



LOOKIN' FOR LOVE

IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES

Order of Worship

March 25 & 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Music

Offertory Introduction

Offertory

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130, John 11:17-44

Sermon

"Look for the Liberator" - Pastor Scott Johnson

Celebration of Communion

Closing Song

Benediction

Notes:

Prayer Concerns

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

*You can share your prayer requests or blessings on your Friendship Card in the bulletin
or online at pendletonchurch.org/fc*

Prayers for Healing

Larry, Jane, Cooper, Sherry W, Becky, Val, Cadence, Ron S, Aidan, Audrey's son, Tom, Edward, Pat, Bob M, Jacquie B, Julian B, Julian R, Paula, Guy B, Ron W, Wayne G, Herb K, Rich H, Peter W, Jeanne W

Prayers for General Concerns

Family, Job, Finances, Terri M, Mary Ann, Sally H, Debbie, Loretta, Young people finding their way, Susan R, God's almighty hand be on our nation and its leaders, David R

Ongoing Concerns

Nicole, Paula, Mary, Lori B, Sally, Laura J, Peoples hearts turning to Jesus, Bill, Michele A, Sarah S, Wendy, Kevin, Sandra S, Finances, Our country, our church, Terri M, Joan S, Dee M, Stephanie R, Grace, Ramarian, Our country, Earthquakes, Anger ruling peoples' lives, Sally, Liz, Virginia, Bonnie, Madison M, Sherry J, Yvonne M, Joseph family, Kathy, Christa, Mass shooting violence, Climate change

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:

David & Alice Benham, James & Diane Demmin, Sam & Diana Fritz, Drew & Ellie Gugliuzza, Sylvia Kathke, Ken & Sandy Leaver, Frank Messoro, Jane Rennick

This Week's Birthdays

- 25 - Debbie Jamieson
- 26 - Renee Haniszewski
- 28 - Fawn Jones
- 29 - Thomas Bush, Brian Clapsadle, Erin Fisher, Emily Riexinger
- 30 - Emily Lambe, Mary Rose
- 31 - Michelle Bullock, Caspian Gustafson, Tim Lorenz, Joe Mattina
- 1 - Loren Earle, Stacy Joseph, Joshua Lee, Brett Lemma, Sam Seegar

This Week's Anniversaries

- 26 - Brian & Kathy Dick - '94
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This Week's Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Yvonne & Phil Bova, "Happy 35th birthday, Bridgette!"

Please consider sponsoring our worship elements (communion, altar flowers, and bulletins) by signing up in the back of the sanctuary!

Welcome!

We're glad to have you here with us today!

Whether this is your first time here 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.

Everyone, please fill out a Friendship Card - it helps us know you were here today! You can fill one out digitally on our website or by using the card inside and putting it in an offertory box.

Ways to Give

Give In-person

Place your offering in the plate when it is passed.

Give Online

Visit:
pendletonchurch.org/give

Give by Mail

6864 Campbell Blvd.
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Jr. Church

Children are always welcome in our worship service - we have kids bulletins available in the back. Jr. Church, a program designed for 3 years old - 6th grade, is also offered during the Sunday services. If you would like your child to participate in Jr. Church, bring your children to the Ark before service.

Nursery

Our Nursery is open at our 9:00 AM service with volunteers to watch your 1-2 year-olds while you enjoy the service. At our other services, the Nursery is available as a place for families to watch the service with their children as they play. A Family Room is also available in the back of the sanctuary by the sound booth to use at any time.

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Lenten Fish Fry Dinners are Here!

Yes, we are still looking for all kinds of help with our remaining Fish Fry dinners on March 31, and April 7!

Volunteer today! Watch for signup sheets in worship, or call the church office (716-625-8306) to volunteer. **Youth, do you need to do community service hours for school? Why not help at your church?** Just add your name to the signup sheets!

Thank you for all you do to pitch in wherever help is needed to help our fundraising efforts. It's a wonderful blessing to be able to provide fish fry dinners to our community. It brings new people into our church and lets them see how well we work together to make great dinners while enjoying great fellowship!

Fish Fry Totals:

#1 - 570

#4 - 497 (278 in, 219 takeout)

#2 - 599 (270 in, 329 takeout)

#3 - 385 (171 in, 214 takeout)

#5 - *Will be display during blessings*

FEEDING HOPE

This month we will be serving a choice of ham or chicken dinner (or maybe a little of both), sweet potatoes, baked beans, PB&J sandwiches, and brownies, of course.

We are looking for donations of plastic forks (only), boxed brownie mix, eggs, and bread. Know that your donations are always Feeding Hope!

We are serving on Wednesday, April 19.

If you'd like to help prep at church or serve in downtown Buffalo, contact me.

*Sandy Houck, 716-903-5183,
ssandyh@aol.com*

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Thursday, April 6 at 12:00 PM

All women are invited. Bring a sandwich; our hostesses, Sherry Waild, Diana Rooney, and Beth Araj, will provide the dessert, along with coffee and tea.

We will make out our hostess sheet for the 2023-2024 season. We will also be making plans for our Rummage Sale on April 29. Be thinking, also, where you would like to go for our June luncheon.

Hope to see you there,

Naomi Laskey, 716-622-2360

Calling All Sweet Tooths!

On March 31, Intergenerational Angel Wings will have a "Sweet Charity Bake Sale" during the fish fry to help raise funds to support the mission work of Angel Wings.

There will be cookies, sweet breads, sticky buns, and more. Please stop by and check the sale out!

Thank you,

Intergenerational Angel Wings Team

EASTER SUNDAY INSTRUMENTALISTS

For Easter Sunday, if you play a brass or woodwind instrument and would like to play on the first hymn, Christ the Lord is Risen Today, please contact Nancy Himes, nancyhimes@pcumc.org or Tom Crosby, tomcrosby@pcumc.org. We can provide music. Practice would be on your own. A final group practice would be on Saturday, April 8 at 12:00 PM.

WELCOMING TEAM

Are you gifted with the blessing of hospitality? Do you enjoy meeting others and engaging visitors? If so, our new Welcoming Ministry is for you.

Welcoming has everything to do with how we make people feel. Does our building provide comforts of physical and spiritual nature; how do we acknowledge visitors and guests presence here without being overbearing?

We will be having a training in April and look forward to having you.

*Contact Pastor Jennifer for more info:
JenniferStamm@pcumc.org*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Are the kids stuck home on spring break with nothing to do?

Our Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores leadership program will hold a fundraiser on Tuesday, April 11 & Wednesday, April 12, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM each day.

Children 3 years old - 6th grade are invited to church for a fun day of games, activities, music, crafts, bible stories, gym time, science experiments, movies, and spring fun. Weather permitting, we will be playing outside. Lunch & snacks provided.

Space is limited! Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, April 5.

The cost is \$25.00 per child/per day.

Adrienne Demmin, 716-727-8537

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

More info: pendletonchurch.org/calendar or call the office, 716-625-8306.

Youth Group

Sundays, 3/26, 4/16, 6-8:30p, 7-12th gr.

HCWG & S'mores

Friday, 3/31, 6-8:30p, K-3rd gr. boys & PS

Rummage & Bake Sale

Saturday, 4/29, 10a-2p

WEEKLY GROUPS

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays, 10a, Connection Room 2

Niagara County Senior Lunch

Mondays, 10a, Fellowship Hall

Watercolor Class

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

Pendletones Handbells

Wednesdays, 6p, Connection Room 1

Men of Hymn

Wednesdays, 7p, Music Room

Niagara Falls Community Dinner

Thursdays, 5p at First UMC, Niagara Falls

GriefShare

Thursdays, 7p

Boy Scouts

Thursdays, 7p, Gym

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 the bulletins, flowers, or elements, you can do so easily!

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

Holy Week



Palm Sunday Worship

April 2
9* & 11 AM



Maundy Thurs. Service

April 6
7:30 PM



Good Friday Service

April 7
8* PM



Holy Saturday Service

April 8
5 PM



Easter Sunday Worship

April 9
9* & 11 AM

* Also live streamed on pendletonchurch.org



The Gathering Service

Saturday, April 1 at 7:00 PM

The Gathering Service is a music-centered worship service led by the Gathering Band that includes scripture, a short message, and communion. All are welcome!

Explore "The Tough Stuff"

What's the one question you've never gotten a chance to ask? This study is dedicated to exploring the hard questions and issues of faith - issues like divorce, abortion, LGBTQ identity, racism, and other challenging questions.

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. This table will be a safe place to discuss, learn, and grow.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM.



We've kicked off our church-wide mission project! We are encouraging and challenging our whole congregation and church programs to participate in this wonderful project called Rice Bowls during the season of Lent.

Rice Bowls is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide food for orphaned children in the name of Christ. They partner with loving, grass-roots children's homes around the world to cover 100% of their delicious, locally sourced meals. The homes can then focus on loving, teaching, protecting, and providing for the children in their care. In addition, Rice Bowls helps organizations like ours collect money in a fun and meaningful way.

Rice Bowls and more information are available in Mission Central.



Thursday Night Dinners at First UMC, Niagara Falls

Holy Hams! Now that I got your attention, it's never too early to get Easter on your radar, and remember the Thursday Night Dinner as we prepare for the upcoming Holy celebration. **We like to plan a wonderful Easter dinner for the folks in Niagara Falls, which we'll be serving Thursday, April 6. We will need hams, boxes of scalloped potatoes, frozen peas, lots of eggs and butter, and canned crushed pineapple.** We also appreciate any financial support for all the other items needed. Prayerfully consider helping or even coming out to participate in cooking or serving.

DJ Mahar, djmahar@pcumc.org

Easter Celebration AND EGG HUNT

Save the date - Saturday, April 1

Registration Required - pendletonchurch.org/egghunt

Join us for our Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt - discover the true meaning of Easter, and share with our community. *Many volunteers are needed before, during, and after this incredible event.*

During

Craft helper, storyteller, face painter, game helper, assist with parking, helping with hot dog sale, handing out prizes. **Look for the sign up sheets in the back of the sanctuary!**

After

Takedown and cleanup

For March, here are ways you can help...

- ▶ Donate individually wrapped candy & toys that fit inside a plastic egg
- ▶ Take home a bag of eggs to stuff with candy & toys (we will need to stuff over 4,000 eggs!)
- ▶ Donate prizes for children

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact me.

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