



# Pendleton Center

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***Real Love. Real Hope.***

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**March 8 & 9, 2025 - First Sunday in Lent**

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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We have questions, and our souls, hearts, and minds seek answers. Having questions doesn't mean that you're miserable or dysfunctional; it's simply a part of life. During Lent, we prepare for the cross and resurrection, seeking to deepen our relationship with Christ. Psalm 46:1 reminds us, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Let us lean into the One who is our ever-present help as we find answers by finding Him.

## WELCOME!

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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](http://pendletonchurch.org).

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Prelude

Welcome

Centering Song

Opening Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Opening Music

Offertory

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 72, John 3:1-17*

Sermon: *"Finding Jesus in the Psalms"* - Pastor Scott Johnson

Communion

Closing Song

Benediction

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Prayer for Healing:** Eddie C, Mary P, Jackie P, Patricia & her father, Fran, Peter, Britt, Christa, Phil, Sherryl, Karen & Roger, Bill F, Larry, Mrs. O, Barb, Matt, Roger, Michelle, Judy, Valarie, Coleen, Jacquie B, Jim H, Sarah P, Wayne, John

**General Prayer Concerns:** For my family to know Christ, Family, Finances, Rachel & family, Safe travels, Health & wellbeing during the changing seasons, World leaders & decisions, Peace

**Ongoing Concerns:** Young travelers, World peace, Ruth, Lois, Ezekiel, Louise, Richard, Fire, flood, & hurricane victims, Michael N, Susie, Reggie & family, Political climate, Our church, our country, People with cancer, dementia, & other conditions

**Random Prayer Selection:** Elizabeth Rodriguez, Phil & Pam Tavenier, Bill & Judy Fisher, Leonard & Carol Binns, James & Cassie Cain, Tayler & Meghan Wienke, Carl Coles & Elizabeth Valentine, Roslyn Ashby, Tim & Sarah Slaght, Elliot Brown

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

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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### This Week's Birthdays

- 7 - Michael Borner, Wayne Forrest, Victoria Jaynes-Fuller, Cassie Mangan, Bonnie Reed, Sue Stout, Dana Thompson
- 10 - Jennifer Grimmer
- 11 - Allison Hahn, Jade King, Kayla Weber
- 12 - Tony Licata, Andrew Machaby, Teri Remillard
- 14 - Julia Lukasik, Timmy Lukasik, Vi Nelson
- 15 - Sandy Teeter

### This Week's Anniversaries

- 14 - Robert & Linda Zanke - '20

*Please consider sponsoring our worship elements by signing up in the back of the sanctuary or at [pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsor](http://pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsor). Leave a message or sponsor anonymously.*

## **Mission Moment: UMC Camp Scholarships**

Money given to this mission moment will help children wanting to attend United Methodist Church camps. You can give by designating towards "Today's Mission Moment" on your giving envelope or by adding "UMC Camp Scholarships" to your gift online at [pendletonchurch.org/give](http://pendletonchurch.org/give).

## **Come Sing In Our Easter Choir!**

This Easter season, we invite you to join our Easter choir and celebrate the glory of the resurrection through song. Whether you're an experienced vocalist or just love to sing, we welcome you to be a part of this choir!

We will prepare one anthem, the SAB (Soprano/Alto/Baritone) version of the praise song, "I Will Rise," by Chris Tomlin. It's a beautiful piece that proclaims the glory of the resurrection and how it enables Christ's people to rise above the storms of life.

We will also help lead two hymns ("Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and "Up From The Grave He Arose").

We will have just five rehearsals on **Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:00 PM beginning Wednesday, March 19, through Wednesday, April 16.**

Please prayerfully consider participating and email [Kelli Putney](mailto:Kelli.Putney@pendletonchurch.org) **by this Friday, March 14.**

## **Feeding Hope Wednesday, 3/12**

This month, we are preparing baked mac and cheese. We start in the church kitchen at 3:00 PM and leave to go downtown at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to help in any way you can.

Also, if you or anyone you know is looking for a meal, let me or the church office know, and we can work out something for that day.

[Sandy Houck](mailto:Sandy.Houck@pendletonchurch.org)

## **Genesis Preschool**

**Registration is now open for our 2025-2026 Genesis Preschool classes.** If you would like info, please call Kelly Grimmer in the office or visit [pendletonchurch.org/preschool](http://pendletonchurch.org/preschool).

## **Men's Breakfast and Devotion 3rd Saturday of the month at Bob Evans, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd March 15, 9:00 AM**

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Group on the 3rd Saturday of each month for breakfast, fellowship, devotions, and prayer. We meet at Bob Evans Restaurant in a separate room provided for small groups. All men 18 and over are welcome! This is an opportunity for men to meet and share with other Christian men in a small group setting.

If you would like to receive an email reminder before each breakfast, please send an email to [Chris Pohto](mailto:Chris.Pohto@pendletonchurch.org).

## **Thursday Night Dinner Update**

This year has had a good amount of cold and snowy weather, which has kept our numbers lower, but for the folks who have shown up for a meal, we were there for them! Difficult driving and walking in the cold winds haven't stopped those in need! As a matter of fact, we have been able to give out some of the winter weather gear that you have brought in to help these people. They are so grateful! And to keep them warm on the insides, a good, hearty, warm meal and prayers for their wellbeing have helped ease the cold!

### **During the month of March, we certainly will need items that we use quite often:**

yellow and chocolate cake mix, cooking spray, butter, sugar, brownie mix, eggs, spaghetti sauce, and sandwich storage bags.

**If you prefer, financial donations are greatly appreciated,** and we stretch those funds far with purchasing in bulk and tax-exempt, so if you're able, please give!

Thank you so very much for all your support for this great ministry and our continued work to spread the love of Christ in the community!

[DJ Mahar](mailto:DJ.Mahar@pendletonchurch.org)

## **All WNY Concert & Hymn Sing Sunday, 3/16, 6p at Eastern Hills Church, 8445 Greiner Road, Williamsville**

This very unique multi-church event, will feature the Buffalo Niagara Praise Orchestra and the fabulous Houghton University choir. Admission is free. Just bring your vocal cords



### **Fridays, 4:00-7:00 PM, until April 18**

**This unique ministry allows us to reach out to our community with love and caring in so many Spirit-filled ways.** We prepare and serve wonderful meals, we offer friendship, and we are a point of connection for those seeking more love and meaning in their lives.

**This ministry is huge!** And the 100 or so people who make it happen get the satisfaction of making God happy and bringing joy to others. What a blessing it is!

***So, if you're not yet involved or want to help more, add your name to the sign-up sheets, call the office (716-625-8306), or let Pastor Scott or Louie Bobsein know.*** Add a note on the sheets or tell us if you're not sure what to do. We can make adjustments and help make it easier for you to join with others and get involved. There are ways to help all week long, and at different times of day. Whatever you can do will help.

God bless you and thank you all for all you do!

Thank you,  
Louie Bobsein

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

View the full calendar at [pendletonchurch.org/events](http://pendletonchurch.org/events)

### **BIBLE STUDIES & DEVOTIONS**

#### **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Sundays, 10:30a, Connection Room 2

#### **New Lights - Faith in Practice**

Sundays, 10:45, Café

#### **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, 3/19, 6p, The Country Cottage

#### **Beginner Pickleball**

Wednesdays, 6:30p, Gym



**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

This event is a great way to come together as a community to kick off Holy Week, celebrate our faith, and have some fun.

**How can you be a part of the fun?** We're looking for volunteers to make this year's event another success. *Whether you'd like to help with the egg hunt, crafts, games, Holy Week stations, or the hotdog lunch - we have a place for you!* It's because of the amazing volunteers in our church that we're able to make this celebration possible.

**If you'd like to support the event in other ways, monetary donations, candy, and prizes are also needed!** Please leave any donated items in the labeled bin in the back of the sanctuary or drop your monetary donation in any giving box. Every contribution helps make this event something truly special for our church families and community.

For any questions or to get involved, please contact Adrienne Demmin in the church office or by [email](#).

Thank you for making this celebration possible. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

#### **Youth Group** (7-12th grade)

Sundays, 3/9, 3/16, 6p, Gym

#### **Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores**

Fridays, 6p (Check calendar for dates)

### **MUSIC**

#### **Pendletones Bell Choir**

Wednesdays, 6p, Connection Room 1

#### **Men of Hymn**

Wednesdays, 7p, Choir Room

### **MISSIONS**

#### **Feeding Hope**

Wednesday, 3/12, 3p, Kitchen

#### **Niagara Falls Thursday Night Dinner**

Thursdays, 5p, First UMC