



# LOOKIN' FOR LOVE

IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES

# Order of Worship

April 1 & 2

*Palm Sunday*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Music**

**Offertory Introduction**

**Offertory**

**Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

*Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29*

*Matthew 21:1-11 (MSG)*

**Sermon**

*"Look for the Unexpected" - Pastor Jennifer Stamm*

**Celebration of Communion**

**Closing Song**

**Benediction**

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## Mission Moment: Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos Prison Ministry is a non-denominational international ministry reaching many who are incarcerated. Here locally, the program is at Albion (women) and Wende (men) Correctional Facilities. The program brings the love of Jesus to many who are feeling unloved.



Twice a year, we are able to spend two four-day weekends with a group of ladies and men, and then follow up with visits a couple of times a month. They learn to love themselves and others, forgive themselves and others, and be reminded that they are loved and forgiven by God. These are times of many laughs and tears, conversations and prayers, candy and snacks, to just "be." -Sandy Houck

You can give using the special envelope in this bulletin or by adding "Kairos Prison Ministry" to your gift online at [pendletonchurch.org/give](http://pendletonchurch.org/give).

*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 or Jim Hohensee, 716-628-4644*

# 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](http://pendletonchurch.org/fc)*

## Prayers for Healing

Angela M, Tim, Larry, Cooper, Jane, Sherry, Loren E, Tom, Robert, Vicky L, Sherri A, Paula, Marie, Bob M, Jacquie B, Julian B, Julian R

## Prayers for General Concerns

Family, Job, Finances, Michele A, Dorothy S, Sally, Evie, Lori, Guide leaders of country and our conference in decisions, Susan R

## Ongoing Concerns

Patty, Susie, Chrissa M, Christopher S, Nicole, Paula, Mary, Lori B, Sally, Laura J, 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, 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:*

Roy & Linda Barczykowski, Michael & Connie Clifford, Adam & Kaitlyn Giberson, Wayne & Kathleen Hill, David & Theresa Korzak, Andrew & Karen Machaby, Judith Nichol, Thomas & Nancy Riexinger

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## This Week's Birthdays

- 1 - Loren Earle, Stacy Joseph, Joshua Lee, Brett Lemma, Sam Seegar
- 2 - Scott Johnson, Frank Remillard
- 4 - Mark Ash, LouAnn Banas, Cheryl Borner, Kaylee Grimmer, Pat Hahn, Joe Naylor, Bella Pfohl
- 5 - Sherrie Peterson, JoAnn Pfohl
- 6 - Paul Brown, Heather Johnson
- 7 - George Peterson
- 8 - Sally Henderson, Laura Piazza

## This Week's Anniversaries

- 3 - John & Eileen Chatley - '93, Edward & Dorothy Getty - '58
  - 4 - Loren & Lorraine Earle - '92
  - 5 - Scot & Karen Jaynes - '86
  - 8 - Harvey & Gloria Joseph - '81, Rick & Diane Strusienski
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## This Week's Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers, Bulletins, & Communion Elements are sponsored by Anonymous, "for blessings"

*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](https://pendletonchurch.org/give)

### Give by Mail

6864 Campbell Blvd.  
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

## 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.

## Stay Connected



### Website

[pendletonchurch.org](https://pendletonchurch.org)



### Instagram

@pendletonchurch



### Email

[theoffice@pcumc.org](mailto:theoffice@pcumc.org)



### Facebook

[pendletoncenterumc](https://www.facebook.com/pendletoncenterumc)



### Address

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### Phone

716-625-8306

### Pastoral Emergencies

*After office hours*  
716-291-7529

## Wi-Fi

### Network

PCUMC Guest

### Password

pcumcwifi

# One More Fish Fry Dinner To Go!

**Yes, we are still looking for help with last Fish Fry dinner on April 7!**

**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!

**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	#4 - 497 (278 in, 219 takeout)
#2 - 599 (270 in, 329 takeout)	#5 - 534 (305 in, 229 takeout)
#3 - 385 (171 in, 214 takeout)	#6 - <i>Will be display during blessings</i>

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## FEEDING HOPE

This month we will be serving a choice of ham or chicken dinner (or maybe a little of both), sweet potatoes, baked beans, PB&J sandwiches, and brownies, of course.

**We are looking for donations of plastic forks (only), boxed brownie mix, eggs, and bread.** Know that your donations are always Feeding Hope!

**We are serving on Wednesday, April 19.**

If you'd like to help prep at church or serve in downtown Buffalo, contact me.

*Sandy Houck, 716-903-5183,  
ssandyh@aol.com*

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**Thursday, April 6 at 12:00 PM**

All women are invited. Bring a sandwich; our hostesses, Sherry Waild, Diana Rooney, and Beth Arais, will provide the dessert, along with coffee and tea.

We will make out our hostess sheet for the 2023-2024 season. We will also be making plans for our Rummage Sale on April 29. Be thinking, also, where you would like to go for our June luncheon.

Hope to see you there,

*Naomi Laskey, 716-622-2360*

## 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 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](mailto:nancyhimes@pcumc.org) or Tom Crosby, [tomcrosby@pcumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:JenniferStamm@pcumc.org)*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

*Are the kids stuck home on spring break with nothing to do?*

Our Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores leadership program will hold a fundraiser on Tuesday, April 11 & Wednesday, April 12, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM each day.

Children 3 years old - 6th grade are invited to church for a fun day of games, activities, music, crafts, bible stories, gym time, science experiments, movies, and spring fun. Weather permitting, we will be playing outside. Lunch & snacks provided.

*Space is limited! Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, April 5.*

*The cost is \$25.00 per child/per day.*

**Adrienne Demmin, 716-727-8537**

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

More info: [pendletonchurch.org/calendar](http://pendletonchurch.org/calendar) or call the office, 716-625-8306.

### Youth Group

Sundays, 4/16, 4/23, 6-8:30p, 7-12th gr.

### HCWG & S'mores

Friday, 4/21, 6-8:30p, PS-3rd gr.

### Rummage & Bake Sale

Saturday, 4/29, 10a-2p

## 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

## WORSHIP SPONSORS

Would you like to sponsor our Altar Flowers, Bulletins, or the Communion Elements for a weekend? Is there a date you'd like to acknowledge in the near future? If you are interested in sponsoring the bulletins, flowers, or elements, you can do so easily!

- ▶ On the sign-up sheets in the back of the Sanctuary
- ▶ Online at [pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsors](http://pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsors)
- ▶ Contact Heather Miner in the office by phone or [heatherminer@pcumc.org](mailto:heatherminer@pcumc.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](http://pendletonchurch.org)

## **Palm Sunday Worship**

**April 1 & 2, 5:00 PM on Saturday, 9:00 & 11:00 AM on Sunday**

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 6, 7:30 PM**

On a night like this, Jesus and his closest friends gathered to celebrate. Love filled the room and the time. When they started, only He knew that the world was about to change. Jesus taught them a deeper love, not only by what he said to them but what he did for them. Let us turn away from the noise and cares of the world and focus on our Lord.

## **Good Friday Service**

**April 7, 8:00 PM**

People often don't see the good in Good Friday. Can we really understand the resurrection of Jesus if we don't have a sense of the crucifixion? Come listen as we remember together how the disciples were called to follow Jesus, what they saw and how they experienced the journey to the cross, and also the brokenness of watching their beloved friend in the man Jesus and beloved Savior Jesus be treated with cruelty we cannot really understand.

## **Holy Saturday Service**

**April 8, 5:00 PM**

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

## **Easter Sunday Worship**

**April 9, 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

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.