

The Good News

September 2016 Newsletter

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

From the Pastor's Desk

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." – Hebrews 10

Ever since my wife, Jackie, went to work full time for the Air Force our schedules have been mostly mismatched. For thirty years we had Mondays off together. We could catch morning coffee together many days and often dinner. We could sometimes even take Sunday evening through Tuesday morning. Now we work opposite shifts. When she comes home, I have to work, and when I can get free, she is working. We have to be very intentional if we want to spend time together (and we do want to spend time together).

*It's not about
"having time",
it's about
making time!*

Our culture used to have a "normal" schedule that most people kept. Now, it's all over the place. Family members pass like ships in the night and it's hard to find time to get together with friends or do the things we value like attending worship. Most people really want to worship God and feel better when they do. We grow closer to God. But it's becoming harder. Sunday morning used to be a time when most people could worship God. But now people are filling Sunday mornings up with more and more activities. And summer gets even more difficult.

Relationships are like any living thing. I have watched my apple tree this summer in the heat and drought. It looked so strong and healthy in the spring with all the flowers and budding apples. As the tree endured the heat and drought, I noticed the tree looked ok, but it no longer had the energy to produce fruit. It needed all it had to produce leaves. Then the leaves began to fall. Fortunately, the rain came because I was worried the tree might die.

We have had a wonderful summer. All the sunshine and beautiful weather has given us even more things that keep us from church. But we need worship. Psalm 68 says, *"God gave abundant showers, and refreshed His weary inheritance."* We need times of refreshing from God or we will slowly begin to die inside. At first we don't notice the difference, but then we lose our fruitfulness and eventually we lose our joy and slowly our soul dies.

Jackie and I make a real effort to be with each other, because we don't want to even think of what will happen if we don't. Most people don't intentionally kill relationships, they just neglect them to death. The same things happens with our relationship with God and the church.

God is faithful, He makes time for us.... It's time to make time for God.

See you in worship,

Pastor Tom

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Children's Ministries

Our Fall Kickoff is Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11 and we look forward to seeing YOU!

9:30 am Christian Education Program (begins in the Sanctuary until children are dismissed):

- **Two years and younger:** Nursery Care is available in the nursery.
- **Two to Four Year-Olds:** Traditional Early Elementary Sunday School begins as a large group and then breaks down for age appropriate activities. Classes are located in the children's area, down stairs from the office area. Children should be picked up at 10:45 or after communion. Parental participation is welcomed and encouraged.
- **Kindergarten through 6th Grade:** Power Hour Rotation Model Sunday School for these 'Junior Tribes' (K-2nd) and 'Senior Tribes' (3rd – 6th). Classes are located in the Family Life Center (classroom hallway). These children are brought back to the Sanctuary at 10:45 or before communion.
- **7th – 12th Grades:** Meet in the Seaside (or 'couch' room) in the Family Life Center. Class begins at 9:30 and ends at 10:45 and youth will be released at that time.

11:15 am Christian Education Program (begins in the Sanctuary until children are dismissed):

- **Four Years and younger:** Nursery Care is available in the nursery.
- **Four Years through 6th Grade:** This traditional style Sunday School is a duplicate of the 9:30 program except that the entire group is divided into two classes, multi-age. Other than that, the curriculum and lessons are identical to the 9:30 program.
- **7th – 12th Grades:** Meet in the Seaside (or 'couch' room) in the Family Life Center. Class begins at 11:15 and ends at 12:30 and youth will be released at that time.

Parents Information Lunch! Stay around on October 2 after Sunday School Classes when we will have a hot-dog lunch and parent-orientation/informational meeting. Learn more about Children's Ministries and what is here at Pendleton Center Church for your children. We will discuss Visions, Missions, Hot Chocolate with God (HCWG), S'mores, Christian Education, Angel Wings, F.R.O.G.S., and both small and large groups. We will be there to answer all your questions! Please join us! Activities will be provided for your children!

Angel Wings is a fellowship program for children ages 4 through 12. They meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm beginning September 14 for a get together time with games, fun and food. During the year adults come to share about their jobs or hobbies. We go on field trips and learn about how to share Jesus' love with others. To start this year off, we are asking the children to bring in a gently used *non-religious* book to help fill a children's library in areas where books are scarce. We will also begin to collect supplies for Operation Christmas Child – school supplies, small toys, bath/personal care products, coloring books, sewing kits, gently used clean socks and t-shirts appropriate for children 2-12 years of age. If you have any questions, contact Becky Heideman at 716-625-8312.

Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores – HCWG is for girls in grades K-6 with Miss Adrienne Demmin and S'mores is for boys in grades K-6 with Mr. Adrian Almeida. Both groups will kick off on Friday, September 23 from 6-9 pm. Hope to see everyone there! If you have any questions, call or text Miss Adrienne at 716-727-8537.

F.R.O.G.S. (Fully Reliant on God Singers) – Calling all children from five years and up! Come to an hour of fun, singing and fellowship. We meet every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 in the choir room to prepare songs to sing during a worship service once a month. We will start this year's program on Wednesday, September 21. Hope to see some newcomers and, of course, everyone from last year! Feel free to call Sue Phillips at 716-691-4850, if you have any questions.

Genesis Programs

Genesis Mom's Morning Out is a toddler program for children one and two years of age. This program is designed to enhance social and emotional growth. Little ones have fun playing with others, growing social skills, and strengthening their large motor skills in our spacious gym. Trained and nurturing adults supervise and care for your child while you get some time to yourself or to run errands! We are now accepting applications for fall 2016.

- ✓ Two Options: Monday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00-11:30am.
- ✓ Tuition: full time (two days) \$77/month; part time (one day) \$41/month.
- ✓ The program runs September 19, 2016 to June 16, 2017.

Please contact Gidget Hughes for registration information at 716-625-8306.

Genesis Preschool is for children three through five years of age. Our preschool is well known in the district for our talented teachers and great program in building kindergarten readiness skills.

This program helps children build and develop social and emotional skills, large motor and fine motor skills, and build skills for learning concepts such as language development, recognition of shapes, letters, numbers, opposites, patterning, writing, and counting. We help enhance and develop all the skills needed to well prepare your child for kindergarten. Some of our classes are already full; however we still have some openings for the fall 2016 preschool classes.

We are looking forward to the start of a new preschool year!

- ✓ Parent Orientation: Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30pm
- ✓ Children have the opportunity to meet their teachers on Thursday, September 8 for three year olds and Friday, September 9 for four year olds



For registration information, please contact our office at 716-625-8306

Youth Ministries

CIA (Christians In Action) is back on September 14! We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:15pm in the gym, and hang out together playing dodge ball, pool, four square, etc. We will also have a weekly Bible study and work on different ministries. Some are the same every week, others change. Youth go to Choir, Youth Band, cook for missions, sew for cancer patients, do scenic painting, create items for special dinners, and work at construction and painting. Never wear nice clothes to CIA! We have too much fun to stay clean! Come join us!

Sunday Bible Study for youth is available at both the 9:30 and 11:15 services this year! Get the answers to your questions with Bill Becker at 9:30 or come study with Kelli and Dan Putney at 11:15.

4twelve – We are looking for youth who are interested in helping to lead games and connect with our Confirmants, run mission projects and help our 6th graders to transition into our youth programs! We will be holding an Orientation on Friday, September 9 from 6-11pm. We will be discussing the projects for the year and ending the night with a bonfire! Please let Kristin (kristin.clark72@gmail.com) know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Youth Mission Trip – We will hold an introductory meeting on Thursday, September 22 at 7pm for those interested in participating in next summer's Youth Mission Trip. You will receive all of the details as well as information about Fundraising. Our first fundraiser is scheduled to sell some items at the Fish Fry on October 28.

Youth Retreat – It's time to start planning this year's Youth Retreat! The Retreat is in January but we have a lot of planning to do before then so our first meeting will be on Monday, October 3 at 7pm.

Youth Ministries (continued)

Confirmation News – Confirmation will begin on September 11 with our Confirmation Picnic for all Confirmands and their families. You will get all the details for the year and answers to all of your questions. **Please register your child online at www.pcumc.org (go to 'connect' then 'youth'**. Meetings will be throughout the year from 12:45-2:30pm most Sundays. There will be lessons, field trips and a retreat! If you have any questions, contact Kristin (kristin.clark72@gmail.com) or Pastor Sherry (sherrymahar@pcumc.org).

Confirmation Parents Bible Study – We are in the process of setting a class up for parents of our Confirmation class to run at the same time when the youth are meeting. Watch for more details!

Registration for Youth Programs – We need the parents of our youth to help us get all of them registered for this year. Please visit the website, www.pcumc.org, and register your youth today! *We need a new registration form each year.* If you have any questions or concerns about any of our youth programs, please feel free to contact Kristin at 716-579-4313 or Pastor Sherry at 716-625-8306.

Happening around PCUMC

Community Faire & Business Expo – Pendleton Center Church will host this annual event on Saturday, October 1 from 10 am to 1 pm. Admission is free and there is something for everyone! You can learn about services offered by Niagara County as well as businesses and organizations in the Pendleton area. There will be free samplings from local restaurants. Lakeview Animal Sanctuary will be there with a petting zoo for kids of all ages! Flu shots will be available.

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) 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.

Adult Bible Study Groups

"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 one is a good place to start. Pastor Lisa remembers 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!! **One session - Wednesday, September 7 in the Disciple Room, 6:30-8:30pm.**

Sunday Adult Drop-In Bible Study meets in the Disciple Room from 11:15-12:15 starting September 11. The topic will vary from week to week based on the sermon content and/or local and world events.

Disciple I – This is the first course in the 34 week Disciple series that serves as the basis for all the other Disciple classes and will be offered at Pendleton Center on Tuesday nights at 7pm beginning September 20 (**change in start date!**) in the Disciple Room. Julane Beck, Certified Lay Minister, will lead this group, which covers the entire Bible (Old and New Testaments).

Disciple II - The start date for Disciple II is Monday, September 12 at 7pm in the back of the Sanctuary, led by Linda Barczykowski, CLM. This 32 week study offers a deeper examination of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts, emphasizing the rhythm of coming to God and going for God.

If you want to attend one of these classes, please contact the church (716-625-8306) or Linda (rbarczykowski@roadrunner.com).

Wednesday Bible Studies Beginning September 14:

- Pastor Bill Edmister will lead a study **Wednesday's at 5:00pm** using Adam Hamilton's study on the Book of John.
- Swallowed by a fish? Ran away from God? Got angry at God? Join Pastor Tom for a fun, short two to three week look at the prophet Jonah, **Wednesday's at 7:00pm.**
- Also, **Wednesday's at 7:00pm**, Pastor Jean will lead a study on the *Book of Romans*. The Apostle Paul, the brilliant author of *Romans*, wrote it as an introduction to his understanding of Christian beliefs and shared it with the early believers in Rome. It was written in AD 56, to encourage the new believers in Rome to live holy lives in the face of an immoral culture. He longed to go and meet them in person so they could talk more deeply about ideas such as God's grace and righteousness, and about our need for salvation from sin through the works of Jesus Christ. This class is an opportunity for you to learn more about the basic doctrines of our faith, and how they work in our current lives, in a small group setting where we can share openly.
- And lastly, **Wednesdays at 6:30pm**, Christianity 101 is a 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 (6:30-8pm). Whether you've been in the church all your life or are new to the Christian faith, you're bound to learn something new. *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! Specific's are:
 - ✓ 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

First UMC, Our Church in Niagara Falls

Sunday School at First Church returns on September 11 at 8:45am. Classes for children and adults are being planned.

Thanks to those who help with 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 at 5:30pm. Volunteers are always welcome.

We are now offering a time of worship following the Thursday dinners. It starts at 6:15pm and lasts about half an hour. A message, music and prayers are included.

In the fall, Pastor Jean will offer a Bible study on the *Book of Romans* at 6:30pm on Tuesdays beginning September 13. All are welcome.

Our next Youth Fun Night is planned for Friday, September 16 from 6-8:30pm. All youth are welcome to come for fun, games, snacks, learning, music and more.

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 716-283-3370 or jeanedmister@pcumc.org.

Music Notes

Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7 at 7pm. Contact Kelli Putney for more information at kelli@martingroupmarketing.com or 716-694-4208.



Christmas Cantata rehearsals begin on Wednesday, October 12. We are also looking for orchestra members for the performance on Sunday, December 11. Watch for more details!

Pendletones handbell choir will start weekly practices on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:45-7:30pm. This group is for high school through adults. You do not need to read music (but it does make it a little easier). Contact Julie Maciejewski if you have questions (716-417-1648 or handbellgal@msn.com). Come try us out!

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Opportunities for Christian Fellowship

Wednesday Nighters! Wednesday night is Family Night at Pendleton Center Church! There are opportunities for all ages beginning with F.R.O.G.S. (Fully Reliant on God Singers) at 4:30, then onto supper (we call it a 'Convenience Meal') at 6:00pm. The youth kickoff at 6:15pm with CIA (Christians in Action), and younger children (ages 4 - 12) head off to Angel Wings. Adults gather for Chancel Choir at 7:00 (for those capable of singing!) or one of several Bible Studies at 7:00pm. For those who are still awake, at 7:30 join us for Christian Country Line Dancing Classes (start October 5) with Dottie Ryer! We'd love to see you! For more information contact Debbie Parise at debbieparise@pcumc.org.

Got Sports? Are you an active family with children involved in weekend sports or a Buffalo Bills Tailgater and have a tough time getting to Sunday worship? Then Saturday worship is for you! Beginning Saturday, September 10 during our 5:00pm worship service we will offer Christian Education for children ages four through the grade six! The third Saturday of each month we even put on a 'Fellowship Meal' after worship – just right for the whole family! We are making room for you! Come join us!



Pendleton Fellowship Group – All adults are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on the second Monday of each month. September 12 will be our first meeting and, due to popular interest, we will start with a potluck dinner at 6:00pm. The next meeting will be Monday, October 10 when we will watch "The Intern," a humorous movie at 7:00 sharp. Come down to the Ark room a little early to get a good seat, popcorn and beverage. Contact Sue Phillips at 716-691-4850 or Jane Smith at 716-439-4151 for more information. We look forward to seeing some new faces in our group!

United Methodist Women – The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, September 1 at noon. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and coffee will be provided by our hostesses, June Phillips and Maryellen Schutz. A representative from Equi Star will be speaking to us about their therapeutic riding program. Come and bring a friend. Any questions, call Naomi Laskey at 716-433-4923.

Women's Book Club will meet at Ship 'n Shore restaurant, 5612 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Lockport on Monday, September 19 at 7 pm. The book is "Maybe in Another Life" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. If you have any 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!

Dancing with Dottie and Friends, the Wednesday night country line dancing group, will begin on October 5 at 7:30 pm. This is open to all ages and costs just \$6 per week.

Watercolor Classes – Have you always wanted to try your hand at a new hobby? Here's your opportunity! Pendleton Center Church has two Watercolor painting classes that meet in the 'Art Room'. One class meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm, the other meets Saturdays at 10:00 am. The classes are led by Virginia Kelley who holds a Master's degree in Education. Classes are \$7 and meet year-round. Each session is two hours in length and the goal is to do a painting at each session. Virginia teaches a lesson each time, both basic skills and advanced techniques! No prior sign-up is required. Try it out!

Leading the Christian Life

Pendleton Center/First UMC Church Retreat - September 23-25 – The church is going on retreat to Camp Asbury on Silver Lake near Perry, NY. There will be time for quiet reflection, fun, learning, and worship. There will also be free time built in when you can go to nearby Letchworth State Park, or visit some of the local shops. The rooms in the Manor are filled, and but we have some rooms left in the dorm-style Mabuice cabin! This second building is not as modern, but it is also less expensive than the Manor. We will all have our meals together next door to the Manor at the Koinonia Inn. Contact Pastor Jean (jeanedmister@pcumc.org) or Linda Weatherall (funshipfan@yahoo.com) for more information.



Prayer Centered Worship Service – Monday, September 5 at 6 pm. This is a quiet and contemplative service that takes place on the first Monday each month. 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.

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

The Gathering worship service is usually held on the third Sunday of each month at 6:30pm (September 18). This is a monthly service with lots of music, a devotion and Holy Communion. Come gather together and praise the Lord!

Our next 24-Hour Prayer Vigil is being planned for October 7-8. Watch for more information in the next newsletter and the Little Good News bulletin insert.

If you would like to be a part of the **Prayer Team** that plans vigils and encourages prayer in our church and community, let us know by contacting the office, 716-625-8306.

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 lbarczykowski@roadrunner.com.

2016 Bible Challenge!

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

Sep 5-11: **M** 2 Chronicles 23; Joel 2-3; 2 Cor 10; **T** 2 Chr 24-26; 2 Cor 11:1-15; **W** Isaiah 1-2; 2 Cor 11:16-33; **Th** Isa 3-4; 2 Cor 12; **F** Isa 5-6; 2 Cor 13; **S** 2 Chr 27-28; Acts 19:1-20; **Su** 2 Chr 29-30; Acts 19:21-41

Sep 12-18: **M** 2 Chronicles 31-32; Acts 20:1-16; **T** Isaiah 7-8; Acts 20:17-38; **W** Isa 9-10; Ephesians 1; **Th** Isa 11-13; Eph 2; **F** Isa 14-16; Eph 3; **S** Isa 17-19; Eph 4; **Su** Isa 20-22; Eph 5:1-16

Sep 19-25: **M** Isaiah 23-25; Ephesians 5:17-33; **T** Isa 26-27; Eph 6; **W** Isa 28-29; Romans 1; **Th** Isa 30-31; Rom 2; **F** Isa 32-33; Rom 3; **S** Isa 34-36; Rom 4; **Su** Isa 37-38; Rom 5

Sep 26-Oct 2: **M** Isaiah 39-40; Romans 6; **T** Isa 41-42; Rom 7; **W** Isa 43-44; Rom 8:1-21; **Th** Isa 45-46; Rom 8:22-39; **F** Isa 47-49; Rom 9:1-15; **S** Isa 50-52; Rom 9:16-33; **Su** Isa 53-55; Rom 10

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Opportunities to be In Service

A “Thank You” from Ann Marie Zon – Dear Friends, Needless to say, I am truly overcome by your most generous offering for the sake of the mission people in Nicaragua. Your caring means far more than you'll ever imagine and we are grateful. Your goodness will bring hope to others and a realization of them in the form of cows, pigs, education and wells. You'll allow positive things to happen and that is no small thing. Know that your years of being a part of our efforts are not taken for granted. We appreciate everything most deeply. May our Lord's love and peace fill each of your hearts.

September 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 or program 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. **September 11** is United Methodist Student Day that provides loan and scholarship funds for undergraduate and graduate students attending United Methodist related and other accredited colleges and universities. **September 18** is Seneca Street UMC. This inner city church has many programs for children and families in the Seneca-Babcock area of Buffalo.

“Sole for a Soul” Shoe Mission will take place on Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 am at the Payless Shoe Store in the Outlet Mall on Military Road to buy new school shoes for children who might not otherwise be able to afford them. If you are interested in this event please contact Gidget Hughes at gidgethughes@pcumc.org.

Hamburgers for the Homeless – We will be going out on the streets once again on Monday, September 19 with Friends Feeding Friends. We are looking for donations of frozen hamburger patties, hamburger rolls, and macaroni and cheese (homemade, frozen, or boxed). Donations are needed by Sunday, September 11. Please put in the refrigerator in Fellowship Hall labeled "The homeless." Please contact Sandy Houck at 716-438-2144 (leave message) if you would like to help out with either the preparation of this meal or to go along to distribute. This is a great opportunity for a small group or family to come along or help prepare at our church.

Looking ahead – In November we will hand out turkey dinners to homeless folks with Friends Feeding Friends. Please contact Sandy Houck at 716-438-2144 (leave message) if you have questions about this ministry. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

Care Ministries

The Guardians - Pendleton Center's information and support group for adults caring for elderly family members will meet on Monday, September 26 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come for dessert and to help organize the upcoming year. 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. Contact Connie Pasisz at 716-481-2272 for more information. Newcomers are always welcome!

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 or call the church office at 716-625-8306.

Our Church Finances

Hopefully everyone has had an enjoyable summer and will be back in September, refreshed and ready to finish out a great year in the life of our church!

PCUMC Year-to-Date Financial Update: This article was written in mid-August, when we had financial results through the end of July. Our July year-to-date income was 6.6% above the comparable figure last year, although we had an extra weekend of income through July this year as compared to July 2015. Our current income projection for the year based on July results is 0.4% above our 2016 finance budget, and with your continued generosity we hope increase that difference before the end of the year. Many thanks to those who helped out with their special “Summer Offerings” in July and August. 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 again in October to those who have us keep track of their offerings. These statements will cover your giving through the end of September.

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.

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.

Fall Fish Fry Dinners are Coming! Mark your calendars because you won’t want to miss our annual “Fall Fish Fry Series!” We will be having fish fry dinners here at the church from 4-7pm on these Fridays:



October 14

October 21

October 28

How can you help? We need all kinds of help to ensure the success of this church fundraiser. Next month’s newsletter will have more details, and “Help Wanted” clipboards will start circulating the first weekend in October to let everyone know areas where we need help. Even if you can’t work at a dinner, we hope you will come and eat with us! It’s a wonderful blessing to be able to provide these dinners to our community.

Tops and SCRIP Retailer Gift Cards – School is about to begin! Have you been back-to-school shopping? Why not get a gift card to your favorite store and help your church at the same time! The SCRIP retailer program has many cards to choose from, including restaurants, clothing stores, and major department stores! Possible cards that you could use for back-to-school are:



Aeropostale
Amazon.com

JCPenney
Barnes & Noble

Bon-Ton
Tim Horton’s

Target
Walmart

LL Bean
Kohls

iTunes
Gap

These and many others are available for order. **Our Next order will be placed on Monday, September 12.** Need a card today? We do have a select number of cards available for immediate purchase in the bookstore. Tops cards are always available for purchase in the Christian Education Office in the Fellowship Hall. Tops Cards can be used to purchase groceries, gasoline or other items in the supermarket. Any questions? Call Heather Miner in the office or email her at heatherminer@pcumc.org.

Church Family News

Anniversaries

- 1 – Bruce & Joanna Bull '00, Joshua & Theresa Lee '00
- 2 – Nancy & Dan Foit '83, Allyson & Nathan Morris '06
- 4 – George & Christa Eisenhardt '99
- 5 – Loren & Janice Earle '63
- 6 – Tim & Carolyn Paterson '80
- 9 – Paul & Donna Vergils '67
- 11 – Brad & Kathy Griffiths '93
- 12 – James & Cassie Cain '10
- 13 – Steve & Ann Lynch '91
- 15 – Douglas & Diane Feind '62
- 16 – Karen & Rob Kurczynski '00
- 17 – Premleela & Harshad Thacore
- 18 – Tory & Wendy DelPrince '93
- 19 – Leah & Eric Clapsadle, Kevin & Bridgette (Bova) Weller '15
- 21 – Andrew & Karen Machaby '85
- 23 – Jodi & Scott Miller '89, Dan & Kelli Putney '00
- 24 – Michael & Diane Lenhard
- 26 – Richard & Julie Beutel '04
- 27 – Mike & Connie Clifford '14
- 30 – Justine & Eric Mitrowski '06

*If you have corrections or additions,
please contact Julie at juliem@pcumc.org.*

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



Rick Adams, former Troop 98 Boy Scout leader
Gregory Aleong, brother of Kevin Aleong
Brian Cox
Kenneth DeVole, brother of Diane Haseley
Robert Lingenfelter, husband of Sharon, father of Tyler & Troop 98 leader
Russell "Smokey" Nye
Isabelle Rada, grandmother of Melissa Rada
Peggy Schulz, sister-in-law of Amy Folby
Clay Swan
Clifton "Bud" Thompson, father of Jeff Thompson
Nellie Tubbs, mother of Bill Tubbs
Anna McDonald, mother of Diane Wendt and grandmother of Lindsay

Birthdays

- 1 – Deborah Lukasik
- 2 – Ally Fell, Brian Smist
- 3 – Adrienne Folby, Sierra Kneepfel, Lucas Michalski
- 4 – Judy Fisher, Joan Kozlowski, Rich Joseph
- 5 – Mark Warner
- 6 – Andrew Mattina
- 7 – Dara Bannach, Lori Jagow
- 8 – Jaxson Castillo, Kylee Castillo, Andy Matheis, Marge Riggs
- 9 – Dave Deibel, Mary Owens, Bim Rowlands
- 10 – Tonya Getsler, Phil Haendiges
- 11 – Amy D'Angelo
- 12 – Mackenzie Ellingson, Meghan Machaby
- 13 – Lorinda Morris, Keith Varney
- 14 – Craig Walter
- 15 – Shane Gustafson, Karyn Michalski
- 16 – Nora Knobel, Libby Leeds, Hailey Getsler
- 17 – Jacqueline Shimwell
- 18 – Liga Coles, William Stricklin
- 19 – Rich Anderson, Elaine Fisher Perry, Kyle Kozlowski, Scott Miller, Rose Rozeski, Kathy Smith
- 20 – Josh Harris, Romney Taylor, Leslie Wagner
- 21 – Suzanne Andrusz, Nancy Bonarowski, Kristin Pickard
- 22 – Mike Duchscherer, Jr., Justine Mitrowski
- 23 – Allison Chatley, Elizabeth Valentine
- 24 – Brittany (Bova) Burke
- 25 – Christopher Jackson, Ken Reed
- 26 – Rick Jesse, Emily Reid, Flynn Roberts, Barb Szaicher, Jacquie Walters
- 27 – Daniel Korzak
- 28 – Diane Bush, John Prendergast, Cliff Schlemmer
- 29 – Amy Thornton
- 30 – Delaney Reil, Shane Stricklin

Congratulations – Nathan and Carolyne (Szaicher) Kinne were married on August 6.

Nathan and Annmarie (Busha) Beutel were married on August 13.

Baptism – *Brayden Thomas Grimmer*, son of Tom and Jennifer, was baptized on August 14.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Noon United Methodist Women 5:30 Niagara Falls Community Dinner	2	3 10 Watercolor Classes 5 Worship
4 9:00 & 10:30 Worship ***Next week we return to our 'regular' worship service schedule!!!	5 Labor Day Office Closed 6 Prayer Service	6 10:00 Sewing for Missions 12:00 Niagara County Senior Nutrition Program 1:00 Watercolor Classes	7 Church Carpets Cleaned Limited Access to Building 10:00 All Staff Meeting 6:30 "But I've Never Been to Bible Study Before" Class 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:30 Men of Hymn	8 5:30 Niagara Falls Community Dinner 6:30 Boy Scouts	9 6:00 4twelve Orientation	10 Fall Kickoff Mission Moment: Methodist Student Day 9:00 Sole for a Soul 10:00 Watercolor Classes 5:00 Worship
11 Fall Kickoff Mission Moment: Methodist Student Day 8:15, 9:30, 11:15 Worship 9-11:15 Breakfast! 11:15 Drop-In Bible Study 12:45 Confirmation Family Picnic	12 SCRIIP Orders Due 10:00 Women's Bible Study Begins 6:00 Fellowship Group Potluck 7:00 Mission Trip Meeting 7:00 Disciple II Begins	13 10:00 Sewing for Missions 1:00 Watercolor Classes 7:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Trustee Meeting	14 6:00 Convenience Meal 6:15 CIA Youth Ministry 6:30 Angel Wings 6:30 Christianity 101: Pt 1 6:45 Pendletones 7:00 Bible Studies 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:30 Men of Hymn	15 October Newsletter Deadline 5:30 Niagara Falls Community Dinner 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Praise Team	16 6-10:30pm HCWG/S'mores Leaders Orientation	17 Mission Moment: Seneca St. UMC 10:00 Watercolor Classes 5:00 Worship 6:30 Saturday Fellowship Dinner
18 Mission Moment: Seneca St. UMC 8:15, 9:30, 11:15 Worship 9-11:15 Breakfast 11:15 Drop-In Bible Study 12:45 Confirmation 6:30 The Gathering Worship	19 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Women's Book Club 7:00 Disciple II	20 10:00 Sewing for Missions 12:00 Niagara County Senior Nutrition Program 1:00 Watercolor Classes 7:00 Disciple I Begins	21 4:30 F.R.O.G.S. 6:00 Convenience Meal 6:15 CIA Youth Ministry 6:30 Angel Wings 6:30 Christianity 101: Pt 1 6:45 Pendletones 7:00 Bible Studies 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:30 Men of Hymn	22 5:30 Niagara Falls Community Dinner 6:30 Boy Scouts	23 Church Retreat 6-9 Hot Choc w God (all) 6-9 S'mores (all)	24 Church Retreat 10:00 Watercolor Classes 5:00 Worship
25 Church Retreat Youth Car Wash 8:15, 9:30, 11:15 Worship 9-11:15 Breakfast 11:15 Drop-In Bible Study 12:45 Confirmation	26 7:00 Guardians Meeting 7:00 Disciple II	27 9:30 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Sewing for Missions 1:00 Watercolor Classes 7:00 Disciple I	28 4:30 F.R.O.G.S. 6:00 Convenience Meal 6:15 CIA Youth Ministry 6:30 Angel Wings 6:30 Christianity 101: Pt 1 6:45 Pendletones 7:00 Bible Studies 7:00 Chancel Choir 8:30 Men of Hymn	29 6:30 Boy Scouts	30 Youth Confirmation Retreat	Oct. 1 10-1 Community Faire & Business Expo 10:00 Watercolor Classes 5:00 Worship Youth Confirmation Retreat

Christian Education Classes for Children and Youth are offered Saturdays at 5 pm and Sundays at 9:30 & 11:15 am

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- Labor Day, Office Closed – Monday, September 5
- Fall Kickoff – Saturday & Sunday, September 10 & 11
- Confirmation Family Picnic – Sunday, September 11
- SCRIP Orders Due – Monday, September 12
- Wednesday Night Activities Begin – September 14
- Church Retreat – September 23-25

Regular Sunday Schedule Begins September 11
Saturday Worship at 5 pm; Sunday Worship at 8:15, 9:30 & 11:15 am

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