
January 2018 Newsletter

PENDLETON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

- Psalm 51

A Winter's Day

It's one of the most beautiful sights a person can see. In the midst of the darkness and cold of winter, we wake up after a nighttime snowfall and behold, everything is white! The dirty brown soil is a pure, clean white. The empty lifeless branches glisten and shimmer in the morning sunshine. The evergreens are laden with layers of cool, soft snow. Even the roads are still white and clean... And if you go out for a walk, all the sounds that assault our senses are muffled and silenced by the snow.

In so many ways we live in a desolate world. Broken with sin, polluted with rebellious thoughts, laden with guilt and sin, and surrounded by profane noise that drowns out grace. And yet, in the midst of all of this, God breaks in. Grace covers us and we are restored to beauty; washed with the fragrant forgiveness of God.

How would a person from Florida even understand this verse? From a picture or movie? Fake, Hollywood snow is just not the same thing. In the same way, to talk about the forgiveness of God, is not the same as experiencing it. God wants to make our soul white as snow on a new winter's day and fragrant as a spring flower.

Even though we know it won't last before we mess it up again, what glory it is. And God doesn't take it away. It lingers. Sustained by the crisp, cold winter air. It remains a thing of beauty even in the bright sunshine. Just as God sustains us with His Holy Spirit. Bringing a freshness, a sustained strength, a joy and continual blessing from the inside out. God gives us a pure heart. Breaking through our dark and dreary thoughts and desires, He returns us to purity. A new start. My grandson sometimes will say the sun on the snow is too bright. We can find it hard to be willing to change, but if we turn to God, He will grant us a willing spirit and sustain us.

Turn to God, have your life made white as snow. Your soul renewed and your joy sustained.

Pastor Tom

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FELLOWSHIP

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We will not have a meeting in January. Our first meeting in 2018 will be Thursday, February 1 at 12pm.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Third Monday of each month | January 15 | 7pm

My Tomato Pie, 3035 Niagara Falls Blvd. (In Tops plaza at corner of Robinson/N. French)

On January 15 we will discuss: "Yada Yada Prayer Group" (book 2) by Netta Jackson. Questions? Please contact Yvonne Bova at ybova@kaleidahealth.org. Come join us! You do not need to read the book - we welcome all ladies at this monthly get together!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

PENDLETON FOOD PANTRY

Get ready for 'Souper Bowl' on Sunday, February 4. We will be collecting for the food pantry for our mission moment that day and we will also collect non-perishable food items that day. The food pantry suffered some losses and challenges this year. We can make a difference with help and sustained support from our churches. The food pantry is serving a growing number of clients and is always in need of cereal, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, paper products, personal care items, and cleaning products. If anyone is in need of food assistance, they can call the Food Pantry at 716-348-9574 or visit the food pantry at St. Paul's United Church of Christ at 7416 Campbell Blvd. on Thursday mornings between 10am and 12pm.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our "Joshua Connection Ministries" is collecting gently used winter jackets for men, women and children. These items will be given to the less fortunate in the LaSalle area, distributed from First Church's clothes closet. We are also collecting "new" hats and gloves, if you have the passion to support this ministry. These items can be dropped off in Mission Central in the box labeled "coats" or the hats and mittens display cart in Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for your support! If you have any questions, contact Gidget Hughes.

ANGEL TREE

There are angels among us! Thank you for all that each and every one of you do to make a difference and touch so many lives! God's love shines through you as you "serve the least, the lost, and the little ones."

We provided Christmas for 94 children and 5 families:

- 49 children of Pendleton and 2 families
 - 15 children of Babcock Buffalo, Seneca Street
 - 30 children of LaSalle, Niagara Falls and 3 families
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who participated with Operation Christmas Child in November. I'm pleased to announce that we saw 1,689 shoeboxes arrive during the campaign, with some 431 (estimated) coming from the generous folks at our church!

I want to thank all the volunteers who signed up to help during collection week to receive and move boxes and represent PCUMC to those dropping off their gifts. Additionally, I want to thank all those who helped remove and pack the shoeboxes into cartons and load them on the truck to transport to Eastern Hills on Collection Sunday. It's a huge job and everything worked out great with God's help and yours!

It's my estimation that in the 18 years we have done this mission, PCUMC has handled over 20,000 boxes that have gone out to every corner of the world to bring love and joy to needy children. Most importantly, these shoeboxes also contain the Gospel message that gives the gift of hope and allows these young recipients to participate in a discipleship program - a lasting gift they can have the rest of their lives!

DJ Mahar

MISSIONS & OUTREACH (CONTINUED)

VETERANS

A huge thank you from Veteran's Hospital clothing room for your generous donations from Veteran's Day. We collected \$1,144 on that day to be used for veterans in need for basic items.

Your donations for personal care products and underwear are collected on a regular basis. Please place them in the veteran's bin in mission central. Recently, I packed a car full of personal care items, underwear, socks and lap robes and took them to Cheryl Lepsch, the coordinator at the VA hospital, because "every day" is Veteran's Day.

May God bless you for your continued generosity.

Sue Wilson

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Wait! Don't throw out those beautiful Christmas Cards that you just received, RECYCLE THEM! Some of the Christmas cards, birthday cards, and greeting cards of all types are so beautiful, it is a shame to throw them out! Please cut the fronts off of the cards and place them in the veteran's bin in Mission Central. Some will be "repurposed" and used to make cards for veterans in various veteran facilities and programs. Some will go to Peggy who frames them to be sold as small "mementos and souvenirs" to those visiting the mission in Nicaragua and proceeds go to support the mission, schools, and orphanages there. The remainder of the cards go to the senior citizen's group at St. Amelia's in Tonawanda who use them to make wall, door hangings, and placemats for the veterans at the VA Hospital and nursing homes! Much better to think of those beautiful cards as bringing smiles, brightening up a room, and bringing light and joy to a shut-in than rotting in the local landfills! Thank you!

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Let's provide a warm meal and warm hearts! We will be feeding the homeless on the streets in Buffalo on Monday, January 22. We are looking for donations of canned chicken noodle soup, canned tomato soup, loaves of bread, jars of peanut butter, jars of jelly and 8 boxes of brownies. In addition to these needs, we always need sandwich size zip lock bags.

2017 MISSION DONATIONS

Our Outreach and Missions team would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your continuous support with our special outreach and missions collections.

In 2017, your gracious donations have helped support the following ministries:

Africa University	\$534.00	Matthew 25	\$936.00
Alex's Lemonade Stand	\$558.00	Mission Sunday*	\$528.00
Alive (Youth in Lockport)	\$3,289.00	Nicaragua	\$2,632.00
Back to School Supplies	\$461.00	No More Malaria	\$511.00
Christian Motorcycle Association	\$424.00	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$679.00
Community Mission of Niagara Frontier	\$1,462.50	Prison Ministry	\$228.00
Good Samaritan	\$8,459.53	Seneca Street (Buffalo)	\$1,708.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief	\$5,362.00	Veterans	\$1,194.00
Hurricane Irma Relief	\$3,026.00	Student Day (UMCOR)	\$743.00
Lakeview Animal Sanctuary	\$1,023.00	UMCOR	\$1,766.00
Pendleton Food Pantry / "Souper" Bowl Sunday	\$1,653.00	Upper New York Storms	\$715.00
Puerto Rico / Virgin Islands Relief	\$2,738.10	VBS Mission Project**	\$448.00
Joshua Connection	\$729.00	World Vision/30Hour Famine	\$2,032.15

*Which supported Ontario Street UMC & Cleveland Hill UMC

**Hearts for the Homeless & Warmth for the Hungry Hearts

Your efforts have made such a great impact on helping so many people all around the world! We could have not have done this wonderful ministry of serving the least, the lost and the little ones without you! Your continued support will make our ministries a powerful witness to Christ! Thank you! God Bless.

GENESIS PROGRAMS

GENESIS PRESCHOOL

The time is coming soon to sign up for 2018-2019 preschool classes! Registration will be open to members of our church and current preschool families on February 1. On March 1, registration will be open to the community.

Classes available are:

- 3 year olds, two days a week, morning or afternoon
- 4 year olds, three days a week, morning or afternoon
- 4 year olds, five days a week, morning



Space is limited and classes fill up quickly. Be sure to sign your child early for the class of your choice. If you would like information about our Preschool, please call the office. We have a great staff and curriculum that includes Kindergarten readiness skills, basic Christian concepts, music, arts & crafts, field trips, and much more.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Preschool Christmas programs. The children were great! We enjoyed a wonderful cookie reception and rejoiced together in the birth of Jesus.

Our Annual Easter Candy Sale starts Sunday, January 15 and ends on Sunday, February 7. We encourage you to sell to your neighbors, friends, relatives and co-workers. Thank you for participating in this fundraiser, all proceeds will go to Genesis Ministries. Candy will be ready for pick up on Sunday, March 18.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

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

For more information, please call our office at 716-625-8306.

NEWS FROM FIRST UMC

First United Methodist Church is our sister church in Niagara Falls. All the events below take place there. Their address is 8210 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

Youth Fun Nights | Friday, January 12 & 26 | 6-8pm | Grades K and up

Free Community Dinners | Every Thursday at 5:30pm | Worship at 6:10pm

Free Community Dinner, followed by a time of worship. Our clothing closet is also open from 5-6pm. Helpers are always welcome!

Pastor's Bible Study | Every Tuesday | 6:30pm

In January we will be starting Adam Hamilton's study Half Truths. Explore some of the most popular "Christian" clichés (Do they really come from the Bible?) to find the real scriptural meaning in them.

Thanks and Praise!

Many thanks to all who took part in or supported our "A Light in the Darkness" race, held in memory of Kyle McArdle. The proceeds of the race that went to suicide awareness and prevention totaled \$6,036.86.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Happy New Year! I hope all of our families, children, and youth had a great Christmas! Make sure to look below to see a list of what we will be learning, working on, and doing in the month of January.

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

YOUTH RETREAT

January 12-14, 2018 | All youth 7-12 grade | Camp Asbury, Silver Lake, NY

You should have gotten your information in the mail for this year's annual Winter Youth Retreat. If not, you can visit pendletonchurch.org for the registration information. This year we will be going to Camp Asbury for a fun-filled weekend, full of fellowship and learning God's word. The cost of the retreat this year is **\$100 per person and your signed permission slip, rules form, and payment are due by January 7, 2018**. This cost will include lodging for the weekend as well as food. **Space is limited**, so sign up right away.

Many of our youth would like to attend this year's retreat but simply do not have the resources. We are looking for sponsors to help defer some of the cost for these youth. The retreat costs \$100, but any amount you are able to give will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. If you can help send a child, please contact Pastor Sherry. Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER CANDY SALE

Our Annual Easter Candy Sale starts Sunday, January 15 and ends on Sunday, February 7. We encourage you to sell to your neighbors, friends, relatives and co-workers. Thank you for participating in this fundraiser, all proceeds will go to Children Ministries. Candy will be ready for pick up on Sunday, March 18.

SUNDAY EDUCATION

Sunday School | 10:15-11:15am

Come join in on the fun! We will be dancing, singing, and digging deeper in our knowledge of God, with lessons, snacks, crafts, and games! Children will be split up by ages: 3-5 year olds, K-1st grade, 2-3rd grade, 4-6th grade.

Bible Studies are available for 7th-12th graders from 10:15-11:15am.

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

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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

The kids in Jr. Church have been having a great time worshipping God in their very own way! We dance, sing, and praise Jesus!

4th - 6th graders will be worshipping 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 be actively 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 worshipping in the sanctuary at all services.

Nursery Care is available for infants to age 2 during during all services

CHILDREN & YOUTH (CONTINUED)

WEDNESDAYS

F.R.O.G.S. (Fully Reliant On God Singers) | 5:30-6:30pm | *Choir Room*

All elementary children are invited to sing with the group. Questions? Call Sue Phillips at 691-4850.

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

This is a fellowship program provided for children. Questions? Call Becky Heideman at 625-8312.

Angel Wings are flying high with excitement! We have made new friends and worked on missions with our church, community, and world. You may have seen the prayer rocks, heard about the lap blankets and cards for shut-ins and nursing home residents, and donations to our church. The children are finding their faith in action is filling their souls. In January we are learning about "Jesus, I served, I serve."

- *Friday, January 12, 6pm - Saturday, January 13, 9am | Sleepover*
We will have a movie, crafts, communion, food, games, and good Christian fun. You must sign up to come! Bring a snack and breakfast item to share. Don't forget your overnight gear!
- *Wednesday, January 17*
Prepare our dish for First UMC Community Dinner.
- *Thursday, January 18 | 5pm | Serve First UMC Community Dinner*
Transportation is available. We will also need permissions slips filled out for each child.

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

Youth are invited for a fun night of fellowship, team building, devotions, scripture and snacks! The **youth band** is open to all youth musicians. They practice and play contemporary Christian praise and worship music where they will occasionally use their skills to lead worship music at different events and locations. We practice on Wednesday nights during youth group. Come join in as we worship our God!

FRIDAYS

Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores | K - 6th grade

- *Friday, January 5 | 6-10pm | Leaders' Night*
The leaders of Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores get together for a lesson, small group time, team building, and planning their small groups lesson and activities.
- *Friday, January 19 | 6-9pm | K-6th grade and leaders*
We finished up our "Friend Me" lessons in December and all of the kids had a great time discovering what it's like to be a good friend, God's way. We will be starting a new theme this night!
- *Friday, January 26 | 6-9pm | K-6th grade and leaders*

BIBLE STUDIES

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Youth Bible Study | *Led by Dan & Kelli Putney | Sundays at 10:15am | Couch Room*

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

The Invisible War by Chip Ingram | *Led by Linda Barczykowski, CLM | Begins Monday, January 8 at 8pm*

The war we battle on this earth is a spiritual one. Wherever we turn, Satan is trying his best to steer us wrong. This series will prepare you to do spiritual battle with the enemy of your soul... and win! You'll learn to clothe yourself with God's spiritual armor so you can be confident of certain victory over the scheming enemy. If you would like to join this study, please contact Linda at rbarczykowski@roadrunner.com or 716-946-0124.

Adult Bible Study | *Led by Pastor Jean Edmister | Wednesdays at 5pm | Disciple Room*

Adult Bible Study | *Led by Pastor Jean Edmister | Wednesdays at 7pm | Office Conference Room*

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

BIBLE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

SUNDAY ADULT STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

So far we've looked at the basis of our Christian faith and how to share it with those who need to hear about Jesus, as well as a four-week Advent study. For those who've never been to our Sunday time, we meet in the Fellowship Hall to have coffee and snacks with conversation from 10:15-10:30, study time around tables 10:30-11:00, and then time to share our questions and insights with the whole group before ending at 11:10.

Beginning January 3 our study and fellowship time will center on Scripture passages that address questions brought up by participants during our fall studies. Later in January our focus will shift to aspects of Christian discipleship that are essential to effectively practicing and deepening our Christian faith as we growing in Christian relationship with God and other people. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to attend every week, although we'd love it if you could!

For those in need of a smaller study space where they can hear and participate in the discussion more easily, Pastor Lisa would like to offer the possibility of making available a room where you could join in. Please let Pastor Lisa know asap if you would like to be part of the study but find the Fellowship Hall setting too difficult to participate in.

Small, short term groups devoted to areas of special interest will be forming later in the month, too. **Studies in Christian Marriage and Christian Parenting will be offered.** These classes will be held in other rooms in the church and **registration is required.** If you are interested in either of these small group studies, please contact Pastor Lisa to reserve your place in class.

Just Fellowship?

For those adults desiring coffee and conversation between the Sunday services without the study, there are tables set up in the gym for your convenience. You are welcome to come through the Fellowship Hall at any time during Sunday School to get a cup of coffee and whatever snacks we have. There are also tables in the Fellowship Hall that are not occupied by folks participating in the study. You are welcome to have a seat and listen or carry on your own conversations. We ask that you be respectful of the times when individual people are sharing with the whole group, and during times of prayer at the beginning and end of the study time. Thank you for your understanding.

Saturday Study and Fellowship?

Pastor Lisa would like to know whether there are people interested in a Saturday study group, either before or after the 5pm service. Please let Pastor Lisa or Pastor Jean know asap if you would participate in such a group on a regular basis if it were offered.

BIBLE CHALLENGE

It's a new year and time to make a new commitment to spending time with God by reading through the Bible. Pastor Lisa will once again lead us through the Scriptures, alternating between the Old and New Testament, with insights into the writers, historical and cultural settings, connections to our Christian theological heritage and United Methodist doctrine, and questions to help you think about how the Bible is relevant and meaningful in life today. These reflections may be found on the PCUMC website (biblechallenge.pendletonchurch.org) and on the Bible Challenge Facebook page where you are welcome to ask additional questions, make comments relevant to the week's readings, and share prayer requests and praise reports. The list of weekly readings, without the reflections, may also be found in each monthly newsletter and each week's worship service bulletin. God is still speaking to people, and one of the ways we may hear God's voice is through reading and studying God's Word. So let's get started! It only takes four chapters of reading, 10-15 minutes, per day to read through the Bible in a year.

This year's readings are dated Monday thru Sunday.

Read 4 chapters per day:

Week 1 - January 1-7: Genesis chapters 1-28

Week 2 - January 8-14: Genesis chapters 29-50; Mark chapters 1-6

Week 3 - January 15-21: Mark chapters 7-16; Exodus chapters 1-18

Week 4 - January 22-28: Exodus chapters 19-40; Matthew chapters 1-6

Week 5 - January 29-February 4: Matthew chapters 7-28; Leviticus chapters 1-6

PRAYER & CARE MINISTRIES

GRIEFSHARE

First, third, and fifth Thursdays of the month | January 4 and 18 | 7pm | Couch Room

The PCUMC grief support group continues to meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (when applicable) Thursday of each month at 7pm in the couch room. The group is open to new members at any time so, if you are feeling like you need some support through your time of grief, there's no need to wait. Come and join us.

PRAYER TEAM MEETING

Monday, January 15 | 6:30pm | Office Conference Room

The Prayer Team is a small group of dedicated people who have agreed to pray for your requests. They take part in our 1st Monday Prayer Service at 6pm, and 5th Monday Prayer Meeting at 6:30pm. They also set up our prayer vigils about 3 times a year. If you would like to take part in this ministry, contact Pastor Jean, or just show up for our next meeting on Monday, January 15 at 6:30pm in the office conference room.

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Friday, January 19, 1pm - Saturday, January 20, 1pm

This takes place during the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Watch for sign-up sheets in worship so you can choose your hour to come to the sanctuary and pray, or call the office to sign up.

CARE-GIVING TEAM MEETING

Sunday, January 21 | 1pm | Office Conference Room

Our care-giving volunteers are working to provide loving care to all the members of our church, especially our sick and shut-ins. We have people willing to make visits to homes or hospitals, send notes or make phone calls to cheer up those who are struggling, provide transportation to doctor's visits, or pick up prescriptions or groceries. We have trained CLMs who will take Communion elements to shut-ins. We have a team of "helping hands" who will provide meals to people in short-term crises, or make food to share at a funeral luncheon. If you would like to be a part of this team, come to our next meeting, on Sunday, January 21 following the late service. Contact Pastor Jean if you would like more information.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Waiting For Spring

In the deep of winter, it can seem like May will never arrive. Like waiting for spring, we sometimes feel so permanently fixed in life's problems that we lose hope and question God's purpose in it all. Even believers can begin to feel weary, depressed, and anxious. The Bible never guarantees a life free from suffering, but the Lord does promise to limit it. The dark moments of our life last only as long as is necessary for God to accomplish His purpose. The way we respond can determine how long and wide that road will be. Turning to the Bible for encouragement is good place to begin. Often times we rely on people who may have good intentions, but sometimes we end up getting caught up unproductive "venting" such as gossip, bashing, and complaining. There are healthier productive ways to discuss our problems by keeping the focus of our conversation on how "we" feel and not another person's flaws. This allows us vent our feelings without displeasing God. Christian Counseling can provide effective listening in a non-judgmental way. Lori Jagow is available for counseling at a nominal fee. For more info contact Lori.

Lori Jagow
Christian Counseling
loriannjagow@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

AMAZONSMILE

Did you know that PCUMC is now a part of the Amazon Smile program? The church will receive a portion of the eligible products you purchase from Amazon. Simply sign onto the website using smile.amazon.com, pick Pendleton Center UMC as the charitable organization you'd like to support, and shop the way you would normally. Remember to go to smile.amazon.com on your future visits to Amazon to support PCUMC.

TOPS AND SCRIP RETAILER GIFT CARDS

Tops cards can be used for groceries, gasoline, & prescriptions at all Tops Friendly Markets. We have cards in \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations for your convenience. We've already given out over \$6,900 in rebates to our regular customers (\$20 Tops Card for every \$1,000 spent). Stop by the Christian Education office or church office (Mon-Fri) to pick up your Tops Cards today!

Thank you to everyone who purchased gift cards through our SCRIP program in December! Our next order will be placed on Monday, January 8. If you can't wait for the next order, stop by the Christian Education office to see what gift cards we have on hand. Some of our stock includes:

Applebee's	Dunkin' Donuts	Panera Bread	Tim Horton's	Home Depot	Steinmart
Bonefish Grill	Olive Garden	Red Lobster	Wendy's	Kohl's	Target

CHURCH FINANCES

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

This article was written in mid-Dec., so we cannot report at this time how our year ended. We will let you know more on the year-end results in the next newsletter. We expect our 2017 income will allow us to pay all of our regular bills with the exception of our Apportionments. Our current income projections indicate we will not be able to pay our full Apportionments, but we will pay as much as we can when we have final 2017 income totals.

Thank you for your faithful gifts which have helped us through this encouraging year for our church finances. We experienced a wonderful outpouring to help the poor and needy at the end of the year. These selfless acts did much to brighten the lives of less fortunate people in our church as well as in other communities.

2018 Offering Envelopes: If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes, please stop by the office and get them. Please contact Mary Bobsein in the church office if:

- you aren't currently using offering envelopes and would like them for 2018
- you would like to give your church offerings electronically
- you currently have offering envelopes assigned to you and no longer need them

A special note to those who use generic pew envelopes: we will gladly keep track of your giving. We just ask that you clearly **print your full name** on the envelope if you enclose cash so we know who you are!

Year-end giving summaries for information and tax purposes will be sent in January to those who have us track their offerings.

We appreciate all of you who support our ministry so generously. Your continued support will make our ministry a powerful witness to Christ.

ESTATE PLANNING & PENDLETON CENTER CHURCH

A good New Year's Resolution to consider would be establishing your will (or reviewing your existing will) to make sure your final wishes are documented. Have you considered including the church in your will? A bequest to PCUMC through your will is a good way to say that being a Christian is important to you and that the ministry accomplished by our church is also important to you.

Many people cannot give to the church as generously as they would like to during their lifetime. Giving through your will allows you to help ensure our ministry's financial stability after you no longer need your assets. There are several ways you can give through your will. Some people bequeath a specified amount of money. You can also give a percentage of your estate, or the remainder after you have provided for all of your loved ones. If you are considering our church in your will, please consult your attorney.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 - James Jones
Cathy Klock | 13 - Jessica Anderson
Jacob Craft | 23 - Joanna Bull
Steve Cappon |
| 2 - Audrey Albert
Billy Drexler | 14 - Crystal Langdon | Terry Fritz |
| 3 - Cynthia Aldridge-Amato
Maxwell Kneepel
Derek Kneepel | 15 - Pat Drexler
Alissa Hunt | Michele Margarucci
Anthony Negron
Pastor Lisa Taylor |
| 4 - Karen Kurczynski | 16 - Sean Bannach
Travis Franke | 24 - Nicholas Foit
Harvey Joseph |
| 5 - Joe Margarucci | Melissa Gerber | 25 - Alicia Booth
Alison Kofahl |
| 6 - Linda Barczykowski
Joel Hocking
Marjorie Wurtenberger | Caroline Reaser
Dick Shenton | Chris Lambe
Bob Walck |
| 7 - Anna Kofahl
Crystal North
Holly Zimmerman | 17 - Kristy Gancasz | 26 - Dana Daigler
Nina (Lenhard) Taylor
Premleela Thacore |
| 8 - Jim Jagow
Laura Castillo
Daniel Piazza | 18 - Susan Hauck-Wasiewicz
Matthew Jones
Emily Thompson | 27 - Carmen Falbo |
| 9 - Tom Elbersen
Scott Pasisz
Chad Stowe | 19 - Sally Acord
James Cain
Ann Jurdi
Ruth Oakes | 28 - Paul Ellingson
Pat McDonald
Brodie Morris |
| 10 - Liam Keelty
Vincent Piazza | 20 - Derek Foit
Donovan Jackman
Janet Gillon
Gabe Lee
Will Terry | 29 - Rachel Cash
Amy (Deak) Falbo
Susan Phillips |
| 12 - Theresa Ash
Debbie King
Mary Kofahl
Alan Pogel
Peter Wasiewicz | 21 - William Murray | 30 - Ed Getty
Bob Inwards |
| | 22 - Diane Haseley
Sue Wilson
Chad Yerdon
Jordan Zimmerman | 31 - Allen Duscher
Haven Kinmartin |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 1 - Gary & Debbie D'Amico '98
George & Sherrie Peterson '09 | 18 - John & Theresa Zimmerman '01 |
| 2 - Bill & Judy Fisher | 22 - Jim & Lori Gondek '83 |
| 9 - Rich & Debbie Joseph | 28 - Richard & Robyn Wagner '97 |
| 11 - William Murray & Rachel Cash '13 | 29 - Dustin & Jacquie Weeks '05 |
| 14 - Ed & Pat McDonald '61 | 30 - Kevin & Michele Aleong '99 |
| 16 - Sean & Dara Bannach '10 | 31 - Dale & Kathy McKenzie '59 |

Baptism

Austin Michael Wendt
Baptized on November 29, 2017

New Members

We welcomed these new members into our church family
on November 19, 2017
Dee Mann
Kris Labosky
Melinda Wesolowski

Condolences

We offer prayers for the friends and families who have lost loved ones:
Nona Goodrich, mother of Timm Goodrich & Karen Guenther
Sylvia Haendiges, sister-in-law to Phil & Sharon Haendiges



January 2018

Full calendar available at
calendar.pendletonchurch.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 - <i>New Year's Day</i> 6pm - <i>Prayer Service</i>	2 12pm - <i>Senior Nutrition Program</i> 7pm - <i>Youth Retreat Planning Meeting</i>	3 7:30pm - <i>Line Dancing</i>	4 7pm - <i>GriefShare</i> 7pm - <i>Praise Team Rehearsal</i>	5 6pm - <i>HCWG/S'mores Leaders</i>	6
7 - <i>Epiphany</i> <i>Mission Moment: Community Missions</i> 1pm - <i>Hearts Aflame</i>	8 <i>SCRIP Orders Due</i> 7pm - <i>Pendleton Fellowship Group</i>	9 7pm - <i>Trustee Meeting</i>	10	11	12 - <i>Youth Retreat & Angel Wing's Sleepover</i>	13 - <i>Youth Retreat & Angel Wing's Sleepover</i>
14 - <i>Youth Retreat</i> <i>Mission Moment: Good Samaritan</i> 7pm - <i>Christmas Cantata</i>	15 - <i>MLK Jr. Day</i> <i>February Newsletter Deadline</i> 7pm - <i>Women's Book Club</i>	16 12pm - <i>Senior Nutrition Program</i>	17 7:30pm - <i>Line Dancing</i>	18 7pm - <i>GriefShare</i>	19 - <i>24 Hour Prayer Vigil</i> 6pm - <i>Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores (All)</i>	20 - <i>24 Hour Prayer Vigil</i> 10:30am - <i>Seneca Street Cooking</i>
21 - <i>Youth Sunday</i> <i>Mission Moment: Supporting Refugees</i> 6:30pm - <i>The Gathering Service</i>	22 7pm - <i>The Guardians</i>	23 9:30am - <i>Newsletter Assembly</i>	24	25	26 6pm - <i>Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores (All)</i>	27
28 - <i>Boy Scout Sunday</i>	29 6:30pm - <i>Prayer Meeting</i>	30	31			

Sundays

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

- 5:30pm - Community Dinner at First UMC

Saturdays

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

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Worship

Saturdays at 5pm
Sundays at 9 & 11:15am

Sunday School For All Ages

Sundays at 10:15am

Youth Retreat

January 13-15

Angel Wing's Sleepover

January 13-14

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

January 20-21

Prayer Service

Monday, January 1 at 6pm

The Gathering Service

Sunday, January 21 at 6:30pm

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