

# The Good News

## July & August 2016 Newsletter

**Pendleton Center United Methodist Church**  
*"Where Christ is at the Center of all we do"*

### From the Pastor's Desk

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. ....But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6*

I have to mow the lawn, pay some bills, write a sermon and a newsletter article. There are phone calls to make and visits people expect me to do. Then there are plans for vacation and summer to make, figuring out how we will connect with family and friends this summer and how to get my crazy schedule under control. Somewhere I will need to get something to eat for my family and another pair of pants needs replacing.

I am writing this while sitting in the surgical waiting room of the hospital. My daughter just went in for emergency surgery. All of a sudden, everything that seemed so important doesn't really matter at all. Who cares about dinner? I have more than enough clothes. All the troubles about tomorrow.... can wait until tomorrow. Right now, Lord, just take care of my little girl....

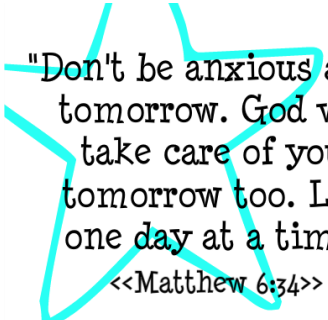
Day-to-day living is important. All these things matter, they are things we need to give attention to. They are the little building blocks of our lives. But when they are pressed up against the real concerns of life, we start to gain a little perspective. God holds every day in his hands, *and* every one of us. If we seek God, when we are faced with a life-pausing crisis, we will know where to turn. He cares for the birds of the air, the flowers in the fields, He is holding my daughter and He is holding me... and He is holding you.

Worry doesn't gain us anything but health problems, fights with people we love, and a great deal of wasted emotions. Faith, hope, trust, believing, and seeking God give us strength and renew our life.

If you are facing things that won't really matter in a couple months, stop worrying and just work on them the best you can. If you are facing life-pausing concerns, may God bless you with a peace that passes all understanding and hold you close to His promise.

Have to go before the doctor comes out. See you at church,

Pastor Tom



"Don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time."  
<<Matthew 6:34>>

## Children's Ministries

**Vacation Bible School 2016 is coming!** Join us August 8-12 from 9:00am until 12:30pm for Marketplace "Sea of Galilee." All kids should be *pre-registered*, watch for forms in the mail or call the church office to register.

*Help is needed!* We have a place for everyone, young or old! Sit down jobs available as well as jobs on the go. Come and share your gifts and be a part of changing a child's life through this week long, hands on, interactive program.

Supplies needed: (bring in any time)

Blue jello	Swedish fish	Goldfish crackers	M&Ms
Graham crackers	Brown lunch bags	Twine	Mini-marshmallows
Cheerios	Fruit Loops	Ziploc snack bags	Ziploc sandwich bags
Small boxes of raisins	Pickles – dill & sweet	Olives – black & green	Strawberry jam
Grape jelly	Honey	Bisquick	Dixie cups
Boxed brownie mix	Strawberry cake mix	Orange cake mix	Ranch dressing
Capri Sun or juice boxes	Freezy pops		

Bring in the week prior to VBS:

Pillsbury cinnamon rolls	Blocks of cheese	Celery	Carrots
Apples	Watermelon	Grapes	Bananas
Hot dogs	Cans of pop (Tops brand; all flavors)	Individual bags of chips (any kind)	

**VBS Guide Training** will be Saturday, July 30 from 1-7pm. This time will include dinner, bonfire, VBS setup and training necessary for being a VBS guide. Guide training is mandatory for all youth interested in helping! Alternate date will be Sunday, July 31 from 1-7pm. TEXT Barb Jeffords (716-435-0528) to let her know you will be helping and *which* date you will attend training.

Sunday, August 7 is dress rehearsal VBS! All VBS youth helpers should plan on attending both services that day and take part in the services. There will be an all VBS meeting at 12:30 the same day. *Everyone* helping out should come to this meeting.



**Backpack Project for Children** - School Supplies needed!! We can work together to help families in our area that may be struggling to find the money for those long lists of supplies needed to start the school year. We want God's children to be prepared to excel in their education! (Sales should be starting soon!) Items needed: backpacks, notebooks, glue sticks, glue bottles, pencils, pens, binders, lined paper, scissors, rulers, pink erasers, colored paper folder (with and without prongs), crayons, markers, colored pencils, rulers, index cards, highlighters, black sharpies, and compass. These will be collected the weekend of August 6 and 7.

**Angel Wings expanding in the fall!** On Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm there will be *three* groups: Angel Wings for all children 4-8 years old will focus on Christian values and fun; Angel Wings 2 is for 9-12 year old boys will have a Christian message and fun planned activities for young men growing up as a Christian; Angel Wings 3 is for 9-12 year old girls will have a Christian message and fun planned activities for young women growing up as a Christian. **We need men and women** to help with these groups by sharing your time and talents – either for a week or a month. Please contact Becky Heideman at 716-625-8312 or Barb Jeffords at [barbieffords@pcumc.org](mailto:barbieffords@pcumc.org). We began this program last year for the boys and it was successful for both the men leading them and the boys who were learning! Please consider if this is a gift you could share with our young people.

## Youth Ministries

**Youth Mission Trip** – Over 30 youth and their leaders will be going on a Mission Trip to Camp Aldersgate from July 17-24. Please keep them all in prayer for a safe, educational and fun trip.

To help fund their trip, the Youth will be holding a Hot Dog Sale and Car Wash on Sunday, July 10. Please stop by to support and send the youth off with prayer.

On July 6 at 7PM, there is a **mandatory meeting** for the Youth attending the trip and their parents to finalize all plans for the Mission Trip.

**Juniors & Seniors** – Our last meetings for the year will be on July 13 and 27 at 7PM. Please let Pastor Sherry know if you can attend.

**We are looking for Youth Ministry Leaders!** If you are looking for a fun and enjoyable way to connect with the youth of our church, please attend our Youth Ministry Leaders Meeting on Wednesday, August 10 at 7PM in the Sanctuary. We have plenty of opportunities to help, including: weekly or monthly on Wednesdays or Sundays, cooking, using power tools, painting, drivers and chaperones for outings and being a shepherd for our youth.

**4twelve** – We are looking for teens who are interested in being leaders to help with Mission Projects, Confirmation Class and transitioning younger children into our Youth Ministry. We will be holding an orientation on Sunday, August 14 at noon. Please let Pastor Sherry or Kristin Clark know if you are interested.

**Confirmation** – Youth, check your mailboxes for information on this year's Confirmation Class. Our kickoff will be on Sunday, September 11! Meetings will be throughout the year from 12:45-2:30pm most Sundays. There will be lessons, field trips and a retreat! If you are interested in being confirmed, please fill out the registration form enclosed in the packet! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Sherry ([sherrymahar@pcumc.org](mailto:sherrymahar@pcumc.org)).

## Adult Bible Study Groups

*For a complete list of our Bible Studies, please visit our website at [www.pcumc.org](http://www.pcumc.org) or contact the church office.*

**Adult Drop In Bible Study** is doing a DVD study series on spiritual warfare - "The Invisible War" by Chip Ingram. We meet in the Disciple Room Sunday mornings from 10:45am-12noon. Join us and see what's going on!

**Summer Wednesday Bible Study** will begin on July 6. Watch for more details in the Little Good News.

**Christianity 101 - Teacher Training** - Those interested in teaching classes for Christianity 101 should contact Pastor Lisa at [lisataylor@pcumc.org](mailto:lisataylor@pcumc.org). There will be a meeting for those interested in late July or early August; watch the Little Good News for details. Questions will be answered and we will plan training sessions for upcoming classes in the fall.

## Looking ahead to September!

**Disciple classes** – Linda Barczykowski, Certified Lay Minister, will lead a Disciple II class on Mondays at 7 pm beginning in September. There may be a Disciple I class offered; we are still working on details. Watch for details in the Little Good News and in the September newsletter.

**Christianity 101** - This is Pendleton Center's course on basic Christian Discipleship. It is recommended for new members, people considering membership, and 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 that each develop specific aspects of that topic. Whether you've been in the church all your life or are new to the Christian faith, you're bound to learn something new. Contact Pastor Lisa or the church office for more info. Let us know if you'd really like to benefit from this course, but need a different day/time. The schedule can be flexible to meet your needs. Pastor Lisa's goal is to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ! (Wednesdays, there may be other dates offered if there is another teacher or two ready to go.) Fall sessions and dates are listed below.

Getting to Know Your Bible - September 14, 21, 28

What Does it Mean to Be a Christian? - October 5, 12, 19

What is the Church? - November 2, 9, 16

What Does it Mean to Be a United Methodist? - November 30, December 7, 14

**New Class** - "But I've Never Been to a Bible Study, I Wouldn't Know What to Do!"

This is a class for people who are thinking about going to a Bible study at the church but aren't sure what that means, whether they'd fit in, or which Bible study at PCUMC is a good place to start. Pastor Lisa remembers how it felt many years ago, the first time she walked into a Bible study. She was nervous, self-conscious, and thought everybody else knew way more than she did about the Bible. This class is designed to be open to questions, introduce the Bible to first-timers as something to be studied, and there will even be a little "practice" Bible study session to acquaint you with the different kinds of approaches to Bible studies that different teachers use. Whether you're new to church or have been coming all your life, if you've never been comfortable about the idea of attending a Bible study but want to, this is the class for you. Pastor Lisa will have the coffee on and a dessert to enjoy. Come join in on Wednesday, September 7 in the Disciple Room from 6:30-8:30pm.

## Happening around PCUMC

Seminary is hard, and I have three years to go, if I can keep up the pace. It's not the academic work itself that's challenging, although it certainly is. What's really tricky is juggling the responsibilities I have to my family and friends, school, my ballet studio, and being a pastor here at PCUMC. I'll be honest, it's a balance that I'm struggling to maintain. But everywhere I look I find help and support in all kinds of ways, and blessings I could never have imagined.

All of you at PCUMC are among the blessings I have been granted by God, as you pray and support me in so many ways, while I work to fulfill God's purpose for my life through ministry here at the church. I want you to know that by the Holy Spirit I sense the prayers you offer up and draw strength and comfort from them. When you have offered words of encouragement I have felt God's love coming through you, and received every bit of it! I offer to all of you and to those who have helped with books and other expenses my true, heart-felt gratitude. Through being here at PCUMC with such wonderful pastors, lay leadership, and parishioners I have learned so much about pastoral ministry. And I continue to grow. You are all wonderful blessings from God! I thank each one of you, staff and congregation, for your support in whatever way God grants as I pursue God's call on my life. I don't know where I will ultimately end up, but it will be with God. And it will be, in great part, because of the blessing of a church full of love.

To all those in every sphere of my life who have been and continue to be there for me, I am grateful. I thank you with all my heart. You are making it possible for me to be the blessing in this world that God has called me to be. I pray for you all. And I hope and pray that you all know how much it means to me that you, knowingly or not, have invested in God's work in this world by helping me. God bless you!

Blessings, *Pastor Lisa Taylor*

## Congratulations to our Graduates!

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Daniel Bancroft	Niagara Univ.; Bachelor's in Sports Management	
Zachary Bancroft	NCCC; Associate's in Humanities & Social Science	
Jeffrey Binga	NCCC; Associate's in Business	
Austin Boudreault	NCCC; Liberal Arts & Science	
Andrew Ludwig	Canisius College; Bachelor's in Computer Science	Already working in Buffalo
Andrew Machaby	Univ. of Buffalo; Bachelor's in Civil Engineering	Bridge inspector with Ravi Engineering
Kristin Neese	Midwestern Univ., PhD in Physical Therapy	Job in Wichita Falls, Texas
Carolyne Szaicher	Buffalo State; Bachelor's in Science (Cum Laude)	Graduate School at Buffalo State
Aaron Taylor	Univ. of Buffalo; Bio-Medical Sciences	
Troy Wagner	Alfred State; Bachelor's in Business Technology Mgmt.	Family business with his father
Mindy Walck	D'Youville; Health Services Management	



**Summer Worship Musicians Needed!** Our summer worship schedule has begun and we are looking for volunteers to provide special music during the summer months. The sign up sheet is on the door of the choir rehearsal room off of the Fellowship Hall. You may sign up for just one service or several – including Saturdays. If you have any questions, you may contact Julie Maciejewski at [handbellgal@msn.com](mailto:handbellgal@msn.com).

**Wanted: Musical instruments** of any kind, age or condition. Repairable ones can be fixed, non-repairable ones will be used for parts to fix others! They will be used for the youth program at our Niagara Falls Church. Please contact Holly Brittain ([hbrit37014@aol.com](mailto:hbrit37014@aol.com)), Gidget Hughes ([gidgethughes@pcumc.org](mailto:gidgethughes@pcumc.org)), or Pastor Jean ([jeanedmister@pcumc.org](mailto:jeanedmister@pcumc.org)) if you would like to donate percussion, wind, or stringed instruments.

**Would you like to learn more about the Labyrinth in the Prayer Theater?** The Prayer Team is willing to share with you about this way of centering yourself as you walk the design on the floor. Please contact Pastor Jean ([jeanedmister@pcumc.org](mailto:jeanedmister@pcumc.org)) if you or a group you belong to are interested in trying this ancient form of prayer and meditation.

**Lori Jagow**, a member of our Pendleton Center Church family, is a professional photographer who will take photos of your family, your son or daughter's graduation, wedding, etc., and then donate a portion of that back to the church towards our children's ministries. If you are interested, you can visit her website at <http://lorijagow.wix.com/lorijagowphotography> or phone her directly at 716-639-7983.

**Pendleton Center and First Church Retreat is September 23-25** –The church is going on retreat to Camp Asbury on Silver Lake near Perry, New York. Everyone is welcome to attend, including adults, youth, and children. There will be time for quiet reflection, fun, learning, and worship. ***The rooms in the Manor are filled, so we have started to fill the dorm-style Mabuce cabin!*** *This second building is not as modern, but it is also less expensive than the Manor.* There will be free time built in when you can go to nearby Letchworth State Park, or visit some of the local shops. We have meals next door at the Koinonia Inn. Registration brochures are available near the entrances to the sanctuary. Space is filling up fast, so register ASAP! For more information, contact Pastor Jean ([jeanedmister@pcumc.org](mailto:jeanedmister@pcumc.org)) or Linda Weatherall ([funshipfan@yahoo.com](mailto:funshipfan@yahoo.com)).



**Got Sports? Need Church?** If your family is missing weekly worship because of the kids sports activities, then Saturday worship may be the answer! Join us Saturday's at 5:00pm for worship and Christian Education for children. It's the perfect way to end (or begin) your week centered in God - and you might make some new friends too!

## Opportunities for Christian Fellowship

**Women's Book Club** will meet at Ship 'n Shore restaurant, 5612 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Lockport on Monday, July 18 ("Unsaid" by Neil Abramson) and August 15 ("Trail of Blood" by Lisa Black) at 7 pm. *Please check the website calendar for the location, we may go to Lewiston one month!* If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Bova at [ybova@kaleidahealth.org](mailto:ybova@kaleidahealth.org). Come join us! You do not need to read the book – we welcome all ladies to this monthly get together!



**Softball Team News** – The Pendleton Center Church softball team plays on Saturdays at 6:30 pm. The full schedule and locations can be found on the church website calendar. Check the website calendar and Little Good News for locations of playoff games!

**Pendleton Fellowship Group** (formerly U&I group) – Our first Potluck Social on Monday, June 13 was a hit with over 30 people present. The food was fabulous and the fellowship was even better! Many full-filled ideas were suggested as monthly activities beginning in the fall on the second Monday of each month. Watch for upcoming news as the group continues to grow. Please contact Sue and Jim Phillips (716-691-4850) or Jane and Jack Smith (716-439-4151) for further information.

## Care Ministries

**Your Pendleton Center UMC grief support group** will resume meetings in September using the GriefShare curriculum which addresses the death of friends and loved ones. Anyone who would like to be a part of this group please contact Leslie Wagner at [leswagner@aol.com](mailto:leswagner@aol.com) or by phone at 716-691-4765 for more information.

If anyone is interested in being part of a support group addressing any life circumstance which generates a feeling of loss, anxiety, or sadness, consider a six week discussion using the book *Praying Our Goodbyes*. This group would meet on a weekly basis beginning mid-July through August. As above, if interested, please contact Leslie Wagner.

**The Guardians** - Pendleton Center's information and support group for adults caring for elderly family members will meet on Monday, July 25 and August 22 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Guardians meet to seek God's help in caring for our beloved elders, share and receive information and prayer needs, and hold one another up. For more information, contact Connie Pasisz at 716-481-2272.

**Do you have a heart for helping?** There are members of our church who are no longer able to attend because of illness or age. They love to have visits from members of the church! Even if you are unable to go visit, they would appreciate a card or a phone call. If you would like to be part of the Visitation Team, contact the office at 716-625-8306. **We also sometimes need people to make a meal for a family in crisis.** If you are willing to do that occasionally, please let us know.

**Counseling Services Available** - Lori Jagow is available for Christian counseling services for marriage and family, divorce recovery, Christian dating or personal Christ-centered guidance. There is a nominal fee based on a sliding scale. Contact Lori for an appointment or more information at [loriannjagow@gmail.com](mailto:loriannjagow@gmail.com) or call the church office at 716-625-8306.

## First UMC, Our Church in Niagara Falls

We are starting a **Wednesday Summer Rec Program** for kids in grades K-8 at First Church on July 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2pm. Volunteers are always welcome.

**Vacation Bible School** will take place at First UMC on July 11-14 from 9:30am-noon.

**Thanks to those who have helped** with the Yard Sale in June, and the Thursday night Community Dinners that continue all year long. If you would like to help feed people and develop a sense of community in the area near First Church, join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm. Volunteers are always welcome. **On July 21 we will be starting a new time of worship following the Thursday dinners.** It will start at 6:15pm and last about one half hour. A message, music and prayers will be included.

**We have several groups coming to stay at our Mission House near First Church.** These groups are coming to do mission projects in the Niagara Falls area!

**In the Fall** we will be offering a Bible study on the Book of Romans at 6:30pm on Tuesdays.

*First UMC is located at 8210 Buffalo Avenue in the LaSalle area of Niagara Falls. Come by and visit sometime!* For more information about First UMC, contact Pastor Jean Edmister at [jeanedmister@pcumc.org](mailto:jeanedmister@pcumc.org) or the First UMC office 716-283-3370.

## Leading the Christian Life

**Prayer Centered Worship Service** – Monday, July 4 and August 1 at 6 pm. This is a quiet and contemplative service. There will be Scripture, a short message, silent and spoken prayers and Holy Communion. Individual prayer with or without laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil is always available.

**5<sup>th</sup> Monday Prayer Meeting** – Monday, August 29 at 6:30 pm in the Labyrinth/Theater room off of Fellowship Hall. This is a vibrant, Spirit-led time of prayer.

**Are you in need of prayer?** You can write your requests on your friendship card in worship, stop by the Prayer Station in the back of the Sanctuary during worship, or call the office to make your requests known. We also have an e-mail prayer chain that will pray for you. Submit requests to Linda Barczykowski at [rbarczykowski@roadrunner.com](mailto:rbarczykowski@roadrunner.com).

### 2016 Bible Challenge!

**Jun 27-Jul 3:** **M** 1 Kings 10-11; Acts 8:26-40; **T** Ecclesiastes 1-3; Acts 9:1-22; **W** Ecc 4-6; Acts 9:23-43; **Th** Ecc 7-9; Acts 10:1-23; **F** Ecc 10-12; Acts 10:24-48; **S** 1 Kings 12-13; Acts 11; **Su** 1 Kings 14-15; Acts 12

**Jul 4-10:** **M** 1 Kings 16-18; Acts 13:1-25; **T** 1 Kings 19-20; Acts 13:26-52; **W** 1 Kings 21-22; Acts 14; **Th** 2 Kings 1-3; James 1; **F** 2 Kings 4-6; James 2; **S** 2 Kings 7-9; James 3; **Su** 2 Kings 10-12; James 4

**Jul 11-17:** **M** 2 Kings 13-14; James 5; **T** Jonah 1-4; Acts 15:1-21; **W** Amos 1-3; Acts 15:22-41; **Th** Amos 4-6; Galatians 1; **F** Amos 7-9; Galatians 2; **S** 2 Kings 15-16; Galatians 3; **Su** 2 Kings 17-18; Galatians 4

**Jul 18-24:** **M** 2 Kings 19-21; Galatians 5; **T** 2 Kings 22-23; Galatians 6; **W** 2 Kings 24-25; Acts 16:1-21; **Th** Psalms 1, 2, 10; Acts 16:22-40; **F** Psalms 33, 43, 66; Philippians 1; **S** Psalms 67 & 71; Phil 2; **Su** Psalms 89 & 92; Phil 3

**Jul 25-31:** **M** Psalms 93-95; Philippians 4; **T** Psalms 96-98; Acts 17:1-15; **W** Psalms 99-100, 102; Acts 17:16-34; **Th** Psalms 104-105; 1 Thessalonians 1; **F** Psalms 106, 111-112; 1 Thess 2; **S** Psalms 113-115; 1 Thess 3; **Su** Psalms 116-118; 1 Thess 4

**Aug 1-7:** **M** Psalms 119:1-88; 1 Thess 5; **T** Psalms 119:89-176; 2 Thessalonians 1; **W** Psalms 120-122; 2 Thess 2; **Th** Psalms 123-125; 2 Thess 3; **F** Psalms 127-129; Acts 18; **S** Psalms 130-132; 1 Corinthians 1; **Su** Psalms 133-135; 1 Cor 2

**Aug 8-14:** **M** Psalms 136 & 146; 1 Corinthians 3; **T** Psalms 147-148, 1 Cor 4; **W** Psalms 149-150; 1 Cor 5; **Th** 1 Chronicles 1-3, 1 Cor 6; **F** 1 Chr 4-6; 1 Cor 7:1-19; **S** 1 Chr 7-9; 1 Cor 7:20-40; **Su** 1 Chr 10-12; 1 Cor 8

**Aug 15-21:** **M** 1 Chronicles 13-15; 1 Corinthians 9; **T** 1 Chr 16; Psalms 42 & 44; 1 Cor 10:1-18; **W** Psalms 45-47; 1 Cor 10:19-33; **Th** Psalms 48-50; 1 Cor 11:1-16; **F** Psalms 73 & 85; 1 Cor 11:17-34; **S** Psalms 87-88; 1 Cor 12; **Su** 1 Chr 17-19; 1 Cor 13

**Aug 22-28:** **M** 1 Chronicles 20-22; 1 Corinthians 14:1-20; **T** 1 Chr 23-25; 1 Cor 14:21-40; **W** 1 Chr 26-27; 1 Cor 15:1-28; **Th** 1 Chr 28-29; 1 Cor 15:29-58; **F** 2 Chronicles 1-3; 1 Cor 16; **S** 2 Chr 4-6; 2 Corinthians 1; **Su** 2 Chr 7-9, 2 Cor 2

**Aug 29-Sep 4:** **M** 2 Chronicles 10-12; 2 Corinthians 3; **T** 2 Chr 13-14; 2 Cor 4; **W** 2 Chr 15-16; 2 Cor 5; **Th** 2 Chr 17-18; 2 Cor 6; **F** 2 Chr 19-20; 2 Cor 7; **S** 2 Chr 21; Obadiah; 2 Cor 8; **Su** 2 Chr 22; Joel 1; 2 Cor 9



## Our Church Finances

**TOPS and SCRIP Retailer Gift Cards** – We've been participating in Tops Markets' "ca\$h for causes" program for 10 years now! This program has earned more than \$23,500 for PCUMC with over \$468,000 in Tops Cards sales! This is a *great* fund raising opportunity for non-profit organizations like our church. Remember that PCUMC receives 5% from Tops Cards sales while you get the full face value of the card.



**Tops cards can be used for groceries, gasoline, & prescriptions at all Tops Friendly Markets.** We have denominations of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100 for your convenience. We've already given out \$6,200 in rebates to our regular customers (\$20 Tops Card for every \$1,000 spent).

**If you are interested in gift cards other than TOPS,** why not check out our SCRIP program? We have a variety of cards available in the Christian Education office in the Family Life Center. If you want a retailer other than those we have on hand, place an order with us by Monday, July 11 or August 8, and receive your order the following weekend.

**Questions?** Contact Heather Miner in the office at 716-625-8306 or [heatherminer@pcumc.org](mailto:heatherminer@pcumc.org).

**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. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Please contact Mary Bobsein at the church office ([marybobsein@pcumc.org](mailto:marybobsein@pcumc.org) or 716-625-8306) for details.

**How are we doing?** This article was written in mid-June, when we only had financial results through the end of May. Our May year-to-date income was about 3.5% above the comparable figure last year. Another positive indicator is our current income projections for the year are 0.5% above our 2016 finance budget. We will continue to keep a close watch on our spending and income. We appreciate your generosity in helping us to meet our expenses, as well as your special offerings toward our mission moments.

**Giving statements** will be mailed in July to those who have us keep track of their offerings. These statements cover your giving through the end of June.

Summer is traditionally a slow time for churches. We have a lot less people attend worship because they are traveling, camping or busy with other activities. The church expenses don't take a vacation during the summer! We still have to pay utilities, salaries, a mortgage and other ongoing expenses. Enclosed you will find an envelope to use if you wish to mail your gift to the church this summer. What you give makes a difference!

**Thank you again for all you do** to make our church ministries happen. We need to work hard to provide all the support they need, and your continued support will make our ministry a powerful witness to Christ.

**July and August Mission Moments:** *These are always optional and up to you!* A few weeks each month we highlight a "Mission Moment" when you have an opportunity to give to the charity that is featured. You are encouraged to give to those groups or programs that you are interested in or want to support as you feel led. **July 10** is Christian Motorcycle Association. They hand out Bibles and literature at rallies and other events to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. **August 7** is Vacation Bible School and **August 21** is Sole for a Soul (buy school shoes for underprivileged children).

## Opportunities to be In Service

**Update on the purse project!** 20 purses were chosen by women at the Rose Cafe in Niagara Falls and 15 were dropped off at Lockport Cares. Just a couple stories: In Niagara Falls someone brought homemade prayer shawls to hand out also. A woman picked out a blue prayer shawl because her first great-grandchild was about to be born; there was a "jean" purse that she will give to the child's mother because she always used to make jean purses for her grandchildren out of jeans. She was so filled with emotion, she could barely breathe. Purses dropped off at Lockport Cares were truly welcomed by volunteers. There was a purse monogrammed with a letter and a volunteer said there was a homeless woman staying there now with that same letter. God IS good! Thanks again for the support of this project!

# July Church Family News

## Anniversaries

- 1 – Bob & Jan Inwards '78, Bob & Gretchen Pusch, Dick & Sandy Roslund '67
- 2 – Bob & Bonnie Franke '66, James & Katie LaFever '81
- 3 – Richard & Karen Long '98
- 5 – Bill & Mary Morgan '14
- 6 – Matthew & Lynn Jones '01
- 7 – Lee & Sharon Muir '79
- 8 – Chad & Jennifer Stowe '11
- 10 – Sean & Libby Leeds '93, Dick & Terry Shenton
- 11 – Brandon & Brittany Bova '15, Aaron & Sarah Deak '15, Ken & Bonnie Reed '81
- 13 – Dale & Janice Hodge '63, Steven & Jamie Scalzo '02
- 15 – Jimmy & April Farrell '00
- 17 – Jim & Diane Askey '81, Matt & Erin DeVantier '04, Brian & Jamie Snyder '15
- 18 – Sam Jr. & Rachel Sampman '08
- 19 – Rick & Laura Castillo '14
- 20 – Rich & Doreen Anderson, Murry & Tonya Getsler
- 21 – Bill & Lynn Becker '90, Kevin & June Childs '78
- 23 – James & Lori Franke '94
- 24 – Ted & Lynn Pickard '93, Steve & Kim Sosnowski '93
- 25 – William & Dawn Fish '87, DJ & Pastor Sherry Mahar, Sean & Amanda Stabler '15
- 27 – Mark & Tracy Warner '91
- 28 – Tom & Sara Crosby '84
- 30 – Jon & Nancy Himes '88

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

Constance Gagliardi,  
grandmother of Adrienne Demmin  
Margaret Kanczak, mother of Karyn Michalski  
Norman Kubiak, father of Phil Kim-Kubiak  
Lester McKinney

## Birthdays

- 1 – Eric Brown, Lynne Elberson, Jake Harris, Ernie Rose
  - 2 – Michael Cain, Scott Dabb, Debbie Robichaud
  - 3 – Scot Jaynes, Taryn North, Diana Rooney
  - 5 – Sherry Mahar, Tracy Warner
  - 6 – Brett Jackson, Cindy Jackson, Kristen Licata
  - 7 – Alexandra Becker, Lindsey Piazza, Lynn Pickard
  - 8 – Nathan Beutel, Joshua Nadeau
  - 9 – Kevin Czynry, Timothy Lukasik, Jeanne Prendergast
  - 10 – Matthew Brown, Shawn Duchscherer, Charissa Szpaicher
  - 11 – Mary Bobsein, Tory DelPrince
  - 12 – Brenda Case, Brianna Matheis
  - 13 – Bill Heinemann, Tyler Himes, Vincent Ward, Amy Yerdon
  - 14 – Dale Hodge, Lauren Krystaf
  - 15 – Nicole Borner Prendergast, Elise Leeds, Elizabeth Haniszewski
  - 16 – Shawn Malloy, Andrew Palm, Mary Pogel
  - 17 – Rebecca Haniszewski, Connor Varney
  - 18 – Deana DeFranco, Gloria Falbo, Kelly Gold, Terry Shenton, Stephanie Reaser
  - 19 – Kathy Aide Smith
  - 20 – Lynne Rogowski
  - 21 – Sara Crosby, Tracy Roslund
  - 22 – Alayna Weeks
  - 23 – Judy Krupp, Sean Miller, Kristin Neese, Ryan Prendergast
  - 24 – Phil Anderson, Mike Goris, Kelsey Juchem, Andrew Lynch, Irene Tate
  - 25 – Julia Beutel, Brandon Birtch, Sheri Cappon, Tom Grimmer, Ann Lynch, Sam Mattina, Shirley Schlee
  - 26 – Martin Loyd
  - 27 – Michael Lenhard
  - 28 – Sara Kim-Kubiak, Eric Lynch, Donna Vergils
  - 29 – Emily (Ohol) Diermyer, Maggie Ohol, John Santor II, Sally Santor
  - 30 – Kiarra Furey, Melissa Haniszewski, Jeffrey Volpe Jr.
  - 31 – Cassandra Andrusz, Leah Brittain, Joan Kirkland, Linda Stevens
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# August Church Family News

## Anniversaries

- 2 – Steve & Kelly Keelty '96, Bob & Marge Wurtenberger
- 4 – Jeff & Dana Thompson
- 5 – Nick & Lauren Krystaf '05
- 7 – Aaron & Emily (Ohol) Diermeyer '15, Jim & Sue Phillips
- 9 – Dave & Jill Deibel '08, Roy & Donna Swain '80
- 10 – Tony & Mary Licata '79
- 13 – Michael & Joan Kozlowski '82, Elmer & Judy Krupp '60
- 15 – Joseph & Kristen Anastasi '97, Bim & Marion Rowlands '64
- 16 – John & Debbie Rettig, Timothy & Sarah Slaght, Chad & Amy Yerdon '07
- 18 – James & Kristie Jones '73
- 19 – Carmen & Gloria Falbo '61
- 20 – Phil & Yvonne Bova '83, Dave & Barb Oswald '94
- 21 – Paul & Gail Brown, Paul & Becky Snyder
- 22 – Aaron & Tammy Preisch '98
- 23 – Dave & Carrie Bazinet, Thomas & Emily Riexinger '14, Ian & Angela Ryman '14
- 24 – Dave & Rhonda Daigler '96
- 25 – Jim & Sandy Goehrig '84
- 26 – Maynard & Sandy Climenhaga '61
- 27 – Mark & Sheri Lemma, Brian & Sandra Masterson '66, Mike & Rose Rozeski '05
- 28 – Eric & Lisa Brown '82

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Congratulations to Emily Doctor and Andrew Palm who were married on June 4. Andrew is the son of Connie Clifford and grandson of Shirley Duchscherer.

We celebrate the baptism of these children!

**Madison Brielle Kuczanski**, daughter of Laura & Mark Kuczanski

**Landon Richard Reil**, son of Lindsay McMichael & Brandon Reil

**Joseph Nicholas Reynolds**, son of Nicholas & Laura Reynolds



## Birthdays

- 1 – Diane Askey
- 2 – Nona Goodrich, David Hocking
- 3 – Bernie Marin
- 5 – Kevin Childs, Allie Grear, Krystan Haniszewski, Annabel Selino
- 6 – Betty Shuff, Julie Snyder, Mike Terry
- 7 – Kayla Harris, AJ Mattina
- 8 – Elmer Krupp, Dick Roslund
- 9 – Lisa Glosser, Brianna Hahn, Lynn Jones
- 10 – Amanda Anderson
- 11 – Debbie Nucci
- 12 – Spencer Cappon, Mike Duchscherer, Sr., Jennie Goris, Julie Maciejewski, Kimberly Sosnowski, Mary Morgan, Paul Vergils
- 13 – Gary D'Amico, Richard Loring
- 14 – Eric Mitrowski, Judy Snow, Scott Terranova
- 15 – Katherine Anastasi, Dan Foit
- 16 – Lynelle Schloerb
- 17 – Taylor Brown, Wyatt Kneoppel, Chris Krystofik, Kaitlyn Neese, Steve Prendergast, Jamie Snyder
- 18 – Jenna Bush, Sam DelPrince, Jon Himes, Nancy Himes, Paul Strusienski
- 19 – Howard Brave, Jack Putney, Katie Putney
- 20 – Austin Boudreault, Ron Ellman, Ana Sophia Lee, Ron Rezabek
- 21 – Brandon Bova, Debbie Joseph, Renee Lorenz
- 22 – Andrew Birtch, Eileen Chatley, Austin Dick
- 23 – Dan Putney
- 24 – Jolanta Coles, Grace Michalski, Connie Pasisz
- 25 – Veronica Crosby, Madeline DeVantier, Andrew Mayer, Susan Mayer, Ed McDonald, Sue Tubbs
- 26 – Cassie Cain, Sandy Leaver, Mark Lemma, Lindsay McMichael, Zachary Nadeau, Bonnie Weber
- 27 – Julie Beutel, Rachel Birtch, Todd Juchem
- 28 – Ralph Owens, Hannah Thompson, Darren Wildt
- 29 – Douglas Feind, Jennifer Stowe, David Korzak, Sarah Schlee, Susan Terry, Sarah Warner, Rachel Weber
- 30 – Anita Nelaimischkies
- 31 – Ed Gmeinder, Kody Haniszewski, Nathan Kindred, June Smith

# JULY 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 5:00 Worship
3 9:00 & 10:30 Worship	4 <b>Office Closed</b> 6:00 Prayer Service 	5 Noon Sr. Nutrition Program	6 7:00 Mission Trip Mandatory Meeting 7:00 Summer Bible Study	7	8	9 5:00 Worship 6:30 Softball @ Pendleton Town Park
10 Mission Moment: Christian Motorcycle Association Car Wash & Hot Dog Sale 9:00 & 10:30 Worship	11 SCRIP Orders Due 9:30 Niagara Falls VBS	12 9:30 Niagara Falls VBS 7:00 Trustees	13 9:30 Niagara Falls VBS 7:00 Summer Bible Study 7:00 Jrs. & Srs. Meeting	14 9:30 Niagara Falls VBS 7:00 Praise Team	15	16 5:00 Worship 6:30 Softball @ Pendleton Town Park
17 Youth Mission Trip 9:00 & 10:30 Worship	18 Youth Mission Trip 7:00 Women's Book Club	19 Youth Mission Trip Noon Sr. Nutrition Program	20 Youth Mission Trip 7:00 Summer Bible Study	21 Youth Mission Trip	22 Youth Mission Trip	23 Youth Mission Trip 5:00 Worship 6:30 Softball @ Newfane HS
24 Youth Mission Trip 9:00 & 10:30 Worship	25 7:00 Guardians Meeting	26	27 7:00 Summer Bible Study 7:00 Jrs. & Srs. Meeting	28	29	30 1:00 VBS Guide Training 5:00 Worship

**Christian Education Classes for Children and Youth are offered Sundays at 9:00 & 10:30 am**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>July 31</b> 9:00 & 10:30 Worship  1:00 VBS Guide Training	<b>1</b>  6:00 Prayer Service 7:00 Mission Trip Planning Meeting	<b>2</b>  Noon Sr. Nutrition Program	<b>3</b>  7:00 Summer Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Collect School Supplies  5:00 Worship
<b>7</b> Collect School Supplies Mission Moment: VBS 9:00 & 10:30 Worship	<b>8</b> SCRIP Orders Due 9:00 Vacation Bible School NO Knutty Knitters	<b>9</b> 9:00 Vacation Bible School NO Sit, Sip & Sew NO Watercolors 7:00 Trustees	<b>10</b>  9:00 Vacation Bible School  7:00 Youth Ministry Leaders	<b>11</b>  9:00 Vacation Bible School  7:00 Praise Team	<b>12</b>  9:00 Vacation Bible School	<b>13</b>  5:00 Worship
<b>14</b> 9:00 & 10:30 Worship  Noon 4twelve Youth Orientation	<b>15</b> Newsletter Items Deadline  7:00 Women's Book Club	<b>16</b>  Noon Sr. Nutrition Program	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  5:00 Worship
<b>21</b> Mission Moment: Sole for a Soul 9:00 & 10:30 Worship	<b>22</b>  7:00 Guardians Meeting	<b>23</b> 9:30 Newsletter Assembly	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  5:00 Worship
<b>28</b> 9:00 & 10:30 Worship	<b>29</b>  6:30 5 <sup>th</sup> Monday Prayer Meeting	<b>30</b>  Noon Sr. Nutrition Program	<b>31</b>	<b>Sept. 1</b>  Noon United Methodist Women	<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>Sept. 3</b>  5:00 Worship

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### **July & August 2016 Events**

- Youth Mission Trip Car Wash & Hot Dog Sale – Sunday, July 10
- SCRIP Orders Due – Monday, July 11 & August 8
- First Church, Niagara Falls, Vacation Bible School – July 11-14
- Youth Mission Trip – July 17-24
- Pendleton Center Vacation Bible School – August 8-12

Summer Worship Schedule  
Saturday Worship at 5 pm; Sunday Worship at 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Fall Schedule will resume Sunday, September 11

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