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April 27, 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



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 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: *Matthew 13:24-33*

Sermon: *"The Kingdom of God Has Come Near"* - 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: Colette, Sarah P, Jacquie B, John, Wayne

Ongoing Concerns: John B, Sherry L, Gary N, Ruth O, Grandson's back, Barb J, Sherry Z, Political scene, Our nation's leadership, Tom, Our church, our country

Random Prayer Selection: Pratheep & Ajanthene Sakas, Joseph Pachla, Allison Hahn, Dick & Terry Shenton, Jerry Terhaar, Ed Koziol, Paul Carver, Judy Habschied, Jim Hohensee, Shawn & Heather Geary

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This Week's Birthdays

26 - April Adamo, Brenda Forrest, Marilyn Varney

27 - Becky Heideman

28 - Aaron Preisch

29 - Ollie Burbidge, Shanelle DiGesare, Norman Haniszewski, Dorothy Thuman, Holly Varney

30 - Teaghan Fowler, Alannah Smith, Eliora Smith

1 - Kyle Lemma

2 - Douglas Routt

3 - Diana Fritz, Donald Szpaicher

This Week's Anniversaries

1 - Dave & Connie Pasisz

We are grateful to all who contributed Easter flowers to help decorate our sanctuary.

In addition to those acknowledged last week, we would also like to recognize the following individuals whose names were unintentionally omitted

Flowers Given By In Honor Of In Memory Of

Phil & Yvonne Bova Nancy & Tom Riexinger Bernice & Rudy Bova; Thomas Riexinger (brother)
Dan & Kelli Putney

Altar flowers & bulletins sponsored by Carol Dombrowski, "In memory of Chet Dombrowski."

Communion elements sponsored "In honor of all fish fry volunteers."

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

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Have you considered getting baptized (if you haven't been before) or making Pendleton Center UMC your church home as a member? Contact Pastor Scott if you are interested in either of these steps or for more information if you have questions about either of them.

Fish Fry Thanks

Thank you to all who have helped with the Lenten Fish Fry dinners. Our fish fry dinners are our major fundraiser each year, but most of all, it's a huge ministry reaching not only our church family but also those from the community, far and wide. It's an opportunity to show the love of God in our church and being spread out into the community. Thank you! *Your Fish Fry Team*

Youth Group

Sundays, 4/27, 5/4, 6-8:30p, 7-12th grade

Are you a teenager in grades 7-12 looking for a place where you can grow in faith, form lifelong friendships, and have a blast along the way? Look no further - Youth Group is the perfect spot for you! Each night is an opportunity to explore God's Word, engage in meaningful discussions, and share in fun, faith-filled fellowship with other teens.

We'd love for you to join us on this amazing journey. Whether you've been with us before or are stepping in for the first time, know that you're welcome here. Bring your friends, bring your energy, and let's grow together!

Adrienne Demmin

Intergenerational Angel Wings

Saturday, May 10, 12:00-3:00 PM

At our last meeting of the year, we'll have a presenter from Mason's Mission - a project dedicated to creating an accessible and inclusive playground for all children. Financial donations will be collected to support this wonderful cause.

Our meal will be hot dogs, chips, and Uncle G's sundaes! Suggested donations for food: \$3 per individual, \$6 per family. We invite everyone - no matter your age - to join us!

Becky Heideman

United Women in Faith

Thursday, May 1, 12:30 PM

If you attended any of the Fish Frys, you might have noticed the beautiful new flower arrangements on the tables created by our group. They turned out great!

Our next meeting will be hosted by Sue L, Debbie R, Karen K. We look forward to seeing everyone!

We are always welcoming new women to join our group. Feel free to bring a light lunch item, and we'll provide dessert and drinks.

May God lead you to join this group of faithful women.

Connie Clifford

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 in the back of the sanctuary.
- Drop it off with payment (cash or check payable to PCUMC) at the church office or in a "Drop Box" at church.

Our May orders will be placed on Thursdays, May 1 & 15. Gift cards are usually available within one week of ordering.

Please contact Tracy Masse-Wells at the church office with any questions.

Discover More at Pendleton Center!

Looking for ways to connect, grow, and engage with our community? From worship services and Bible studies to service projects and fellowship opportunities, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Visit pendletonchurch.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.



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 - pendletonchurch.org/vbs

