

# *Loosening the Bonds*

A LIVING HOPE WORSHIP SERIES



**Pendleton Center**  
United Methodist Church

# Order of Worship

April 22 & 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Music**

**Introduction to the Offering**

**Offertory**

**Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

*1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35*

**Sermon**

*"Loosening the Bonds" - Pastor Scott Johnson*

**Communion**

**Closing Song**

**Benediction**

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## Mission Moment: Imagine No Malaria

In 2008, the United Methodist Church joined part of a global effort against malaria, embarking upon a \$75,000,000 "Imagine No Malaria" fundraising campaign leveraging on the success of the Nothing But Nets partnership with the United Nations Foundation. The United Methodist Church's Imagine No Malaria program is working together with UMC health boards in Sub-Saharan Africa to increase access to and utilization of malaria preventative measures, diagnosis, and treatment services.

Overcoming malaria will require educating communities and health care workers, developing health care infrastructure, and making advancements in health care communications along with net distributions. Imagine No Malaria is the United Methodist church-wide effort to create a powerful foundation that will build a stronger broad-based community health infrastructure to help fight against diseases of poverty.

Thanks to the dedication of The United Methodist Church and our partners, thousands of people will be alive in the coming years that might otherwise have fallen victim to malaria.



You can give using the special envelope in this bulletin or by adding "Imagine No Malaria" to your gift online at [pendletonchurch.org/give](https://pendletonchurch.org/give).

# 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

Christa, Jill, Kathleen M, Stephanie R, Tom, Sue, Ron, Marcie, Sherri A, Vicky L, Joy B, Ginimarie, Ryan, Paula, Mary L, Sherry, Larry, Jane, Cooper, Kim, Carol D, Fran, Audrey, Britt, Liz, Virginia, Bonnie, Ron E, Tom D

## Prayers for General Concerns

Family relationships, Protection for young drivers, Sally, Terry, Family of Jackie Duchscherer - brother Rob Deiter passed away, Our leaders' discerning, Family, Job, Peace, Fiona, Ongoing world problems, Tim M, Kim M

## Ongoing Concerns

Sheri B, Compromise & understanding between people & nations, Granddaughters, Good test results and plan of treatment, Chelsea G, Russa's invasion of Ukraine, Daughter's health and safety during college program, Our nation's leaders, Susie, Michele A, Sarah S, Robert W, Violence, Our country, our church, Patty, Chrissa M, Christopher S, Nicole, Paula, Mary, Lori B, Sally, Laura J, Peoples hearts turning to Jesus, Bill, Wendy, Kevin, Sandra S, Finances, Terri M, Joan S, Dee M, Stephanie R, Grace, Ramarian, Earthquakes, Sally

## 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:*

Dean Beidle, John & Eileen Chatley, Richard & Nancy Gerhardt, Jon & Nancy Himes, Timothy & Kathryn Kraus, Wesley & Heather Miner, Todd & Angela Robida, Shannon Tamrowski

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## This Week's Birthdays

22 - Emma Terry, Brandon Walter  
23 - Debbie Parise  
24 - Ally Clark, Jessy Weber  
25 - Chelsea Aleong, Peyton Gregory, Dave Pasisz, Kayla Varney  
26 - April Adamo, Brenda Forrest, Marilyn Varney  
27 - Becky Heideman  
28 - Aaron Preisch  
29 - Ollie Burbidge, Shanelle DiGesare, Norman Haniszewski, Dorothy Thuman, Holly Varney

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## This Week's Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Irene Tate, "for my daughter Sherry's birthday on 4/18."  
Communion Elements are sponsored by Sara Crosby & Debbie Parise.

*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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## 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

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## Wi-Fi

### Network

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## NEW BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE

Thursdays at 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM in Connection Room 1

*Evening session available online*

The Luke Bible study will discuss the gospel and its theme of Jesus' love and message for outsiders and outcasts.

"Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God's kingdom to those who most needed to hear it.

In Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke."

Contact Pastor Scott for more information: [ScottJohnson@pcumc.org](mailto:ScottJohnson@pcumc.org)

*United Women in Faith*

# Rummage & Bake Sale



**Saturday, April 29, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**You never know what treasure you might find, so be sure to stop by!**  
**Proceeds from the sale help support local and worldwide mission projects.**

***Have items you would like to donate to the Rummage Sale?***  
You can drop off items in the Fellowship Hall coat room between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday, April 24 - Friday, April 28.

*Please remember to bring clean, gently used items only.*  
*Please do not bring clothing, old tube TVs, broken electronics, or soiled items.*

***Our Rummage Sales are always a great success because of those who help out.***  
Help is needed setting up tables and sorting donations, selling during the sale, and after the sale to get the church looking great for worship!

Contact Naomi Laskey ([meg4059@aol.com](mailto:meg4059@aol.com)) or the church office ([theooffice@pcumc.org](mailto:theooffice@pcumc.org) or 716-625-8306) to get involved!

## EXPLORE "THE TOUGH STUFF"

**Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 PM**

What's the one question you've never gotten a chance to ask? 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.

*Join us as we take on "The Tough Stuff."*

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE

**Begins Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 PM**

Alright Ladies! Anyone interested get your books! We will watch the video together and follow the study provided in the book *Luke: Gut Level Compassion* by Lisa Harper. Hope you can join us!

*Linda Barczykowski,  
lindab125@outlook.com*

## ANGEL WINGS INTERGENERATIONAL

**Our next meeting, "Spring into Life," will be on Saturday, May 13, from 12:00-3:00 PM.** We will be planting marigolds along the church entrance and Fellowship Hall outside walls. Bring shovels, hoes, and gloves. It is rumored that ice cream might be made on site! Our meal will be make your own sandwich. Donations for meal appreciated - look for the clipboard in the back of the sanctuary to donate.

*All ages - families, adults, children, youth - are welcome to join us.* We're asking for a \$3 donation from each family to help cover costs of food.

*Becky Heideman, 716-625-8312*

## WORSHIP SPONSORS

Would you like to sponsor our Altar Flowers, Bulletins, or the Communion Elements for a weekend? Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or go to [pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsors](http://pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsors).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

View the full calendar:  
[pendletonchurch.org/calendar](http://pendletonchurch.org/calendar)

### Youth Group

Sunday 4/23, 6-8:30p, 7-12th gr.

### HCWG & S'mores

Friday 4/28, 6-9p, 4-7th gr.

### Intergenerational Angel Wings

Saturday 5/13, 12-3p

## Weekly Groups

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays, 10a, Connection Room 2

### Niagara County Senior Lunch

Mondays, 10a, Fellowship Hall

### Monday Night Adult Small Group

Mondays, 7p

### 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

### Boy Scouts

Thursdays, 7p, Gym

## Upcoming Mission Moments

### Native American Ministries - May 6 & 7

Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and help provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities, and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years.

### Lockport CARES - May 20 & 21

Lockport CARES is Eastern Niagara's only Emergency Homeless Shelter. Serving people in need with shelter and compassion through the love of Jesus