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# January 2019 Newsletter

PENDLETON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

*Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." -Matthew 2*

Epiphany is the season that begins with the Sunday of the coming of the Magi from the east. It usually starts in January and goes until Lent in March. An Epiphany is an event where we see God. As we begin a new year in 2019, how are we living our lives to see God? When the Magi saw the star, they followed it to find Jesus. It may be that God actually hung a new star in the sky that they followed, or it could have been an angel. (Angels are sometimes referred to in the Bible as "stars.") Either way, God led them...until they took their eyes off the star and went to the wrong city to see the wrong king. Not only did this lead to a mistake for them, but it also caused incredible trouble for others.

A new year is an opportunity to live our lives to experience an Epiphany of God. The Magi prepared for the Epiphany: They read the scriptures, prayed, and worshipped God. If we focus our lives in the same way, we will experience God in our lives.

*After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. -Matthew 2*

Instead of a New Year's resolution this year, I would suggest an Epiphany resolution. Let's try not to be distracted by what other "kings" in our lives are trying to get us to do. Look for God, read His Word, pray and worship, and be prepared for God to be made known to you.

May God send His angels in this new year to guide you to Him.

***Pastor Tom***

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## Adult Sunday School

Beginning January 6, we will be resuming our study and practice of corporate prayer. Join us as we learn more about how our spiritual gifts are an important part of prayer ministry, and how you can be a blessing to your church family and the community through prayer. We meet in the gym at 10:30am between services and finish in time for 11:15am worship to begin. So grab a cup of coffee and join in!

## Bible Challenge 2019

**Welcome to Bible Challenge 2019!** Whether you are new to this practice of reading through the Bible in a year or have done it before, this year will be a wonderful time of growing closer to God through the Holy Scriptures. There will be two choices for reading this year. You can find the list on [pendletonchurch.org](http://pendletonchurch.org), join our Facebook group - PCUMC Bible Challenge, or look in each week's bulletin.

**Choice 1:** The regular daily reading of 4 chapters per day, with the reading alternating between the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures – the Bible Jesus would have read) and the New Testament (the Scriptures written after the death and resurrection of Jesus, for all who would seek to follow him). You begin with the first book of our Bible - Genesis, read four chapters per day until finished, then jump to the first book of the New Testament - Matthew - and do the same. Follow the schedule, and by the end of the year you will have read the Hebrew Scriptures through once and the New Testament twice. To guide your reading, reflections and questions are available on the website or Facebook group. And if you're in the Facebook group, you can ask questions or begin conversations about the readings with others in the group. The reflections and questions will be repeated from last year, perfect for newcomers to the Bible Challenge or those who wish to refresh their memories. You do not need to use the reflections to benefit from the readings.

**Choice 2:** A “chronologically” ordered sequence of readings. “Chronologically” is in quotes because there is really no way to know for sure exactly how to create a chronological order. Scriptures that were written much later have stories in them set in earlier times, and there are some things about particular books that we simply don't know. A couple of examples would be that the book of Job is set, we think, about the same time historically as the stories of the Patriarchs, like Abraham. But Job was written much later in Jewish history. We attribute most of the Proverbs to Solomon, so the book of Proverbs is read around the time we are also reading about King Solomon. And there are many of the events of Jesus' life about which we cannot know the exact order in time. The source of this sequence of readings has made educated guesses about these things. The order of the readings is not chronological according to when the Bible books were written but in a logical, historical sequence. Choice 2 reads as if it's a story that moves in historical order with supplemental material that seems appropriate. For example, Psalm 90, traditionally attributed to Moses, will be read as we read Moses' story. And the Psalms attributed to David will be interwoven to David's story. There will be no reflections to go along with this reading choice, but Pastor Lisa will check the Facebook group weekly (or more often) to respond to questions and comments.

**Whichever you choose, let Pastor Lisa know you're reading. You can put a note on your Friendship Card or post a note on the Facebook group. We start up on January 1.** Happy New Year!

### Regular Reading Schedule (Choice 1):

**January 1-7:** Genesis 1-28

**January 8-14:** Genesis 29-50; Mark 1-6

**January 15-21:** Mark 7-16; Exodus 1-18

**January 22-28:** Exodus 19-40; Matthew 1-6

**January 29-February 4:** Matthew 7-28; Leviticus 1-6

### Chronological Reading Schedule (Choice 2):

**January - 1:** Genesis 1-3; **2:** Genesis 4-7; **3:** Genesis 8-11; **4:** Job 1-5;

**5:** Job 6-9; **6:** Job 10-13; **7:** Job 14-16; **8:** Job 17-20; **9:** Job 21-23;

**10:** Job 24-28; **11:** Job 29-31; **12:** Job 32-34; **13:** Job 35-37; **14:** Job 38-39;

**15:** Job 40-42; **16:** Genesis 12-15; **17:** Genesis 16-18; **18:** Genesis 19-21;

**19:** Genesis 22-24; **20:** Genesis 25-26; **21:** Genesis 27-29;

**22:** Genesis 30-31; **23:** Genesis 32-34; **24:** Genesis 35-37;

**25:** Genesis 38-40; **26:** Genesis 41-42; **27:** Genesis 43-45;

**28:** Genesis 46-47; **29:** Genesis 48-50; **30:** Exodus 1-3; **31:** Exodus 4-6;

**February - 1:** Exodus 7-9; **2:** Exodus 10-12; **3:** Exodus 13-15;

**4:** Exodus 16-18; **5:** Exodus 19-21; **6:** Exodus 22-24; **7:** Exodus 25-27

## Women's Bible Study

Mondays at 10am

We will begin a study on the book of Ecclesiastes in January. There is a time and season for everything, so the writer tells us. Join us for a blessed time together. We meet in Connection Room 2 (Couch Room), which is located down the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Just like that, the Christmas season is over, and we begin a new year. We hope that you and your family had a blessed Christmas and a great start to 2019! We are looking forward to the new year as we partner together with you to engage your children, youth, and family to be active disciples and followers of Christ!

### Youth Group - Important Changes

We will no longer be having youth group on Wednesday nights but will be shifting focus to all the other different youth ministries around the church.

In addition to all the youth ministries we do here, we will have an all youth ministry fun night or outing twice a month on Sunday evenings.

Watch for more details and information in the mail!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Adrienne Demmin or Gidget Meland.

### Missions

For January, we will be focusing on acts of kindness, and we will be kicking off our Rice Bowls mission project. *See the Rice Bowls article on page 6 for more information about Rice Bowls.*

In February we will be collecting all the bowls (even if they're empty) and having a smashing party with the children and youth at each of their programs.

Keep watching for more details and a display in the back of the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, or in your children's and youth programs.

As we focus on these mission projects, please pray for us! Pray for us to have servant hearts and to be a vessel of love and hope for children who are less fortunate than us. Pray for those who are receiving these acts of service and that something so little can bring hope and love to all.

**Jr. Church** Sundays at 9am & 11:15am; Saturdays at 5pm // Begins in Ark for children 3 years - 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.

**Sunday School** Sundays from 10:15-11:15am in the Ark for children 3 years - 6th grade 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!

**Nursery Care** is available during Sunday School.

**Youth Retreat** February 15 to 17 at Camp Findley Sign up today! Visit [pendletonchurch.org/youth](http://pendletonchurch.org/youth) for the registration forms. This year we will be going to Camp Findley for an amazing, fun-filled weekend jam packed with fellowship and learning God's word. **The cost of the retreat this year is \$100 per person with your signed permission slip, rules form, and payment in by January 13, 2019.** *If you sign up after January 13, 2019, the cost increases to \$125!* So be sure to sign up soon, as space is limited. This cost will include lodging for the weekend, as well as food.

Many of our youth would like to go on this year's retreat, but may not be able to attend due to the expense. 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!

### Valentine's Day Fundraiser

Help support the Children and Youth Ministries here at church. We will be selling truffles, Valentine's mugs, fake roses, cards, and other various Valentine's Day treats! You can buy them separately or make a package for your loved one! You can also get class treats for your child's Valentine's Day party at school.

All orders are DUE by Monday, February 4, and pick up will be Sunday, February 10. Money is due when you pick up your items.

Watch for the display going up on Sunday, January 6 in the back of the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall for more details and to order.

**Youth Bible Study** Sundays from 10:15-11:15am in Connection Room 2 (Couch Room) for 7th-12th grade Being a teen is tough, but we can learn a lot from God's word about navigating everything from school to sports to social media. Come join a great group of youth who have been meeting for the last few years to learn more about the Bible and how it can help us today.

**Angel Wings** Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm in the Ark for children 4 years - 3rd grade  
January's theme is "I am sharing." We are learning how God asks us to share His love with others through our words and deeds. Throughout the month we are working on mission projects and preparing for our talent show on Saturday, March 9.

There will be no Angel Wings January 2.

On Saturday, January 19 we are having an "I am His" party from 9am-3pm in the Ark. There will be games, food, and crafts. Parent help is appreciated.

- Ms. Heideman, Ms. Julie, Ms. Anna, Ms. Becky S

**Angel Wings Too** Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm for 4th-6th grade  
*Angel Wings Too* is a new group on Wednesday nights just for tweens in 4th-6th grade. We have a fun night of fellowship, devotions, Bible stories, games, team building, and snacks! Come join in on the fun as we explore all that God is and all He wants us to be!

## Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores

Watch for more details on our January meetings in our Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores newsletters.

**Friday, January 4** // Leader Night // 8th-12th grade  
The Hot Chocolate with God and S'mores leaders will come together tonight to work in small groups as they grow closer to God through devotion, Bible study, and prayer. They will be planning for their small groups and working with their teams to create a positive atmosphere for all the children who come on Friday nights. We will also be engaging in activities that will help them become all that God wants them to be.

**Friday, January 11 from 6-9pm** // All Night

**Friday, January 18 from 6-9pm** // All Night

**Friday, January 25 from 6-9pm** // All Night

## GENESIS MINISTRIES

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.

### Preschool

The time is coming soon to sign up for 2019-2020 Preschool classes! Registration will be open to members of our church and current Preschool families on Friday, February 1. On Friday, 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 church office. We have a great staff and curriculum that includes kindergarten readiness skills, basic Christian concepts, music, arts & crafts, field trips, and much more.

### Mom's Morning Out

We hope you and your family had a blessed Christmas and a great beginning to the new year! We are excited to get back into our classroom after a long break and continue to work with the children as they continue to learn new things, grow, interact with others, and play in our classroom and gym.

Volunteers needed! Want to have some fun for a couple of hours a week? Join us for the Mom's Morning Out program, where you can nurture and play with our little ones as they are learning to play with other children. The program is fast-paced and guaranteed to keep you hopping, dancing, loving, and laughing. If interested, please contact Adrienne Demmin at the church office.

## 2018 Missions

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 2018, your gracious donations have helped support the following ministries listed on the right.

Your efforts have helped make a significant impact on so many people all around the world! We could 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.

## Angel Tree

There are angels among us! Thank you for all that each and every one of you does to make a difference, touching so many lives, and shining God’s love through you “serving the Least, the lost and the little ones.”

In 2017, we provided Christmas for 94 children and 5 families! The number of children in need is growing every year.

This year, we were able to provide Christmas for 108 children and 9 families!

- 20 children of Pendleton and 3 families
- 20 children of Babcock Buffalo, Seneca Street
- 43 children of LaSalle, Niagara Falls, and 3 families
- 10 children of North Tonawanda
- 15 children of Buffalo and 2 families
- 1 family of Lockport

Thank you for your continuous support in making a difference in our surrounding communities! God bless.

## Pendleton Food Pantry

Get ready for ‘Souper Bowl’ on Sunday, February 3. 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 Pendleton 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 noon.

### 2018 Missions

30 Hour Famine	\$1,128.00
Alex’s Lemonade Stand	\$1,414.06
Alive (Youth in Lockport)	\$3,166.00
Back to School Supplies	\$730.00
Christian Motorcycle Association	\$608.00
Community Mission of Niagara Frontier	\$1,197.00
Lakeview Animal Sanctuary	\$1,351.00
Pendleton Food Pantry	
/ Souper Bowl Sunday	\$1,428.00
Joshua Connection	\$847.00
Matthew 25	\$873.00
Mission Sunday	\$487.00
(Which supported Wesley’s Place & Missionary Aviation Repair Center)	
Nicaragua	\$2,669.50
United Methodist NOMADS	\$524.00
No More Malaria	\$1,568.25
Prison Ministry	\$291.00
Refugee	\$616.25
Seneca Street (Buffalo)	\$1,545.00
United Methodist Student Day	\$731.00
UMCOR	\$3,756.00
VBS Mission: The Shoe That Grows	\$937.01
Veterans	\$1,489.00

## Joshua Connection Ministries

Our Joshua Connection Ministries is collecting gently used winter jackets for men, women, and children to give 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 for supporting 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! Any questions contact Gidget Meland at 716-625-8306.

## Veterans

A huge **thank you** to all who donated to support local veterans in November so that a veteran can have a comfortable stay at Veterans Hospital of Buffalo. Also, thanks to those who dropped off coats and jackets at church; they were sent to SERV Niagara where they will be given to homeless veterans so that they will be warm this winter. Your love and support does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated!

## **Feeding the Homeless** Monday, January 21

What a glorious Christmas you ALL provided to those less fortunate - the homeless and hungry.

It's a new year -- new hope!

We are serving a meal on Monday, January 21 on the street in Buffalo. We will be serving meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggies, brownies, and bottled water. We are looking for ground beef, canned veggies, brownie mix, butter, small disposables bowls, and gallon storage bags. AND as a bonus because of a generous donation from Upstate Milk, we will be handing out cartons of milk and cereal for "later." So in addition to the main meal donations, we will be looking for donations of boxes of cereal. Donations need to be in by Sunday, January 20. Come in on the 21 at 3pm to help prepare the meal. Come in to help out to hand out the meals downtown - dress warmly. We leave the church at 6:15pm. We also need help back at the church to help clean up around 6. Any and all help is appreciated!

Donations of plastic forks and spoons are always needed and greatly appreciated.

## **On the Road Again with NOMADS**

As UMC Nomads it is time to "avoid deep snow" and head to warmer climates. This winter our travels will take us to Arizona. The first three weeks of January we will be volunteering at the Phoenix United Methodist Outreach Ministry (UMOM), the largest homeless shelter in Arizona. At UMOM we will be working as part of a ten-person team taking down Christmas decorations, painting, doing small construction jobs, and sorting agency donations. The next three weeks we will be at Tucson Metropolitan Ministries Family Services (TMM).

TMM Family Services provides quality housing and support services to children, families, and seniors in need. While there we will be working with six other team members removing internal walls in one apartment, adding a bathroom to another, painting the interior of three apartments, pouring 100' of sidewalks, and sorting agency donations.

We look forward to learning more about these United Methodist ministries as well as serving with our fellow Nomads, Wayne and Brenda Forrest.

## **Rice Bowls**

Rice Bowls is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide food for orphaned children in the name of Christ. The money and change goes straight to feed children all over the world! So, let's make a change this year and help feed starving children around the world!

How can you help? Take a bowl with you and decorate the top. Then over the next few weeks fill it up with change (or cash!) from your family, friends, co-workers, or anyone you may know. Throughout the time of our event, we will be praying for those who will be receiving the money and who will exchange it for food to feed the children.

For more information regarding the Rice Bowls fundraiser go check out [ricebowls.org](http://ricebowls.org) or contact Adrienne Demmin. Keep watching for more details and a display in the back of the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.

## FELLOWSHIP

### **Pendleton Fellowship Group**

The Pendleton Fellowship Group will meet on Monday, January 14 in the Prayer Theater (adjacent to the Fellowship Hall) at 6:30pm. Our program for the evening will be a video from the Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Some of our church members have traveled to Lancaster to see the live performances of their Bible stories, and we now have the opportunity to see one of them here. So please mark the date on your calendars, and we hope to see you there.

Also, the program for February will feature Denise Reichard (our resident historian) who will be presenting a program on "The Underground Railroad." The date for our meeting will be Monday, February 11. Stay tuned for additional information in the upcoming weeks.

### **Women's Book Club**

Third Monday of the Month at 7pm at Shawnee Country Club  
On Monday, January 21, we will discuss *The Sound of Glass* by Karen White. If you have any questions, email Yvonne Bova at [ybova@kaleidahealth.org](mailto:ybova@kaleidahealth.org).  
Join us! You do not need to read the book - we welcome all ladies at this monthly get together!

## Respite Care

Attention all PCUMC adults! Faith-based respite care for adults is an important ministry providing relief to those caring for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. A respite care program would provide time away from caregiving responsibilities one day each month for about four hours. There is grant money available right now, from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, to start such a ministry here at PCUMC, but we need your help. Volunteers organize programs involving crafts, music, physical activity, storytelling, and games. They relate one on one with our Alzheimer's guests while caregivers take a break. Volunteers also provide small snacks and a simple lunch. This is a unique opportunity to reach out to our community and meet a real need. The program can be small or large in numbers depending on how many people are willing to commit to one, four-hour day each month. If God is tugging at your heartstrings to become involved with providing a safe, faith-filled environment for people in need so others can have a time of rest, contact Pastor Lisa or the church office. There is a tremendous need for this type of program in our area. We would be doing a great service to our community if God is calling us to start a program here. Please prayerfully consider what you can do.

We are looking for a volunteer program coordinator and some volunteers to prepare events and participate with those who attend the program.

*Respite care program coordinators and other volunteers:*

Need a heart for doing the Lord's work. And this is highly rewarding work!

Do not need any special education! Training from the Alzheimer's Association is a short session, and there is no other special education or class involved; learning comes with experience.

The program coordinator should be able to delegate responsibility. Much of the event preparation can be assigned to a volunteer, leaving the coordinator more free to plan the event and lead the program itself.

Two individuals who work well together could easily serve as co-coordinators. The two could decide for themselves which duties would be handled by each person.

There is a position for everyone who might be interested in assisting in this venture. Please pray about whether God would have you serve the community in this faith-based program.

## GriefShare

GriefShare will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm in the couch room. New members are welcome at any time.

## Christ's Healing Hands

Healing ministry for any medical clinician

Over the past several months, people in our congregation have needed medical intervention before being transferred to a medical facility during church services and events. This has presented PCUMC medical personnel an opportunity to share their healing gift while providing the healing of Christ's love while awaiting transfer to a medical facility.

We have a remarkable congregation and, at times, a little bit of healthcare medical support is needed to maintain that health, so we all can continue to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. A healing ministry is being developed to help promote the physical well being of those who attend PCUMC.

Please join Becky Heideman, RN (716-625-8132), Monday, January 14 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall, if you would like to be a part of the healing hands of Christ and help PCUMC in the time of need while at a church.

## MUSIC

### Pendletons - Handbells

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord - with handbells! We are always looking for new ringers to join Pendletons, our handbell choir here at Pendleton Center Church. You do not have to read music (a lot of our current members don't). We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 6:45 for 30-45 minutes and play for worship every six weeks or so. Why not come and try us out? If you have questions, you can contact Julie at [handbellgal@msn.com](mailto:handbellgal@msn.com) or stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings.

## Finance Ministries

**From the Finance Team:** This article was written in mid-December, so we cannot report at this time how our year ended. We will let you know more about the year-end results in the next newsletter. We expect our 2018 income will allow us to pay all of our regular bills, including our apportionments! Thank you for your faithful gifts which have helped us through this encouraging year for our church finances. We experienced an incredible 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. We also wish to thank everyone who supported the Church Restoration Project: \$19,456 was collected, and we also used funds put aside in alternate income sources to pay for all the “extra renovations” (beyond the flood damage) that we completed in 2018. You can see the results of your generosity with the beautiful transformation of our Family Life Center!

**2019 Offering Envelopes:** If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes, please stop by the Welcome Desk on Sundays (in the hallway near the front entrance) where Julie can get them for you. Please contact Mary Bobsein in the church office if:

- you aren't currently using offering envelopes and would like them for 2019;
- 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 ask that you **clearly print your full name (NOT JUST LAST 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 & PCUMC

A good New Year's Resolution to consider would be establishing your will (or reviewing your existing will) to make sure you document your final wishes. Have you considered including the church in your will? A bequest to PCUMC through your will is an excellent 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.

## 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. Just sign onto the website using [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), pick Pendleton Center United Methodist Church as the charitable origination you'd like to support, and shop the way you would normally. Remember to go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) every time you shop on Amazon!



## Tops and Scrip Cards

Tops cards are useful for groceries, gasoline, and 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 Central Supply (former bookstore) or the 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 on Monday, January 7. If you can't wait for the next order, stop by to see what gift cards we have on hand. Some of our stock includes: Applebee's, Bonafish Grill, Dunkin' Donuts, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Red Lobster, Tim Horton's, Wendy's, Home Depot, Kohl's, Steinmart, and Target.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Meghan Machaby & Taylor Wienke  
*Married on December 7*

## CONDOLENCES

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

- Joseph Ventura
- Douglas Feind

## *A Thank You Note*

My family and I want to thank the wonderful people at PCUMC for all your prayers, cares, and concerns while I recovered from my terrible car accident.

I especially want to thank all the pastors for their visits and prayers.

Many meals were provided for my family while I was in the hospital and rehab, and then after I came home. What a blessing that was for the prepared food. Thank you all that provided the food, from the bottom of my heart.

We are blessed to be members of PCUMC. God bless all of you.

I have almost completely recovered from my injuries. Miracles still happen. God was not finished with me yet here on earth.

*With all our thanks and love,  
Joanne Haniszewski and family.*

# January 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> December	<b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i> 	<b>1</b> January <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>2</b> <i>No Wednesday Night Programs, Except...</i> 6:45 - Pendletones	<b>3</b> 12pm - UMW 6:30pm - Disciple 1 7pm - GriefShare 7pm - Praise Band	<b>4</b> 6pm - HCWG/S'mores <i>Leader Night</i>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Epiphany</i> <i>Mission Moment: Community Missions</i>	<b>7</b> 6pm - Prayer Service	<b>8</b> 7pm - Trustee Meeting	<b>9</b> <i>Wednesday Night Programs Resume</i>	<b>10</b> 6:30pm - Disciple 1	<b>11</b> 6pm - HCWG & S'mores	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>SCRIP Orders Due</i> 6:30pm - Pendleton Fellowship Group 7pm - Christ's Healing Hands	<b>15</b> <i>February Newsletter Deadline</i> 12pm - Senior Nutrition Program	<b>16</b> 7:30pm - Line Dancing	<b>17</b> 6:30pm - Disciple 1 7pm - GriefShare	<b>18</b> 6pm - HCWG & S'mores	<b>19</b> 9am - Angel Wings Party 9am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Seneca Street Dinner Cooking
<b>20</b> <i>Mission Moment: Refugee</i> 12:30pm - Confirmation <i>Field Trip</i> 3pm - Seneca St. Dinner 6:30pm - The Gathering	<b>21</b> <i>MLK Jr. Day</i> 3pm - Feeding the Homeless 7pm - Women's Book Club	<b>22</b> 9am - Newsletter Assembly 6:30pm - Worship Team <i>Thank You Dinner</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30pm - Disciple 1	<b>25</b> 6pm - HCWG & S'mores	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12pm - Senior Nutrition Program	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30pm - Disciple 1	<b>1</b> February 6pm - HCWG/S'mores <i>Leader Night</i>	<b>2</b> 3:30pm - Boy Scout <i>Italian Night</i>

## Weekly Schedule

### Sundays

- 9 & 11:15am - 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

### Mondays

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

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesdays

- 5pm - Bible Study
- 6:30pm - Angel Wings
  - Bible Study
- 6:45pm - Pendletones
- 7pm - Chancel Choir
- 8:30 - Men of Hymn

### Thursdays

- 5:30pm - Community Dinner at First UMC

### Saturdays

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

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### **Worship**

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

**Jr. Church** offered for 3 years - 3rd grade

**Nursery Care** available for 0 - 2 years

### **Sunday School for All Ages**

*Sundays at 10:15am*

#### **Adult Study & Fellowship**

**Youth Bible Study** for 7th-12th grade

**Confirmation Class** for 6th grade and up

**Sunday School** for 3 years - 6th grade

**Nursery Care Available** for 0-2 years

### **Prayer Service**

Monday, January 7 at 6pm

### **Wednesday Night Programs Resume**

Wednesday, January 9

### **Angel Wings Party**

Saturday, January 19 at 9am

### **The Gathering Service**

Sunday, January 20 at 6:30pm

### **Youth Retreat**

February 15-17