



# LOOKIN' FOR LOVE

## IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES

# Order of Worship

March 11 & 12

*Third Sunday in Lent*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Music**

**Offertory Introduction**

**Offertory**

**Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

*John 4:5-30*

**Sermon**

*“Look for the Thirst-Quencher” - Pastor Jennifer Stamm*

**Celebration of Communion**

**Closing Song**

**Benediction**

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## **Mission Moment: Thursday Night Dinner at First UMC**

What a great ministry that provides a great meal while ministering to the spiritual needs, offering prayers and communion to those attending! We are even blessed to report how these meals are also being delivered to shut-in seniors and veterans every week by a number of “angels” coming through the line! Please consider a donation to help us keep sending out 180 dinners on average every week! All gifts are greatly appreciated!

You can give using the special envelope in this bulletin or by adding “NF Community Dinner” to your gift online at [pendletonchurch.org/give](https://pendletonchurch.org/give).

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*Notes:*

# Prayer Concerns

*Please lift these people and circumstances to God  
in your prayers throughout the week*

*You can share your prayer requests or blessings on your Friendship Card in the bulletin  
or online at [pendletonchurch.org/fc](http://pendletonchurch.org/fc)*

## Prayers for Healing

Sue W, Larry, Debbie, Jane, Sherry, Sarah S, Michele A, Susie, Sherri A, John A, Vicky L, Joy B, Robert, Tom, Patty S, Linda, Paula, Mary, Bob M, Jacquie B, Julian B, Julian R, Ron E, Mary L, Danielle W, Larry S

## Prayers for General Concerns

Peter, Family, Job, Finances, Sally, Susan R

## Ongoing Concerns

Our country, our church, Terri M, Joan S, Sarah S, Dee M, Stephanie R, Grace, Ramarian, Our country, Earthquakes, Anger ruling peoples' lives, Sally, Liz, Virginia, Bonnie, Madison M, Sherry J, Sally, Yvonne M, Joseph family, Kathy, Christa, Mass shooting violence, Climate change, Michele A

## Random Prayer Selection

*Each week, we select several random names to receive prayer. Please be in prayer for the names selected and those close to them. This week's names:*

Dudley & Katherine Benedict, Joseph & Lisa Castro, Dennis & Helena Fish, David & Michelle Hocking, Kris Labosky, Brian & Jennifer Morrissey, David & Sandy Sattelberg, Paul & Donna Vergils

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## This Week's Birthdays

11 - Allison Hahn, Jade King, Karen Long, Kayla Weber  
12 - Bob Glosser, Tony Licata, Andrew Machaby, Teri Remillard  
14 - Julia Lukasik, Timmy Lukasik, Vi Nelson  
15 - Sandy Teeter  
16 - Janet Semsel  
18 - Ben Walck

## This Week's Anniversaries

14 - Robert & Linda Zanke - '20

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## This Week's Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Linda & Bob Zanke, "in celebration of our third anniversary."

*Please consider sponsoring our worship elements (communion, altar flowers, and bulletins) by signing up in the back of the sanctuary!*

## Welcome!

### We're glad to have you here with us today!

Whether this is your first time here or you're a member of our church family, we desire to welcome you and offer the opportunity for you to engage in worship and teachings from the Word of God.

**Everyone, please fill out a Friendship Card** - it helps us know you were here today! You can fill one out digitally on our website or by using the card inside and putting it in an offertory box.

## Ways to Give

### Give In-person

Place your offering in the plate when it is passed.

### Give Online

Visit:  
[pendletonchurch.org/give](https://pendletonchurch.org/give)

### Give by Mail

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N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

## Jr. Church

Children are always welcome in our worship service - we have kids bulletins available in the back. Jr. Church, a program designed for 3 years old - 6th grade, is also offered during the Sunday services. If you would like your child to participate in Jr. Church, bring your children to the Ark before service.

## Nursery

Our Nursery is open at our 9:00 AM service with volunteers to watch your 1-2 year-olds while you enjoy the service. At our other services, the Nursery is available as a place for families to watch the service with their children as they play. A Family Room is also available in the back of the sanctuary by the sound booth to use at any time.

## Stay Connected



### Website

[pendletonchurch.org](https://pendletonchurch.org)



### Instagram

@pendletonchurch



### Email

[theoffice@pcumc.org](mailto:theoffice@pcumc.org)



### Facebook

[pendletoncenterumc](https://www.facebook.com/pendletoncenterumc)



### Address

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### Phone

716-625-8306

### Pastoral Emergencies

*After office hours*  
716-291-7529

## Wi-Fi

### Network

PCUMC Guest

### Password

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# Lenten Fish Fry Dinners are Here!

**Yes, we are still looking for all kinds of help with our remaining Fish Fry dinners on March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7!**

You may not know we no longer have a paid staff person managing these dinners; all the coordination is now being done by our fabulous volunteers! It takes an enormous amount of volunteer help to make these dinners run smoothly. What a great way to meet new people here at the church! We can do this, Church!!!

*Maybe you can work in one of these areas, whatever weeks you're available:*

Making Salads	Making Beverages	Dining hall setup
Cooking fish	Baking pies	Waiting on tables
Answering phones	Filling orders	Cutting pies
Serving pies	Washing dishes	Dining hall cleanup
Kitchen cleanup	Dish room cleanup	

**Volunteer today!** Watch for signup sheets in worship, or call the church office (716-625-8306) to volunteer. **Youth, do you need to do community service hours for school? Why not help at your church?** Just add your name to the signup sheets!

Even if you can't work at a dinner, we hope you will come and eat with us! Besides our fried haddock, we also offer shrimp, chicken fingers, or even combo platters for those who like all three! We also have an option for those who don't eat fried food: Baked Haddock, offered with either regular or Cajun seasoning.

**Thank you for all you do** to pitch in wherever help is needed to help our fundraising efforts. It's a wonderful blessing to be able to provide fish fry dinners to our community. It brings new people into our church and lets them see how well we work together to make great dinners while enjoying great fellowship!



## **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY**

Are you being called to do prison ministry? Kairos Prison Ministry gives you the opportunity to volunteer with others spreading the love of Jesus. This is an ecumenical program. Contact Sandy or Jim if you are interested or for more details.

*Sandy Houck, 716-903-5183*

*Jim Hohensee, 716-628-4644*

## **Easter Sunday Instrumentalists**

For Easter Sunday, if you play a brass or woodwind instrument and would like to play on the first hymn, Christ the Lord is Risen Today, please contact Nancy Himes, nancyhimes@pcumc.org or Tom Crosby, tomcrosby@pcumc.org. We can provide music. Practice would be on your own. A final group practice would be on Saturday, April 8 at 12:00 PM.

## **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME**

A time for us to reconnect, have a time of fellowship, and share the love of God. Coffee Time has been going strong for January and February. Our next coffee time will be hosted by the Folbys on Sunday, March 19. Please let them know if you would like to bring something - sfolbyjr@gmail.com.

## **GENESIS PRESCHOOL**

It's time to sign up for our fall 2023 Genesis Preschool classes! Registration is currently open.

Classes available are:

- 3-year-olds, two days a week, morning or afternoon
- 4-year-olds, three days a week, morning or afternoon
- 4-year-olds, five days a week, morning

Space is limited, and classes fill up quickly. For more information, please contact Heather Miner (HeatherMiner@pcumc.org or 716-625-8306) or visit [pendletonchurch.org](http://pendletonchurch.org).

## **MORE UPCOMING EVENTS**

More info: [pendletonchurch.org/events](http://pendletonchurch.org/events) or call the office, 716-625-8306.

### **HCWG & S'mores**

Fri., 3/17, 6p - Sat., 3/18, 11a, 4-7th gr.

### **The Gathering Service**

Saturday, 4/1, 7p

## **WEEKLY GROUPS**

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Sundays, 10a, Connection Room 2

### **Niagara County Senior Lunch**

Mondays, 10a, Fellowship Hall

### **Watercolor Class**

Tuesdays, 1p & Saturdays, 10a, Art Room

### **Pendletones Handbells**

Wednesdays, 6p, Connection Room 1

### **Men of Hymn**

Wednesdays, 7p, Music Room

### **Niagara Falls Community Dinner**

Thursdays, 5p at First UMC, Niagara Falls

### **GriefShare**

Thursdays, 7p

### **Boy Scouts**

Thursdays, 7p, Gym

## **SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFT IN WORSHIP**

If you are feeling called to share your musical gifts, please contact Nancy Himes, nancyhimes@pcumc.org or Tom Crosby, tomcrosby@pcumc.org. There are opportunities available during the offertory time in service whether you play an instrument or you would like to sing.

When shopping for candy for Easter, please consider



picking up an extra bag of individually wrapped candy for our children and youth ministries. You can label it and drop it off in the food collection area in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



## Visitation Team

Do you enjoy sitting, listening, and really connecting with someone one on one? On Saturday, March 18, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, we will be having a training for our visitation ministry. It only takes a few hours each month to form that bond with our homebound people.

*Pastor Jennifer,*  
JenniferStamm@pcumc.org

## Feeding Hope

**Our next meal will be Wednesday, March 15.**

If you'd like to help out, prepping, packing up, or going downtown, we'd love to have you!

*Sandy Houck,* 716-903-5183,  
ssandyjh@aol.com

## Explore "The Tough Stuff"

**What's the one question you've never gotten a chance to ask?** This study is dedicated to exploring the hard questions and issues of faith - issues like divorce, abortion, LGBTQ identity, racism, and other challenging questions.

We're committed to making this table a safe place to explore and discuss hard things. We're not going to argue. We're not going to judge. We're not trying to persuade people that one answer is right and others are wrong. This table will be a safe place to discuss, learn, and grow.

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM.**

## RICE BOWLS

We've kicked off our church-wide mission project! We are encouraging and challenging our whole congregation and church programs to participate in this wonderful project called Rice Bowls during the season of Lent.

Rice Bowls is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide food for orphaned children in the name of Christ. They partner with loving, grass-roots children's homes around the world to cover 100% of their delicious, locally sourced meals. The homes can then focus on loving, teaching, protecting, and providing for the children in their care. In addition, Rice Bowls helps organizations like ours collect money in a fun and meaningful way.

Take a bowl, or a few, home with you and fill it up with change (or cash!) from your family, friends, coworkers, or anyone that you may know. Then bring them back to church after Easter for a smashing party! (Look for more details on this part soon.)

Rice Bowls and more information are available in Mission Central.



## Thursday Night Dinners at First UMC, Niagara Falls

**Holy Hams!** Now that I got your attention, it's never too early to get Easter on your radar, and remember the Thursday Night Dinner as we prepare for the upcoming Holy celebration. **We like to plan a wonderful Easter dinner for the folks in Niagara Falls, which we'll be serving Thursday, April 6. We will need hams, boxes of scalloped potatoes, frozen peas, lots of eggs and butter, and canned crushed pineapple.** We also appreciate any financial support for all the other items needed. Prayerfully consider helping or even coming out to participate in cooking or serving.

DJ Mahar, [djmahar@pcumc.org](mailto:djmahar@pcumc.org)

## Easter Celebration AND EGG HUNT

Save the date - Saturday, April 1

Registration Required - [pendletonchurch.org/egghunt](http://pendletonchurch.org/egghunt)

Join us for our Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt - discover the true meaning of Easter, and share with our community. *Many volunteers are needed before, during, and after this incredible event.*

### **Before**

Stuffing eggs and donating items needed: candy, prizes, cookies, hot dogs, rolls, chips. **Look for the sign up sheets in the back of the sanctuary!**

### **During**

Craft helper, storyteller, face painter, game helper, assist with parking, helping with hot dog sale, handing out prizes

### **After**

Takedown and cleanup

**For March, here are ways you can help...**

- ▶ Donate individually wrapped candy & toys that fit inside a plastic egg
- ▶ Take home a bag of eggs to stuff with candy & toys (we will need to stuff over 4,000 eggs!)
- ▶ Donate prizes for children

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact me.

Adrienne Demmin

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