



# Pendleton Center

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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**March 16, 2025 - Second 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: *Psalm 16, Matthew 14:22-33*

Sermon: *"Finding Jesus With Us In Our Hard Places"* - 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:** Warren, Bev, Larry, Mrs. O, Roger, Barb, Marty, Coleen, Jacquie B, Sarah P, Sherry Z, Tom, Michelle

**General Prayer Concerns:** Family, All COs on strike, Health & wellbeing

**Ongoing Concerns:** Family relationships, John B, Sherry L, Gary N, Young travelers, World peace, Ruth, Lois, Ezekiel, Louise, Richard, Fire, flood, & hurricane victims, Political climate, Our church, our country

**Random Prayer Selection:** Cathy Gunnarson, Matt & Lynn Jones, Sonja Nelaimischkies, Shawn Lutz, Sue Phillips, James & Melissa Demmin, Dawn & Angelo Pietrobono, Donald & Krista Hangartner, Elle Watkins, Carolyn Smith, Jeff & Nancy Wolf

*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

15 - Sandy Teeter

16 - Janet Semsel

17 - Susie King

18 - Ben Walck

19 - April Boudreault, Ethan DeVantier

20 - Dave Bazinet, Jane Diedrich, Delilah Wolcott

21 - Emma Eisenhardt, Lilly Eisenhardt, Diane Lenhard, Jackie Parks, Lori Rivers, Nicole Valentine

**Altar flowers, bulletins, & communion elements sponsored anonymously, "Trusting in God through all of life's challenges each and every day."**

*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.*

## 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

## Women's Book Club

***This Wed., 3/19, 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 *Under the Tulip Tree*, by Michelle Shocklee. Send an email to let us know you are interested, have questions, or just show up the night of our meeting! *Yvonne Bova*

## All WNY Concert & Hymn Sing

***This 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!

## 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).

## Holy Grounds Café

**Sundays at 11:00 AM**

Our innovative worship model offers a refreshing alternative to traditional services, making it an inviting space for all. Your support is vital to the continued success of this ministry. Whether it's helping with setup, providing dishes for the café, or simply spreading the word, your involvement makes a difference.

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



**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*

# Easter Celebration AND EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Come join us for our Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt!

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

Remember last year? The snow and cold couldn't stop us! Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our incredible volunteers, we cleared the grass and carried on with the egg hunt. After all, placing eggs on the snow wouldn't have worked - they'd just fall through! That really would've turned it into a hunt!



**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.

Thank you for making this celebration possible.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

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

Sundays, 3/16, 3/30, 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

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

Thursdays, 5p, First UMC