



Pendleton Center

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Real Love. Real Hope.

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May 11, 2025 - Fourth 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 **pcumc.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 15:11-32*

Sermon: *"He Spoke To Them In Parables"* - 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: Coleen, Sarah P, Jacquie B, Lynne R, Judy, Eddie C, John, Jean S, Larry, Mrs. O. Sal, Matthew, Bryan, Ed K

General Concerns: Young drivers, Manny G, Lauren, Family, Finances

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

Random Prayer Selection: Tony Licata, David & Sandy Sattelberg, Lisa & Paul Dannebrock, Jill Hackett, Dorothy Getty, Chris & Debbie King, Leah Clapsadle, Marci Lorenz, Edward & Pat McDonald

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This Week's Birthdays

11 - Ronald Diedrich, Bob Franke, Kaitlyn Gustafson, Dave Wagner

12 - Kristen Anastasi, Paul Poeller, Paul Snyder

14 - Dorothy Glosser, Donna Hahn, Joshua Wildt, Linda Zanke

15 - DJ Mahar

17 - Kathy Hill

This Week's Anniversaries

12 - Loren & Annette Beutel - '84

15 - Wayne & Brenda Forrest - '82, Sue & Norm Wilson - '81

17 - Donald & Barbara Szpaicher - '86

Altar flowers sponsored by Sarah Kinmartin, "In honor of Diane Bush."

Bulletins sponsored by Harvey Joseph.

Communion elements sponsored by Judy Snow, "In memory of Shawn."

Please consider sponsoring our worship elements by signing up in the back of the sanctuary or at

pcumc.org/worship-sponsor. *Leave a message or sponsor anonymously.*

The Wesley Challenge **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7p** **Connection Room 2** **Begins this Thursday, May 15**

Do you desire to be part of a small group focusing on growing your faith? The Wesley Challenge, 21 Days to a More Authentic Faith is a book by Chris Folmsbee. Meetings follow the pattern followed by the Wesley's in the Holy group at Oxford. People attending the meeting will discuss their day and how the day's question pertains to them. Meetings will be in person or by zoom. Send an e-mail to **Scot Jaynes** if you plan to attend by zoom.

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 **pcumc.org/mmo** for more info.

Feeding Hope **Wednesday, May 14**

This month, we're serving chicken and rice casserole. We are looking for the following donations: vegetable oil, butter, chicken broth, long grain white rice, and cream of chicken or mushroom soup. We prepare the meals in our church kitchen starting at 3:00 PM. If you wish to go downtown to hand out the meal, join us at 6:30 at the church.

Sandy Houck

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**

Genesis Preschool Director Opportunity

If you or anyone you know has an interest in directing our Genesis Preschool program, please reach out to a member of the SPRC or **Pastor Scott**. More info: **pcumc.org/jobs**

Thursday Night Dinners **Thursdays, 5p, First UMC,** **8210 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls**

We will kick off the summer season with our traditional hot dog dinner, complete with potato salad and baked beans, on the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend. **If you could help us get the packages of Sahlen's hot dogs we need - that would be awesome!** We have been serving approximately 225 meals per week to some very grateful people who join us for not only a delicious dinner, but for the fellowship and prayers, and we love to be able to serve them this hot dog dinner- one of their favorites! **Please leave your donated dogs in the fridge in the collection area by Wednesday, May 21, so we can serve them up!**

DJ Mahar

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 at **pcumc.org/forms**.
- 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-Wellis** at the church office with any questions.

Discover More at Pendleton Center!

Looking for ways to connect, grow, and engage with our community? Visit **pcumc.org** to explore our full calendar of events and find opportunities to get involved.

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 - pcumc.org/vbs