



Pendleton Center

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Real Love. Real Hope.

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April 6, 2025 - Fifth 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 69:1-12, 30-36, John 15:1-8*

Sermon: *"Finding Jesus As Our Strength"* - 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: Coleen, Sarah P, Jacquie B, Pattie, Larry, Mrs. O, Barb, Roger, Michelle, Tina, Fran, Peter, Britt, Mary, Christa, Ron E

General Prayer Concerns: Family, Finances, Sadness, Health & wellness during the changing seasons, Joyce, Spiritual Renewal, Traveling safety, Kris

Condolences for the Family & Friends of: Mary Zupo

Ongoing Concerns: Sherry Z, Political scene, Our nation's leadership, Tom, Friends' hearts healing, Eddie C, Rodney P, Patricia & her father, Family relationships, John B, Sherry L, Gary N, World peace Ezekiel, Our church, our country

Random Prayer Selection: Paul & Eileen Calkins, Darren & Lori Wildt, Kay Maacks, Mary Luder, Michelle Walker, Paula & Kara Insalaco, Josh & Nina Taylor, Judy Kutis, Michael & Shirley Schlee, Joe & Kristen Anastasi

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This Week's Birthdays

- 5 - Sherrie Peterson, JoAnn Pfohl
- 6 - Paul Brown, Heather Johnson
- 7 - George Peterson
- 8 - Sally Henderson, Laura Piazza
- 9 - Nate Morris, Gretchen Pusck, Heather Topolski
- 10 - Sam Folby
- 11 - Evan Dick, Theresa Korzak
- 12 - Jacob Kim-Kubiak

This Week's Anniversaries

- 5 - Scot & Karen Jaynes - '86
- 8 - Harvey & Gloria Joseph - '81
- Rick & Diane Strusienski
- 9 - Thomas & Lynn Valentine - '11

Altar flowers, bulletins, & communion elements sponsored anonymously, "Praising God for His refuge and strength"

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.

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](#)

Women's Book Club **Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 PM, at the Country Cottage at Beach Ridge & Townline Rd**

A night for women to come together and discuss a variety of different types of books, have a meal or dessert, and enjoy conversation. This month's book is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill*, by Robt Diegoni. Send an email to let us know you are interested, have questions, or just show up the night of our meeting! [Yvonne Bova](#)

Thursday Night Dinner Celebrating Easter **Thursdays, 5:00 PM, First UMC, 8210 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls**

As you know, we like to celebrate all the holidays with our friends who join us for the Thursday Night Dinner in Niagara Falls, and Easter is one that everyone looks forward to! We love to celebrate the risen Lord with a special ham dinner, and this is where you can help. **We are looking for donations of hams, boxed scalloped potatoes, frozen peas, eggs, canned crushed pineapple, and butter** to help us prepare for our guests! If you are able to gather one or multiple items from our list, please **bring them to church before Tuesday, April 15**, so we can start the cooking!

If you prefer, **we can also use financial assistance.** Give with your regular offering or at pendletonchurch.org/give.

Please consider helping us make this special dinner for a community in need and show how God's love can be expressed with generosity, kindness, and hospitality.

[DJ Mahar](#)



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.

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. 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*



SATURDAY, APRIL 12

This event is a great way to come together as a community to kick off Holy Week, celebrate our faith, and have some fun. **Registration required - pendletonchurch.org/egghunt**

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.

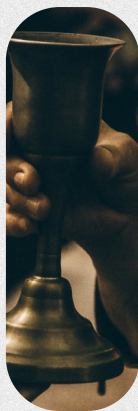
If you'd like to support the event in other ways, food & monetary donations are also needed! Contact Adrienne to see what's needed or add your monetary donation to your offering. Every contribution helps make this event something truly special for our church families and community.

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

Thank you for making this celebration possible!

HOLY WEEK

AT PENDLETON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12 - Registration Required - pendletonchurch.org/egghunt

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.

Palm Sunday Worship

Saturday, April 12, 5:00 PM, & Sunday, April 13, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Live stream & Jr. Church, Sunday at 9:00 AM

Palm (or Passion) Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Palm branches are waved exalting Jesus, as we remember His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17, 7:00 PM - In person only

We will gather around tables in the sanctuary to share in the story of the disciples gathered in the upper room where Jesus served them, cared for and about them, and prepared to leave them. We will share in Holy Communion, serving one another at the same table, the holy table of gathered people seeking Jesus.

Good Friday Service

April 18, 7:30 PM - Live stream available

Remember the ultimate act of love. Remember how far Christ is willing to go for us. This night we let His story speak for itself and directly to us as we see the light of the world go out before our eyes.

"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." -2 Corinthians 5:21.

Holy Saturday Service

April 19, 5:00 PM - In person only

At our Easter Vigil service, we remember our baptism and anticipate the resurrection of our Lord.

Easter Sunday

April 20, 9:00 AM - Live stream & Jr. Church available

Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed. Let the flowers bloom, and the colors show - life in Christ is victorious over death, now and forever.