



Pendleton Center

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Real Love. Real Hope.

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December 28 & 29, 2024 - First Sunday After Christmas

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



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!

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: *Luke 2:22-38*

Sermon: *"The Temple: A Place of Worship"* - 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: Becky, Tom, Susie, Coleen, Vilma S, Manny G, Patricia L & her father, Jackie, Larry, Mrs. O, Jenna, Brian, Guy H

General Prayer Concerns: People coming together, Kathy & Ralph, Family relationships, Mike G, Grandchildren, Safe travels for all, Family unity, Finances

Ongoing Concerns: John B, Sherry L, Gary N, Those with cancer, Our church, Our country, Young drivers, Bless PCUMC, Peace in world

Random Prayer Selection: Adrienne Demmin, Peter & Sue Wasiewicz, Paul & Donna Vergils, Debbie Cavers, Albert & Darlene Brookes, James Thaler & June Gasler, Louise Mangan & Richard Fischer, Dean Beidle, Lori Knobel, Ashley Betz

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This Week's Birthdays

28 - Robyn Wagner

29 - Connor Heinemann, Jillian Naylor, Angela Ryman

30 - Danielle Anderson, Jane Chadwick, Tracy Kneepfel, Karen Machaby, Carolyn Smith

31 - Jim Goehrig, Amber Mattina, Tim Paterson

3 - Derek Kneepfel, Max Kneepfel, Ellie Weller

4 - Karen Kurczynski

This Week's Anniversaries

28 - Tom & Becky Heideman - '04, David & Julie O'Neill - '85

31 - Pamela & Bernie Marin - '86

1 - George & Charlene Peterson - '09

2 - William & Judy Fisher

Altar flowers sponsored by Phil & Yvonne Bova, "In celebration of Mom's 88th birthday - Nancy R."

Bulletins sponsored by Carol Dombrowski, "In memory of Bill & Bonnie Wells."

Communion elements sponsored anonymously, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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.

Coats for the Cold

As we usually do after Christmas, we would like to gather up any gently used cold weather gear for those in our area who might be in need of warm clothing! Coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, ear muffs, and even heavy socks and boots will be collected during the month of January and taken to our sponsored clothing closet in Niagara Falls and distributed to the guests attending the Thursday Night Dinner. Thanks for your help!

DJ Mahar

Feeding Hope

Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 PM

We start the new year with a pasta dinner. We're looking for donations of penne pasta, spaghetti sauce, plastic forks (only), and sandwich bags. We start cooking in the church kitchen at 3:00 PM and leave to go downtown Buffalo at 6:30 to hand out the meals. A helping hand is always needed to at least make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Come join us - either to help cook, go downtown, or both.

Sandy Houck

Intergenerational Angel Wings

Saturday, 1/11, 12-3p, Fellowship Hall

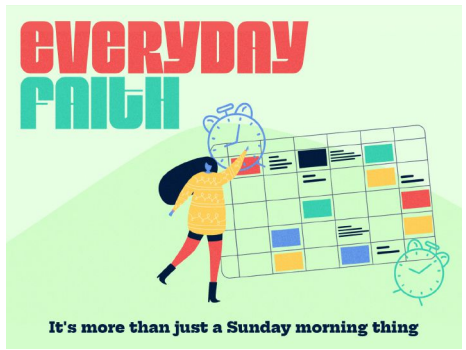
Hope is on the move at Angel Wings! Our mission focus in January is for Journey's End Refugee Program. **We are collecting cleaning supplies and personal care products** to donate to this worthy cause. Join us as we learn more about Journey's End, work on mission projects, and share a meal together. We ask for a suggested donation of \$6 per family or \$3 per person. Becky Heideman and the Angel Wings' team

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Update

What a blessing it has been! Thank you so much to everyone who stayed after service to help pack the cartons. In total, 1,158 shoeboxes made their way to Eastern Hills church. A little more than 600 came from the PCUMC congregation! A total of 16,902 shoeboxes were sent to the processing center from the Western New York area, that's a 10.5% increase! To God be the glory!

Thank you!

Anna Smith



Winter Youth Retreat

January 24-26 at Camp Findley

Our annual Youth Retreat is just around the corner, and our team has been working hard to plan an incredible weekend together.

Every year, our youth look forward to the much-anticipated annual retreat at Camp Findley. **This year, we will be taking a look at what it means to have Everyday Faith - to have more than just Sunday morning faith.**

We'll have a weekend packed with fellowship, games, and snow tubing, while we begin on a journey to explore what it means to live as a Christian every day, far beyond the confines of Sunday morning worship.

Sign up today by visiting

pendletonchurch.org/youthretreat and for more information. The retreat will cost \$185 per person. This cost will cover food, lodging, and snow tubing. Registration and payment are due Sunday, January 19.

We look forward to sharing this memorable experience with all of you!

Adrienne Demmin & your Youth Retreat Leaders

Youth Retreat Sponsors

We understand that some families may find the retreat cost difficult to pay, and we are looking for sponsors to help cover their expenses. Any contribution, whether a full scholarship or a smaller amount, will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. Select "Youth Retreat Scholarship" at pendletonchurch.org/give or mark it on your giving envelope. Thank you for supporting our youth!



Holy Grounds Café - Coming Soon!

Begins Sunday, January 5, 2025, 11:00 AM

Given Christ's Great Commission to His followers to go and make disciples of all nations and our church mission of building a community of Christian believers who love God, love one another, and share God's love with the world, **we're excited to start a new type of worship service at PCUMC designed to attract new people to our church community.** This new service is a reflection of our shared mission and values.

Our Holy Grounds Café embraces principles of The Gathering Service and integrates elements of "dinner church" models currently growing in popularity around the U.S. In a "dinner church" model, worshipers gather around tables, share a meal, and engage in worship and fellowship. Pastries provided by members of the church as part of our coffee hour will be available for them to enjoy as they settle into place.

We plan to launch the café next Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 11:00 AM. The holiday season provides a unique opportunity to reach people who are not regular church attendees. The hope is that this model of worship would provide a clear alternative to most models of worship that folks outside of church understand. **We would greatly appreciate more people to help with setup and provide dishes for the café.** This ministry needs your support through prayers and inviting friends to experience this great, new opportunity to find Christ and community!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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, 1/12, 1/19, 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, 1/8, 3p, Kitchen

Intergenerational Angel Wings

Saturday, 1/11, 12-3p, Fellowship Hall

Niagara Falls Thursday Night Dinner

Thursdays, 5p, First UMC