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March 1 & 2, 2025 - Transfiguration Sunday

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



Life often brings us to moments where we feel isolated, overwhelmed, and in need of hope. In these times, it's vital to remember that we are never truly alone. Inspired by Max Lucado's book, "You Are Never Alone," this sermon series explores the comforting truth of God's unwavering presence and power. Together, we'll discover the miraculous ways in which God shows up in our lives, reminding us that we are never alone.

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 <u>Friendship Card</u>. 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: *Luke 9:28-36* Sermon: *"God Is With You" - 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: Fran G, Britt A, Mia, Tom, Ezekiel, Coleen, Jacquie B, Larry, Mrs. O, Roger, Barb, Michelle S, Kathy M, Lois, Sherryl, Ruth, Rodney P, Ed C, Patricia L & her dad, Our country, Michelle, Ken Jr

General Prayer Concerns: Safe travels, Kaitlyn, Ralph, Family Relationships, Nation & leadership, Michele, Family, Finances

Ongoing Concerns: Louise, RichardFire, flood, & hurricane victims, Michael N, Susie, Reggie & family, Political climate, Plane crash victims & their families, Fran G, Britt A, John B, Sherry L, Gary N, People with cancer, dementia, & other conditions

Random Prayer Selection: Loren & Annette Beutel, Jon & Eileen Chatley, William & Patricia Drexler, Timothy & Holly Grimley, Walter & Sue Holmes, Philip & Sung Kim-Kubiak, Kris Labosky, SueEllen Matsulavage, Doug & Jo Ann O'Neill, Aaron & Tammy Preisch *Please be in prayer for these randomly selected names and those close to them.*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY -

This Week's Birthdays

- 1 Tom Finiki, Drusilla Harris, Jane Routt
- 2 Donald Weber
- 3 Evan Lemma, Donald Schloerb
- 4 Sarah Rivera
- 5 Paul Dannebrock, Brian Dick, Hannah Tanalski
- 6 Lindsay Hocking, Sheri Lemma, Tucker Smith
- 7 Michael Borner, Wayne Forrest, Victoria Jaynes-Fuller, Cassie Mangan, Bonnie Reed, Sue Stout, Dana Thompson

This Week's Anniversaries

6 - Brett & Sarah Johnson - '04

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

Ash Wednesday Service This Wednesday, March 5, 6p

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a new phase in our spiritual journey as we enter the season of Lent. Lent is the forty days, excluding Sundays, leading up to Easter. It is a time of introspection and selfdenial intended to deepen our walk with Christ. We begin this Wednesday by confronting two truths that we often try to avoid: we are sinners, and we are mortal. One of the psalms helps us express our many feelings as we confront that truth and begin the journey to the table, the cross, and the empty tomb.

We hope you will join us for our Ash Wednesday service as we begin this season of Lent.

Genesis Preschool

It's time to sign up for 2025-2026 Genesis Preschool classes! **Registration to members** of our church and current preschool families is now open.

Classes currently available are:

- **Tue/Thur Class for 3-year-olds** Morning and Afternoon (with the option to add a 3rd day)
- Mon/Wed/Fri Class for 4-year-olds -Morning
- Mon Fri Class for 4-year-olds Morning
- Genesis Afternoon Adventure Program for 4-year-olds - Mon/Wed/Fri in the afternoon

Space is limited and programs fill up quickly. Be sure to sign your child up now for the class & program of your choice. We have a great staff and curriculum that includes kindergarten readiness skills, basic Christian concepts, music, arts and crafts, and more.

If you would like information about our Preschool or the Afternoon Adventure program, please call Kelly Grimmer in the office or visit **pendletonchurch.org**/ **preschool**.

Registration for the 2025-2026 Mom's Morning Out program will begin in May.

United Women in Faith Thursday, 3/6, 12:30p, Fellowship Hall

We hope all is well and you're staying warm during these frigid, blustery days. We look forward to seeing everyone in March for our next gathering. *Connie Clifford*

Intergenerational Angel Wings Saturday, 3/8, 12-3p, Fellowship Hall

If you have taken a baby bottle home with you, please return it this week.

Join us at our March meeting, centered around the theme "Sleep in Heavenly Peace." We will reflect on the comfort of God's house, with inspiration from "Away in a Manger." Our mission focus will be on collecting twin bed bedding for those in need. Let's come together to serve, share, and grow in faith.

<u>Becky Heideman</u>

Feeding Hope Wednesday, 3/12

This month, we are preparing baked mac and cheese. We start in the church kitchen at 3:00 PM and leave to go downtown at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to help in any way you can. Also, if you or anyone you know is looking for a meal, let me or the church office know, and we can work out something for that day.

<u>Sandy Houck</u>

Easter Celebration Save the date - Saturday, April 12

Save the date and join our church and community for our annual Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt! Discover the true meaning of Easter as we come together to celebrate.

Ways you can help right now:

- Donate individually wrapped candy & toys that fit inside a plastic egg
- Donate prizes for children ages 3-12 years old, such as frisbees, footballs, stuffed animals, nail polish, mini board games, headbands, fidget toys, candy, etc.

Donations can be left in the labeled bin in Mission Central. Thank you! For any questions or to get involved, please contact <u>Adrienne Demmin</u>.

Fish Fry Dinners begin this week! March 7 through Good Friday, 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.

This ministry cannot happen without full support from all of you.

God bless you and thank you all for all you do, as we look forward to another year with our Fellowship Hall filled with smiling people!

Thank you, *Louie Bobsein*

UPCOMING EVENTS

More information about these events can be found at pendletonchurch.org/events

BIBLE STUDIES & DEVOTIONS The Tough Stuff Tuesday, 3/25, 7p, Fellowship Hall

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 Women's Book Club Wednesday, 3/19, 6p, The Country Cottage

Niagara County Senior Lunch Mondays, 10a, Fellowship Hall

Watercolor Classes Tuesdays at 1p, Saturdays at 9a, Art Room

Country Line Dancing 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7p, Gym

Beginner Pickleball Wednesdays, 6:30p, Gym CHILDREN & YOUTH Youth Group (7-12th grade) Sundays, 3/9, 3/16, 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 Intergenerational Angel Wings Saturday, 3/8, 12-3p, Fellowship Hall

Feeding Hope Wednesday, 3/12, 3p, Kichen

Niagara Falls Thursday Night Dinner Thursdays, 5p, First UMC

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