



Pendleton Center

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Real Love. Real Hope.

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January 11 & 12, 2025 - Baptism of the Lord Sunday

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



Everyone has things they love to share. Everyone has things they like to keep private. Where would you put your faith? Many followers of Jesus can be surprisingly quiet about what they believe. Today, we learn a lesson from Jesus about living your faith out loud. It can be uncomfortable, but it's essential. Today, we'll talk about letting our love speak louder than our fears.

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
Reaffirmation of Baptism and Membership
Offertory
Doxology & Prayer of Dedication
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading: *Luke 3:15-22*
Sermon: *"Use Your Words"* - 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: Larry, Mrs. O, Brian, Barb, Michelle, Family, Coleen, Pam, Lois, Christa, Aidan, Patrica L & father

General Prayer Concerns: Family, Finances, Olivia, Mary, Understanding between people, Health & wellbeing, Michele

Ongoing Concerns: Safety for family, New Orleans, Family, Our church, Our country, John B, Sherry L, Gary N, Those with cancer

Random Prayer Selection: Shane & Laura Reid, Tom & Jennifer Grimmer, Jackie Albert, Justin & Valerie Rybinski, Sarah Lewis, Karen McClary, June Oppee, Bud & Sarah Mayer, Patrick & Mary Connor, Bill & Cindy Duthe

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This Week's Birthdays

- 12 - Theresa Ash, Debbie King, Mary Kofahl, Alan Pogel, Peter Wasiewicz
- 13 - Jessica Anderson
- 14 - Crystal Langdon
- 15 - Alissa (Hunt) Adams
- 16 - Sean Bannach, Dick Shenton, Lucy Weller
- 18 - Sue Hauck-Wasiewicz, Matt Jones, Emily Thompson

This Week's Anniversaries

- 16 - Sean & Dara Bannach - '10
- 18 - John & Theresa Zimmerman - '01

Altar flowers are sponsored anonymously.

Bulletins & communion elements are sponsored by Paul & Lisa Dannesbrock.

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

Mission Moment: Community Missions of Niagara Frontier

Since its founding in 1925, Community Missions has provided a unique blend of services to address the needs of the Niagara community. In general, they serve a vulnerable population of individuals who have been underserved, marginalized, overlooked, and challenged in their presentations and behaviors through various circumstances.

The initial population served were homeless individuals and families, which are still served today. The agency currently provides 21 programs within its four divisions: Crisis & Community Services, Mental Health Housing Services, Mental Health Recovery Services, and Youth Services.

Learn more at communitymissions.org.

You can give by designating towards “Today’s Mission Moment” on your giving envelope or by adding “Community Missions” to your gift online at pendletonchurch.org/give.

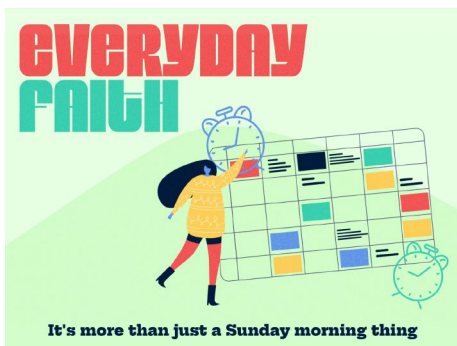
Coats for the Cold

As we usually do after Christmas, we would like to gather up any gently used cold weather gear for those in our area who might be in need of warm clothing! Coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, ear muffs, and even heavy socks and boots will be collected during the month of January and taken to our sponsored clothing closet in Niagara Falls and distributed to the guests attending the Thursday Night Dinner. Thanks for your help!

DJ Mahar

Meal Ministry Thanks You

The busy but beautiful holiday season has come and gone, and we appreciate the support for making our meal ministries a resounding success! We helped care for the neighborhood around Seneca Street in Buffalo, supplied the Martha Mitchell Community Center, also in Buffalo, with a generous amount of turkey, and provided for our Thursday Night Dinner in Niagara Falls with weekly meals and Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Thank You! *DJ Mahar*



Winter Youth Retreat

January 24-26 at Camp Findley

Our annual Youth Retreat is just around the corner, and our team has been working hard to plan an incredible weekend together.

Every year, our youth look forward to the much-anticipated annual retreat at Camp Findley. **This year, we will be taking a look at what it means to have *Everyday Faith* - to have more than just Sunday morning faith.**

We'll have a weekend packed with fellowship, games, and snow tubing, while we begin on a journey to explore what it means to live as a Christian every day, far beyond the confines of Sunday morning worship.

Sign up today by visiting pendletonchurch.org/youthretreat and for more information. The retreat will cost \$185 per person. This cost will cover food, lodging, and snow tubing. Registration and payment are due Sunday, January 19.

We look forward to sharing this memorable experience with all of you!

Adrienne Demmin & your Youth Retreat Leaders

Youth Retreat Sponsors

We understand that some families may find the retreat cost difficult to pay, and we are looking for sponsors to help cover their expenses. Any contribution, whether a full scholarship or a smaller amount, will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. Select “Youth Retreat Scholarship” at pendletonchurch.org/give or mark it on your giving envelope. Thank you for supporting our youth!



Holy Grounds Café

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Given Christ's Great Commission to His followers to go and make disciples of all nations and our church mission of building a community of Christian believers who love God, love one another, and share God's love with the world, **we're excited to start a new type of worship service at PCUMC designed to attract new people to our church community.** This new service is a reflection of our shared mission and values.

Our Holy Grounds Café embraces principles of The Gathering Service and integrates elements of "dinner church" models currently growing in popularity around the U.S. In a "dinner church" model, worshipers gather around tables, share a meal, and engage in worship and fellowship. Pastries provided by members of the church as part of our coffee hour will be available for them to enjoy as they settle into place.

The holiday season provides a unique opportunity to reach people who are not regular church attendees. The hope is that this model of worship would provide a clear alternative to most models of worship that folks outside of church understand. **We would greatly appreciate more people to help with setup and provide dishes for the café.** This ministry needs your support through prayers and inviting friends to experience this great, new opportunity to find Christ and community!

For more details on how you can help with this new ministry, please contact Pastor Scott in the church office or by [email](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

More information about these events can be found at pendletonchurch.org.

BIBLE STUDIES & DEVOTIONS

The Tough Stuff

Tuesday, 1/28, 7p, Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School

Sundays, 10:30a, Connection Room 3

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays, 10:30a, Connection Room 2

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)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Group (7-12th grade)

Sundays, 1/12, 1/19, 6p, Gym

Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores

Fridays, 6p (Check calendar for dates)

Youth Retreat (7-12th grade)

January 24-26, Camp Findley

ADULTS

Women's Book Club

Wednesday, 1/15, 6p, The Country Cottage

Niagara County Senior Lunch

Mondays, 10a, Fellowship Hall

Watercolor Classes

Tuesdays at 1p, Saturdays at 9a, Art Room

Country Line Dancing

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7p, Gym

Beginner Pickleball

Wednesdays, 6:30p, Gym

MUSIC

Pendletones Bell Choir

Wednesdays, 6p, Connection Room 1

Men of Hymn

Wednesdays, 7p, Choir Room

MISSIONS

Intergenerational Angel Wings

Saturday, 2/8, 12-3p, Fellowship Hall

Niagara Falls Thursday Night Dinner

Thursdays, 5p, First UMC