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# Order of Worship

June 11 & 18, 2023 - *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Opening Music**

**Introduction to the Offering:** *Mission Moment - Nicaragua*

**Offertory**

**Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** *Genesis 39:6b-23, John 14:10-14*

**Sermon:** *"Protecting"* - Pastor Scott Johnson

**Communion**

**Closing Song**

**Benediction**

## Prayer Concerns

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

### Prayers for Healing

Vicky L, Jan G, Sue B, Ted S, Larry, Deb, Jane K, Evie, Sheryl, Christa, Jill, Bernice, Audrey, Britt, Fran, Bob C, Paula, Mary

### Prayers for General Concerns

June, Family, Finances, New job, Safe travels, Sandy, For our nation and her leaders, For much needed rain in our area and Canada, The wild fires will diminish.

### Ongoing Concerns

Paula, Mary, Theresa Z, Nancy F, Nick F, Patty, Gerry S, Michele A, Sarah S, Marc P, Fran S, Our country, Our church, Strength, Sherry J, Mike K, Tina M, Sally, Bless young drivers, Mass shootings

### 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:*

Grace Bartlett, Burt Carlucci, Richard Fischer, Carl & Misty Hofert, Elmer & Judy Krupp, Joshua Meadows & Alyssa Jones, Dawn & Angelo Pietrobono, Ed & Judy Simpson

## Our Church Family

### This Week's Birthdays

17 - Sam Mattina  
19 - Jane Fish, Nancy Foit, Dan Joseph  
20 - Rick Reid  
21 - Kaylee Birtch  
23 - Tim Krystaf, John Zimmerman  
24 - Adrian Almeida, Heather Beck, Tyler Preisch

### This Week's Anniversaries

17 - Kaitlyn & Parker Gahagen - '17  
20 - Roy & Linda Barczykowski - '04  
21 - Donald & Lynelle Schloerb - '97  
22 - Randy & Diane Haseley - '91  
23 - Martin & Bonnie Boudreault - '91  
24 - Mike & Lyndsey Terry - '00

### This Week's Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers - Tim & Renee Lorenz, "in celebration of our 54th anniversary."

*Please consider sponsoring our worship elements (communion, altar flowers, and bulletins) by signing up in the back of the sanctuary or online at [pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsor](http://pendletonchurch.org/worship-sponsor).*

## **TODAY'S MISSION MOMENT**

### **Nicaragua**

Ann Marie Zon from Swormville, NY began working with Father Alfonso in Nicaragua more than 25 years ago. Since then, the people of Western New York have been extremely generous in supporting her work with the poor in rural parts of the country. Normally donations of clothing, school supplies, and more are sent to the country, but due to the recent political issues in the country, goods are no longer accepted. Money donated goes to help people and projects distributed throughout the mid-eastern sectors of Nicaragua. Your generosity supports people of all ages, from infants to the elderly and everyone in between!

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

## **ISSUES IN THE UMC - FINDING OUR WAY**

**Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Thanks to everyone for your response to the information sessions about the issues facing the United Methodist Church. I promised that we would have a second round of conversations to help everyone learn more about the challenges and discern a path forward

*If you have questions about these sessions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott.*

## **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

**Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 PM**

This month's book is *Forest of Lost Stars* by Kristen Harmel. We will meet at Country Cottage at Beach Ridge & Townline Rd; outside, if weather permits. If you want to join the book club or have any questions, let me know. All women are welcome!

*Yvonne Bova, [ybova@kaleidahealth.org](mailto:ybova@kaleidahealth.org)*

## **THE TOUGH STUFF**

**Thursday, June 22, 7:00 PM**

What's the one question you've never gotten a chance to ask? 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. Our goal is to look at as much scripture as possible related to a topic, talk about our interpretations and experiences, and listen to one another. Hopefully, we'll all come away from the journey knowing more about the Bible and these difficult issues  
*Pastor Scott, [ScottJohnson@pcumc.org](mailto:ScottJohnson@pcumc.org)*

## **WOMEN OF PENDLETON**

**Friday, June 30, 7:00 PM**

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. Bring some snacks and a game to share! A sign up sheet is in back of Sanctuary.

*Pastor Jenn, [JenniferStamm@pcumc.org](mailto:JenniferStamm@pcumc.org)*

## **WORSHIP PLAYLIST**

Like the music in worship and want to listen to it anywhere? We've created playlists on Apple Music, Spotify, and YouTube for you to listen to anytime!

Links to all three are available at [pendletonchurch.org/worship-playlist](http://pendletonchurch.org/worship-playlist).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

View the full calendar:  
[pendletonchurch.org/calendar](http://pendletonchurch.org/calendar)

**Niagara County Senior Lunch**

Mondays, 10a, Fellowship Hall

**Monday Night Adult Small Group**

Mondays, 7p

**Watercolor Class**

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

**Niagara Falls Community Dinner**

Thursdays, 5p at First UMC, Niagara Falls

# END OF SUMMER Church Retreat

The snow stopped us last year, but we're back with a plan. **Our Church Retreat is earlier this year, on September 1-3.** Yes, it's Labor Day weekend, but we'll be back by Sunday afternoon, so you can still have a Labor Day cookout.

It will be held at Camp Asbury in Silver Lake, NY. Amherst Trinity UMC is co-sponsoring the retreat, but it is open to anyone who would like a weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun, so bring a friend! There are flyers posted around the building and brochures are available by the church doors or online at [pendletonchurch.org/retreat](http://pendletonchurch.org/retreat). The cost is \$200 per person, which includes two nights lodging and four meals. **A \$50 deposit is due by July 1, but it is first come, first served, so reserve early!**

*If you have any questions, please contact Linda Zanke at 716-523-0149 or call the church office. Hope you can join us!*

## READY, SET, MOVE!

FOLLOW JESUS HERE,  
THERE, ~~AND~~ EVERYWHERE

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**AUGUST 7-11, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM EACH DAY**

**Ready, Set, Move VBS will inspire kids to:**  
**DO What He Says   BELIEVE Who He Is   LOVE Who He Loves**  
**SHARE What He Did   GO Where He Leads**

We want to invite you on a great adventure that will allow your kids to grow in their faith as they understand how they can follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere. It starts with the Bible and utilizes simple, memorable bottom lines to help kids remember how God's Word fits into their everyday lives.

We hope that you can join us for this incredible week together!

VBS will be for all kids going into kindergarten (in Sept.) up to kids who have completed 6th grade this year.

**Registration is required *and now open* - [pendletonchurch.org/vbs](http://pendletonchurch.org/vbs)**



# join the *Welcome* ministry

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this position is to provide the ministry of hospitality to both members as well as visitors coming to worship at Pendleton Center UMC. When we connect our hospitality with our story of being welcomed and embraced through the grace and love of Christ, it becomes more than just a technique. Hospitality embraces people with God's heart of love, creating a warm and welcoming space where people feel at home and where strangers become friends and family. Welcome hosts are often one of the first people someone new to our church may meet. It's important then to come with a positive attitude and provide a smile and warm welcome to all those who arrive for worship.

## **Responsibilities**

The Welcome Hosts are responsible for:

1. Wearing a name tag that includes your first and last name and praying with the Welcome Team/Head Host.
2. Being at church ready for the Hosting Ministry 20 minutes before each worship service and typically staying at the Welcome Center until about 5-10 minutes after the worship begins to greet latecomers and make visitors feel welcome.
3. Obtaining contact information for visitors for follow up.

## **Benefits**

In your role as a Welcome Host, you will have opportunities to meet and connect with members of our congregation as well as those who are visiting Pendleton Center UMC. It will also be great to know that through your gifts, you're helping others get the most out of their worship experience.

*If you would like to volunteer, please contact  
Pastor Jennifer.*





I love music. It's a huge part of my life. Anyone who knows me discovers that my life has a soundtrack. While I love all kinds of music, gospel plays a huge part in my faith walk. My childhood church was blessed with some exceptional musicians. Francis Samuels was the organist. He infused classical hymns with rich, powerful majesty. He would put his soul into songs of lament, helping everyone pour out all of the feelings they'd been holding back. When we would celebrate Jesus with hymns of praise, the building would shake because of the power of the organ, the claps, and our voices. James White was the choir director and lead singer. He had a rich, smooth tenor voice. He had a gift for bringing songs to life off the page.

One of my favorite times in church was when these two would join forces on a song called "God Has Smiled On Me." The original by James Cleveland is powerful, but these two could draw the truth of the song out of every soul in the room. So many people would have tears streaming down their faces because their stories were being told at that moment. There would be times when Rev. Fitch would pause service because the Spirit was moving more powerfully through them than any sermon might.

**A lot of us have stories of how God used a song to reach us. This summer, we're inviting everyone to share some of those stories.** We're going to do a sermon series called "My Story, My Song." This series invites people from the church to share a song that means a lot to them. Maybe it was one you sang to yourself while you were experiencing an illness. Perhaps it was a song you learned as a kid, which taught you something important about God's love. It could be a song that was a loved one's favorite, and now it makes you smile when you hear it because it reminds you of them. The key is that your story and your song might be what someone else needs now in their walk of faith. We'll all learn more about each other and find some awesome new songs for our playlists.

**If you're interested in being a part of the series, email a one-page summary of your story about the song to [ScottJohnson@pcumc.org](mailto:ScottJohnson@pcumc.org).**

In July, we'll start this journey together. In the meantime, let's all do what the psalm asks. We'll "worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Praise Him today and every day!

*Pastor Scott*

**SHOUT FOR JOY TO  
THE LORD, ALL THE  
EARTH. WORSHIP THE  
LORD WITH GLADNESS;  
COME BEFORE HIM  
WITH JOYFUL SONGS.  
KNOW THAT THE LORD  
IS GOD. IT IS HE WHO  
MADE US, AND WE ARE  
HIS; WE ARE HIS  
PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF  
HIS PASTURE.**

Psalms 100:1-3

