



DEFYING GRAVITY

Break Free from the Culture of More



Pendleton Center
United Methodist Church



Order of Worship

October 14 & 15, 2023 - *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Passing of the Peace

Opening Music

Introduction to the Offering

Offertory

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Luke 15:11-32*

Sermon: *"Breaking Free" - Pastor Jennifer Stamm*

Communion

Closing Song

Benediction

Prayer Concerns

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

Healing

Wayne, Richard M, Chuck S, Michael O, John M, Cadence, Judy B, Sherri A, Audrey, Craig S, Mike H, Ernie, Larry, Bette, Diana, Tina P, Nancy, Maryellen S, Greta K, April B, Bob M, Alex

General Concerns

Emily, Trey, School, Family, Finances, Safe travels, Aaron P, Sheri B, Michele

Ongoing Concerns

Stephanie, People of Ukraine, People of Israel, Government leaders, Norm, Our country, our church, Nicole, Sarah S, Michele A, My children, Leaders of nation

Random Prayer Selection

Please be in prayer for these randomly selected names and those close to them:
Ron & Sandy Baty, Jared & Julie Falkenrath, Richard & Sally Henderson, Melissa Kuhn, Joe & Jillian Naylor, Aaron & Tammy Preisch, Tucker & Anna Smith, Dustin & Jacquie Weeks

Our Church Family

This Week's Birthdays

- 14 - Naomi Laskey
- 15 - Kathey Radder, Jeff Thompson
- 16 - Erik Gustafson, Avah Szukala
- 17 - Kelly Jesse, Phil Kim-Kubiak, Chris Kneoppel
- 18 - Alexa Harris, Mackenzie Jackman, John Santor
- 19 - Jenna Mattina, Jane Rennick
- 20 - Dan Jones, Dottie Schlemmer
- 21 - David Harris

This Week's Anniversaries

- 15 - Thomas & Diane Bush - '83
Ryan & Sara Holmer - '16
Bill & Sue Tubbs - '65
- 19 - Dennis & Jane Fish - '74
Josh & Sarah Rivera - '12
Aaron Wendt & April Adamo - '13

This Week's Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Bill & Sue Tubbs.

Bulletins are sponsored by Linda Zanke, "in memory of my mother."

Please consider sponsoring our worship elements by signing up in the back of the sanctuary or online at pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsor.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's getting to be that time again when we see those green and red shoeboxes showing up around the church. **Look for our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox display in Mission Central to pickup a shoebox and get started on yours today!** We will be collecting shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and, most of all - love from our congregation and neighboring churches. These boxes will go out to over 110 countries worldwide and be placed in the hands of children in need.

Shoebox Packing Party - Saturday, November 11, 12-3 PM

Come join our Intergenerational Angel Wings as they host our 3rd annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party. Be a part of the fun, meet new friends, enjoy some food, pack shoeboxes, and praise Jesus. All are welcome!

To make this packing party successful, we are looking for donations to fill the shoeboxes and sponsors to cover the shipping cost for each shoebox. Donated items can be placed in the OCC Box in Mission Central.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, 10/21, 9a,
at Bob Evans, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd**

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Group for breakfast, fellowship, devotions, and prayer. All men over the age of 18 are welcome! This is an opportunity for men to meet and share with other Christian men in a small group setting with no other agenda.

CANDY DONATIONS

When shopping for candy this Halloween - please consider picking up an extra bag for our children and youth ministries! You can drop it off in Mission Central.

DAWNING OF A NEW SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR

This past spring, we were fortunate to have had several wonderful coffee hours and times of fellowship. We ask you, the families and ministries of Pendleton Center, to step forward and continue the tradition of coffee and community in between the two Sunday services.

Please consider and discuss with your family or ministry team picking one Sunday (or more) a year to share in the hosting of coffee and treats.

To secure your date or for more details, please get in touch with Beth Arajs at 716-628-4730 or email barajs@verizon.net.

GRIEF SHARE

Thursdays, 7p, Connection Room 2

If you or someone you know is dealing with the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us. For more information, please reach out to Pastor Jennifer (jenniferstamm@pcumc.org) or Sue Hilts (shilts57@yahoo.com).

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

View the full calendar:
pendletonchurch.org/calendar

Youth Group (7-12th gr.)
Sundays, 10/15, 10/29, 6-8:30p

Women's Book Club
Wednesday, 10/18, 6p
Country Cottage (4072 Beach Ridge Rd.)

Weekly Groups

Sunday Morning Bible Study
Sundays, 10a, Connection Room 1

Niagara County Senior Lunch
Mondays, 10a, Fellowship Hall

Niagara Falls Community Dinner
Thursdays, 5p at First UMC, Niagara Falls

Boy Scouts
Thursdays, 7p, Gym

Yes, we are still looking for all kinds of help with our Fall Fish Fry dinners! You may not know we no longer have a paid staff person managing these dinners; all the coordination is now being done by our fabulous volunteers! It takes an enormous amount of volunteer help to make these dinners run smoothly. What a great way to meet new people here at the church! We can do this, Church!



Look for the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary!

Even if you can't work at a dinner, we hope you will come and eat with us! Besides our fried haddock, we also offer shrimp, chicken fingers, or even combo platters!

FALL FESTIVAL AND TRUNK -OR- TREAT

Saturday October 21, 5:00-8:00 PM
Trunk or Treat at 6:30 PM

Join us for a night of games, activities, music, dancing, food, fellowship, and trunk-or-treating. Kids and adults are welcome to wear costumes!

A hot dog dinner and homemade baked goods will be for sale. Proceeds help to fund our annual Fall Festival.



We are looking for volunteers to decorate their cars and pass out candy, help with games, activities and the Hotdog dinner. If you are interested in helping please let Adrienne Demmin know or look for the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary!

**Registration and more information:
pendletonchurch.org/fallfestival**

Photos for Church Directory

If you didn't get your photo taken for our church directory last year, here's another chance. Schedule a 10 minute session to help complete our new directory!

Sign up online at pendletonchurch.org/photo
Don't have internet access? Call the church office to schedule.