fun with each other  
Like we're one big happy family.  
Now let me hear you shout, hey!  
Now shout it again, hey!  
Yeah, let's do it all together, 'cause

We'll be doing it forever,  
Together in eternity.  
I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!  
You've got a friend in me!

Let's have some fun with each other  
Like we're one big happy family.  
I've got a friend in Jesus, oh!  
You've got a friend in me!

Let's have some fun with each other  
Like we're one big happy family.

Day 3 God is a friend we can trust.

*I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart.*

~John 14:27

Jesus calms a storm. (Mark 4:35-40)

Song: "A Friend We Can Trust" Group VBS

God, God gives us peace in the trouble.  
We struggle, he's there for us.  
God, God is a Father who loves us,  
A friend when we need him.

Our God is a friend we can trust.

God, God gives us peace in the trouble.  
We struggle, he's there for us.  
God, God is a Father who loves us,  
A friend when we need him.

Our God is a friend we can trust.  
Our God is a friend we can trust.  
Our God is a friend we can trust.

We've all been let down.  
We've all had a storm.  
Everybody's had some hard times.  
If you're hurtin' now,  
If the thunder's loud,  
You need a friend who sticks by your side.  
You've got a friend who will always be with you,  
Calming the winds and the rain.

We've all been let down.  
We've all had a storm.  
But only one friend is the way.  
God, God gives us peace in the trouble.  
We struggle, he's there for us.  
God, God is a Father who loves us,  
A friend when we need him.

Our God is a friend we can trust.

God is a friend,  
Lift your hands 'cause we can trust him.

God is a friend we can trust.  
Lift your hands 'cause we can trust him.

God is a friend we can trust.

God, God gives us peace in the trouble.  
We struggle, he's there for us.  
God, God is a Father who loves us,  
A friend when we need him.

Our God is a friend we can trust.

God is a friend,  
Lift your hands 'cause we can trust him.

God is a friend we can trust.  
Lift your hands 'cause we can trust him.

God is a friend we can trust.

Day 4 God is a friend forever.

*I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.*

~John 11:25

Jesus dies and comes back to life. (John 18-20)

Song: "Forever God, Forever Love"

Group VBS

*Chorus:*

**Can you feel it in your heart,  
Deep down in your soul?  
Let the love of God  
Move you, change you.  
Raise your eyes to see  
The one who gave us all so much,  
Forever God, forever love.**

*Verse:*

**Praise the living God.  
He is here, and he is real.  
Worship him together, worship him forever.  
Look at what he's done.  
He gave it all for us.**

*Repeat chorus*

*Bridge:*

**You will live forever,  
Loving us forever.  
You will live forever.  
God, you are great.**

*Repeat bridge 3x*

**Can you feel it in your heart,  
Deep down in your soul?  
Let the love of God  
Move you, change you.  
Raise your eyes to see  
The one who gave us all so much,  
Forever God, forever love.**

Day 5 God is a friend for everyone.

*For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son  
so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.*

~John 3:16

Lydia believes in Jesus. (Acts 16:11-15)

Song: "Your Friend" Group VBS

**There's a need in every one of us.  
It's written in the code of who we are,  
To know and love each other  
With a love that only comes from God's own heart.  
There's so much for you and me  
When it's Jesus who we see.  
I will be your friend  
Because the Lord has shown us  
A love that never ends,**

**A bond that can't be broken.  
You can count on me.  
Whatever you need,  
I will be here for you.  
No matter where or when,  
I will be your friend.**

*(Repeat from beginning)*

**I will be your friend  
Because the Lord has shown us  
A love that never ends,  
A bond that can't be broken.  
You can count on me.  
Whatever you need,  
I will be here for you.  
Yeah, I will be here for you.  
I will be here for you.  
No matter where or when,  
I will be your friend.**

VBS Song: "Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

Group VBS

*Chorus:*

**It's me, it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.**

**It's me, it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.**

**Not my sister, not my brother,  
But it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.**

**Not my mother, not my father,  
But it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.**

**It's me, it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.**

**It's me, it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.**

**Well, it's not my sister, and it's  
not my brother, But it's me, Lord.  
Well, it's not my mother, and it's  
not my father, But it's me, Lord.**

**It's me, it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.**

It's me, it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my teacher, not the preacher,  
But it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer,  
Not my neighbor needin' favor,  
But it's me, oh Lord.  
Standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.

Well, it's not my teacher,  
And it's not the preacher, But it's me, Lord.  
Well, it's not my neighbor  
Praying for your favor, But it's me, Lord.

It's me, it's me, oh Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.

*Repeat 2 times*

Hymn: "Standing in the Need of Prayer" (Praise Booklet, pages 12-13)

Pastor's Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

\*All who desire, are encouraged to stand



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns  
June 23, 2024

Thank You...

Thank you very much for sponsoring a special Bingo activity for our Skilled Care and Personal Care residents. They had a blast! Sincerely, *The staff and residents at Plum Creek*



### Congratulations...

Congratulations to Billy Waltersdorff. He graduated from the police academy at HACC on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. He will be working at Penn Township Police Department.

### Sight & Sound Tickets and Transportation Available...

The SPLATT group has about 10 tickets available for the congregation to purchase to go along to see Daniel at Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$90 and include the bus ride. Be at the bus by 9:15 AM on July 25<sup>th</sup> to board the bus. We will stop at Golden Corral on the way home for a meal. This is not included in your ticket price. Please see Bud or contact him via text or call at (717) 659-0724 to reserve your spot by **TODAY**, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Church Picnic TODAY, June 23<sup>rd</sup>...

The church is holding its annual picnic **Today**, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the worship service. **All are welcome!**

### Harvest of Hope Volunteers Needed...

**Two (2) volunteers** are needed for the upcoming work session at the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry on **Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**- 4:00 – 7:00. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the overflow room. Thank you.

### June Council Meeting Highlights...

- Several interviews have been conducted for the Sexton position, and a candidate has been selected. We are waiting for background checks to clear.
- The Search & Call committee has had two recent candidates. An interview was completed and we have not received a response from the candidate for a second interview. The second candidate did not want to set up an interview. He/she just wanted more information on the position, which the committee supplied. We have not heard anything in regards to her/him moving forward.

### Thank you to our helpers this week:

### Next week's helpers are:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Blaine Breeden	Blaine Breeden
<i>Acolyte</i>	Grace Mensinger	Sam Wagaman
<i>Greeters</i>	Darlene & Steve Miner	Joy & Larry Spangler
<i>Money Counters</i>	Carol Brown, Tammy Wetzel, & Michele Hamme	Carol Brown, Lois Nelson, & Elvin Myers
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Blaine Breeden & Toni O'Neal	Joy & Larry Spangler

### Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Tuesday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours
Sunday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Children & SPLATT Sunday Schools
Wednesday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM	Visit Pam Kiser & have ice cream. Carpool from church

Sunday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Children & SPLATT Sunday Schools
Tuesday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM	Prepare a meal for the homeless shelter
Sunday, July 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Children & SPLATT Sunday Schools
Wednesday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 AM	Visit Maybelle Altland at Brethren Village. Carpool from church.
Wednesday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 AM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours (4 Volunteers needed for the 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM session)

### **Office Hours...**

The office will be open Monday through Friday this week. See below for hours. 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-Wed	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

### **Upcoming Birthdays (\*Designates Over 80)**

June 24	Wendy Carl	June 26	Janet Hay
June 24	Caitlyn Kramer	June 30	Kylie Fuhrman
June 24	*Delphine Waltersdorff		

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST SUNDAY WAS...**

Attendance      60- 37 Sanctuary/ 19 Outside/ 4 YouTube

Current Offering	\$1,510.00
Loose	70.00
OCWM	10.00
Harvest of Hope	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,690.00</b>