

A hooded figure in a brown robe stands in a vast, sandy desert, facing a bright, glowing horizon. The figure holds a long, coiled rope that extends towards the horizon. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and white, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and a path forward through a difficult situation.

**A WAY OUT OF NO WAY**

# Order of Worship

June 10 & 11, 2023 - Second 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:** *Genesis 12:1-9*

**Sermon:** "Blessing" - Pastor Jennifer Stamm

**Communion**

**Closing Song**

**Benediction**

## Prayer Concerns

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

### Prayers for Healing

Christa, Jill, Bernice, Bernie, Stephanie, Theresa, Ben, Nick, Marley, Vicky L, Michelle, Bruce, Tom F, Ron S, Sherry, Larry, Deb, Jane, Harry

### Prayers for General Concerns

Kathy M, Josh, Sophia B's family, Family, Job Finances

### Ongoing Concerns

Our country, Our church, Strength, Sherry J, Michele A, Sarah S, Mike K, Tina M, Sally, Bless young drivers, Mass shootings, Bear Ridge solar project, Bobbie H

### Random Prayer Selection

*Each week, we select several random names to receive prayer. Please be in prayer for the names selected and those close to them. This week's names:*

Sandy Climenhaga, Thomas & Janet Gertz, Matt & Lynn Jones, Joshua & Theresa Lee, Brian & Jennifer Morrisey, Jeff & Janet Rohring, Dave & Sue Stout, Shirley Walk

## Our Church Family

### This Week's Birthdays

- 10 - Elliana Barone, Andrew Machaby, Kyle Stern
- 11 - Wayne Hill, Roy Keller, Matt Smith
- 12 - Bonnie Boudreault, Renae Towne
- 13 - Rick Strusinski, Mason Szukala, Tim Wasiewicz
- 14 - Connie Clifford, Wayne Coty, Sr, Shawn Haseley
- 15 - Barbara Herrmann, Heather Miner, Lori Tracy
- 16 - Jacob Buczkowski, George Eisenhardt, Brendan Hahn, Justyn Thompson
- 17 - Sam Mattina

### This Week's Anniversaries

- 10 - Louis & Mary Bobsein - '78
- 13 - Douglas & Jane Routt - '64
- 14 - Tim & Renee Lorenz - '69  
Jeffrey & Lorinda Morris - '80
- 16 - Ryan & Lindsay Szukala - '17
- 17 - Kaitlyn & Parker Gahagen - '17

### This Week's Worship Sponsors

Communion Elements - Elizabeth Valentine.  
Altar Flowers - Kathy & Wayne Hill, "to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary!"  
Bulletins - Mary & Louie Bobsein, "in honor of our 45th anniversary."

## ISSUES IN THE UMC - FINDING OUR WAY

**Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Saturday, June 17, 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

**Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Thanks to everyone for your response to the information sessions about the issues facing the United Methodist Church. I promised that we would have a second round of conversations to help everyone learn more about the challenges and discern a path forward. Here are the times for those talks:

*If you have questions about these sessions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott.*

## THE TOUGH STUFF

**Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 PM**

What's the one question you've never gotten a chance to ask? We're committed to making this table a safe place to explore and discuss hard things. We're not going to argue. We're not going to judge. We're not trying to persuade people that one answer is right and others are wrong. Our goal is to look at as much scripture as possible related to a topic, talk about our interpretations and experiences, and listen to one another. Hopefully, we'll all come away from the journey knowing more about the Bible and these difficult issues  
*Pastor Scott, ScottJohnson@pcumc.org*

## WORSHIP SPONSORS

Would you like to sponsor our Altar Flowers, Bulletins, or the Communion Elements for a weekend? Is there a date you'd like to acknowledge in the near future? If you are interested in sponsoring, you can do so easily!

- ▶ On the sign-up sheets in the back of the Sanctuary
- ▶ Online at [pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsors](http://pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsors)
- ▶ Contact Heather Miner in the office by phone or [heatherminer@pcumc.org](mailto:heatherminer@pcumc.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

View the full calendar:

[pendletonchurch.org/calendar](http://pendletonchurch.org/calendar)

### Weekly Groups

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Sundays, 10a, Connection Room 2

**Niagara County Senior Lunch**

Mondays, 10a, Fellowship Hall

**Monday Night Adult Small Group**

Mondays, 7p

**Watercolor Class**

Tuesdays, 1p & Saturdays, 10a, Art Room

**Niagara Falls Community Dinner**

Thursdays, 5p at First UMC, Niagara Falls

### Upcoming Mission Moments

**Nicaragua - June 17 & 18**

Ann Marie Zon began working with Father Alfonso in Nicaragua more than 25 years ago. Your generosity supports people of all ages, from infants to the elderly and everyone in between!

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, June 17, 4:00-9:00 PM**

The Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores leaders will hold a babysitting fundraiser for your children, ages 1-6th grade. Bring your kids to church for a fun-filled night of activities and crafts, games, gym time, dancing, outside fun, and a movie!

You can bring your child(ren) anytime between 4:00-9:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00 per child/per hour. Please feed your child(ren) before coming; only snacks and drinks will be provided. *Space is limited!*  
*Pre-registration is required to attend.*

Please contact Adrienne Demmin (text/call 716-727-8537) by Thursday, June 15, for registration and to let me know how many children you would like to register along with their ages, what times you plan on bringing them and picking them up, or with any questions you might have.

# END OF SUMMER Church Retreat

The snow stopped us last year, but we're back with a plan. **Our Church Retreat is earlier this year, on September 1-3.** Yes, it's Labor Day weekend, but we'll be back by Sunday afternoon, so you can still have a Labor Day cookout.

It will be held at Camp Asbury in Silver Lake, NY. Amherst Trinity UMC is co-sponsoring the retreat, but it is open to anyone who would like a weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun, so bring a friend! There are flyers posted around the building and brochures are available by the church doors or online at [pendletonchurch.org/retreat](http://pendletonchurch.org/retreat). The cost is \$200 per person, which includes two nights lodging and four meals. **A \$50 deposit is due by July 1, but it is first come, first served, so reserve early!**

*If you have any questions, please contact Linda Zanke at 716-523-0149 or call the church office. Hope you can join us!*

## FEEDING HOPE

The folks we serve are enjoying the great weather - numbers have picked up. It's good to see. **On Wednesday, June 14**, we are looking to serve tuna casserole. Let's keep shining the light for all to see!

*Sandy Houck, 716-903-5183*

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

**Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 PM**

This month's book is *Forest of Lost Stars* by Kristen Harmel. We will meet at Country Cottage at Beach Ridge & Townline Rd; outside, if weather permits. If you want to join the book club or have any questions, let me know. All women are welcome!

*Yvonne Bova, [ybova@kaleidahealth.org](mailto:ybova@kaleidahealth.org)*



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**AUGUST 7-11 | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM EACH DAY**

For all kids going into kindergarten (in Sept.) up to kids who have completed 6th grade this year

We want to invite you on a great adventure that will allow your kids to grow in their faith as they understand how they can follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere.



[pendletonchurch.org/vbs](http://pendletonchurch.org/vbs) (Registration opens June 18)



# Welcome

join the  
ministry

## Purpose

The purpose of this position is to provide the ministry of hospitality to both members as well as visitors coming to worship at Pendleton Center UMC. When we connect our hospitality with our story of being welcomed and embraced through the grace and love of Christ, it becomes more than just a technique. Hospitality embraces people with God's heart of love, creating a warm and welcoming space where people feel at home and where strangers become friends and family. Welcome hosts are often one of the first people someone new to our church may meet. It's important then to come with a positive attitude and provide a smile and warm welcome to all those who arrive for worship.

## Responsibilities

The Welcome Hosts are responsible for:

1. Wearing a name tag that includes your first and last name and praying with the Welcome Team/Head Host.
2. Being at church ready for the Hosting Ministry 20 minutes before each worship service and typically staying at the Welcome Center until about 5-10 minutes after the worship begins to greet latecomers and make visitors feel welcome.
3. Obtaining contact information for visitors for follow up.

## Benefits

In your role as a Welcome Host, you will have opportunities to meet and connect with members of our congregation as well as those who are visiting Pendleton Center UMC. It will also be great to know that through your gifts, you're helping others get the most out of their worship experience.

*If you would like to volunteer, please contact  
Pastor Jennifer.*



I love music. It's a huge part of my life. Anyone who knows me discovers that my life has a soundtrack. While I love all kinds of music, gospel plays a huge part in my faith walk. My childhood church was blessed with some exceptional musicians. Francis Samuels was the organist. He infused classical hymns with rich, powerful majesty. He would put his soul into songs of lament, helping everyone pour out all of the feelings they'd been holding back. When we would celebrate Jesus with hymns of praise, the building would shake because of the power of the organ, the claps, and our voices. James White was the choir director and lead singer. He had a rich, smooth tenor voice. He had a gift for bringing songs to life off the page.

One of my favorite times in church was when these two would join forces on a song called "God Has Smiled On Me." The original by James Cleveland is powerful, but these two could draw the truth of the song out of every soul in the room. So many people would have tears streaming down their faces because their stories were being told at that moment. There would be times when Rev. Fitch would pause service because the Spirit was moving more powerfully through them than any sermon might.

**A lot of us have stories of how God used a song to reach us. This summer, we're inviting everyone to share some of those stories.** We're going to do a sermon series called "My Story, My Song." This series invites people from the church to share a song that means a lot to them. Maybe it was one you sang to yourself while you were experiencing an illness. Perhaps it was a song you learned as a kid, which taught you something important about God's love. It could be a song that was a loved one's favorite, and now it makes you smile when you hear it because it reminds you of them. The key is that your story and your song might be what someone else needs now in their walk of faith. We'll all learn more about each other and find some awesome new songs for our playlists.

**If you're interested in being a part of the series, email a one-page summary of your story about the song to [ScottJohnson@pcumc.org](mailto:ScottJohnson@pcumc.org).**

In July, we'll start this journey together. In the meantime, let's all do what the psalm asks. We'll "worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Praise Him today and every day!

*Pastor Scott*

**SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH. WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS. KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD. IT IS HE WHO MADE US, AND WE ARE HIS; WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE.**

Psalm 100:1-3

