



Pendleton Center

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Real Love. Real Hope.

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May 4, 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



The **Heart of the Matter**

Understanding the Message of Jesus

What did Jesus truly want us to understand? Many wonder about the essential core of Jesus' message. A lot of people understand what He did, but not much of what He taught. This series, inspired by the book *The Message of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton, will provide an overview of some of Jesus' primary teachings. The series emphasizes how Jesus' ministry emphasized these lessons and their application to our everyday lives.

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: *Matthew 5:1-16*

Sermon: *"The Most Important Sermon"* - 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: Christa, Sue, Ann D, Bryan, Matthew, Manny G, Michael G, Coleen, Sarah P, Jacque B

General Concerns: Health & wellbeing, World, Traveling safety, Tim M family, Rob, House issues

Ongoing Concerns: Sue, Becky, Adam, Ryan, Sarah, Open eyes of our nation's heart, John B, Sherry L, Gary N, Ruth O, Grandson's back, Barb J, Political scene, Tom, Our church, our country

Random Prayer Selection: Charles & Karen MacRae, Jeffrey & Lorinda Morris, Brian & Ashley Kuder, June Hooven, Rick Reid, Betty Shuff, Kirk & Suzanne Andrusz, Kevin & Sondra Curione, Holly Moss, Stephen & Traci Hussar

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This Week's Birthdays

3 - Diana Fritz, Donald Szpaicher

4 - Kaity Hersee, Lori Knobel, Mike Kozlowski, Logan Mitrowski, Matt Semsel, Sherry Waild, Jacque Weeks

5 - Allison Diedrich, Andrea Diedrich, Sandra Schmidt, Ed Simpson

6 - Lily Anastasi, John Lickers

7 - Jill Deibel, Jack Smith

8 - Debbie Rey, Kendall Slaght

This Week's Anniversaries

4 - Thomas & Lynne Elbertson - '73

5 - David & Theresa Korzak - '79

Altar flowers sponsored by Sam & Amy Folby.

Bulletins sponsored by Sharon H.

Communion elements sponsored by Joseph H.

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

Native American Ministries Sunday (NAMS) is one of the United Methodist Church's Special Sundays. Donations to NAMS support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow the UMC to partner with existing Native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference to 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.

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

You can give by designating towards "Today's Mission Moment" on your giving envelope or online at pendletonchurch.org/give.

Intergenerational Angel Wings Saturday, May 10, 12:00-3:00 PM

At our last meeting of the year, we'll have a presenter from Mason's Mission - a project dedicated to creating an accessible and inclusive playground for all children. Financial donations will be collected to support this wonderful cause.

Our meal will be hot dogs, chips, and Uncle G's sundaes! Suggested donations for food: \$3 per individual, \$6 per family. We invite everyone - no matter your age - to join us!

Becky Heideman

Mom's Morning Out Registration Open

This program is designed to enhance social and emotional growth. Little ones have fun playing with others, growing social skills, and strengthening their large motor skills in our spacious gym. Trained and nurturing adults supervise and care for your child while you get some time to yourself or run errands! Registration is now open. Visit pendletonchurch.org/mmo for more info.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive has a great need for jelly. Peanut butter and jelly is distributed to our local food pantries. Please bring in donations and put them in the blue bin in the Fellowship Hall food collection area. *Sandy Houck*

Youth Group

Sundays, 4/27, 5/4, 6-8:30p, 7-12th grade

Are you a teenager in grades 7-12 looking for a place where you can grow in faith, form lifelong friendships, and have a blast along the way? Look no further - Youth Group is the perfect spot for you! Each night is an opportunity to explore God's Word, engage in meaningful discussions, and share in fun, faith-filled fellowship with other teens.

We'd love for you to join us on this amazing journey. Whether you've been with us before or are stepping in for the first time, know that you're welcome here. Bring your friends, bring your energy, and let's grow together!

Adrienne Demmin

Looking for Gift Ideas for Mother's Day & Graduation Celebrations?

Make gift-giving simple and meaningful by purchasing gift cards through the RaiseRight program at church. They're perfect for moms, grads, and anyone special in your life! Plus, when you buy these gift cards, the church earns 2-15% of each purchase. Choose from a wide variety of national and local retailers, offering cards for everyday essentials like groceries, gas, and clothing, as well as special items, toys, or gifts.

How to Order:

- Fill out one of the orders forms available in the back of the sanctuary.
- Drop it off with payment (cash or check payable to PCUMC) at the church office or in a "Drop Box" at church.

Our next order will be placed on Thursday, May 15. Gift cards are usually available within one week of ordering.

Please contact **Tracy Masse-Wells** at the church office with any questions.

United Women in Faith
Rummage, Bake Sale, & Lunch
Saturday, May 17, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

You never know what treasure you might find, be sure to stop by!

Baked goods and a lite luncheon menu will also be available.

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 on May 10/11, during worship or between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday, May 12 - Friday, May 16. Please do not drop off items before then.

We will not accept drop-offs on Saturday, the day of the sale.

Please remember to bring clean, gently used items only.

Please do not bring... clothing, shoes, bed frames, TVs, broken electronics, vehicle tires, large house rugs, or soiled items. Unfortunately, we cannot help unload some of these items and they do not sell.

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!

If you have any questions on what you can drop off or how to volunteer, contact Connie Clifford.



LIVE IT OUT
DISCOVER HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

Save the date for
Vacation Bible School!
K-6th grade, August 4-8, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable week at Vacation Bible School 2025!

We'll dive into this year's exciting theme: **Live It Out**. This week-long adventure empowers kids to go beyond learning bible stories; they'll discover how to love like Jesus and explore what it means to truly live out their faith every day.

This year, we're focusing on one powerful action: loving like Jesus. Inspired by John 13:34, kids will discover how Jesus taught His disciples to love one another through kindness, forgiveness, prayer, service, and simple acts of love.

Registration opens in June - pendletonchurch.org/vbs

