

The Good News

November 2016 Newsletter

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

From the Pastor’s Desk

Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. Exodus 34

November is a strange month. It comes from the Latin word, Novem, which means nine, even though it’s the eleventh month on the calendar.

It begins with a strange celebration we call Halloween, and ends with an anticipation of Christmas. In between we have All Saints Day, Thanksgiving and Black Friday. (Not the black Friday before Easter.) We also find out which football teams will probably go to the playoffs, get our first snow, finish raking autumn leaves and start going to church with more regularity now that sports leagues and cottages and other activities have ended.

A strange month.

Halloween, or All Hallows Eve, is supposed to be like Christmas Eve is to Christmas. All Saints’ Day is a day we faithfully look forward to where we celebrate the wonderful, faithful souls that have gone before us. But instead, it’s a weird kind of begging day where we try to frighten each other and have wild parties.

All Saints Day has been forgotten everywhere but the church. As if we should forget our parents and grandparents and others who have gone to glory before us. Just another day to recover from the sugar hangover (and other hangovers) and sort our candy.

Thanksgiving is a holiday started by our nation where we give thanks to God even though our country says we shouldn’t mix our patriotism with our faith and we remember how blessed we are compared with others . . . and, of course, we watch football.

Black Friday is becoming Black Thursday and is all about trying to see if we can break a record for showing excess in spending year after year as we buy more than we need of things we don’t need, and forget the people truly in need we just thought of the day before.

*For you shall worship no other god; for the Lord, Whose name is Jealous, is a jealous (impassioned) God,
Exodus 34:14 (AMP)*

And we end the month by starting the Advent season as we celebrate Christmas, which hasn’t happened yet, all over the place, by buying gifts for each other instead of birthday gifts for Jesus on his birthday. Then when Christmas does come, we put the Christ child and his accompanying manger companions away in a cardboard box for another year.

A strange month indeed.

Many years ago a man named Tertullian asked, “What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?” We mix the legacy of Athens with its philosophies, military focus and excess desires, with the heritage of Jerusalem with Jesus and the church and concern for the least among us.

We mix our worlds together and can find ourselves following other gods without even realizing it. November gives us many special days and opportunities to turn holy days into holidays or holidays into holy days . . . and remember, our Lord is a jealous God.

A strange month, or a holy month??

Pastor Tom

Our Annual Church Conference is on Saturday, November 19 at our Niagara Falls church location (8210 Buffalo Ave.) starting at 10am. All professing members of Niagara Falls First UMC and Pendleton Center UMC are encouraged to attend. This is our yearly business meeting where we will adopt our 2017 budget and slate of officers. Other business will include a vote on removal of members who have been inactive, and approval of candidates for pastoral ministry and Certified Lay Ministers.

First Church is hosting a cluster of these meetings and we will need people to act as hosts and room guides. Set up time is 8am and final cleanup around 12:30pm. Please let Pastor Jean or Pastor Tom know if you can help for all or part of that day.

Children's Ministries

Angel Wings is a fellowship program for children ages 4 through 12. They meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm for a time with games, fun and food. In November we are still collecting 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. On November 16, families are invited to come and help pack the shoeboxes. Brownie sundaes will be served by your Angel Wings kids! *We will not meet on November 23.* 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. *They will not meet on November 25!* If you have any questions, call or text Miss Adrienne at 716-727-8537.

Join us for Family Fun Night on Wednesday, November 2 with fun activities for children and youth of all ages. Dinner (spaghetti with meat sauce) at 6pm then Angel Wings for children 2 years to grade 6 and youth group for grade 7 and up. Please call the church office for dinner reservations.

Hanging of the Greens includes many fun activities for children – including Santa arriving on a fire truck! See the article under "Happening Around PCUMC" for more details.

Genesis Programs

Preschool – This month our preschool classes are looking at ways we are thankful. We are so blessed and thankful for everyone who has supported our candy bar fundraiser which helps us to purchase items needed to enhance our programs.

Our preschoolers have been busy learning about fall, families and farms. We had a wonderful time on our field trips to Kelkenberg Farm and The Great Pumpkin Patch.

If you would like more information about our preschool programs, please contact Gidget Hughes at 625-8306.



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. Daily program hours are 9:00-11:30 am.

- Choice 1: Mondays and Fridays, full-time (both days) or part-time (one day)
- Choice 2: Tuesdays and Thursdays, full-time (both days) or part-time (one day)

The program runs through June 10, 2017. If interested in registration information, please call the church office at 625-8306. You may also print a registration form from our website (www.pcumc.org) under "Ministries." or contact Gidget Hughes at gidgethughes@pcumc.org.

Youth Ministries

Yard Work Help! If you are in need of help with getting your yard ready for winter, let our Youth give you a hand on November 6! If you are interested, please contact the Pastor Sherry or the office (716-625-8306).

Youth Retreat Planning Meeting – Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 17 at 7pm. Please let Kristin or Pastor Sherry know if you are interested in attending the retreat this year.

Confirmation continues this month with the following topics: November 6 – Should I be worried, Spiritual Warfare and the Armor of God; November 13 – Giving, Tithing and Outreach. No class on November 20 and 27.



Youth Retreat 2017 – Youth should have gotten their information in the mail for our annual Winter Youth Retreat. The retreat will be from Friday-Sunday, January 13-15. All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend. This year we will be going to Camp Asbury for a fun-filled weekend, with fellowship and learning God's word. The cost of the retreat this year is

\$85 per person if you return your signed permission slip, rules form and payment by December 11, 2016. After December 11 the cost will be \$100. This includes lodging for the weekend as well as food.

Seneca Street Dinner – This year, the youth are helping to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving dinner at Seneca Street UMC on Sunday, November 20. We will prepare some of the meal on Saturday, November 19. We need a lot of help! Watch your email for a SignUpGenius for all of the details!

Operation Christmas Child is a whole Church Family event on Sunday, November 20. After the 11:15 service, youth are invited to join their church family in carrying out all the shoeboxes, packing them in crates, and loading the crates into vehicles. If we have enough transportation, youth can go to the next part of the destination, Eastern Hills Wesleyan, and help unload. *If youth go, please bring money for dinner.* We will go to dinner at Old Country Buffet after we are finished with the boxes. They will also need a permission slip. (Please be aware that the Seneca Street dinner and Operation Christmas Child are at the same time! Youth are needed for both, and will need to choose which they will participate in.)

Bowling! Let's have some fun together! Following worship on Sunday, December 4, youth, including Confirmands, will be going bowling at Allie Brandt Lanes in Lockport. The cost is \$10 which includes two games, pizza and pop. We will meet in the gym at 12:45, and should return between 3:30-4pm. All youth attending will need a written permission slip! Keep an eye out for a SignUpGenius in your email. Parents – we will need drivers! (You don't have to stay.)

CIA (Christians In Action) is on Wednesdays at 6:15pm in the gym. We 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! Every once in a while we break from working on our *Strength* and have a *Soul, Mind or Heart* night, where we do activities to develop those areas of discipleship. At 8:15 we gather in our groups again, to discuss, share, and pray. Come join us!

Meeting Dates this month: November 2, 9, 16 and 30. No Meeting on November 23.

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.

First UMC, Niagara Falls Dinner – Youth are needed to help serve dinner the first Thursday of every month at First UMC in Niagara Falls. Contact Pastor Sherry or Kristin if you are interested. The dates for the rest of this year are November 3 and December 1.

Youthful Hands – Some of the youth going on the next Mission Trip are trying to raise funds! If you need help cleaning out gutters, painting, putting your outdoor furniture away, cleaning house, etc., fill out a Youthful Hands slip and we will send a team over! You give a free will offering to "pay" the help to fund their Mission Trip in July!

Happening around PCUMC

There's a lot going on in November! November 5 and 6 is All Saints Weekend when we read the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. It is a way to remember those who were part of our lives while they were here on earth. November 12-13 we will recognize long time members of our congregation for Heritage Day and new members will also be received that weekend. Mission Week is November 14-20; take a look at all the activities and programs you can be a part of! We are collecting shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for Operation Christmas Child and they will be shipped out after worship on November 20. November 26-27 is Loyalty Weekend when we ask that you turn in a pledge card for your 2017 offering to the church. November 27 is the 1st Sunday of Advent and Hanging of the Greens as we begin the season of Advent.

Fall Rummage and Bake Sale – Our United Methodist Women will hold their fall Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 5 from 10:00-2:00. Those wishing to donate items for the sale can bring them to church beginning Monday, October 31 (no earlier!). The sanctuary doors will be open from 9-4 that week for you to drop your items off in the back of the sanctuary. All proceeds go to various missions they support.



Need raking done? The youth would like to help anyone who needs assistance raking their leaves on Sunday, November 6. If you are in need, please contact Kristin at 579-4313 or Kristin.clark72@gmail.com.

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens – With the start of the Advent Season bringing us chilly weather, we look forward to Christmas decorating on Hanging of the Greens Sunday! Please join us Sunday, November 27 from 4:30-8 pm for an event the whole family can enjoy. We are looking forward to creating warm memories as we enjoy this special meal and time of Christian fellowship by decorating the church, baking cookies and celebrating with worship that evening. There are many fun things for the children including meeting Santa and participating in Santa's Secret Workshop, where the kids can make a special gift for mom and dad. We will have a potluck dinner – bring a dish to pass! Sign-up sheets will go around beginning in mid-November. Here is the schedule of events:

- 4:30 Doors open and Hanging of the Greens begins
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Santa arrives for the kids - come get a picture on Santa's lap!
- 7:00 Christmas Carol singing
- 7:30 Cookies, milk and cider will be served

Save the Date! This year's Christmas Cantata is titled, "Come Let Us Adore" and will be performed on Sunday, December 11 at 7 pm. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this annual Christmas concert featuring approximately 70 singers and 30 instrumentalists. Hope to see you there! If you are interested in singing or playing, please text or call Director Kelli Putney at 716-480-1280.



Wednesday Convenience Meals – Nov. 2: spaghetti with meat sauce; Nov. 9: meatloaf; Nov. 16: turkey & stuffing; Nov. 23: no meal; Nov. 30: pork steaks. Saturday Fellowship Meal on November 19: turkey & stuffing.

Adult Bible Study Groups

Christianity 101 will meet on Wednesdays, November 2, 9 and 16 on the topic "What is the church?" and November 30, December 7 and 14 on "What does it mean to be a United Methodist?" The time is 7-8:30pm, please gather in Mission Alley.

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

First UMC, Our Church in Niagara Falls

Our Youth Fun Night is Friday, November 11 from 6-8:30pm. All youth are welcome to come for fun, games, snacks, learning, music and more.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Niagara Falls First UMC will hold their annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 17 at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Extra helpers will be needed that night, and we are looking for cooked turkeys. If you would like to help out, see Gidget Hughes.

Talent Show! Come share your talent at First Church on Sunday, December 4 at 6:30pm. Musicians, jugglers, magicians, artists, craftsmen, bakers – all are invited to share their talents!

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

Opportunities for Christian Fellowship

Pendleton Fellowship Group – All who attended October's movie night had a fun time. Thanks to Allison and Dorothy for delicious snacks. Our next meeting is Monday, November 14 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Nancy Smith from the Dale Association in Lockport. She will inform us about vision and hearing loss and ways to adapt. Sue Phillips (Vision Teacher) will add to the discussion with examples of magnifiers and resources. Our Christmas dinner is set for Monday, December 12 at Shannon's Pub at 6pm. We will order off the menu, but *we need a head count by December 5*. Contact Sue Phillips at 691-4850 or Jane Smith at 439-4151 for more information.



United Methodist Women – The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, November 3 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our Hostesses will be Ann Perrington, and Jane Chadwick. Bring a sandwich or something light for lunch, and our hostesses will provide the dessert and coffee or tea. We will have a special guest, Regina, speak to us about Friends Feeding Friends, a mission servicing the less fortunate and homeless, providing them with food, clothing, and personal care items. Please come and bring a friend.

For those who have not yet heard, our Fall Rummage and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, November 5 from 10am-2pm. Items can be dropped off in the back of the sanctuary starting Monday, October 31. Thank you in advance for all your donations and help. We are always looking for help in pricing items on Friday, November 4. On Saturday we always appreciate help with the sale and cleanup. Any questions, call Naomi Laskey at 716-433-4923.

I ♥ Book Club **Women's Book Club** will meet at Ship 'n Shore restaurant, 5612 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Lockport on Monday, November 21 at 7 pm. The book is "The Ten Thousand Things" by Maria Dermout. 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! *Every month we collect our change for our "Christmas Jar" that is secretly left for someone in need. Do you know someone that may need our help? Please contact Yvonne Bova.*

Leading the Christian Life

Pendleton Center Church Advent 2016 Devotional – Last year's "homemade" Advent Devotional was a big hit and a blessing to all who contributed to it and read it in the weeks leading up to Christmas. So we've decided to do it again, but we need YOUR help. Tell us a story, share some original song lyrics or a poem, be creative and let your church family know where you find Christ in Christmas, or anything else you'd like to share about our wonderful God and how you find peace, joy, love, and hope as you look forward to Jesus' coming. We will all be lifted up and encouraged knowing that our church is full of blessed folks serving a loving God who sent his Son to us so we would know God's love, too. We need your submissions by November 13, so start praying, thinking, and writing now. We want to have the Pendleton Center Church Advent Devotional ready by the 1st Sunday of Advent (Hanging of the Greens day), November 27. Submit to Pastor Lisa via email at lisataylor@pcumc.org.

Prayer Centered Worship Service – Monday, November 7 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.

The Gathering worship service is usually held on the third Sunday of each month at 6:30pm (November 20). This is a monthly service with lots of music, a devotion and Holy Communion. Come gather together and praise the Lord!

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 rbarczykowski@roadrunner.com.

2016 Bible Challenge!

Oct 31-Nov 6: **M** Jeremiah 50; Hebrews 6; **T** Jer 51, 30; Heb 7; **W** Jer 31-32; Heb 8; **Th** Jer 33, 21; Heb 9; **F** Jer 34, 37, 38; Heb 10:1-18; **S** Jer 39, 52, 40; Heb 10:19-39; **Su** Jer 41-42; Heb 11:1-19

Nov 7-13: **M** Jeremiah 43-44; Hebrews 11:20-40; **T** Lamentations 1-2; Heb 12; **W** Lam 3-5; Heb 13; **Th** 2 Chronicles 36; Daniel 1-2; Titus 1; **F** Dan 3-4; Titus 2; **S** Dan 5-7; Titus 3; **Su** Dan 8-10; Philemon

Nov 14-20: **M** Daniel 11-12; 1 Timothy 1; **T** Psalm 137; Ezekiel 1-2; 1 Tim 2; **W** Eze 3-4; 1 Tim 3; **Th** Eze 5-7; 1 Tim 4; **F** Eze 8-10; 1 Tim 5; **S** Eze 11-13; 1 Tim 6; **Su** Eze 14-15; 2 Timothy 1

Nov 21-27: **M** Ezekiel 16-17; 2 Timothy 2; **T** Eze 18-19; 2 Tim 3; **W** Eze 20-21; 2 Tim 4; **Th** Eze 22-23; 1 Peter 1; **F** Eze 24-26; 1 Pet 2; **S** Eze 27-29; 1 Pet 3; **Su** Eze 30-32 ; 1 Pet 4

Nov 28-Dec 4: **M** Ezekiel 33-34; 1 Peter 5; **T** Eze 35-36; 2 Peter 1; **W** Eze 37-39; 2 Pet 2; **Th** Eze 40-41; 2 Pet 3; **F** Eze 42-44; 1 John 1; **S** Eze 45-46; 1 Jn 2; **Su** Eze 47-48; 1 Jn 3



Opportunities to be In Service

November 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. **November 6** is S.E.R.V. Niagara (Supporting, Empowering, Respecting Veterans) whose purpose is to support a local veterans advocacy organization to establish veteran housing. **November 20** is our Thanksgiving offering.

Our West Virginia Flood Offering gathered \$629 that was sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which responds to disasters in the United States and around the world. UMCOR is able to provide comfort to those impacted by disasters like earthquakes and storms, food for the hungry and healthcare to those who otherwise would have none. Watch for the Louisiana flood offering total in a future newsletter.

Sit, Sip 'n Sew – Thank you for the flannel for us to continue to make diaper kits for Nicaragua. We are running out and would appreciate any slightly used flannel sheets you would like to donate for this project.

Thank you also for the Christmas material for Christmas Stockings for the Veterans and Battered Women's Shelter in Niagara County. We could use more Christmas fabric for that project as well.

Warm Up America is a charity that donates afghan blankets to those in need. If you like to knit or crochet and would like to help, make 7"x9" sections in any color you wish. Bring the sections into church, place them in the Veterans bin in Mission Alley and they will be taken to Michael's craft store where the afghans are put together. Over 850,000 afghans and accessories (hats, scarves, baby sweaters, etc.) have been donated all across the country since the early 1990s. Questions? Call Sue Wilson at 716-597-9240. May God bless this exciting mission.

Veterans Projects – There are several veterans organizations that need your help: **S.E.R.V. Niagara**; **DAVA** (Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary) is an organization that helps veterans at Veterans Hospital, Buffalo. We collect Christmas card fronts (don't throw out your cards after the holiday!) We also need new Christmas cards and envelopes and **Socks for Soldiers**.

Below are items that these groups are looking for; please place your donations in the Veterans box in Mission Alley. We will assemble comfort kits with these items and distribute to veterans as needed. Please Note: We no longer accept grocery coupons or empty medicine bottles. May God bless you as you bless our local veterans!

Clothing: (new items only, please) Men's sizes M-2X; Women's sizes S-1X

Sweat pants	Socks (white or black)	Flip flops (for shower)	T-shirts
Sweat shirts	Athletic shorts (for rehab)	Underwear	

Personal care items:

Shampoo/conditioner	Shower gel	Toothbrush/holder	Toothpaste
Bar soap/travel holder	Comb/brush	Deodorant	Hair spray
Feminine products	Hand towel	Wash cloth	Shaving cream (no razors)

Miscellaneous:

Decks of cards	Board games	Word search books	Crossword puzzles
Dice	Kids bubbles		

Thanksgiving Baskets – Our "Thanksgiving for a Family" project is a helping hands ministry to assist many people within our congregation, homeless in Buffalo, Seneca Street Ministry and in Niagara Falls. We will be collecting Thanksgiving foods through November 13. We need turkeys, potatoes, cans of corn, green beans, sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce – and, of course, pies for dessert. All the fixings for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner! We can use as many turkeys as you can provide. Our goal is to bless 60 families. Please see the display in the Fellowship Hall! The youth will be sorting and assembling the baskets/bags on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00pm. Delivery will be Sunday, November 20. If you or someone you know need a blessing of food, please contact Gidget Hughes at 716-625-8306 or e-mail gidgethughes@pcumc.org. Once again, thank you for all that each and every one of you do to make a difference!



Operation Christmas Child is underway with the goal of collecting as many shoeboxes as possible! Join in with this awesome ministry that brings these boxes of love to hurting and underprivileged kids around the world. Stop by the display in the Fellowship Hall, pick up a brochure, fill your box with necessity items, school supplies, some "fun stuff" and enjoy the thought of helping a needy child. Bring your shoeboxes back to church by Sunday, November 20 with the \$7 shipping cost and

your gift will be on its way. If you make your shipping cost payment online, you can even find out where your box goes! There are also opportunities to volunteer to help distribute brochures, collect and move boxes as they come in, and pack the collected boxes in large cartons on November 20. The best part is that these boxes will have the gospel message inserted to bring hope and encouragement to the lost and suffering young people they reach. Please get involved and make a difference in the world. See DJ Mahar for more information.

There are angels among us! Want to help a needy child or family for Christmas this year? Watch for our Angel Tree going up the weekend of November 19 and 20. How does it work? Simply-choose a child's tag from the tree; **sign your name** on the sheet near that tree with the tag number you chose. Purchase the gift or gifts listed (how many gifts you purchase is up to you as well as how much you spend.) Wrap your gifts and, if possible, place in one bag. Securely attach the angel tree tag to the bag and return it to church by December 14.



Want to do more? Family tags are available if you would like to help out an entire family.

They are pink and blue. There is a tag for each member of the family, including moms and dads, with wish list items included. Food and gift cards can also be included. Make sure all packages for that family are bagged and tagged and kept together.

As always, if you do not like to shop but would like to help a child or family, we will shop for you! Donations can be made any time, just mark it "Angel Tree Donation." Tops cards are always needed and appreciated at holiday times and will be given to families who are in need. Tops cards can be purchased in the Christian Education office (near Mission Alley) or through the church office during the week.

Friends Feeding Friends – 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 the Little Good News. *Remember, you can look at each week's Little Good News from our church website. Go to Media and Downloads.*

Sound Booth / Tech Training – Interested in being part of the tech team that runs the sound and visuals that happen during worship? We will soon be setting a date for training for anyone (Grade 7 and up, including adults) interested in helping out in the sound booth during worship. Contact Adrian Almeida at 716-909-6648 or at adrianalmeida@pcumc.org if you would like to join the team!

Mission Week

Missions Week Coming In November



Mission Week Schedule

Monday, November 14 – Sunday, November 20

Join us in helping others this holiday season!

Teaching our children to serve!

All week Shoebox Operation Christmas Child Collection 4-8PM
– Contact DJ Mahar at 716-731-1907

- Wednesday, November 16 7PM – Youth packing Thanksgiving baskets
- Friday, November 18 6-9:30 – Children helping Children
- Sunday, November 20 12pm – Distribute Thanksgiving baskets
12:30-4PM – Shoeboxes loaded on the truck and delivered to Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church. Join us as we deliver the shoeboxes and see the amazing projects in process
12:30-6PM – Seneca Street Thanksgiving Dinner. We have two seatings and plan to feed 200 people. Much help is needed!

Care Ministries

Surviving the Holidays – The GriefShare program at Pendleton Center UMC will host a one session seminar “Surviving the Holidays” on Thursday, November 17 at 7 pm. This seminar is designed to help those who are experiencing life changing events to be able to navigate the demands of the holiday season while managing their own needs. Thanksgiving and Christmas preparations will soon be here and you may be wishing you could skip them this year. You don't need to feel that way. Please contact Leslie Wagner (leswagner@aol.com) or Sue Hilts (shilts57@yahoo.com) if you will be attending so that we have adequate supplies.

The Guardians is Pendleton Center Church's information and support group for adults caring for elderly family members will meet on Monday, November 28 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Guardians meet to seek God's help in caring for older adults, to share and receive information and prayer needs, and support one another. 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

PCUMC Year-to-Date Financial Update: This article was written in mid-October, when we had financial results through the end of September. Our September year-to-date income was 4.9% above the comparable figure last year; which is encouraging news. We're hoping our fourth quarter income will be consistent good news. With your continued generosity we hope to build on those results to ensure our ministry continues to thrive, not just survive.

Giving statements were mailed in October (covering giving through the end of September) to those who have us keep track of their offerings. We will be providing statements again in early December to give everyone an opportunity to have us enter any corrections before we run statements for tax purposes in January for calendar year 2016. Please contact Mary Bobsein at the church office with any questions or corrections to your giving summary.

2017 Budget Planning: The Finance Team put together a proposed 2017 operating budget in September and October, and the Leadership Team will vote on their proposed budget on November 1 (after this article was written). Our annual stewardship information will be sent out in early November and will include the approved operating budget. Loyalty/Commitment weekend will be on November 26-27.

2017 Offering Envelopes: The Finance Team is also getting our offering envelopes ready for next year. Please contact Mary Bobsein in the church office ASAP if:

- you currently have assigned offering envelopes and no longer need them (e.g., prefer to use pew envelopes, etc.)
- you would like to give your church offerings electronically
- you aren't currently using offering envelopes and would like them for 2017

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We can't say thank you enough for all the help you provide to your church! Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped out with this year's *Fall Fish Fry Series*. We will update everyone on the financial results next month when that information is available. You can see it takes many hands to provide the support our ministries need to be a powerful witness to Christ. So again we say ***many thanks!***

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.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner! Are you ready to host your loved ones for the holidays? Start with a Tops card or a gift card from SCRIP!

Our upcoming dates for SCRIP orders are Monday, November 14 and 28 and December 12.

There are many food retailers to choose from to help you complete your holiday meals. Tops Cards are available every Sunday in the Christian Education office (near Mission Alley). Pendleton Center Church receives a percentage of each card purchased. We receive 5% for each Tops card, and up to 10% of the cards available through the SCRIP program. *You can use the order form enclosed with this newsletter to place your order.* Call Heather Miner in the office (716-625-8306) with any questions. Thank you for helping support PCUMC through these programs!

Church Family News

Anniversaries

- 1 – Norman & Joanne Haniszewski '69
- 3 – Kirk & Sue Andrusz '84
- 4 – Alan & Mary Pogel
- 5 – Thomas & Janet Gertz '60,
Terry & Cindy Jackson '88
- 6 – Bob & Dorothy Glosser '76,
David & Michelle Hocking '94
- 7 – Chris & Debbie King '87
- 8 – Ralph & Mary Owens
- 14 – Ed & Judy Simpson '64
- 16 – Paul & Lori Cochi,
Thomas & Nancy Riexinger '57
- 20 – Peter & Sue Wasiewicz '82
- 21 – Joe & Michele Margarucci '92
- 25 – Holly & Wayne Coty '72,
Terri & Chris Krystofik '89
- 28 – Jim & Sally Acord '64

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

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



Richard Edmister, brother of Pastor Bill Edmister
Marlin (Butch) Goodheart
Pauline Hostetler, sister of Maynard Climenhaga
Ellwood Pittler
Harold Reubens, father of Eileen Chatley

Wednesday Convenience Meals – Nov. 2:
spaghetti with meat sauce; Nov. 9: meatloaf; Nov.
16: turkey & stuffing; Nov. 23: no meal; Nov. 30:
pork steaks.

Saturday Fellowship Meal on November 19:
turkey & stuffing.

Birthdays

- 1 – Lucas Ward
- 2 – Yvonne Bova, Sherryl Dugas, Judy
Habschied, Ben Krystaf, John Rettig
- 3 – Norman Kimberle, Alexis Nadeau
- 4 – Kathy Dick, Linda Knuutila, Evan Terry
- 5 – Kirk Andrusz, Bob Dimmig, Jennifer Parks,
Lucas Rozeski
- 6 – James Askey, Annette Beck,
Sung Kim-Kubiak
- 7 – Sara Krystaf
- 8 – Bill Becker, Marsha Buehlman,
Melanie Ubiles
- 10 – Mailyynn Dick
- 11 – Gary Duchscherer, Lori Gondek
- 12 – Lindsay Bush, Hannah Eisenhardt, Lisa
Sendker, Judy Simpson, Robyn Wagner
- 13 – Don Jackman, Kelli Reinhardt
- 14 – Amy Hothow, Kelsey Jaynes, Melissa Rada
- 15 – Ainsley Innus, Molly Heinemann,
Ashley Rosati, Vickie Spencer
- 16 – Holly Coty, Cameron Kneepfel, Emmerae
McDonald, Lynn Valentine
- 17 – Brian Malloy, Margaret Valentine
- 18 – Hunter Bullock, Amanda Margarucci
- 20 – Joseph Anastasi, Connor Jackman
- 21 – Michael Korzak, Bonnie Loring,
Andrew Morris
- 23 – Chris King, Terri Krystofik
- 24 – Bill Fisher, Laura Haniszewski,
Sarah Haniszewski
- 25 – Robert Herrmann, Debbie Rettig,
Colleen Walter
- 26 – Carol Dombrowski, Amy Volpe
- 28 – Rachel Sampman, Sherry Soos
- 29 – Arianna Damon, Jeffrey Walters
- 30 – David Krystaf

Congratulations – Darren and Ofelia Wagner were
married on October 8. Darren is the son of Dave
and Leslie Wagner.

Sara Mayer and Ryan Holmer were married on
October 15. Sara is the daughter of Sue & Ken
Mayer.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 All Saints Day Noon Senior Nutrition Program 7:00 Leadership Team	2 6:00 Convenience Meal: soup & salad bar 7:00 Christianity 101	3 Noon United Methodist Women 7:00 GriefShare	4 6-9 Hot Choc w God (leaders) 6-9 S'mores (leaders)	5 10-2 Rummage & Bake Sale 5:00 Worship
6 All Saints 8:15, 9:30 & 11:15 Worship 9-11:15 Breakfast Youth Raking Leaves	7 6:00 Prayer Service	8 Election Day  7:00 Trustees	9 6:00 Convenience Meal: meatloaf 7:00 Christianity 101	10	11 Veterans Day  6-9 Hot Choc w God (all) 6-9 S'mores (all)	12 5:00 Worship
13 Heritage/Membership Sunday 8:15, 9:30 & 11:15 Worship 9-11:15 Breakfast	14 Mission Week SCRIP Orders Due 7:00 Fellowship Group	15 Mission Week Dec. Newsletter Items Due Noon Senior Nutrition Program	16 Mission Week 6:00 Convenience Meal: turkey 7:00 Christianity 101	17 Mission Week 7:00 GriefShare 7:00 Youth Retreat Planning	18 Mission Week 6-9 Hot Choc w God (all) 6-9 S'mores (all)	19 10:00 Church Conference at First UMC, Niagara Falls 1-3 Cantata Orchestra 4-9 Parents Night Out 5:00 Worship 6:30 Saturday Fellowship Meal: turkey
20 Shoeboxes 8:15, 9:30 & 11:15 Worship 9-11:15 Breakfast 9:30 & 11:15 Youth Transitions Seneca Street UMC Dinner 6:30 The Gathering worship	21 7:00 Women's Book Club	22	23 NO Convenience Meal NO Bible Studies	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	25 Office Closed	26 Loyalty Sunday 5:00 Worship
27 1st Sunday in Advent Loyalty Sunday 8:15, 9:30 & 11:15 Worship 9-11:15 Breakfast NO Confirmation Class	28 SCRIP Orders Due 7:00 Guardians	29 9:30 Newsletter Assembly Noon Senior Nutrition Program	30 6:00 Convenience Meal: pork steaks 7:00 Christianity 1010	Dec. 1 Noon UMW Christmas Party 7:00 GriefShare	2 6-9 Hot Choc w God (leaders) 6-9 S'mores (leader)	3 10-12 Cantata Choir 1-3 Cantata Orchestra 5:00 Worship

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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November 2016 Events

- Rummage & Bake Sale – Saturday, November 5
- Election Day – Tuesday, November 8
- New Members Received – Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13
- SCRIP Orders Due – Monday, November 14 & 28
- Church Conference at First UMC, Niagara Falls – Saturday, November 19
- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes due – Sunday, November 20
- Thanksgiving Holiday, Church Office Closed – November 24 & 25
- Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, November 27

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