



LOOKIN' FOR LOVE

IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES

Order of Worship

March 18 & 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Music

Offertory Introduction

Offertory

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23, John 9:1-17; 35-38

Sermon

"Look for the Shepherd" - Pastor Scott Johnson

Celebration of Communion

Closing Song

Benediction

Mission Moment: Make-A-Wish Foundation

Make-A-Wish creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. When a wish comes true, it creates strength, hope and transformation in a child - and a community.

Strength

Research shows a wish can give kids the strength to fight against and even overcome a critical illness.

Transformation

A wish forever transforms the lives of children, their families and entire communities.

Hope

A wish renews hope, uplifts spirits and encourages the belief in the impossible.

Community

A wish unites neighbors, friends and entire communities in life-changing experiences.

You can give using the special envelope in this bulletin or by adding "Make-A-Wish" to your gift online at pendletonchurch.org/give.



Prayer Concerns

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

*You can share your prayer requests or blessings on your Friendship Card in the bulletin
or online at pendletonchurch.org/fc*

Prayers for Healing

Sue W, Judith N, Fran, Britt, Dottie, Audrey, Grace, Sherri A, Vicky L, Joy B, Hailey B, Sue,
Babies yet to be born, Larry, Cooper, Jane, Tim L, Renee L, Sherry J, Martin B, Lori B, Bruce,
Jackie, Bob M, Jacquie B, Julian B, Julian R, Paula, Rone E

Prayers for General Concerns

Mental health, Family relationships, Susie, Family, Job, Fiona, Sally, Safe travels for young
drivers, Susan R

Ongoing Concerns

Peoples hearts turning to Jesus, Bill, Michele A, Sarah S, Wendy, Kevin, Sandra S, Finances,
Our country, our church, Terri M, Joan S, Dee M, Stephanie R, Grace, Ramarian, Our
country, Earthquakes, Anger ruling peoples' lives, Sally, Liz, Virginia, Bonnie, Madison M,
Sherry J, Sally, Yvonne M, Joseph family, Kathy, Christa, Mass shooting violence, Climate
change

Random Prayer Selection

*Each week, we select several random names to receive prayer. Please be in prayer for
the names selected and those close to them. This week's names:*

Paul & Eileen Calkins, Wayne & Brenda Forrest, Sue Hilts, Michael & Diane Lenhard,
June Oppee, Maryellen Schutz, Metropolitan UMC, Kevin & Bridgette Weller

This Week's Birthdays

- 18 - Ben Walck
 - 19 - April Boudreault, Ethan DeVantier
 - 20 - Dave Bazinet, Jane Diedrich, David Haniszewski, Delilah Wolcott
 - 21 - Emma Eisenhardt, Lilly Eisenhardt, Diane Lenhard, Marlene Morrison, Jackie Parks,
Lori Rivers, Nicole Valentine
 - 23 - Victoria (Hocking) Fitch, Penny Leidenfrost
 - 24 - Bridgette Weller
 - 25 - Debbie Jamieson
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This Week's Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers, Communion Elements, & Bulletins are sponsored by Kevin & Jackie Parks,
"God is good!"

Communion Elements are sponsored by Joanna Bull

*Please consider sponsoring our worship elements (communion, altar flowers, and
bulletins) by signing up in the back of the sanctuary!*

Welcome!

We're glad to have you here with us today!

Whether this is your first time here 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.

Everyone, please fill out a Friendship Card - it helps us know you were here today! You can fill one out digitally on our website or by using the card inside and putting it in an offertory box.

Ways to Give

Give In-person

Place your offering in the plate when it is passed.

Give Online

Visit:
pendletonchurch.org/give

Give by Mail

6864 Campbell Blvd.
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Jr. Church

Children are always welcome in our worship service - we have kids bulletins available in the back. Jr. Church, a program designed for 3 years old - 6th grade, is also offered during the Sunday services. If you would like your child to participate in Jr. Church, bring your children to the Ark before service.

Nursery

Our Nursery is open at our 9:00 AM service with volunteers to watch your 1-2 year-olds while you enjoy the service. At our other services, the Nursery is available as a place for families to watch the service with their children as they play. A Family Room is also available in the back of the sanctuary by the sound booth to use at any time.

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Lenten Fish Fry Dinners are Here!

Yes, we are still looking for all kinds of help with our remaining Fish Fry dinners on March 24, March 31, and April 7!

You may not know we no longer have a paid staff person managing these dinners; all the coordination is now being done by our fabulous volunteers! It takes an enormous amount of volunteer help to make these dinners run smoothly. What a great way to meet new people here at the church! We can do this, Church!!!

Maybe you can work in one of these areas, whatever weeks you're available:

Making Salads	Making Beverages	Dining hall setup
Cooking fish	Baking pies	Waiting on tables
Answering phones	Filling orders	Cutting pies
Serving pies	Washing dishes	Dining hall cleanup
Kitchen cleanup	Dish room cleanup	

Volunteer today! Watch for signup sheets in worship, or call the church office (716-625-8306) to volunteer. **Youth, do you need to do community service hours for school? Why not help at your church?** Just add your name to the signup sheets!

Even if you can't work at a dinner, we hope you will come and eat with us! Besides our fried haddock, we also offer shrimp, chicken fingers, or even combo platters for those who like all three! We also have an option for those who don't eat fried food: Baked Haddock, offered with either regular or Cajun seasoning.

Thank you for all you do to pitch in wherever help is needed to help our fundraising efforts. It's a wonderful blessing to be able to provide fish fry dinners to our community. It brings new people into our church and lets them see how well we work together to make great dinners while enjoying great fellowship!



Fish Fry Totals:

- #1 - 570
- #2 - 599 (270 in, 329 takeout)
- #3 - 385 (171 in, 214 takeout)
- #4 - Will be display during blessings

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Are you being called to do prison ministry? Kairos Prison Ministry gives you the opportunity to volunteer with others spreading the love of Jesus. This is an ecumenical program. Contact Sandy or Jim if you are interested or for more details.

Sandy Houck, 716-903-5183

Jim Hohensee, 716-628-4644

EASTER SUNDAY INSTRUMENTALISTS

For Easter Sunday, if you play a brass or woodwind instrument and would like to play on the first hymn, Christ the Lord is Risen Today, please contact Nancy Himes, nancyhimes@pcumc.org or Tom Crosby, tomcrosby@pcumc.org. We can provide music. Practice would be on your own. A final group practice would be on Saturday, April 8 at 12:00 PM.

WELCOMING TEAM

Are you gifted with the blessing of hospitality? Do you enjoy meeting others and engaging visitors? If so, our new Welcoming Ministry is for you. Welcoming has everything to do with how we make people feel. Does our building provide comforts of physical and spiritual nature; how do we acknowledge visitors and guests presence here without being overbearing?

We will be having a training in April and look forward to having you.

Contact Pastor Jennifer for more info:
JenniferStamm@pcumc.org

When shopping for candy for Easter, please consider

picking up an extra bag of individually wrapped candy for our children and youth ministries. You can label it and drop it off in the food collection area in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

More info: pendletonchurch.org/events or call the office, 716-625-8306.

Newsletter Folding

Tuesday, 3/21, 10a

HCWG & S'mores

Friday, 3/24, 6-8:30p, K-3rd gr. Girls

Youth Group

Sunday, 3/26, 6-8:30p, 7-12th gr.

WEEKLY GROUPS

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays, 10a, Connection Room 2

Niagara County Senior Lunch

Mondays, 10a, Fellowship Hall

Watercolor Class

Tuesdays, 1p & Saturdays, 10a, Art Room

Pendletones Handbells

Wednesdays, 6p, Connection Room 1

Men of Hymn

Wednesdays, 7p, Music Room

Niagara Falls Community Dinner

Thursdays, 5p at First UMC, Niagara Falls

GriefShare

Thursdays, 7p

Boy Scouts

Thursdays, 7p, Gym

GENESIS PRESCHOOL

It's time to sign up for our fall 2023 Genesis Preschool classes! Registration is currently open.

Classes available are:

- 3-year-olds, two days a week, morning or afternoon
- 4-year-olds, three days a week, morning or afternoon
- 4-year-olds, five days a week, morning

Space is limited, and classes fill up quickly. For more information, please contact Heather Miner (HeatherMiner@pcumc.org or 716-625-8306) or visit pendletonchurch.org.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday Worship

April 2
9* & 11 AM



Maundy Thurs. Service

April 6
7:30 PM



Good Friday Service

April 7
8* PM



Holy Saturday Service

April 8
5 PM



Easter Sunday Worship

April 9
9* & 11 AM

* Also live streamed on pendletonchurch.org



The Gathering Service

Saturday, April 1 at 7:00 PM

The Gathering Service is a music-centered worship service led by the Gathering Band that includes scripture, a short message, and communion. All are welcome!

Explore "The Tough Stuff"

What's the one question you've never gotten a chance to ask? This study is dedicated to exploring the hard questions and issues of faith - issues like divorce, abortion, LGBTQ identity, racism, and other challenging questions.

We're committed to making this table a safe place to explore and discuss hard things. We're not going to argue. We're not going to judge. We're not trying to persuade people that one answer is right and others are wrong. This table will be a safe place to discuss, learn, and grow.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM.



We've kicked off our church-wide mission project! We are encouraging and challenging our whole congregation and church programs to participate in this wonderful project called Rice Bowls during the season of Lent.

Rice Bowls is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide food for orphaned children in the name of Christ. They partner with loving, grass-roots children's homes around the world to cover 100% of their delicious, locally sourced meals. The homes can then focus on loving, teaching, protecting, and providing for the children in their care. In addition, Rice Bowls helps organizations like ours collect money in a fun and meaningful way.

Rice Bowls and more information are available in Mission Central.



Thursday Night Dinners at First UMC, Niagara Falls

Holy Hams! Now that I got your attention, it's never too early to get Easter on your radar, and remember the Thursday Night Dinner as we prepare for the upcoming Holy celebration. **We like to plan a wonderful Easter dinner for the folks in Niagara Falls, which we'll be serving Thursday, April 6. We will need hams, boxes of scalloped potatoes, frozen peas, lots of eggs and butter, and canned crushed pineapple.** We also appreciate any financial support for all the other items needed. Prayerfully consider helping or even coming out to participate in cooking or serving.

DJ Mahar, djmahar@pcumc.org

Easter Celebration AND EGG HUNT

Save the date - Saturday, April 1

Registration Required - pendletonchurch.org/egghunt

Join us for our Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt - discover the true meaning of Easter, and share with our community. *Many volunteers are needed before, during, and after this incredible event.*

Before

Stuffing eggs and donating items needed: candy, prizes, cookies, hot dogs, rolls, chips. **Look for the sign up sheets in the back of the sanctuary!**

During

Craft helper, storyteller, face painter, game helper, assist with parking, helping with hot dog sale, handing out prizes

After

Takedown and cleanup

For March, here are ways you can help...

- ▶ Donate individually wrapped candy & toys that fit inside a plastic egg
- ▶ Take home a bag of eggs to stuff with candy & toys (we will need to stuff over 4,000 eggs!)
- ▶ Donate prizes for children

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact me.

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