



**Pendleton Center**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*Real Love. Real Hope.*

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**December 7 & 8, 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent: Peace**

**CURRENT SERMON SERIES**

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We are so often focused on the destination in our travels. “Where are you going?” is the most common question upon hearing that someone is heading out of town. This Advent season, we will pay attention not just to the destination of Christmas, but also to the places where events occurred that led to a starry night on which a child was born who would change the world. And we will ponder our own milestones—the progress and the potholes “on the way.”

**WELCOME!**

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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](http://pendletonchurch.org).

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Prelude

Welcome

Centering Song

Opening Prayer & Advent Candle Lighting

Passing of the Peace

Opening Music

Offertory

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Romans 12:9-21; Luke 1:5-20*

Sermon: *"Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting"* - Pastor Scott Johnson

Communion

Closing Song

Benediction

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Prayer for Healing:** Michelle S, Christa, Job struggles, Larry, Gena, Brian, Barb, Coleen, Tom, Becky, Steve, Ron E

**General Prayer Concerns:** Friends & family traveling, Family, Finances, People traveling, Israel, Ukraine/Russia war, Health & healing during the changing of seasons, Those suffering with illness and sadness this Holiday season

**Ongoing Concerns:** Young drivers, Bless PCUMC, Peace in world, Our church, Our country, Evie's family during her passing, Peace among men, Norm H, John B, Sherry L, Gary N, Health

**Random Prayer Selection:** Brian & Cindy Neese, Tim & Carolyn Paterson, Lindsay Reil, Susan Donovan, Errick & Stephani Cholewa, Peter & Ulana Scheidle, Alex & Lindsay Caron, William & Monika Smith, David & Alice Benham, James & Diane Askey

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

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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### This Week's Birthdays

8 - Lucas Clark, Mollie Gear, Michael Riggles

9 - Jonathan Diedrich

10 - Brian Neese

11 - Julie Parks-Larmond, Beverly Spencer

12 - Kaitlyn Sosnowski

13 - Jeffrey Volpe, Sr.

14 - Loren Beutel, Rachel Rogowski, Sandy Roslund, Cindy Smist

### This Week's Anniversaries

7 - Taylor & Meghan Wienke - '18

14 - Steve & Sheri Cappon, Todd & Elizabeth Fisher - '91

Altar flowers sponsored by Anne Steblein, "Celebrating 45 year anniversary."

*Please consider sponsoring our worship elements by signing up in the back of the sanctuary or at [pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsor](https://pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsor). Leave a message or sponsor anonymously.*

## **Mission Moment: Good Samaritan Fund**

The Good Samaritan Fund offers a variety of support to those in need within our congregation. Providing help as each individual needs.

You can give by designating towards "Today's Mission Moment" on your giving envelope or by adding "Good Samaritan Fund" to your gift online at [pendletonchurch.org/give](http://pendletonchurch.org/give).

## **Feeding Hope**

**Wednesday, 12/11, 3p**

Help provide a meal to the homeless in Buffalo. If you'd like to help, we'll be cooking in our kitchen starting at 3:00 PM. We leave to go downtown at 6:30. If you'd like to do either, you're welcome. If you are in need of a meal that day, contact me or the church office. Sandy Houck

## **Advent Bible Study**

**Thursdays, 11a & 7p, Connection Room 1**

Our Advent Bible study, *On the Way to Bethlehem*, looks at the places of the Christmas story to help us understand the challenges each place and people faced. These challenges are similar to many modern issues, which will give fresh insight into the power and meaning of Jesus' birth for us. Pastor Scott

## **Intergenerational Angel Wings**

**Saturday, 12/14, 12p, Fellowship Hall**

Join us at our December meeting where we will put together care packages for Community Missions in Niagara Falls to distribute to those looking for help. Currently we are collecting the following items:

- Personal size toiletries (razors, shampoo, wash cloths, etc.) to give to those helped by Community Missions.
- Twin-size bedding for Sleep in Heavenly Peace to make beds for children.
- Cleaning supplies & personal care products for Journey's End Refugee Program.

Becky Heideman and the Angel Wings' team

## **Christmas Poinsettias Order**

Help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas Eve and take after to enjoy at home! Envelopes available in the back of the sanctuary or [pendletonchurch.org/flowers](http://pendletonchurch.org/flowers).

## **Let's Go Christmas Caroling!**

**Next Sunday, 12/15, 11a-3p**

Come share the love of Jesus with others!

Join us for an afternoon to visit with the elderly and shut-ins. Bring friends and family – create a joyous holiday memory!

Sign up on the clipboards in the back of the sanctuary now, or contact Lorie Grenda or Louie Bobsein. (We travel as groups in cars and need to estimate how many stops we'll make!)

## **Blue Christmas Service**

**Thursday, 12/19, 6:30p**

This service is a comforting space for those who struggle with grief, depression, anxiety, or other issues during the Christmas season. It's a place where you are safe and welcome to express those feelings. Here, you'll find a community that will support you as you face a challenging time.

## **Thursday Night Dinner Christmas Celebration**

We want to be a source of light in a dark world, and you can be part of it as well! We are currently looking for **donations to support our dinner: ham, boxed scalloped potatoes, frozen peas, pineapple, butter, and eggs**. If anyone is able to help us gather these items, we would be very grateful! We are anticipating some 350 dinner guests for our Christmas Dinner, so your help is much needed! We need to have any items by Tuesday, December 17. DJ Mahar

## **The Wandering Wisemen**

This advent season, enjoy the illustrated story of Gaspar, Melchior, Balthazar, and Hezekiah as they travel afar in search of the Christ child. Read how the Magi from the East, and their faithful camel, face daily adventures along the way to Bethlehem. Follow "The Wandering Wisemen" Facebook page or go to the link on the PCUMC Facebook page. *Produced by Amy Folby and Hannah (Folby) McFarlin.*

## **Wanted - Jars of peanut butter and jelly!**

Drop donations in the blue bin in the Fellowship Hall through December. Help spread the love!

## **Bless a child or family this year for Christmas with our Angel Tree!**

Choose a tag from the tree in Mission Central, the Fellowship Hall, or online: [pendletonchurch.org/angeltree](http://pendletonchurch.org/angeltree). **Purchase and wrap your gifts and return them by next Sunday, 12/15!**

Thank you for blessing a child during this season. Let's help the little ones feel the love of our Lord through our acts of kindness.

**Donations of any new unwrapped toys or gift cards for Walmart, Target, or Tops can be made at any time.** Gift cards are always appreciated around the holidays as they will be given to families who are in need.

**Please mark any gift card or toy donation with "Angel Tree Donation" and drop it off at the church office.**

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Valentine.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

More information about these events can be found at [pendletonchurch.org](http://pendletonchurch.org).

### **BIBLE STUDIES & DEVOTIONS**

#### **Adult Sunday School**

Sundays, 10:30a, Connection Room 3

#### **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Sundays, 10:30a, Connection Room 2

#### **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**

#### **United Women in Faith**

Thursday, 12/12, 12:30p, Fellowship Hall

#### **Women's Book Club**

Wednesday, 12/18, 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, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 6p, Gym

#### **Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores**

Fridays, 6p (Check calendar for dates)

#### **Youth Retreat (7-12th grade)**

January 24-26, Camp Findley

### **MUSIC**

#### **Pendletones Bell Choir**

Wednesdays, 6p, Connection Room 1

#### **Men of Hymn**

Wednesdays, 7p, Choir Room

### **MISSIONS**

#### **Feeding Hope**

Wednesday, 12/11, 3p, Kitchen

#### **Intergenerational Angel Wings**

Saturday 12/14, 12-3p, Fellowship Hall

#### **Niagara Falls Thursday Night Dinner**

Thursdays, 5p, First UMC

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

#### **Christmas Eve Services**

Tuesday, December 24 at 7 & 11p  
Live stream & Jr. Church available at 7p

