

Pendleton First United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER

October 2026



Dear First UMC,

On the fifth day of Creation, the book of Genesis tells us that God made the birds of the sky and the creatures of the sea. From the great blue whale to the smallest zooplankton, from the hummingbird to the emu, creatures of all sizes, God made them all. Then on the sixth day, God set to work creating creatures that would move about on land. Elephants and rhinos, dogs and cats, snakes and geckos, God made them all. But that was not all that God did on the sixth day. God looked at the world, saw how good it was, but did not stop there. In Genesis 1:26, God says, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

In part because of verses such as these, on Saturday, October 10 we will have a Blessing of the Pets service outside Pendleton First UMC. All are welcome to bring their leashed/caged pet(s) or a picture of their pet(s) to have them be blessed. This simple service is a chance to give thanks to God for the animals who make our lives better through their companionship while also affirming the responsibility that everyone has to care for all of God's creation. We have been blessed with a beautiful world, so let's join together on October 10 to give thanks to God for this world and all of the animals in it.

*Peace be with you,
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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OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm
Fridays 9am-Noon



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Ingalls Worship 11:00am



The 7th Annual Blue Bridge Project will be held Saturday, October 17th at 2PM (rain date is Sunday, October 18th at 2PM). We are now collecting new and gently used coats in every size, from newborn through adult. All coats must be clean and in nice condition with working zippers and no stains or rips. Please only donate coats you would feel good giving to someone you love.



Happy
HALLOWEEN
Warming Station
Trick or Treat
Hours
Ingalls UMC
301 N. Alfonte



A Note from Pastor Mary...

Hello Church!

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

As the leaves turn and the air cools, October reminds us how quickly life can change. Yet in every season, Christ remains constant. His love does not shift, His grace does not fade, and His hope does not run out. May we rest in His unchanging presence as we move through this beautiful month. He is our one permanent constant! Praise God for all He does for us!

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

Pastor Mary

Here's what's happening at Ingalls this month:

October regular activities

Mondays: Community Walk starts at 5:00 PM-All are welcome!

Dinner & Bible Study, 6:30-8 PM (Book of Matthew)

Wednesdays: Community Walk starts at 5:00 PM All are welcome!

Brianna's Hope Recovery Group, 6-8 PM; The 2nd Wednesday we will be at the Green Township Park

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

Special Events

October 4 after church 12:30 Good Samaritan Box Packing; come and help us decorate and pack the boxes.

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October 18th 12:00 (noon)-Anderson Out of Darkness Walk- Harrah's Hoosier Park. Our team leader is Karen Scholl

OCT 18 - CHILI COOKOFF @ Smith Family Farms 5:00-8:00pm

October 31 during trick-or-treat hours- Warming station-dress up and join us in passing out Halloween treats, snacks, hot dogs, or just sit back and enjoy movies. There will be photos too!

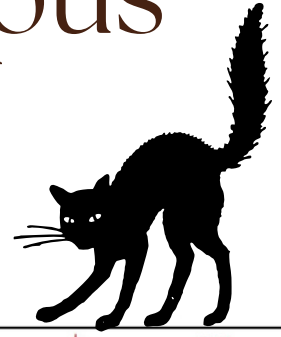
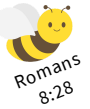


Pendleton Campus

225 W. State St, Pendleton, IN

Sunday Worship

9:45am



What's Happening...

- 10/2: UMM Fish Fry 4:30-7:00pm
- 10/7: Dig Deep Bible Study resumes 6:30pm
- 10/10: Pet Blessing 2pm (outside)
- 10/18: Chili Cookoff 5:00-8:00pm
at Smith Family Farms
- 10/20: Council 6:30pm
- 10/26: Fun & Fellowship (cards) 1:00-3:00pm
- 10/31: **Trick or Treat Event!** 6:00-8:00pm



ONGOING EVENTS

Tuesdays: 8:30am-10am Men'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)



**Meeting
&
Meal**

Second Monday
Each Month
6:30 pm

All Men of the Church
are Welcome



W.O.W. Bible Study
Women Of the Word
Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS
10:30 am

Pendleton
Campus
Choir Room



Fun & Fellowship

1:00- 3:00pm

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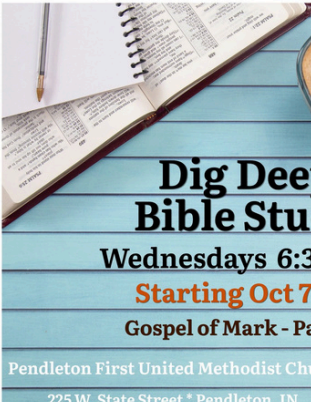
Third Monday of each month

Oct 26 Nov 16 Dec 21

Come join the fun!

No Experience Needed!
Snacks provided





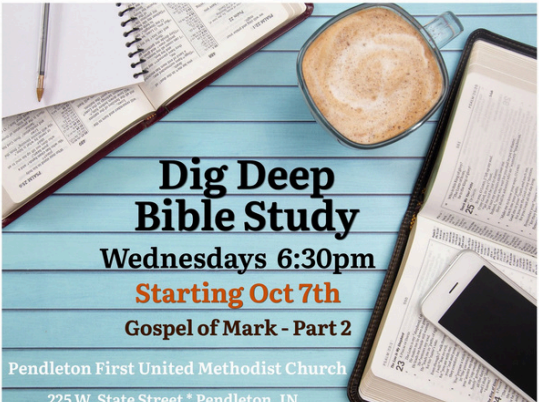
**Dig Deep
Bible Study**

Wednesdays 6:30pm

Starting Oct 7th

Gospel of Mark - Part 2

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225 W. State Street * Pendleton, IN



"BE THE LOVE" IN ACTION...

Blood Drive Results

Total Registered Donors: 18

Goal: 13

We collected 19 products,
with the potential to
impact up to 57 local
lives.

Thank You



Candy Needed!



We need LOTS of
candy for our Trick or
Treat event. You can
drop off outside
Carrie's office door!

Food Pantry item for OCTOBER

WE ARE IN NEED OF
Canned Fruit

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



Foster Child Support

Every child deserves
a safe, loving home.



We support foster, biological and adoptive families
in Madison County with practical help and resources so
children can be safe, supported and are able to thrive.

Want to help?

Contact: Susan Kendrick, Beckie Kahl, LeeAnn Sherman, Kelly Rosenkrans.



COAT DRIVE for OUTFITTERS

We are accepting
new or gently used
winter coats for
Outfitters,.

Any size from
infants to adult
sized (for teens).

We will be accepting
coats until
November 1.

Donation Box is in
the Atrium



≈YOU ARE≈
enough

South Madison Food Pantry

A ministry of First United Methodist Church

Serving Families in the
South Madison Community School District

Location: 301 N. Alfonte Street
Ingalls, Indiana

Saturdays 9:45am-Noon

Donations:

- Food drop off box at **south entrance** of
Pendleton First United Methodist Church
225 W. State Street, Pendleton
- Monetary donations made out to
Pendleton First United Methodist Church
memo line = Food Pantry



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.

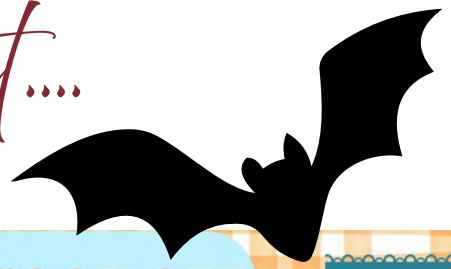
For more information, contact Linda Cook

cook3909@sbcglobal.net



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

This and that....



PET BLESSING

SAT. 2:00pm
OCT 10

- Bring your leashed or caged pet (or a picture)
- Brief service with prayer & scripture
- Individual blessing of each animal



Pendleton First United Methodist Church
225 W. State St

CHILI COOK OFF

Sunday
OCT 18th
5:00-8:00pm

7137 W. 675 S.
Pendleton, IN



PITCH - IN
just bring a
side dish
or
dessert

Table service
and
drinks provided!

TO ENTER THE CONTEST

- Bring your chili in a crockpot
- Bring it to the venue @ 4:45pm



Hayride

Barnyard Petting Zoo

Corn Maze

Play Ground

Option to purchase pumpkins

Fun & Fellowship

1:00- 3:00pm

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Third Monday of each month

4th Monday
this time!

Oct 26 Nov 16 Dec 21

Come join the fun!

No Experience Needed!
Snacks provided



COME HAVE
SOME SPOOKY
(but not TOO spooky)
FUN !!!

INDOOR

TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST

6:00 - 8:00PM



PENDLETON FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
225 W. STATE STREET

Join the 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.



**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.



COMING UP next month...

Saturday, Nov 14
**Pancake Breakfast
and Cookie Walk**



Children's Ministry Update

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We need at least 2 more people to add to our Sunday school team. If you are willing to serve once a month this will go a long way toward filling our schedule. Lessons are easy to implement and prepare. All you need is a love of Jesus and a desire to share Him with the children!



Trick or Treat !

We will be hosting Trick or Treat again this year! Now is the time to begin planning and we need help in the following areas:

- Fresh ideas for a theme for our main hall area
- 3 classrooms upstairs that will need to be decorated and staffed during the event.
- Fellowship Hall will also have room for those wanting to decorate a table.

If you haven't been a part of Trick or Treat now is the time to join in. As families come in they enter the patio door, go down the hall to the stairway heading to the upper level. They travel in and out of the 3 classrooms and back down to Fellowship Hall and out the main door. At each stop along the way the children receive a piece of candy. Each area has some type of decoration and volunteers have on some type of costume. This is a great outreach to the community and appreciated by parents. If you have creative ideas for the main area or would like to sign up for a room or Fellowship Hall, please contact Pastor Susan or sign up in the atrium.



Pastor Susan

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

Our Finance Chair
is
Bill Hutton

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!

We can't be US
without YOU!

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

Due to some side road closures in town, we are experiencing a lot of traffic cutting through our east and south parking lots. Please be extra careful as you park and walk through our lots, and watch for unexpected traffic.

Love,
Carrie



OCTOBER

P P D S Q C Z L F M E R C Y K
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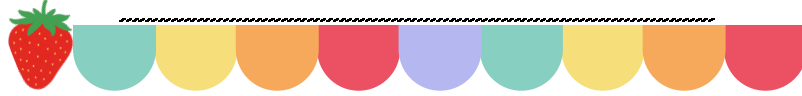
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 hayride
 family
 gourd
 spice

chili
 corn

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



Things you love about your church

Best Fall Destinations

Favorite Candies

People you are praying for

Activities you love in the Fall

Halloween Costumes from your past

