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April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



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!

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 <u>Friendship Card</u>. 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Welcome Centering Song Opening Prayer Passing of the Peace Opening Music Offertory Doxology & Prayer of Dedication Pastoral Prayer Scripture Reading: Psalm 22:1-8, Matthew 21:1-11, Matthew 27:38-50 Sermon: "Finding Jesus As Our Savior" - 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: Good reports on dr. visits, June, Sherryl D, Larry, Mrs. O, Barb, Roger, Coleen, Jacquie B, Sara P, Jamie D, Bonnie, Rich, Tina, June, Judy, Michelle, Fran, Britt, Peter, Christa, Relationships, Penny L

General Prayer Concerns: Our country & world for peace and good will towards each other, People dealing with severe tornado watches, Louise & Richard, Family, Finances, Jessie, Grandchildren, Daughter & husband, Kevin, Yvonne M, Health & wellbeing during the changing season, Those struggling with mental health, Friends & family far away, Patrick

Ongoing Concerns: Barb J, Sherry Z, Political scene, Our nation's leadership, Tom, Friends' hearts healing, Eddie C, Rodney P, Patricia & her father, John B, Sherry L, Gary N, World peace, Our church, our country

Random Prayer Selection: Rodney Neubauer, John & Debbie Rettig, Garret & Kim Meal, Theodore & Arielle Klettke, Sue Hilts, Sam & Diana Fritz, Jeff & Kristen Burr, Julie & Dwight Parks-Larmond, Michele Aleong, Dorothy Schlemmer *Please be in prayer for these randomly selected names and those close to them.*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This Week's Birthdays

- 12 Jacob Kim-Kubiak
- 13 Ryan Varney
- 14 Joe Bull, Spencer Dick, Heather Geary
- 15 Emma Brittain, Jason Phillips
- 16 Karen Jaynes
- 19 Michelle Hocking

This Week's Anniversaries

- 14 Dan & Fawn Jones '84 John & Dale McLean - '78
- 16 Samuel & Amy Folby '88
- 18 Mark & Teri Hersee '98

Altar flowers, bulletins, & communion elements sponsored anonymously, "Praising God for His refuge and strength"

Please consider sponsoring our worship elements by signing up in the back of the sanctuary or at <u>pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsor</u>. Leave a message or sponsor anonymously.

Women's Book Club Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 PM, at the Country Cottage at Beach Ridge & Townline Rd

A night for women to come together and discuss a variety of different types of books, have a meal or dessert, and enjoy conversation. This month's book is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hill*, by Robt Diegoni. Send an email to let us know you are interested, have questions, or just show up the night of our meeting! <u>Yvonne Bova</u>

Country Line Dancing

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-8:30p (this Tuesday) Open to all! Join us for a fun time line dancing, meet new friends, and enjoy great music! Beginner-friendly classes. \$5 per person, per class. Tom Chiappone

Thursday Night Dinner Celebrating Easter *Thursdays, 5:00 PM, First UMC, 8210 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls*

As you know, we like to celebrate all the holidays with our friends who join us for the Thursday Night Dinner in Niagara Falls, and Easter is one that everyone looks forward to! We love to celebrate the risen Lord with a special ham dinner, and this is where you can help. We are looking for donations of hams, boxed scalloped potatoes, frozen peas, eggs, canned crushed pineapple, and butter to help us prepare for our guests! If you are able to gather one or multiple items from our list, please bring them to church before Tuesday, April 15, so we can start the cooking!

If you prefer, **we can also use financial assistance.** Give with your regular offering or at pendletonchurch.org/give.

Please consider helping us make this special dinner for a community in need and show how God's love can be expressed with generosity, kindness, and hospitality.

<u>DJ Mahar</u>

Tough Stuff Bible Study 4th Tuesdays, 7:30p, Fellowship Hall

Tough Stuff isn't meeting in April due to scheduling conflicts for Pastor Scott and Linda.



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.

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 <u>Pastor</u> <u>Scott</u> or <u>Louie Bobsein</u> know. 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*

Rummage, Bake Sale, & Lunch Saturday, May 17, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM You never know what treasure you might find, be sure to save the date! 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.

If you have any questions on what you can drop off or how to volunteer, contact <u>Connie</u> <u>Clifford</u>.



Palm Sunday Worship

Saturday, April 12, 5:00 PM, & Sunday, April 13, 9:00 & 11:00 AM Live stream & Jr. Church, Sunday at 9:00 AM

Palm (or Passion) Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Palm branches are waved exalting Jesus, as we remember His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17, 7:00 PM - In person only

We will gather around tables in the sanctuary to share in the story of the disciples gathered in the upper room where Jesus served them, cared for and about them, and prepared to leave them. We will share in Holy Communion, serving one another at the same table, the holy table of gathered people seeking Jesus.

Good Friday Service

April 18, 7:30 PM - Live stream available

Remember the ultimate act of love. Remember how far Christ is willing to go for us. This night we let His story speak for itself and directly to us as we see the light of the world go out before our eyes.

"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." -2 Corinthians 5:21.

Holy Saturday Service

April 19, 5:00 PM - In person only

At our Easter Vigil service, we remember our baptism and anticipate the resurrection of our Lord.

Easter Sunday

April 20, 9:00 AM - Live stream & Jr. Church available

Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed. Let the flowers bloom, and the colors show - life in Christ is victorious over death, now and forever.