
September 2017 Newsletter

PENDLETON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From the Pastor's Desk

The older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' The older brother became angry, and refused to go in. So his father went out & pleaded with him. -Luke 15

We are changing our Sunday worship schedule this Fall, on September 10, back to our old schedule of two worship services at 9am and 11:15am with Sunday School between at 10:15am.

Usually I simply announce our worship hours for a season or year, however this is a little more of an adjustment than usual. So I thought it might be helpful to explain why we are changing back to our old schedule after so many years. It's about unintended consequences.

Most Christians know the story of the prodigal that went away from his father. When the son returned, the father was so happy he threw a big party. This angered his other son. That was not the father's intention. But often what we intend is not what others experience.

Sometimes the decisions we make to fix one problem, creates another one that is unexpected. When we added a third Sunday worship service a number of years ago, our goal was to create a schedule that would be more convenient for our people. And for many, it turned out to be more convenient, but unfortunately for others it became much more complicated. For the people who lead worship it became a marathon experience that can often be exhausted and leads to worship that could be much better with more energy if it were not so exhausted. Our Sunday School leaders have been encouraged to either engage their calling to teach or to attend worship.

The results are that we are wearing out our brothers and sisters. And now that we have so many teenagers involved in Sunday School, and many of them are missing worship, it will have an impact on their lives for years to come. It has been my observation over many years that the teenagers who attend worship end up as adults who attend worship. However, if teens don't attend worship, even if they are involved in all kinds of church activities, it is unlikely they will end up in church as adults.

So all we wanted to do was make things better for some people and the unintended consequence is that we ended up with problems for others.

With the return to the old schedule, we will go back to having a junior church program for our young children so they will not be sitting through the entire service. We will also have a Sunday School for all ages, including adults. It is our hope this will be a time to learn together as well as to catch up with friends.

Will this decision have unintended consequences? Every decision does. And if we need to make another adjustment, we will. In the meantime, I appreciate all your graciousness as we strive to help everyone have a wonderful opportunity to experience God this coming year. I always wondered if the older brother went in to the party? I hope so.

You are invited to join us in celebrating your faith this coming year,

Pastor Tom

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Fall Weekend Schedule

Beginning September 9 & 10

Sundays

Worship Together | 9am & 11:15am

Adults

Worship in the Sanctuary

4th grade - 12th grade

Worship in the Sanctuary

3 years old - 3rd grade

Jr. Church in the Ark

0-2 years old

Nursery care available

Learn Together | 10:15-11:15am

Adults

Adult Study & Fellowship

7th grade - 12th grade

Bible Studies for youth

3 years old - 6th grade

Sunday School for children

0-2 years old

Nursery care available

Saturdays

Worship Together | 5pm

Adults

Worship in the Sanctuary

4th - 12th grade

Worship in the Sanctuary

3 years old - 3rd grade

Saturday Church School

0-2 years old

Nursery care available

Sunday Morning Adult Study and Fellowship

Beginning September 10 | 10:15-11:15am

Why should the kids have all the fun? Join Pastor Lisa, Pastor Tom, and Pastor Mike in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, food, and conversation. You'll hear all about our new Sunday morning opportunity to get to know our Pendleton Center Church family better and grow together in Christian discipleship as adult United Methodists. Enjoy the Worship Service before or after, but be sure to make meeting in the Fellowship Hall with your Pendleton Center Church family a Sunday morning priority. Along with Worship, Pendleton Center Church's Adult Study and Fellowship time makes a complete Sunday experience with God for a terrific start of each week. Ages 18-108 and up are welcome to join in as we grow together in Christ.

Fellowship

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 13

October 20

October 27

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.

Women's Book Club

Monday, September 18 | 7pm | Ship 'n Shore Restaurant, 5612 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Lockport

In September we will discuss "Daylight Marriage" by Heidi Pitlor.

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!

Pendleton Fellowship Group

Second Monday of each month | September 11 at 6pm

All adults are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, September 11 for our first meeting. We will start with a potluck dinner at 6:00pm. The next meeting will be Monday, October 9 when we will have a movie night at 6:30pm. Come down to the Ark a little early to get a good seat, popcorn and a beverage. Contact Sue Phillips at 691-4850 or Jane Smith at 439-4151 for more information.

United Methodist Women

Thursday, September 7 at 12pm | Fellowship Hall

Bring a sandwich, and coffee and dessert will be provided by our hostesses, Marge Riggs, Ursula Morrison, and Allison Hahn. Please bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship of others. There are no dues required to belong, however, if you have change to spare, we use that toward the Missions we support. Hope to see you there!

Fall Church Retreat

September 22-24

We still have a couple of openings for our Church Retreat at Camp Asbury, on beautiful Silver Lake near Perry, NY. There will be time for quiet reflection, lively conversations, local sight-seeing, worship, learning, and good meals. We stay in the new Manor, which is a beautiful hotel-like building. Our meals are prepared for us right next door at the Koinonia Inn. It is a time to relax, relate to others, and renew your relationship with God. Cost is \$150, and some scholarships may be available. Contact Pastor Jean at jeanedmister@pcumc.org or 625-8306 for more information.

Noah's Ark and Creation Museum Trip

October 2-4

There may be a few openings left for our bus trip to Kentucky. We will be seeing a life-size replica of Noah's Ark and visiting the Creation Museum which has lots of Biblical history on display. The cost of \$485 includes bus, hotel, 5 meals (including a dinner cruise on the river), and admissions fees. Contact Holly Brittain at 930-4661 for more information.

Children & Youth

Our fall kickoff is Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10! We look forward to seeing you to learn together, be together, and serve God together! Our mission is to make sure the children and youth of Pendleton Center are learning and actively becoming strong in their faith in God. They will achieve this by learning to love God by using all of their heart, soul, mind and strength. Our Goal is not just for them to be great disciples of Christ, but to be surrounded by other Christian children and youth, to make friends who are good influences, and to build Christian relationships. We want them to love coming to church each week.

Children and youth will have many wonderful opportunities that are listed below to help them actively grow in their walk with God. We look forward to a great year as we partner together with you to engage your children, youth and family to be disciples and followers of Christ.

Worship

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

Drop your children off down in the Ark before heading to worship, for their very own worship service designed just for them. Children will join their parents and families back in the sanctuary before communion to share this special element of worship together. Contact Pastor Sherry at 625-8306 if you would like to volunteer.

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

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

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

Sunday School

Rally Day is September 10. Join us as we kick off the year with fun, games, and bounce houses.

Sunday School | 10:15-11:15am

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

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

Sunday School and Bible Studies will also be available for 7th-12th graders from 10:15-11:15am.

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

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

Confirmation Class

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

Confirmation classes will be held this year! Through the Confirmation experience, youth will be taught about the Christian faith, as well as live into the lifestyle of discipleship. The goal is to draw our young people into a closer relationship with Christ, with each other, with Christian adult leaders, and into a full appreciation of our church as they prepare to become members.

Join us on Rally Day (Sept. 10 at 10:15am) to register your youth and to join in on the other activities.

We will have an orientation meeting on Sunday, September 17th at 10:15am to kick-off the year. Youth will go to the Theater, and parents to a designated table in the gym. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sherry at sherrymahar@pcumc.org or call the church office at 625-8306.

Children & Youth (continued)

Wednesdays

F.R.O.G.S. (Fully Reliant On God Singers) | *Begins October 4* | 4:30-5:30pm | *Choir Room*

Calling all elementary aged children! Come for an hour of fun, singing and fellowship. We meet every Wednesday to prepare songs to sing during a worship service once a month. Feel free to call Sue Phillips at 716-691-4850, if you have any questions.

Angel Wings | *Begins September 13* | 6:30-8:15pm | *4 years old - 3rd grade* | *4th - 6th grade*

Angel Wings is a fellowship program on Wednesday nights provided for children. This gives parents an opportunity to come and grow deeper in their faith with God by joining one of the many Bible Studies offered on Wednesday night. Join us for our kickoff on September 13th! Questions? Call Becky Heideman at 625-8312.

Youth Group | *Begins September 13* | 6:30-8:30pm

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

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

Fridays

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

Children are invited to join together for table talk, dinner, small group devotionals and lessons (based upon age), and then back into a large group for fun, games, discussion and prayer. Come join us as we kick off another amazing year! We are looking forward to joining together and being with each and every one of you. We can't wait to join together as we all grow deeper in our walk with God.

Leader's Orientation | *7th-12th grade* | *Friday, September 15th* | 6:00-10:00pm

Kick Off | *K-6th grade and leaders* | *Friday, September 22nd* | 6:00-9:00pm

Movie and Pajama Night | *K-6th grade and leaders* | *September 29th* | 6:00-9:00pm

Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to volunteer in the nursery or with children and youth contact Adrienne Demmin at 727-8537 or Gidget Hughes at 625-8306.

Christmas Cantata

It's Beginning to SOUND a lot like Christmas - Come SING or PLAY in the Christmas Cantata!

Do you love to sing but haven't found your way to Pendleton Center's Chancel Choir yet? Here's your chance to "try us out" by singing with us in our Christmas Cantata. It's just nine, 45-minute rehearsals and a performance in December. **Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 11th**, and will be held each Wednesday night from 7:45pm - 8:30pm in the Music Room near the Fellowship Hall.

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

The performance is Sunday, December 10th, 2017, at 7:00pm. Please call, text or email Cantata Director **Kelli Putney** if you are interested in this opportunity to share your gift of music with God and our congregation or if you have any questions (480-1280 or putneys@roadrunner.com).

Bible Studies

Weekly Bible Studies

Bible studies begin the week of September 10, unless otherwise noted.

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

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

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

Are you like Eve who had food issues? Are you more like Potiphar's Wife and Delilah who had man trouble? Maybe, you're like Lot's Wife and Michal, who couldn't let go of the past, or Sapphira who couldn't let go of money, or Jezebel who couldn't let go of anything. Yet the Woman at the Well had her thirst quenched at last, while Rahab and the Sinful Woman left their sordid histories behind. Let these Bad Girls show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun! Beginning September 11, join us to find out what we can learn from the stories of these "Bad Girls." Please email Linda Barczykowski at rbarczykowski@roadrunner.com or text her at 716-946-0124 so she can order your book, if you'd like to attend. Books will cost around \$10.00.

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

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

Christianity 101 | *Begins in October | Led by Pastor Lisa Taylor | Wednesdays at 6:30pm | Pastor Tom's Office*

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. Whether you've been in the church all your life or are new to the Christian faith, you're bound to learn something new. In October we will be talking about "Getting to Know Your Bible" - October 4, 11, 18 (will repeat February 2018).

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

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

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

Bible Challenge

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

Read 4 chapters per day:

Week 35 - August 27th-September 2nd: 2 Chronicles 18-36; Nehemiah 1-9

Week 36 - September 3rd-9th: Nehemiah 10-13; Esther 1-10; Luke 1-14

Week 37 - September 10th-16th: Luke 15-24; Acts 1-18

Week 38 - September 17th-23rd: Acts 19-28; Proverbs 1-18

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

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

Care Ministries

Care-Giving & Visitation Team

Sunday, September 17th at 12:45pm for all who are interested

We are currently working on expanding our lay and pastoral care-giving ministry at both of our churches. We have people who visit the sick in the hospital or those who are homebound and can't make it out to church. Some are trained to take the Communion elements out to shut-ins after our worship services. Others write notes of encouragement or make a phone call to those who are struggling, or have been missing from worship for a while. Some make a meal for a family in a crisis. Some take people to Dr.'s appointments, or help with a funeral luncheon. And sometimes a person needs to talk to someone else who has been through a problem such as the loss of a loved one, and can give them some ideas on how to survive. All of these people help the pastors to care for the needs of the people of our church family, and let them know we care about them. We are looking for more people who have a heart for helping others in these ways. Training will be available. Please contact Pastor Jean at jeanedmister@pcumc.org or 625-8306 for more information.

Grief Support

1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of each month | 7-8:30pm

The PCUMC grief support program will begin again on September 21st. The group will meet the 1st, 3rd and 5th (if applicable) Thursdays of each month for 13 sessions from 7-8:30 p.m. We will be using newly update curriculum called GriefShare from Church Initiative - an internationally recognized organization. Anyone who has experienced a loss, new or old, who would like the support of others in similar circumstances within a spiritual perspective, please join us. Many have found this program helpful in their desire to move through the grief experience. The group is facilitated by Leslie Wagner and Sue Hilts. The cost for the 13 sessions is \$15.00 which includes a workbook for each participant. For more information regarding the GriefShare program go to GriefShare.org.

Prayer Ministries

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Friday, September 15 at 1pm - Saturday, September 16 at 1pm

This is a time for quiet reflection and prayer, where you can lift up concerns and thanks for blessings. We encourage you to sign up for an hour when you can come talk with and listen to God. You will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in your heart as you take time for prayer. Watch for a signup sheet in worship, or contact Pastor Jean at jeanedmister@pcumc.org or 625-8306 for more information.

Prayer Centered Worship Service

First Monday of the month | 6pm | Prayer Theater

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

Serving

Hospitality Ministry

Do you like to smile? Several people who have served as greeters and pew captains have moved away or are unable to serve for various reasons. Therefore we are looking for new people to help out! Would you like to be at a church entrance to welcome those entering the building for worship? Can you help direct people to where they want to go once inside? Do you like to talk with people in the sanctuary? We also want to come up with a new name for this ministry and the “jobs” people do. Pendleton Center Church wants everyone who comes into our building to feel that they are part of our family/neighborhood. If you have any suggestions or want to volunteer, you can talk to Julie at the Welcome and Information Desk on Sunday mornings, send her an e-mail at juliem@pcumc.org or write a note on your Friendship Card.

Emergency Response Training

Saturday, September 9 | 8:30am-4:30pm | Eden UMC (2820 E. Church St., Eden)

Have you ever wanted to help out in a disaster? Become the hands and feet of Christ through a Volunteers in Mission Emergency Response Training held at Eden UMC. The class will cover: who, what, when and why of ERT; working with survivors; seven important things to know about disaster spiritual and emotional care; organizational structure of the relief stage; team safety; ERT protocols; Safe Sanctuaries and equipping an ERT.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Roger and Donna at 585-398-1282 or unyVIM@unyumc.org to register for this class. Cost to participants is \$20 for materials and \$5.75 for a background check. Lunch and snacks will be provided by Eden UMC.

Missions & Outreach

Veterans

Our Veterans are in great need for shaving cream and new socks for men and women. You can put these items in the bin in Mission Alley. Thank you for your continued support.

Lakeview Animal Sanctuary

Thank you for your generous support of Lakeview Animal Sanctuary during the June “mission moment” for the Sanctuary. We were able to present Sandi with \$1,023 which will help provide a lot of feed and veterinary care for the animals at the Sanctuary and will help purchase many bales of hay in preparation for the upcoming winter!

Pendleton Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is grateful for your continued donations over the summer! With the kids going back to school, the Food Pantry is in need of school lunch “basics” ~ peanut butter and jelly, tuna, lunchbox “fillers,” and is always looking for the ever-popular, “kid friendly” SpaghettiOs! We also need personal care and hygiene products, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and laundry detergent to help keep the kids and their clothes neat and clean for back-to-school!

Nicaragua Bucket Project

Thank you to all of you who filled buckets for Nicaragua - we were able to send 36 “Hallmark” buckets of food and/or clothing over the summer - when we “care enough to send the very best!!” Thank you for your support and generosity!

Serving for God

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" -Matthew 25:34-40

Each month we will be sharing about the missions that people are involved in right here in our church, as an encouragement to get involved with these or other ministries and missions yourself. God has called us to serve others as we are able. Don't wait; start today.

This month we will hear from Sandy Houck.

Hi! My name is Sandy Houck. Encouraging you to join me! You can help by volunteering or providing items as needed or even prayer.

Kairos Prison Ministry - I am involved at Albion Correctional Facility and Wende Correctional Facility. If you would like to go inside for a weekend, there is a process to go through. Help is also needed on the specific weekends on the "outside" and items like packaged cookies, soda, chips are needed on weekends held in May and November at Albion and June and December at Wende. Both men and women are welcome. After serving a weekend, we also go "inside" up to 3 times per month. There is also an opportunity for all including the children to make "agape" items. This includes scripture cards, notes of encouragement, and bookmarks. With all of these things, please check with me before making agape or donating food items. There are many prison rules we must honor. The whole theme is showing God's love to those in prison.

Feeding the homeless on the streets in Buffalo - We join Friends Feeding Friends to prepare and hand out meals to the homeless once a month. It is usually a Saturday or Monday evening. Help is needed to prepare food and clean up the day of, donate needed food items, and come out to hand out food on the street. Scheduled dates are Monday, October 16; Monday, November 13; and Saturday, December 2.

Volunteer at Lockport CARES Emergency Homeless Shelter - Come help prepare and share breakfast, dinner and sometimes lunch, for approximately 15 people right at the shelter. Bring a dessert and share a devotional time in the evening. This opportunity goes on 365 days a year.

The purse ministry at Magdalene Project - Fill gently used purses with personal care items for homeless and needy women. They have a monthly women's group that gathers. We are scheduled to go on Saturday, January 13 at 4 p.m.

Walk to Emmaus - Since I have experienced my "street weekend" or Walk to Emmaus, my life was changed. I have since volunteered to be on the team. This weekend is based on Luke 24:15, "While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them." The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that is a 3 day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others. The men's 3-day walk is October 12-15 and again in March. The women's 3-day walk is November 2-5 and again in April. Both walks are at Faith UMC in Lancaster.

UNYAC Early Response Team - When called, we respond to disasters such as flooding, tornados, hurricanes around the country and even here locally. Take a ERT training class held throughout our conference at various times. Let's get a local team put together!

Come join in! The blessings are overflowing! Watch the Little Good News and Monthly Newsletter for details. Call me at 438-2144 or text 903-5183.

Sandy Houck

News From First UMC

Youth Fun Nights at First Church

Youth in grades K and up are invited to attend our Friday Youth Fun Nights at Niagara Falls First Church twice a month at 6-8pm. Crafts, music, games, snacks, Bible stories, field trips, parties and more! September meetings are on the 15th & 29th. Contact Holly Brittain at 930-4661 for more information.

Joyful Noise

Our women's chorus is looking for new people to join them in singing God's praises. This group rehearses on Saturday afternoons at Niagara Falls First UMC, and performs at various venues such as nursing homes, picnics, our church and other churches. Contact Holly Brittain at 930-4661 for more information.

Preschool

Genesis Preschool

Genesis Preschool is for children three years of age 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 in the fall 2017 Preschool classes.

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

- Parent Orientation: Tuesday, August 29th at 6:30 pm.
- Children have the opportunity to meet their teachers on
 - Thursday, September 7th for the 3's year old classes and
 - Friday, September 8th for the 4 year old classes

For registration information, please contact Gidget Hughes at 625-8306

Genesis Mom's Morning Out

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 run errands! We are now accepting applications for fall 2017.

- Two Programs: Monday/Friday, and Tuesday/Thursday 9am to 11:30 am.
- Tuition: full time \$81/month; part time \$43/month.
- The program runs September 18, 2017 to June 15, 2018.

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

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 2.3% above the comparable figure last year, and our current income projection for the year based on July results is 1.5% above our 2017 finance budget. With your continued generosity we hope to increase that difference before the end of the year. Many thanks to those who helped out with their special "Summer Offerings" 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 make Pendleton Center Church a place where lives are changed and our ministry continues to be a powerful witness to Christ.

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
JCPenney

Bon-Ton
Target

LL Bean
iTunes

Amazon.com
Barnes & Noble

Tim Horton's
Walmart

Kohls
Gap

These and many others are available for order. Our Next order will be placed on Monday, September 11th. Need a card today? We do have a select number of cards available for immediate purchase. Tops cards are always available for purchase in the Christian Education Office in Fellowship Hall. Tops Cards can be used to purchase groceries, gasoline or other items in the supermarket. Contact Heather Miner in the office with any questions. Thank you!

Employment Opportunities

Pendleton Center Church is seeking to hire a 'Fish Fry Manager'. Our fish fries are seasonal - so the work is only 10 weeks out of the year. Our fish fries are a super opportunity for us to open our doors to the community and share who and what we are as people of God! If you are interested in talking it over to see if its right for you, give Debbie Parise a call in the church office at 625-8306. Let's talk!

Pendleton Center Church is also seeking to fill the position of Nurture Coordinator. The Nurture Coordinator will develop opportunities for all ages to grow in their faith as Christian Disciples through the creation of teaching, fellowship, and outreach programs and activities. Resume and professional references may be forwarded to gidgethughes@pcumc.org. Questions can be directed directly to Gidget Hughes through the church office at 625-8306 or gidgethughes@pcumc.org.

Our Church Family

Happy Birthday!

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

Happy Anniversary!

- 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
- 10 - Tucker & Anna (Ward) Smith '16
- 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 - Frank & Teri Remillard '05
- Premleela & Harshad Thacore
- 18 - Tory & Wendy DelPrince '93
- 19 - Kevin & Bridgette (Bova) Weller '15
- 21 - Andrew & Karen Machaby '85
- 23 - Jodi & Scott Miller '89
- Dan & Kelli Putney '00
- 24 - Michael & Diane Lenhard
- Justin & Brittany Szuromi '16
- 26 - Richard & Julie Beutel '04
- 27 - Mike & Connie Clifford '14
- 30 - Justine & Eric Mitrowski '06

Baptisms

Eliora Jade Smith - July 7, 2017
Parents: Tucker and Anna Smith

Edith Ann Amato - July 7, 2017
Parents: Ben Amato and Cynthia Aldridge-Amato

Condolences

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

Tom B
Beverly Cornelius
Robert Ditzler, father of Jackie Duchscherer
Mark Gentz, brother-in-law of Jim Phillips
Lynda Gomesky
Jane Herrington, aunt of Mary Bobsein
Bob Hopfer, brother of Jane Smith
Joan Farrell Macfarlane
Pat Potenza
Chris Reynolds
Sandra Staley, wife of Lew Staley
Bobby, nephew of Rick and Sally Reid

September 2017

Full calendar available at
calendar.pendletonchurch.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 5pm - Worship & Church School for kids
3 9 & 10:45am - Worship & Sunday School for kids	4 - Labor Day Office Closed 6pm - Prayer Service	5 12pm - Senior Nutrition Program	6	7 12pm - United Methodist Women	8	9 - Fall Kickoff Check Saturday Schedule Below
10 - Fall Kickoff Check Sunday Schedule Below Mission Moment: United Methodist Student Day	11 SCRIP Orders Due 7pm - Pendleton Fellowship Group	12 7pm - Trustee Meeting	13 Check Wednesday Schedule Below	14 7pm - Praise Team	15 - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil 6pm - HCWG/S'mores Leader Orientation	16 - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil 9am - Men's Breakfast 6:30pm - Saturday Fellowship Meal
17 Mission Moment: Seneca Street UMC	18 October Newsletter Deadline 7pm - Women's Book Club	19 12pm - Senior Nutrition Program	20	21	22 - Fall Church Retreat 6pm - HCWG/S'mores Kickoff	23 - Fall Church Retreat
24 - Fall Church Retreat	25	26 9:30am - Newsletter Assembly	27	28	29 6pm - Children's Movie Night	30 10am - Community Business Faire

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays*

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays*

- 5pm - Bible Study - Creed
- 6pm - Dinner
- 6:30pm - Angel Wings
 - Youth Group
- 6:45pm - Pendletones
- 7pm - Chancel Choir
 - Bible Studies
 - Nursery Care
- 8:30 - Men of Hymn

Thursdays

- 5:30pm - Community Dinner at First UMC

Saturdays

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

* - Begins the week of September 10