Pendleton First United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INGALLS & PENDLETON

November 2026

Dear First UMC,

In October, The United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops held a Leadership Gathering that brought together participants from across the world to Calgary, Canada for four days of prayer, teaching, worship, and discussion. Counting the virtual participants, there were over 300 United Methodists representing the different Annual Conferences. Clergy people from Ukraine, New York, and Nigeria were working with lay leaders from Germany and the Philippines alongside the Council of Bishops. All of these people came together not to draft new rules or hold any elections. Rather, the meeting was an opportunity for people to find hope and inspiration from across our connection, to take time to focus on the future of our denomination. I had the opportunity to attend as a GCSRW monitor, not a participant in the conversations, but still in the room while discussions happened.

It was inspiring and encouraging to hear so many voices come together, to watch as bishops participated alongside lay in discussing the challenges and opportunities of the church today. Different countries had different challenges within their own contexts, but similar themes were appearing. Across the world there are young adults asking questions, trying to understand a rapidly shifting world and their place in it. There are communities struggling in the face of natural disasters and giving thanks to God for the help others have given. There is hope for a brighter future. May we all hold that hope in our hearts with joy and gratitude as we begin the holiday season.

Blessings,
Pastor Julia

Sunday Worship

Pendleton @ 9:45am

225 W. State St., Pendleton IN

Ingalls @ 11:00am

301 N. Alfonte St. Ingalls, IN

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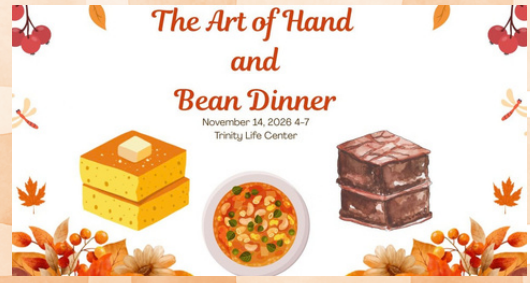
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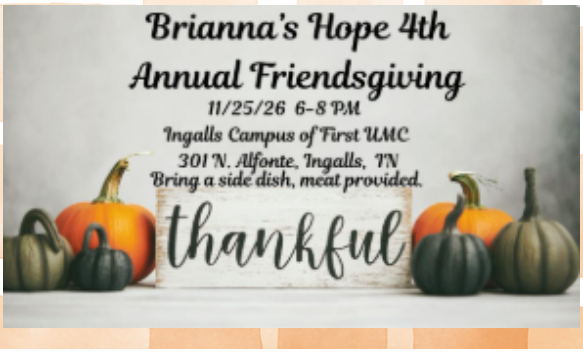
OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm
Fridays 9am-Noon

YouTube

Ingalls Worship 11:00am







Hello Church!

"a time for keeping and a time for throwing away", Ecclesiastes 3:6b

As we approach the end of the year, we find time to get ready for the New Year. I always like to do Fall Cleaning before the Holidays to get rid of all the old things and to prepare to start fresh in the new year. I can't believe it is already this time! This doesn't just include our homes or our offices, but it also includes letting go of things we are holding on to, like anger, frustration, or a broken relationship. It's time to let go of it! Prepare to start fresh in the new year!

I also wanted to thank all of you who were kind enough to think of me for Pastor appreciation. You have no idea how much it meant to me to receive your cards, gift cards, and kind words!



I love you; God loves you; And there is absolutely nothing you can do about it! *Pastor Mary*

November regular activities

Mondays: Dinner & Bible Study, 6:30–8 PM - We are watching The Chosen episodes and comparing them to scripture. Are they accurate? What is not scriptural?

Wednesdays: Brianna's Hope Recovery Group, 6–8 PM

Saturdays: SMILE Breakfast, 8:30–9:30 AM.

Special Events

Artistic Hand and Bean Dinner November 14, 4-7 PM. After a busy day of Christmas in Pendleton, don't worry about what to have for dinner! Come to an all-community dinner sponsored by PFUMM and Trinity in Lapel. Relax with some piano music…have fun with the kids making crafts, or just enjoy a home cooked meal with your friends and family.Free Will offering with all donations being split between Pendleton and Trinity.

Parents Night Out November 21, 4-7 PM-calling all parents! Need a day away? Bring your kids for their kind of dinner and fun while you take a couple hour break.

4th Annual Friendsgiving November 25, 6-8 PM-Come and bring a dish to pitch it.Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes and gravy will be provided. Come and join in the Fun!

November 29 following our first advent service, we will have a Hanging of the Greens with Christmas carols. Bring your favorite cookie to enjoy while we enjoy fellowshipping and decorating the church for the Christmas season.

Pendleton Campus

225 W. State St, Pendleton, IN

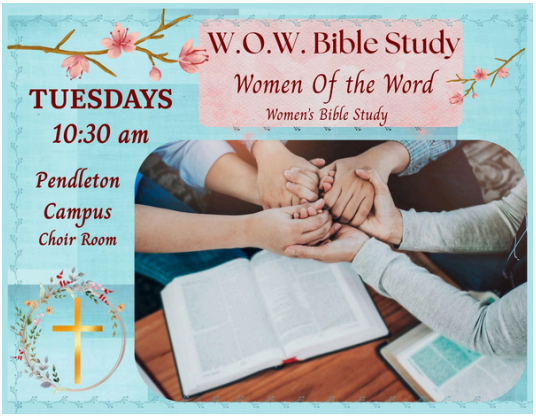
Sunday Worship

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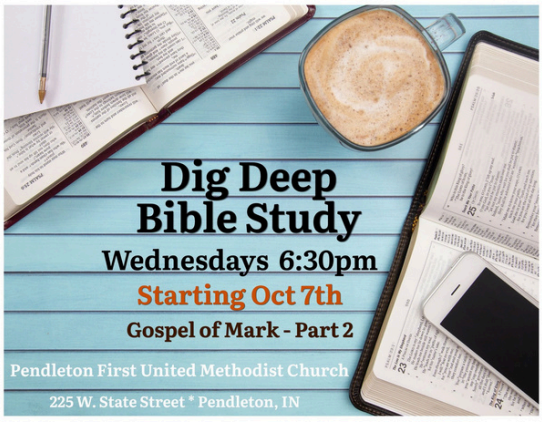
What's Happening...

- 11/1: All Saints Sunday
- 11/11: Veteran's Day
- 11/14: 7:30-10:30am - Pancake Breakfast & Cookie Walk
- 11/16: 1:00-3:00pm Fun & Fellowship (euchre)
- 11/21: Charge Conference
- 11/22: 10:00am COMBINED Service
  Harvest Dinner - following worship
  Hanging of the Greens - following meal
- 11/26: THANKSGIVING (office closed)
- 11/27: office closed
- 11/29: 1st Sunday of Advent









ONGOING EVENTS

Tuesdays: 8:30am-10am Men's Bible Study
10:30-12:00pm W.O.W Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays: 6:30 Dig Deep Bible Study

Thursdays: 10:30am W.O.W. Bible Study
5:45pm Bell Choir practice
7:00pm Choir practice

Saturdays: 10am-12pm Food Pantry (Ingalls)

"BE THE LOVE" IN ACTION...

The Cookie Walk is fast approaching on November 14 in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast. So, it's time to fire up those ovens and start planning to bake! Sign-up sheets will be out in mid-October. We need bakers and shift helpers that day. For more information, contact Linda Cook cook3909@sbcglobal.net



This is our chance to give a warm welcome to families in our community as they come to enjoy a hot breakfast! If you're interested in helping, sign up sheets are at the Welcome Desk!

Food Pantry item for NOVEMBER



WE ARE IN NEED OF

Thanksgiving Meal Sides

Stove Top Stuffing, Sweet Potatoes, etc.

DONATION DROP OFF IS AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE PENDLETON CAMPUS







Thank you to everyone who donated candy for our Trick or Treat event!

Pastor Susan

Lord, open our eyes to the needs of those around us and help us to extend kindness, offer a helping hand, and be a source of blessing to those in distress. Grant us hearts of generosity that we may share our blessings, see others with empathy, and respond with grace. Let our hands be instruments of your love, bringing comfort, hope, and strength to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can. - John Wesley

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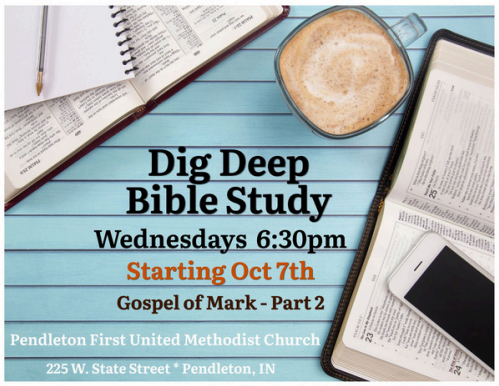




United MethodistMen

Interested in joining our UMM group? Fellowship, service projects, fund raiser planning. They meet on the
2nd MONDAY of each month
6:30pm - Pendleton Campus
Dinner is served.

See Carl Kendrick for more info.





A Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious God,
On this day of gratitude, we gather with hearts full of thanksgiving. We are grateful for the abundance that surrounds us: For food that nourishes our bodies, for loved ones who sustain our spirits, and for the many blessings that enrich our lives.

Let us remember those less fortunate. Inspire us to extend our hands in service and our hearts in love so that we might be a blessing to others as you have blessed us.

Grant us the wisdom to cherish what truly matters, the courage to face whatever lies ahead, and the strength to be a force for good in this world. Amen.



Something NEW is coming to PFUMC!

See page 7 for details!

Join our Adult Sunday School Class

WHO - Circle of Faith Sunday School class
WHEN - Immediately after Sunday morning church service
WHERE - In the Choir room across from the front sanctuary door.
WHAT - An adult class inviting and welcoming anyone interested in studying and discussing Gods word and the incorporating videos.





COMING UP next month...
12/21: Longest Night Service



Trustees

Here are some things the Trustees have been working on...

Pendleton

- The A/C in the kitchen (downstairs) has been repaired
- The trustees have installed programmable thermostats in Fellowship Hall and at our Ingalls location.

Parsonage

- No projects at this time

Ingalls

- No projects at this time.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee, please see Pastor Julia or Randy Sherman for more info!

COMING IN JANUARY 2027

"Journey Through Dementia"
CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Facilitators will be two experienced caregivers:
Pat Gorman, Beckie Kahl

You are not alone

*Reduce feelings of isolation
*Gain a deeper understanding of your loved one's journey
*Feel equipped and confident, rather than overwhelmed
*Learn strategies for yourself and your loved one.
* Receive practical insights from fellow caregivers
*Gain confidence in your skills
*Improve communication with loved ones and professionals
*Connect with community resources
*Develop effective self care practices
*Plan for the future

Come see our info booth on
NOV. 14th
Christmas in Pendleton

Pendleton First United Methodist Church
225 W. State Street, Pendleton IN

DID YOU KNOW?

When you give to the **General Fund**, you are helping to cover our operating expenses! THANK YOU!

2026 Budgeted Operating Expenses

Monthly: $33,035.00
Weekly: $ 7,623.00

Operating expenses:

Staff salaries, utilities,/supplies/ maintenance for Pendleton, Ingalls and Parsonage, property insurance, Sunday School curriculum, VBS, hospitality, office supplies, special events, community outreach events and more!



Council Members

Steve Schug - council chairperson
Pastor Julia Pritchett-Gonzales - lead pastor
Pastor Susan Barrett - assoc pastor
Pastor Mary Cloud - assoc. pastor
Randy Sherman - trustees
Brent Schnepp - SPRC (staff parish)
Carrie Dutton - church admin
Kelly Rosenkrans - SPRC (staff parish)
Richard Cloud - ingalls rep
Bill Hutton - finance
Trent Altherr - trustees
Dee Fowler - hospitality



Online Giving is the easiest, most efficient, and most consistent way to honor your 2026 Givings Pledge.

Download the Connect App

- Set up or log in to your account
- Click the Giving button at the bottom of the screen
- Select Your Gift Amount
- Choose a category (ex. General Pendleton Offering, which is the General Fund)
- Set Recurring frequency (weekly, monthly, etc)
- Add Payment Method, if you haven't already done so.
- Choose the payment method you would like to use.
- Send Gift! That's it!



It looks like this in your app store

Note from the office

As we approach the end of the year, I will soon be putting the 2027 offering envelopes in the atrium for you to pick up.

The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday 11/26 and Friday 11/27 so staff can enjoy the holiday with family.

I am very thankful for this church family, and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Love,
Carrie



NOVEMBER

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grandchildren
dressing
macaroni
blessing
friends
feast

thankful
potatoes
wishbone
dessert
family
games

siblings
stuffing
parents
football
turkey

pie



Psst...did you spy a little friend "BEE-ing the "Love" in the newsletter? He's hiding! (and he has a special message)

NAME FIVE

People you are thankful for

Favorite Thanksgiving dishes

Ways you can help those who are less fortunate

Answered Prayers this year

Thanksgiving Memories

Best Games to play with family



Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and soul and mind; And love your neighbor as yourself.