

October 2017 Newsletter

PENDLETON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From the Pastor's Desk

What do you think of the leaves this year?

The Autumn leaves are one of the most amazing, radiant display of God's creation we can behold... and they fall to the ground leaving a mess for us to rake up... that we can put in a big pile and jump in... that will cause our allergies to flare... and they protect the roots of our plants... while they kill the grass... and can be used to start an amazing camp fire. Isn't it amazing that we usually have a positive way to look at things, or a negative way. Some people look at October and see Winter coming, while others see a glorious climax of Summer. Some people travel hundreds of miles to see our Fall colors, while others curse the trees.

I have discovered that there are people who tend to look for the worst because then they believe they can only be pleasantly surprised when the worst doesn't happen. I find that they are rarely pleasantly surprised and actually often create their own disappointment. This doesn't mean a positive attitude is never greeted with a disappointing outcome. However, positive people tend to have more joy-filled lives. And people like to be around positive people and happy experiences.

I know the world is filled with anxieties, pain and disappointments. I understand that sometimes we need to sing the blues and sometimes things are not so good. I often walk through countless difficulties with people and usually hear criticism every day.

But God has given me a choice, and I choose to smile anyway. We determine our joy more than we realize. The apostle Paul was in prison and facing death, and in the letter to the Philippians in chapter four he wrote, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Christians are people of blessing. We have hope in the midst of hopelessness, joy in the midst of sorrow, and life in the midst of death.

So, take a walk and kick some leaves, marvel at the beauty God is giving us this October. Say something positive and uplifting to someone you know. People may dismiss you, or consider you naive. But they may also smile and see the joy of God in you and praise God for it. If a tree can bring joy, certainly God's people can too.

Pastor Tom

More Chairs for our Sanctuary

Some people have asked if we are going to purchase the rest of the chairs we need for our sanctuary. Our original goal was to replace our old pews, and we asked people to buy a chair to accomplish that goal. We were successful in our goal and even purchased a few more than we needed. Now we are looking at the rest of the sanctuary. The "pink" chairs are a low cost chair we bought about twenty years ago so we would have something to sit in in our sanctuary. They are nice for a few years, but they are not designed to hold up for much more than twenty years. So we would like to purchase 75 to 100 more chairs to fill out the main seating in our sanctuary. We want to buy matching chairs before the styles change and/or time affects the color of our chairs. Each chair costs about \$235. But here's the best part: a generous donor gave the church a gift the Finance Team wants to use to help with this effort. So for every two chairs, a third will be purchased as a matching gift. So we are looking for 50 to 65 generous gifts to buy a chair. (And yes, we can use smaller gifts to add up to the cost of a chair.) Can we count on you? Simply mark your check "chair" or use one of the envelopes you will see at church. Hopefully we can accomplish our goal soon.

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Fellowship

Pendleton Fellowship Group

Second Monday of each month | October 9 | 6:30pm

We plan to see the movie called "God's Not Dead." (2014, PG, 1hr 49 min, Drama/Family) This is a Christian film about faith and the limits one man will go to in order to defend his belief in God. Come promptly, at 6:30 to the Ark, bring a comfortable chair if you please and enjoy fresh popcorn as we watch together.

November's meeting will be Monday, November 13 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information call Jane and Jack Smith at 930-7839 or Sue and Jim Phillips at 984-3565.

Women's Book Club

Third Monday of each month | October 16 | 7pm | Ship 'n Shore Restaurant, 5612 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Lockport

On October 16 we will discuss: "The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible" by A.J. Jacobs. On November 20: "The Cellist of Sarajevo" by Steven Galloway.

Questions? Please contact Yvonne Bova at ybova@kaleidahealth.org.

Come join us! You do not need to read the book - we welcome all ladies to this monthly get together!

Trans-Siberian Orchestra Concert

Saturday, December 16

We are purchasing a block of tickets for a 3pm concert on Saturday, December 16th at the KeyBank Center. The cost will be about \$70 each. This is a fantastic neo-classic orchestra. They put on an amazing show. If you would like to hear some of their music go to trans-siberian.com and click on any of the titles in the right-hand corner of the page under "Sound Cloud." See Holly Brittain or Pastor Jean to reserve your tickets.

Prayer Ministries

Prayer Centered Worship Service

First Monday of the month | October 2 | 6pm | Prayer Theater/Labyrinth

This monthly prayer service is open to everyone. Led by Pastor Lisa Taylor, this hour long service features quiet music for centering and setting aside the busyness of the day, hymns of praise and thanksgiving to God, responsive and unison prayers, Scripture reading, a message, and Holy Communion. A time of spoken and silent prayer in which all may take part is a unique feature of this service, as is time following the service for quiet prayer and/or individual prayer with the pastor which may include anointing with oil and laying on of hands if desired. Questions? Feel free to contact Pastor Lisa at lisataylor@pcumc.org.

5th Monday Prayer Meeting

Monday, October 30 | 6:30pm | Prayer Theater/Labyrinth

This is a time to gather for Intercessory Prayer for our church, our community, our world, and each other. The format varies as God's Spirit leads, usually beginning with a time of turning our focus toward God through listening to praise and worship music and singing along in praise. We turn to Scripture and receive instruction concerning different ways of praying. Vibrant and exciting, or quiet and contemplative as the Spirit leads, this is a time set aside to immerse ourselves deeply in God's presence through prayer. Contact Pastor Lisa at lisataylor@pcumc.org for more information.

Children & Youth

We had a great fall kickoff for both children and youth! We are excited for the new school year, and we are looking forward to a great year as we partner together with you to engage your children, youth and family to be active disciples and followers of Christ.

Each month children and youth will be engaged and have the opportunity to grow in their faith in God.

We will actively be growing in our relationship with God, as we learn together, serve together, and be together. They will have opportunities each month to be together with each other for fun, fellowship, and outings. Learn together through lessons, and small groups, and serve together by doing mission projects, helping others and performing small acts of kindness.

Rice Bowls Mission Project

The children and youth will be kicking off a mission project called Rice Bowls. Rice Bowls is a nonprofit organization that collects change and money to provide food for orphaned children all over the world. Rice Bowls is a great "children feeding children" project. Your children will be impacting other kids all over the world with their loose change and money they put inside their rice bowls.

They will have an opportunity to decorate their bowl and make it their own and then bring it home to collect the change. Then they can bring it back for a fun smashing and counting party!

We will be running this project throughout October and November and collecting them the week before Thanksgiving. They will be learning that we can be a small part of something big God is doing. We will be learning more about these rice bowls in Youth Group, Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores, and Sunday School. We will learn how we can collect change, how we can make a big difference with these bowls, and we will hear, research, and read stories about this project.

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, October 14 | 4-9pm

Are you exhausted from the start of the school year? Do you need a night out to relax? Help support the Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores program here at church. We will be holding a fundraiser **Saturday, October 14th**, by babysitting your children while you go out! Bring your kids to church for a fun filled night of crafts, games, Halloween activities, and a movie. We will begin at 4:00pm and end at 9:00pm. Feel free to bring your children between those times. The cost is \$4.00 per child/per hour. Please feed your child(ren) before coming. Snacks and drinks provided! **Space is limited! Pre-registration is required to attend!** Please contact Adrienne Demmin at 727-8537 for registration and any questions you might have.

Youth to Corn Maze

The youth will be going to the corn maze on Saturday, October 21. Look for the youth October Newsletter in the mail for more details!

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 28 | 5-8pm

Come Join us for trunk or treating, games, activities, music, dancing, snow-cones, food, and fellowship. Set up of cars will be at 4:00pm, and the fun begins at 5:00pm and goes until 8:00pm. Kids are welcome to wear costumes, and adults are too! Look for more details in your children and youth newsletter, a postcard or the flyers posted around church!

Children & Youth (continued)

Sunday - Worship

Jr. Church | *Sundays* | 9am & 11:15am | *Begins down in Ark for children 3 years old - 3rd grade*

Drop your children off down in the Ark before heading to worship, for their very own worship service designed just for them. Children will join their parents and families back in the sanctuary before Communion to share this special element of worship together.

4th - 6th graders will be staying in the sanctuary at all services. This will give them an opportunity to worship God, and be a part of "big church." Children will be able to grab a clipboard each week and actively be engaged and follow along in the service. They will be able to bring that paper to their Sunday School class and discuss all that they learned!

7th - 12th grades will also be staying in the sanctuary at all services.

Nursery Care is available for infants to age 2 during the Saturday, 9am, and 11:15am services

Sunday - Education

Sunday School | 10:15-11:15am

Come join in on the fun! We will be dancing, singing, and digging deeper in our knowledge of God, with lessons, snacks, crafts, and games!

Children will be split up by the following ages: *3-5 year olds, K-1st grade, 2-3rd grade, 4-6th grade*

Bible Studies will also be available for 7th-12th graders from 10:15-11:15am. Come Join us for some great Bible exploration and discussions as we work through our faith together.

Confirmation Class | *Sundays* | 10:15-11:15 | *Prayer Theater/Labyrinth* | *6th grade and up*

Saturday Church School | 5pm | *3 years old - 3rd grade*

Nursery Care is available for infants to age 2 during Sunday School.

Wednesdays

F.R.O.G.S. (Fully Reliant On God Singers) | *Begins October 4* | 4:45-5:45pm | *Choir Room*

All elementary children are invited to sing with the group. We gather in the music room off the Fellowship Hall. We will sing during the Sunday church service once a month. Questions? Call: Sue Phillips at 691-4850.

Angel Wings | 6:30-8:15pm | *3 years old - 6th grade*

Angel Wings is a fellowship program on Wednesday nights provided for children. This gives parents an opportunity to come and grow deeper in their faith with God by joining one of the many Bible Studies offered on Wednesday night. Questions? Call Becky Heideman at 625-8312.

Youth Group | 6:30-8:30pm | *7th-12th grade*

Youth are invited for a fun night of fellowship, team building, devotions, scripture and snacks! During this time members and new members of youth band will also be gathering together for fellowship and to practice.

The **youth band** is open to all youth musicians. They practice and play contemporary Christian praise and worship music where they will occasionally use their skills to lead worship music at different events and locations. We practice on Wednesday nights during youth group. Come join in as we worship our God!

Nursery Care is available for infants to age 2 from 7-8:30pm on Wednesday nights.

Children & Youth (continued)

Fridays

Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores | 6:00-9:00pm | K - 6th grade

We had an amazing fall kickoff, and we are looking forward to being with each and every one of you throughout this year.

- Friday, October 6th | 6:00-10:00pm | *Leaders Night*
- Friday, October 13th | 6:00-9:00pm | *S'mores (boys only)*
- Friday, October 20th | 6:00-9:00pm | *Hot Chocolate with God (girls only)*
- Saturday, October 28th | *Join us at the fall festival for Halloween festivities and fun.*

Volunteers Needed!

Our children and youth ministries are thriving, and we need volunteers to help! Whether you have an hour a week, two hours a week, an hour a month, or just enough time to help at special events. We need volunteers on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. You can serve as a teacher, teacher helper, in the nursery, preparing meals, leading games, planning special events - the opportunities are endless!

If God is calling you to help in these ministries, please contact the church office or email Adrienne Demmin (adriennedemmin@pcumc.org) or Gidget Hughes (gidgethughes@pcumc.org).

Other Church News

Bishop's Day in the District

On Tuesday, October 3rd, Bishop Mark Webb, will be visiting our area. You can meet with him from 6:30-9pm at Harris Hill UMC, 8495 Main St. (Rt. 5) at Harris Hill Rd. in Williamsville. This is an excellent opportunity to meet our Bishop and join a discussion about the future direction of the United Methodist Church.

Wednesday Night Line Dancing

On Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30pm there will be a farewell party for Dottie Ryer, who will no longer be able to lead the Wednesday Night Line Dancing.

4 Mile Run in Memory of Kyle McArdle

"A Light in the Darkness 4 Mile Run" to benefit suicide prevention, in memory of First UMC Kyle McArdle. It will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2017. It will start and end at First UMC, 8210 Buffalo Ave. Niagara Falls, NY. There will also be a one mile walk you can take part in. Anyone who wants to run, walk or volunteer to help, please contact Holly Brittain, 930-4661, for more information or on-line at McArdle's website: cmcardle777.wixsite.com/lightinthedarkness or register-this.com/?raceid=20171021ALID.

Membership Class

A membership class will be held on Sunday, October 29th from 12:45-3pm. Please contact Pastor Lisa (lisataylor@pcumc.org), Pastor Jean (jeanedmister@pcumc.org), or the church office at 716-625-8306 to let us know if you're planning to attend.

Annual Church/Charge Conference

Our annual church business meeting will be held **Saturday, November 18th** from 10am-12pm at the Clarence Center UMC, 9750 Clarence Center Rd., Clarence Center, NY. All members of the church are welcome to attend and have voting rights. Others may visit but not vote. Budget, leadership and other items will be addressed.

Bible Studies

Weekly Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study | Led by Pastor Jean Edmister | Mondays at 10am | Sanctuary Expansion

We will be studying the New Testament book of Hebrews. This is a letter written to the new believers who came out of the Jewish faith, and upholds Jesus Christ as the perfect revealer and mediator of God's grace.

Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them | Led by Linda Barczykowski | Mondays at 7pm

Are you like Eve who had food issues? Are you more like Potiphar's wife and Delilah who had man trouble? Maybe, you're like Lot's wife and Michal, who couldn't let go of the past, or Sapphira who couldn't let go of money, or Jezebel who couldn't let go of anything. Yet the Woman at the Well had her thirst quenched at last, while Rahab and the Sinful Woman left their sordid histories behind. Let these Bad Girls show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun! Join us to find out what we can learn from the stories of these "Bad Girls." Please email Linda Barczykowski at rbarczykowski@roadrunner.com or text her at 716-946-0124 so she can order your book, if you'd like to attend. Books will cost around \$10.00.

CREED - Exploring the Apostles Creed | Led by Pastor Bill Edmister | Wednesdays at 5pm | Disciple Room

A study about what Christians believe and why we believe it.

Christianity 101 | Led by Pastor Lisa | Wed. at 6:30pm | Meet Pastor Lisa at the back of the Sanctuary at 6:25pm

Christianity 101 is a course on basic Christian Discipleship. It is recommended for new members, people considering membership, or anyone who wants to know more about what it means to follow Jesus Christ through the ministries at PCUMC. Each module addresses a general topic in three 90-minute sessions. Whether you've been in the church all your life or are new to the Christian faith, you're bound to learn something new. In October we will be talking about "Getting to Know Your Bible" - October 4, 11, 18 (will repeat February 2018). Coming in November - What Do Christians Believe? (Nov 1, 8, 15). Please let Pastor Lisa know if you plan on attending. (lisataylor@pcumc.org or 625-8306).

Adult Bible Study | Led by Pastor Jean Edmister | Wednesdays at 7pm | Front of the Sanctuary

We will be studying the New Testament book of Hebrews. This is a letter written to the new believers who came out of the Jewish faith, and upholds Jesus Christ as the perfect revealer and mediator of God's grace.

Adult Bible Study | Led by Pastor Tom Kraft | Wednesdays at 7pm | Sanctuary Expansion

We will be studying the book of Genesis.

Bible Challenge

The reflections and notes for each week's readings may be found at biblechallenge.pendletonchurch.org. You can also join our Bible Challenge Facebook page from the same link. Pastor Lisa will check the page weekly to respond to your questions and comments, and you are welcome to converse with each other regarding your experiences reading through the Bible.

Read 4 chapters per day:

Week 39 - September 24th-30th: Proverbs 19-31; 1 Corinthians 1-15

Week 40 - October 1st-7th: 1 Corinthians 16; 2 Corinthians 1-13; Ephesians 1-6; Habakkuk 1-3; Galatians 1-5

Week 41 - October 8th-14th: Galatians 6; Jeremiah 1-27

Week 42 - October 15th-21st: Jeremiah 28-52; Philippians 1-3

Week 43 - October 22nd-28th: Philippians 4; Colossians 1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1-4; 2 Thessalonians 1-3; Ecclesiastes 1-12; John 1-4

Week 44 - October 29th-November 4th: John 5-21; Ruth 1-4; Philemon; Song of Songs 1-6

Care Ministries

Care-Giving & Visitation Team Meeting

Sunday, October 8 | 12:45pm | Sanctuary Expansion

We are currently working on expanding our lay and pastoral care-giving ministry at both our churches. We have people who visit the sick in the hospital or those who are homebound and can't make it out to church. Some are trained to take the Communion elements out to shut-ins after our worship services. Others write notes of encouragement to those who are struggling or have been missing from worship for a while. Some make a meal for a family in a crisis.

Some take people to doctors appointments, or help with a funeral luncheon. Sometimes a person needs to talk to someone else who has been through a problem such as the loss of a loved one, and can give them some ideas on how to survive. All of these people help the pastors to care for the needs of the people of our church family, and let them know we care about them. We are looking for more people who have a heart for helping others in these ways. Training will be available. Please contact Pastor Jean for more information.

Missions & Outreach

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers." -Acts 20:28a

All missions are voluntary! Please consider the benefits of what we can do together to serve the Lord!
A U! Makes an Us! Let's serve the Lord and focus on the Least, the Lost and the Little Ones!

I am looking for some shepherds to help with the Lord's flock. We need to reach out and give a little of our time to the Lord! On Sunday, November 5th at 12:30, we will be having a thank you "get together" for our existing outreach team members and inviting new people to find out what the team is about! We will be discussing existing projects as well as sharing new ideas for projects.

I want to find out what God may be calling you to do. Please consider becoming a part of the team. Your commitment could be a little or a lot - whatever fits you! Any questions, feel free to contact Gidget Hughes at the office 625-8306 or email gidgethughes@pcumc.org.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Our "Thanksgiving for a Family" Project is a helping hands ministry to assist many people within our congregation and in Niagara Falls. We will be collecting Thanksgiving foods from November 1 -20. We need turkeys, potatoes, cans of corn, green beans, sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce. And, of course, pies for dessert. All the "fixins" for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner! We can use as many turkeys as you can provide - watch for sales coming up in local grocery stores. Our goal is to bless 60 families. This should not be an overwhelming task, if we work together and provide what we can. Please see the display in the Fellowship Hall!

We will be sorting and filling the baskets/bags on Wednesday, November 15 at 7pm. Delivery will be Sunday, November 19 to ensure delivery before Thanksgiving. If you or someone you know need a blessing of food, please contact Gidget Hughes at 625-8306 or email gidgethughes@pcumc.org. Once again, thank you for all that each and every one of you do to make a difference!

Feeding the Homeless

We will be feeding the homeless on the street in Buffalo on Monday, October 16. Be at the church between 3pm and 4pm to start preparing. We will leave church around 6:15pm to drive to Buffalo. We usually return to church around 9pm.

The following are food items needed: hot dog rolls (bring in on Sun., Oct. 15th please), boxed macaroni and cheese, cans of baked beans, and boxed brownie mix. Thank you for your support!

Preschool

Genesis Preschool

Preschool classes are off to a great start! The dedication of our teachers and assistants is a tribute to another wonderful year. We currently have 70 children enrolled. October is a fun-filled month at Preschool. Our classes will be going to Kelkenberg Farm and the Great Pumpkin Patch. School photos will be taken October 17-18.

Our Annual Candy Bar Sale began September 25 and runs through November 1. Candy bars will be available in the office if you would like to purchase them. This fundraiser helps assist in supplying our quality programs.

Genesis Mom's Morning Out

The toddlers at Mom's Morning Out are enjoying our wonderful program. If you are looking for some time to shop, run errands or just relax while your child is having fun, making new friends, singing songs and running off energy in our huge gym area, then this program is for you! It all takes place under the watchful eyes of loving and nurturing trained adults. We offer two options, with daily program hours from 9:00-11:30 am.

- Mondays and Fridays, full-time (both days) or part-time (one day) OR Tuesdays and Thursdays, full-time (both days) or part-time (one day)
- Tuition: full time \$81/month; part time \$43/month.
- The program runs September 18, 2017 - June 15, 2018
- Enroll now, there are some openings still left! For more information, please call our office at 625-8306.

Church Finances

PCUMC Year-to-Date Financial Update: This article was written in mid-September, when we had financial results through the end of August. Our August year-to-date income was 2.1% above the comparable figure last year. Our current income projection for the year based on August results is 0.2% above our 2017 finance budget, and with your continued generosity we hope to increase that difference before the end of the year. Many thanks to those who helped out with their special "Summer Offerings" this year. Added with gifts from other families, you made a difference and helped us take a step in the right direction!

Giving statements will be mailed in October to those who have us keep track of their offerings. These statements will cover your giving through the end of September. Please contact Mary Bobsein at the church office with any questions or corrections to your giving summary.

Electronic Giving - A Simple, Generous Choice: Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? PCUMC offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. Electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings without having to write checks or carry cash. Please contact Mary Bobsein at the church office (marybobsein@pcumc.org; phone 625-8306) for details.

Our next fundraiser is our "Fall Fish Fry Series," to be held on 3 consecutive Fridays: October 13, October 20 and October 27. We would be grateful for any help you can provide to ensure they are successful. Please see the article under Fund Raising Information to see where you can help. All income from the fall fish fry series will be applied to the General Operations account (i.e., to pay the bills!).

Thank you for all you do to make our dynamic, expanding ministries happen. Together we can continue to make Pendleton Center Church a place where lives are changed for our Lord Jesus by reaching the Least, the Lost and the Little Ones.

Fundraising Information

Fall Fish Fry Series is almost here!

We are looking for lots of help with our Fall Fish Fry dinners to be held these Fridays: **October 13, October 20 and October 27**. Maybe you can work in one of these areas, whatever weeks you're available.

Taking orders	Cooking fish	Dining hall setup	Baking pies	Making beverages
Seating guests	Washing dishes	Answering phones	Cutting pies	Dining hall cleanup
Making salads	Filling orders	Waiting on tables	Serving pies	Kitchen cleanup

Watch for signup sheets in worship starting the weekend of September 30-October 1, or call the church office to volunteer. Even if you can't work at a dinner, we hope you will come and eat with us! Besides our fried fish, 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 Fish, offered with either regular or Cajun seasoning.

Youth, do you need to do community service hours for Confirmation or school? Why not help at your church???
Call the office to set up a schedule.

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!

Tops and SCRIP Retailer Gift Cards

Trick-or-Treating is just around the corner! What will your children be dressing up as this Halloween? Whether you make or purchase costumes, you can go to your favorite store and help your church at the same time! The SCRIP retailer program has many cards to choose from, including craft stores, clothing stores, and major department stores!

Our next order will be placed Monday, October 10. Need a card today? We have a select number of cards available for immediate purchase.

Tops cards are always available. Tops Cards can be used to purchase trick-or-treat goodies, groceries, gasoline, or other items in the supermarket.

Contact Heather Miner in the office with any questions. Thank you!



A Note From Pastor Lisa

Hello PCUMC Friends,

I want to thank each and every one of you who has prayed for me, asked about how my seminary studies are going, offered words of encouragement, and supported my studies financially. I am now officially more than half way through my degree program, well on the way to the Master of Divinity requirement as I move toward UMC ordination as an elder. I consider much of my success in this endeavor to be the result of your care in so many ways. I appreciate you, and pray for all of you, too. This work is quite a challenge, but each day, more and more, I can see the need for people to be able to understand and communicate the Christian faith in ways that can be heard and understood in today's changing world. Your acts of Christian love toward me have been a big part of reminding me to press on, stay positive, and trust in God when things get a little overwhelming. What a blessing to be part of such an amazing congregation of Christian brothers and sisters.

In Christ,
Pastor Lisa

Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 - Kevin Bancroft
Bruce Bull
Sam Mattina
Daniel Paterson
Erin Thompson | 10 - Ben Chatley
Kristie Jones
Autumn Kraft
Steve Lynch | 17 - Phil Kim-Kubiak
Karen Marconi
Jill Moss | 27 - Madison Bull
Lorraine Earle |
| 2 - Matthew Ash
Daniel DeFranco
Jeremiah Haniszewski
Jace Licata
Amy Matyas
David Ohol | 11 - Jillian Ash
Rob Kurczynski
Joanna PaPaleo
Ted Pickard
Sally Reid
Alex Wasiewicz | 18 - Alexa Harris
Mackenzie Jackman
Jean Lindemuth
Phil Marmo
John Santor | 28 - Annette Beutel
Dave Daigler
Randy Haseley
Mark Hersee
Joshua Mahar
Judith Nichol
Liz Stricklin
Jacob Wildt |
| 3 - Sue Hilts
Ken Leaver, Jr.
Theresa Lee
Shawn Lutz | 12 - Stephanie Eberz
Bonnie Franke
Alyssa Reaser
Lee Robichaud
Mindy Walck | 19 - Greg Brown
Jane Rennick
Jenna Mattina | 29 - Kelsie Earle
Dennis Gaston
Barbara Hunt |
| 4 - Kyle Rozeski
Mark Walck | 13 - Lilliana Prendergast | 20 - Dan Jones
Dottie Schlemmer | 30 - Paul Cochi
Eric Jesse
Derek Sampman
Becky Snyder
Kimberly Stockwell
Mary Zupo |
| 5 - Kathleen Modd | 14 - Naomi Laskey | 21 - David Harris | 31 - Nicole Andrusz
Ryan Fisher
Grant Haseley
Bridget Hersee
Dennis Lenhard
Betty Rodriguez |
| 6 - Sandy Goehrig
Topaz Varney
Robert Wagner | 15 - Andrew Angelucci
Jane Smith
Derek Terranova
Jeff Thompson
Kathey Radder | 22 - Anna (Ward) Smith
Diane Strusienki
Noah Thornton | |
| 7 - Kayla Miller
Richard Wagner | 16 - Edith Amato
Deanna Clapsadle
Erik Gustafson
James Schlemmer
Larry Selino | 23 - Barb Jeffords
24 - Samantha Himes
Rachael Juszczak
Emily Phillips
Eddie Ubiles
Kimberly Wagner | |
| 8 - Lori DeFranco
Teri Hersee
Tracy Kortum
Kyle Thornton | 17 - Kelly Jesse
Chris Kneappel | 25 - Kaitlyn Forster
Tim Prendergast
Lori Stutzman | |
| 9 - Sue Nadeau
Donna Swain | | 26 - Kali Juchem
Sam Lee
Denise Recore | |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 2 - Martins & Cara Innus '99 | 17 - Brandon & Rachel Birtch '03 |
| 5 - Paul & Jen Seegar | 19 - Josh & Sarah Rivera '12 |
| 9 - Michael & Shirley Schlee '93 | 21 - Christopher & Amy Matyas |
| 11 - Mike & Jennie Goris '12 | 22 - Brian & Cindy Neese '83 |
| Robert & Lynne Rogowski '02 | Jason & Jennifer Phillips '05 |
| 12 - Bill & Pat Drexler | 25 - Pastors Bill & Jean Edmister '69 |
| 15 - Tom & Diane Bush '83 | David & Terri Harris '80 |
| Ryan & Sara (Mayer) Holmer '16 | 26 - Craig & Colleen Walter '85 |
| Pastors Tom & Jackie Kraft '76 | 29 - Tim & Sara Wasiewicz '16 |
| Jim & Marge Riggs | |
| Bill & Sue Tubbs '65 | |

Congratulations!

- Nina Lenhard
&
Josh Taylor
Married on
August 19, 2017
- Amber Maines
&
Sam Anthony Mattina
Married on
September 23, 2017

Condolences

We offer prayers for the friends and families who have lost loved ones:

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| Ken Cruise | Dick Roslund, husband of Sandy Roslund |
| Pearl Goerss | Janice Spedding |
| Bob Herrmann, husband of Barbara Herrmann | Marty Wick |
| Darlene Johnston | |

October 2017

Full calendar available at
calendar.pendletonchurch.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 6pm - <i>Prayer Service</i>	3 12pm - <i>Senior Nutrition Program</i>	4	5 12pm - <i>United Methodist Women</i> 7pm - <i>GriefShare</i>	6 6pm - <i>HCWG/S'mores Leaders</i>	7
8 <i>Mission Moment: Matthew 25</i> 12:45pm - <i>Caregiving Team Meeting</i>	9 <i>SCRIP Orders Due</i> 7pm - <i>Pendleton Fellowship Group</i>	10 7pm - <i>Trustee Meeting</i>	11 7:45pm - <i>Cantata Choir Rehearsals Begin</i>	12 7pm - <i>Praise Team</i>	13 4pm - <i>Fish Fry</i> 6pm - <i>S'mores (boys)</i>	14 4pm - <i>Parents' Night Out</i>
15 12:45pm - <i>Connection Team Meeting</i> 6:30pm - <i>The Gathering Service</i>	16 <i>Nov. Newsletter Deadline</i> 3pm - <i>Feeding the Homeless</i> 7pm - <i>Women's Book Club</i>	17 12pm - <i>Senior Nutrition Program</i> 7pm - <i>Finance Team Meeting</i>	18	19 7pm - <i>GriefShare</i>	20 4pm - <i>Fish Fry</i> 6pm - <i>HCWG (girls)</i>	21 9am - <i>Men's Breakfast</i> 6:30pm - <i>Saturday Fellowship Meal</i>
22 12:45pm - <i>Prayer Walk</i> 1pm - <i>CLM Meeting</i>	23 7pm - <i>The Guardians</i>	24 9:30am - <i>Newsletter Assembly</i>	25	26	27 4pm - <i>Fish Fry</i>	28 5pm - <i>Fall Festival</i>
29 <i>Mission Moment: Mission Sunday</i>	30 6:30pm - <i>Prayer Meeting</i>	31 - <i>Halloween</i> 12pm - <i>Senior Nutrition Program</i>				

Sundays

- 9am - Worship
- Jr. Church - 3 yrs. - 3rd gr.
- Nursery Care - 0-2 yrs.
- 10:15am - Sunday School for children
- Bible Studies for youth
- Confirmation Class
- Adult Study & Fellowship
- 11:15am - Worship
- Jr. Church - 3 yrs. - 3rd gr.
- Nursery Care - 0-2 yrs.

Mondays

- 10am - Women's Bible Study
- 12pm - Knutty Knitters
- 7pm - Bible Study - *Bad Girls*

Tuesdays

- 10:30am - Sit, Sip, & Sew
- 1pm - Watercolors

Wednesdays

- 5pm - Bible Study - *Creed*
- 4:45pm - F.R.O.G.S.
- 6pm - Dinner
- 6:30pm - Angel Wings
- Youth Group
- 6:45pm - Pendletones
- 7pm - Chancel Choir
- Bible Studies
- Nursery Care Available
- 8:30pm - Men of Hymn

Thursdays

- 5:30pm - Community Dinner at First UMC

Saturdays

- 10am - Watercolors
- 5pm - Worship
- Church School - 3yrs. - 3rd gr.
- Nursery Care - 0-2yrs.

Fall Fish Fry Series!

Pendleton Center United Methodist Church
6864 Campbell Blvd. at Bear Ridge Rd.
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

Fridays 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Oct. 13, Oct. 20 & Oct. 27, 2017



Fish Dinners:

Regular.....	\$10.50
Large (50% larger).....	\$13.00
Half Portion.....	\$6.50
Baked Fish (Reg. or Cajun).....	\$11.00

Shrimp or Chicken Tender Dinners:

Regular.....	\$9.50
Half Portion.....	\$5.50

Sampler Platter - Pick 2

Fish, Shrimp, Chicken.....	\$12.00
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Sampler Platter - All 3

Fish, Shrimp and Chicken.....	\$13.00
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Children's (up to age 10) Dinners:

Fish, Shrimp, Chicken.....	\$4.00
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Dessert.....	\$1.50
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Dinners include French fries or potato salad,
applesauce or coleslaw, rolls & beverage.

For Takeouts, phone 625-8306

Same Prices as Last Year!!!

Christmas Cantata

Calling all singers and instrumentalists - We need YOU in this year's Christmas Cantata

Once again this year, we are looking for singers and instrumentalists for the Cantata Choir and the Cantata Orchestra. This year's Cantata (or Christmas concert) is entitled, "God Speaking," and is a beautiful collection of music designed to help us hear from God during this festive and frenetic season.

Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 11th, and will be held each Wednesday night from 7:45pm - 8:30 pm in the Music Room near the Fellowship Hall. The performance is Sunday, December 10th, 2017, at 7:00pm You don't have to read music or be in the choir during the rest of the year to participate. We promise lots of fun and fellowship as we make a joyful noise together!

Once again this year, **we are also assembling a group of instrumentalists to be the Cantata Orchestra**, and we need you! We are looking for a wide variety of instruments, including clarinet, flute, oboe, violin, French horn, sax, brass and more! We have just a few rehearsals on Saturday afternoons beginning in November. We have the music for you, as well as a practice CD, so you have plenty of time to rehearse.

Please call, text or email Cantata Director **Kelli Putney** if you are interested or if you have any questions (480-1280 or putneys@roadrunner.com).

Advent Devotional

We know it's not even Thanksgiving yet, but Advent is coming! It's time to begin putting together PCUMC's Homegrown Advent Devotional. Tell us your story, what blesses you about being a Christian, how you and your family wait for the Lord as you anticipate the miracle of Christ's birth, the blessings and miracles Christ has brought to your life, the hope you have in this life and eternal life to come as you live this life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Be brief, but clear and inspiring 150-250 words or so. If you submit something from another source that inspires you, please let us know the author's name and publication it came from so we can give proper credit. All submissions are subject to editing for length and content, but we promise not to change the meaning and will contact you with the changes for your approval. Please submit via email to Pastor Lisa. Be a part of this special Advent blessing to our PCUMC family this year!