



Pendleton Center

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Real Love. Real Hope.

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March 23, 2025 - Third Sunday in Lent

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



We have questions, and our souls, hearts, and minds seek answers. Having questions doesn't mean that you're miserable or dysfunctional; it's simply a part of life. During Lent, we prepare for the cross and resurrection, seeking to deepen our relationship with Christ. Psalm 46:1 reminds us, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Let us lean into the One who is our ever-present help as we find answers by finding Him.

WELCOME!

Whether this is your first time watching 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.

If you're new to Pendleton Center or need to update your info, please fill out a [Friendship Card](#). This helps us keep connected with you and let's us know you were watching online with us today.

To learn more about our church, visit pendletonchurch.org.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Centering Song

Opening Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Opening Music

Offertory

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 23, John 10:1-18*

Sermon: *"Finding Jesus As Our Shepherd"* - Pastor Scott Johnson

Communion

Closing Song

Benediction

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Prayer for Healing: Colette, Wayne, Sarah P, Coleen, Jacquie B, Judy, Marcia, Mary, Valarie, Michelle, Larry, Mrs. O, Roger, Barb, Mark D, Sandra S

General Prayer Concerns: Patrick, Good health during the changing seasons, Those impacted by weather, Family, Finances, Shirley W, Our church family, our politicians, our country - may God bless them all

Ongoing Concerns: Tom, Friends' hearts healing, Eddie C, Rodney P, Patricia & her father, Family relationships, John B, Sherry L, Gary N, Young travelers, World peace, Ruth, Lois, Ezekiel, Louise, Richard, Political climate, Our church, our country

Random Prayer Selection: Corey & Jessica Eggert, David & Bethany Hammond, Lori Jagow, Elmer & Judy Krupp, Shawn & Karyn Michalski, Naomi Laskey, Dee Mann, Amy Hothow, Pastor Scott & Jennifer Jonson, Mike & Joan Kozlowski

Please be in prayer for these randomly selected names and those close to them.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This Week's Birthdays

23 - Victoria Fitch, Penny Leidenfrost, Michelle Lorenz

24 - Bridgette Weller

25 - Debbie Jamieson

26 - Renee Haniszewski

28 - Fawn Jones

29 - Thomas Bush, Brian Clapsadle, Erin Fisher, Emily Riexinger

This Week's Anniversaries

26 - Brian & Kathy Dick - '94

Altar flowers sponsored by Phil & Yvonne Bova, "Happy birthday Bridgette."

Bulletins & communion elements sponsored by Harvey Joseph.

Please consider sponsoring our worship elements by signing up in the back of the sanctuary or at pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsor. Leave a message or sponsor anonymously.

Mission Moment: Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry is a non-denominational international ministry reaching many who are incarcerated. Here locally, the program is at Albion (women) and Wende (men) Correctional Facilities. The program brings the love of Jesus to many who are feeling unloved.

You can give by designating towards "Today's Mission Moment" on your giving envelope or by adding "Kairos Prison Ministry" to your gift online at pendletonchurch.org/give.

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 Houck](#) if you are interested.

Easter Flowers

This year our Easter flower order needs to be in early - by this Sunday, March 23!

The flowers your order will help decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday and you can take them home after Easter service. Use the envelope available in the back of the sanctuary or order online at pendletonchurch.org/flowers.

Feeding Hope

Wednesday, April 9

This month, we will serve hotdogs, baked beans, brownies, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. **We are looking for donations of canned baked beans, brownie mix, peanut butter, and jelly.**

If you'd like to help prepare the meal, we will start at 3:00 PM. If you'd like to go downtown to hand out meals, we will leave the church at 6:30 PM. Let's welcome spring by Feeding Hope together! [Sandy Houck](#)

Thursday Night Dinners

During the month of March, we certainly will need items that we use quite often:

yellow and chocolate cake mix, cooking spray, butter, sugar, brownie mix, eggs, spaghetti sauce, and sandwich storage bags. If you prefer, financial donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much for all your support for this great ministry!

[DJ Mahar](#)

Genesis Preschool

Registration is now open for our 2025-2026 Genesis Preschool classes. If you would like info, please call Kelly Grimmer in the office or visit pendletonchurch.org/preschool.

Holy Grounds Café

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Our innovative worship model offers a refreshing alternative to traditional services, making it an inviting space for all. Your support is vital to the continued success of this ministry. Whether it's helping with setup, providing dishes for the café, or simply spreading the word, your involvement makes a difference.

For more details on how you can help with this new ministry, please contact Pastor Scott in the church office or by [email](#).



Fridays, 4:00-7:00 PM, until April 18

This unique ministry allows us to reach out to our community with love and caring in so many Spirit-filled ways. We prepare and serve wonderful meals, we offer friendship, and we are a point of connection for those seeking more love and meaning in their lives.

This ministry is huge! And the 100 or so people who make it happen get the satisfaction of making God happy and bringing joy to others. What a blessing it is!

So, if you're not yet involved or want to help more, add your name to the sign-up sheets, call the office (716-625-8306), or let [Pastor Scott](#) or [Louie Bobsein](#) know. Add a note on the sheets or tell us if you're not sure what to do. We can make adjustments and help make it easier for you to join with others and get involved. There are ways to help all week long, and at different times of day. Whatever you can do will help.

God bless you and thank you all for all you do!

Thank you, [Louie Bobsein](#)

Easter Celebration AND EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Come join us for our Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt!

This event is a great way to come together as a community to kick off Holy Week, celebrate our faith, and have some fun.

Remember last year? The snow and cold couldn't stop us! Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our incredible volunteers, we cleared the grass and carried on with the egg hunt. After all, placing eggs on the snow wouldn't have worked - they'd just fall through! That really would've turned it into a hunt!



How can you be a part of the fun? We're looking for volunteers to make this year's event another success. *Whether you'd like to help with the egg hunt, crafts, games, Holy Week stations, or the hotdog lunch - we have a place for you!* It's because of the amazing volunteers in our church that we're able to make this celebration possible.

If you'd like to support the event in other ways, *monetary donations, candy, and prizes are also needed!* Please leave any donated items in the labeled bin in the back of the sanctuary or drop your monetary donation in any giving box. Every contribution helps make this event something truly special for our church families and community.

For any questions or to get involved, please contact [Adrienne Demmin](#) in the church office.

Thank you for making this celebration possible.

We look forward to seeing you there!



UPCOMING EVENTS

View the full calendar at pendletonchurch.org/events

BIBLE STUDIES & DEVOTIONS

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays, 10:30a, Connection Room 2

New Lights - Faith in Practice

Sundays, 10:45, Café

Closer Walk Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 12p, on Facebook

Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays, 11a & 7p, Connection Room 1

Loyal Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays, 1p, Connection Room 2
(Wed. when United Women in Faith meets)

ADULTS

Beginner Pickleball

Wednesdays, 6:30p, Gym

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Group (7-12th grade)

Sundays, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/27, 6p, Gym

Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores

Fridays, 6p (Check calendar for dates)

MUSIC

Pendletones Bell Choir

Wednesdays, 6p, Connection Room 1

Men of Hymn

Wednesdays, 7p, Choir Room

MISSIONS

Niagara Falls Thursday Night Dinner

Thursdays, 5p, First UMC