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## **Got It/Need It**

Children's ministry is interested in launching a BRAND NEW ministry called..got it/ need It and we are looking for YOU .

Got it/Need is an old idea of a clothing swap ministry. I know that we have people in our church that would LOVE to have a garbage bag full of clothing now and then and I have talked to many who have said ..."I would love to get rid of a garbage bag "now and then...So, we would like to be able to match those people up.

This is intended to be a ministry that should be pretty much self organized...as in a place where you can search for what you need and people could post what they have.. Those who GOT and those who NEED connect and make arrangements from there.

Initially I need a few committed people to work on ideas...brainstorm the how to's, set it up and manage it on a very minimal level. If this sounds like something that would interest you..Please contact barb Smith at the church or make a note on your friendship card on a Sunday morning .Also..Let me know if you would be interested in participating as either a GOT it Or a NEED it!!

I will be here on Wed. March 14th at 7:00pm for ANYONE interested in helping as well as ANYONE interested in participating.

## ***YOUTH MISSION TRIP NEWS***

Once again the youth at PCUMC will be going on a 9 day mission to Laurel Bloomery, Tennessee. The youth will be leaving on July 7, 2012 and returning on July 15. They will be spending their nights at Camp Ahistadia, a Methodist Church Camp; and their days hard at work rehabbing homes, building wheelchair ramps, painting and sprucing up the community. In order to defray the cost of the trip, the teens have several fund raisers planned over the next several months. Please mark your calendars and support them in their endeavors.

**Coffee Sale-** we will be selling bags of New Day Coffee for \$9 each. Your order can be placed at the Mission Trip Table on Fridays during the Lenten Fish Fry dinner- Feb 24, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend the fish fry you can place your coffee order with one of the mission trip participants or in the bookstore. The orders will be available approximately two weeks after your order is placed.

**Car washes and hot dog sales** will be held on May 6, June 9 & 10 and June 24.

**June 9<sup>th</sup> Chicken BBQ and Car Wash**—New this year, we will be holding a Chicken BBQ Dinner (Take out dinner) and car wash from 3:30 pm to 7 PM. Pre-sale tickets will be available from youth trip participants and will also be sold at the Friday night Lenten Fish Fry dinners. Word has it this is the best chicken dinner in town! The pre-sale cost of the dinner is \$8.00, \$9.00 at the door.

**Sunday, July 29, at 2 pm- Shares-**This event is new to PCUMC but has been a success in other congregations. It is a wonderful opportunity to “invest” in a youth on their mission trip. A “share” is purchased prior to the mission trip. The shareholder will then receive a postcard written by the mission trip participants and will be invited to a dinner on July 29 at 2pm. At this event, the trip participants will have an opportunity to share the memorable events of the mission trip with shareholders. The teens will share their experiences through testimony and a slide presentation. The cost per share is \$20.00.

**Your participation in these fund raising events is greatly appreciated by the youth in our church. Your support and prayers will help toward making this mission trip a success.**

# PCUMC/FUMC COMBINED CHURCH RETREAT

**Last year's first joint retreat between PCUMC and FUMC was such a success** among those who participated that even before the retreat was over, they asked if we could do another. As a result, we've decided to do it again this year!!!

**Do you long to get away from it all?** Do you want to draw near to God and experience His full love for you? Have you longed to spend some quality time with members of your church family but haven't had the time? Would you like to get to know other members of your church family better? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then make plans to attend the PCUMC/First Church Fall Retreat! This year's theme is ***Drawing Closer to God.***

**When:** Friday, September 28 starting at 7 pm – Sunday, September 30, 2012 ending at noon.

**Where:** Camp Asbury in beautiful Silver Lake, NY

**Who:** Everyone!!!!

**Price:** \$140 adults, \$125 youth (ages 12-18), \$40 children (ages 3-11), children under 3 free. Add \$40 for single occupancy room; otherwise, rooms sleep 2, 3 or 4. Handicap accessible rooms are available. Wilmott Lodge has rooms all on one level; Asbury Manor has two levels. Some scholarships may be available. **A \$50 per person non-refundable deposit will be required no later than June 1st**, with remaining **balance due August 31**. Checks can be brought or mailed to the office of either church made out to PCUMC. Mark them for the fall church retreat.

**A sign-up sheet will be passed in church!** Please watch for it and let us know if you're planning to take part so we know how many rooms need to be reserved.

**Contacts:** Pastor Jean and Laurie McGinn

## **Building Help**

We are in need of help for the building. The Trustees are looking for men or women in the church who would be interested or have the ability to help with small projects around the church. These projects include painting, patching spots on the walls where needed, and many more. These are projects that can be worked on during the day, night, or on a Saturday. If you have any special talents that you would like to use and help us in any way please contact Josh Phelps in the church office 625-8306 or on my cell phone at 374-0472.

## **Niagara Hospice Spring Bouquet Sale**

Please support Niagara Hospice by purchasing a fresh spring bouquet! Bouquets will be on sale at church after Saturday night service, March 10th AND after each service on Sunday, March 11th, or until sold out. Cash, check (made out to Niagara Hospice), or credit card will be accepted. Cost is \$ 8. Proceeds go to Niagara Hospice to support their many, many programs. Niagara Hospice is SO much more than you think. Put a smile on someone you love by giving them a bouquet of flowers and think of a hospice patient you may be bringing a smile too also! Your bouquet can be donated back to a hospice patient, or one of our church or community shut-ins.

I will need HELP. If you are interested in helping out in ANY way, let me know. Also which service you can help out with, too. Any questions, please call me @ 438-2144 or e-mail [ssandyjh@aol.com](mailto:ssandyjh@aol.com) or Facebook.

Thank you in advance with many, many blessings for purchasing a bouquet and helping me out with this mission project!

# MARCH 18th is Preschool Sunday

Each year our church invites our Preschool families to "Be our guests" on a Sunday morning, to see who and what we are as a Church. This year preschool Sunday will be March 18th at the 9:30 service. Our preschoolers will be singing a couple songs for us and then heading off to Sunday school while their parents enjoy a worship service.

Many of the families visiting do not have a church of their own and we would certainly LOVE to have them become a part of ours. Our preschool teachers and aides will be here greeting our guests and welcoming them but we are asking for a little extra that Sunday.

If you could help in any of the following areas please let me know.

Helping Robbie in the kitchen, Dishes/cleanup,  
putting away tables and chairs, Serving coffee..table to table,  
Facepainting /rub on tattooing, children's games,  
circulating ..Just to say HI!!

Thanks and blessings to all  
Barb Smith

## SAVE THE DATE

**The Praise Concert is scheduled for Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

This is a fun and exciting opportunity to showcase all the different gifts and talents the Lord has given to everyone. All of our music groups will be performing, and you are welcome to participate in whatever way you would like to **express your praise for God.** You could sing, dance, read a poem, do puppets, do a drama, project artwork, play an instrument- whatever you would like to perform. We also need people to use their gift of ushering, hosting, welcoming, powerpoint and sound, and cookie baking! There are so many ways to participate, and the greatest gift we could bring is encouragement for our church family. I'd like to invite you all to come, as we praise our God together!

Common Questions:

1. **Can children participate?** Of course! Anyone can participate!
2. **How long should a performance be?** Between 30 seconds and 3-4 minutes.
3. **Do I have to let someone know I want to participate?** Yes! Let me know- either by writing on a Friendship Card, or

emailing me at [sherrymahar@pendletoncenter.org](mailto:sherrymahar@pendletoncenter.org). **\*\* I will be contacting you to set up a rehearsal appointment.**

4. **We will be rehearsing ALL performance pieces from Wednesday, March 7<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.**  
This will enable us to make sure you will be able to have the very best performance, and also alleviate a lot of pressure and confusion for everyone involved.
5. **What information do you need?** There is a form that will be available in the Fellowship Hall, and in the office. Such information such as, who is performing, what they are performing- title and what it is, i.e "playing Jesus Loves Me on the saxophone", if anything will be needed- mic, CD trax, etc., and approximately how long the piece will be. **The Gathering Band has offered to be available to accompany anyone who would like a band accompaniment.** There is also a list of expectations/rules for participants to try to avoid any mishaps that we will review at your rehearsal.
6. **If I want to help with ushering or hosting, should I let someone know?** Yes! It's always very helpful to know ahead of time who we can count on for certain activities, and it eliminates a lot of time wasted searching for people to help. Let me know through the friendship card or email-thanks!
7. **What if I want to bake cookies?** There will be a sign up sheet going around. If it misses you, bring some anyways- we can never have too many cookies!
8. **Is an offering taken?** Yes. It will go to support the Music Ministries of PCUMC.
9. **If I have some paintings, drawings and photos how can those be used?** The easiest thing with the paintings and drawings is if it's scanned or photographed, and given to me on a CD in JPEG format. They will then be projected during the concert. I am also looking for any photos from the past year because we usually do a slide presentation during the offering. If you have any that would be great- again JPEG format is best.
10. **Can we just come, and not do anything?** Of course you can come, but I hope you participate through encouraging everyone and praising God!
11. **Will there be nursery available?** Yes. I believe we may need it. Anyone want to use their gift of nursery care?

I hope you'll join us at the Praise Concert- it really is a wonderful evening!

God bless, *Sherry Mahar*

# Prayer Ministries

**We have had a good response to the new prayer drop box we placed in a local business location!** People are filling out request cards and leaving them in the box for our team to pick up and pray over. We would like to place more of these boxes in local businesses, so if you know of a willing location, let one of our team members know. We will provide the box and the cards.

**On Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, the sanctuary will be open for prayer from noon until 3pm.** This is to commemorate the hours that Jesus suffered on the cross.

**Our next 24 hour prayer vigil is being planned for April 27-28.** Watch for signup sheets in worship and more details in the April newsletter.

**If you have urgent prayer requests during the week** please contact the church office and we will pass them on to our **Prayer Chain**.

**The first Monday of each month at 6pm is our Prayer Service.** Scripture readings, soft music, candlelight, quiet prayer time, a brief message and Holy Communion are included in this service.

**The Prayer Labyrinth** in the Prayer Theater is a traditional method of focusing on God and listening for direction as we walk and pray. If you, or a group you belong to, would like to use the Labyrinth, please contact the office.

**Our Prayer Team** meets about 6 times a year to learn more about prayer and plan for the prayer ministries of our church. Our next meeting is March 13th at 7:00pm. Join us!



“Dear God...”

# *1 Fish Fry Down, 6 to Go!*

***We are looking for all kinds of help with our remaining Lenten Fish Fry dinners to be held: March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6. Maybe you can work in one of these areas, whatever weeks you're available.***

<i>taking orders</i>	<i>filling orders</i>	<i>serving pies</i>
<i>seating guests</i>	<i>dining hall setup</i>	<i>making beverages</i>
<i>making salads</i>	<i>answering phones</i>	<i>dining hall cleanup</i>
<i>cooking fish</i>	<i>waiting on tables</i>	<i>kitchen cleanup</i>
<i>washing dishes</i>	<i>baking pies</i>	<i>counting \$ at 7pm</i>

*Watch for signup sheets in worship, or call the church office to volunteer. Even if you can't work at a dinner, we hope you will come and eat with us! Besides our fried haddock, we also offer shrimp, chicken fingers, or even combo platters for those who like all three! While there are no trans fats in our fried dinners, we also have an option for those who don't eat fried food: Baked Haddock, offered with either regular or Cajun seasoning.*

***Youth, do you need to do community service hours for school? Why not help at your church???*** *Call the office to set up a schedule.*

***Thank you for all you do*** *to pitch in wherever help is needed to help our fund raising efforts. It's a wonderful blessing to be able to provide Fish Fry dinners to our community. It brings new people into our church and lets them see how well we work together to make great dinners while enjoying great fellowship!*

# FINANCE MINISTRIES

Thanks again to all who are helping with the Lenten Fish Fry dinners. We have six more dinners in March and April and are truly blessed to have so many people willing to assist wherever help is needed. Our fish fry dinners are our major fundraiser each year, and they also do a great job of showing our community how the loving Spirit of God is alive in our church. All income from these dinners will be applied to the General Operations account.

**How are we doing?** At the time this article was written, we only had financial results through the end of January. Our income compared favorably with January results for the past few years. It's still way too early to project our 2012 income, but it appears we're off to a good start! We generally have a clearer picture after we have April or May results. We will continue to keep a close watch on our spending and income.

## **Some notes from the Finance Team:**

- 1. Your offerings to the church can be made with:**
  - **Cash**
  - **Check** (payable to PCUMC; no need to write it all out. Also, please use blue or black ink; no pencil or red ink! ☺)
  - **Electronic Funds Transfer** (contact Mary Bobsein in the church office if you'd like to enroll in this program)
- 2. If you use pew envelopes (i.e., you don't use assigned boxed offering envelopes): please PRINT your FULL NAME on the pew envelope to ensure we record your giving properly to your name. There are too many similar last names within our church!**
- 3. Giving statements will be mailed in April to those who have us keep track of their offerings.** These statements cover your giving through the end of March. If you need another copy of your calendar year 2011 giving statement for tax purposes, please contact Mary Bobsein in the church office ASAP.

**Thank you again for all you do to make our church ministries happen. We need to work hard to provide all the support they need, and your continued support will make our ministry a powerful witness to Christ.**



## Tops and Scrip Gift Cards



**Tops Markets' Ca\$h for Causes:** PCUMC has been participating in this program for over 5 years, and to date we have sold over \$318,000 in Tops Cards! The church receives 5% profit for every Tops card we sell.

- Tops cards are always available in the church office and bookstore, in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$20, and \$10.
- Buy as little or as much as you need! *All purchases help the church.*
- The cards can be used at any Tops Friendly Market location -- on groceries, gas or prescriptions. They are great as gifts too!
- Receive a \$20 “rebate” card from the church for every \$1,000 you spend on Tops Cards. It’s easier than you think to reach that mark!

**SCRIP Cards:** PCUMC began selling SCRIP retailer gift cards over two years ago. The church receives a percentage on each card purchased.

- Popular Scrip cards are available in the church office and bookstore.
- Order forms and payment (cash or check payable to PCUMC) are **due by 9am on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** for our next group order. This way you can order exactly what you need!
- Pick up an order form in the church office or bookstore.
- Choose cards for your own shopping and as gifts. *All purchases help the church.*

## Prayer Station

The Prayer Station in the back of the main Sanctuary is a place where you can go at any time during the worship service to request prayer or talk about your concerns. We have dedicated members of our Prayer Team there to assist you. If you would like to help by being a part of the Team, please see the sign the sheet on the table at the Prayer Station or talk to one of our Team members. We will also be passing the signup sheet around the worship service so that you can choose a day and time when you would like to help at the Prayer Station.

# *March Birthdays*

- |                       |                         |                           |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 – Drusilla Harris   | 12 – Andrew P. Machaby  | 24 – Nancy Dimmig         |
| 1 – Jane Routt        | 12 – Donna Moore        | 24 – William Fish         |
| 3 – Nicholas Holler   | 12 – Don Weber          | 24 – Matthew Thompson     |
| 3 – Evan Lemma        | 12 – Tony Licata        | 25 – Frank Carozzolo, Jr. |
| 3 – Janelle Ludwig    | 13 – Jim Miller         | 25 – Debbie Jamieson      |
| 3 – Don Schloerb      | 14 – Tom Thompson       | 26 – Renee Haniszewski    |
| 4 – Mathew Booth      | 14 – Dorian Duchscherer | 29 – Jean Bieger          |
| 4 – Paul Emery        | 14 – Timothy Lukasik    | 29 – Tom Bush             |
| 4 – Fiona Innus       | 14 – Julia Lukasik      | 29 – Karen Bush           |
| 4 – Sarah Phillips    | 14 – Laurie McGinn      | 29 – Brian Clapsadle      |
| 5 – Kerrie Platt      | 14 – Violet Nelson      | 29 – Kelley Pickard       |
| 6 – Sheri Lemma       | 15 – Dawn Fish          | 30 – Betty Hill           |
| 6 – Hallie Metzger    | 15 – Chris Schuster     | 30 – Emily Lambe          |
| 6 – Steve Schroeder   | 15 – Sandy Teeter       | 30 – Sandra Staley        |
| 6 – D. Tucker Smith   | 16 – Mike Jamieson      | 31 – Michelle Bullock     |
| 7 – Michael Borner    | 16 – Ann Koplak         | 31 – Tim Lorenz           |
| 7 – Victoria Jaynes   | 16 – Ainsley Poole      | 31 – Joe Mattina          |
| 7 – Bonnie Reed       | 16 – Janet Semsel       |                           |
| 7 – Dana Thompson     | 16 – Brian Snyder       |                           |
| 8 – Maureen Ewart     | 17 – Maynard Climenhaga |                           |
| 8 – Lindsey Oddy      | 17 – Steve Keelty       |                           |
| 8 – Patrick Perry     | 17 – Delaney Nichols    |                           |
| 9 – Becky Banas       | 17 – Ella Nottis        |                           |
| 9 – Greg Maciejewski  | 18 – Grace O'Connor     |                           |
| 10 – Matthew Barten   | 19 – April Boudreault   |                           |
| 10 – Cheryl Bodenburg | 19 – Ethan DeVantier    |                           |
| 10 – Gabrielle Juul   | 19 – Daniel Hamm        |                           |
| 10 – John Leous       | 20 – Deidre Bratt       |                           |
| 11 – Allison Hahn     | 20 – Jane Diedrich      |                           |
| 11 – Heather Hall     | 20 – David Haniszewski  |                           |
| 11 – Jade King        | 20 – Alicia Westgate    |                           |
| 11 – Kayla Weber      | 21 – Diane Lenhard      |                           |
| 12 – Kara Browning    | 21 – Nicole Valentine   |                           |
| 12 – Kelsey Browning  | 22 – Evelyn Coty        |                           |
| 12 – Olivia Browning  | 22 – Sarah Johnson      |                           |
| 12 – Eric Duchscherer | 23 – Penny Leidenfrost  |                           |
| 12 – Bob Glosser      | 24 – Bridget Bova       |                           |

# OUTREACH MINISTRY

## February Blood Drive - Upper New York Transplant Services (UNYTS)

20 donors participated in the PCUMC blood drive on Feb. 4! Thank you for your gift of time and your blood donation. These donations will help many WNY individuals who need blood to treat illness or injury. It was good to have so many join us.

**Our next blood drive for UNYTS will be held on Saturday April 14 from 8:30am until 2pm.** This is the Saturday after Easter and some of our regular donors will be away so we need YOU to donate. If you haven't been able to come in recently, please make an extra effort to come in for the April drive.

Appointments can be made for this drive by calling Jan Hodge at 625-8215. Leave a message if we're not home and I'll schedule the time you request. If you don't know what time you will be available on April 14, come when you can. **Walk-In Donors are always welcome.** Each donor must bring photo ID. If you are at least 17 years old, you can donate. 16 year olds can donate with parental permission.

Join us and Give the gift of Life!

## Missions & Outreach Meeting

We will be having a general missions meeting on Thursday March 1st @ 7:00PM in the back of the Sanctuary. All interested in becoming involved in missions may attend. Bring a dish, (cookies or brownies) if you wish.



## Diapers for Nicaragua challenge

The Sit, Sip, and Sew group is looking for gently used flannel sheet to be made into diapers for missions in Nicaragua. We Currently have 120 sets of diapers made and we need to make another 180 more sets and we're nearing the end of our material. Can you donate your old sheets? Please drop your sheets off in the church office or see Pastor Matt for more information. Thanks!

## Seneca Street Dinners

Extra Help will be needed to prepare and serve Seneca Street Dinners for a few months while Lou Ann Banas is recovering from her surgery. We cook the meals here at PCUMC and then bring it to Seneca Street on Sunday. We always do the 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Lori Jagow if you would like to help.

## SOUPER BOWL



TO my church family- Thank you very much for those of you that supported THE SOUPER BOWL Of SHARING, WE raised over 1000.00\$ and lots of food donations, AMEN, PLease remember to keep supporting the food pantry throughout the year ..Your Miss New York Pre- Teen, Shania Brenon



Mother/Daughter  
Banquet and  
**Spa Night**

Thursday, May 10th  
6PM-8PM



*Tasty Healthy Food*



*Relaxation Classes*



*He heals the broken hearted, binding up their wounds. -Psalms 147:3*

Christian counseling can help those going through a difficult time by giving compassion, and understanding in a comfortable confidential location.

Lori Jagow, former mental health and substance abuse counselor, has more than 15 years experience working in the field of counseling /human services. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact Lori directly at the church office. (716) 625-8306

**Divorce Recovery · Addictions/Family · Depression  
Disabilities Resourcing  
Assertiveness Training · Stress Management · Martial Problems**

*There is a nominal fee for counseling.*

## **Ministry of Compassion at Pendleton Center**

**We have a meal ministry that puts together luncheons following funeral services for those who need them.** We often need people to help donate a dish or prepare food, set tables, serve, and clean up. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact the office so your name can be put on the list.

## **Happenings at Our Church in Niagara Falls:**

**Youth Sunday is being celebrated during 10am worship on March 4<sup>th</sup>.** It will be followed by our monthly **Soup & Sandwich** at 11:30 am.

**Work is nearing completion on our Mission House.** We are launching an advertising campaign to let others know about the availability of this space, where groups can stay while working on missions in the city of Niagara Falls. We have made a connection with Community Missions of the Niagara Frontier, who can offer projects for groups to take part in while they are in the Falls.

**We will be holding free community dinners on Thursdays, March 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm in our Social Hall.** Friends from the neighborhood and church members are welcome to come and eat together. Reservations are requested, 283-3370. We also welcome friends and helpers from PCUMC!

**We have an on-going collection of canned goods** for the LaSalle area food pantry. We also gather **good women's and children's clothing for the Everywoman Opportunity** mission on Pine Avenue.

**During Lent we are holding a special study on prayer on Thursdays at 6pm.** On Maundy Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a service at 7pm which includes the rite of footwashing. There will be a Good Friday service at noon on April 6<sup>th</sup>, with a 24 hour prayer vigil starting at 5pm. Easter Sunday service will take place at 10am. Plans are being made to start a 5pm worship service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month beginning in April.

# ADULT MINISTRIES

## **Attention Fabulous Women of All Ages!!**

Women of Worship (WoW) will be singing again this year on Father's Day, June 17. Watch for more details in future newsletters and Little Good News! Any teen or adult that is interested in singing with us, contact Kelli Putney or Julie Maciejewski or write a note on your Fellowship Card.

## **Knutty Knitters**

**Do you have a knitting or crocheting project you've been meaning to finish, but you need some help or inspiration?**

Would you like to learn more about knitting while having a great time talking with other women? Then come and join the Knutty Knitters on Tuesdays at noon. For more details, contact Betty Wells or call the church office.

## **Inside Out**

The Inside Out Mission is returning! Do you have perfectly good household items, furniture, appliances, linens, dishes, pans, baby items (etc.) sitting around collecting dust? Thinking of replacing older appliances or remodeling and replacing furniture? Donate them to the Inside Out Mission! We collect these donations for local people who are in need of them.

We are also in need of folks to transport these items from our storage site at church to delivery sites in the surrounding areas. If you have a truck or are willing to donate your muscles, please let us know! We also need drivers (minivans or cars are fine) to be runners to drop off smaller donations to missions in Niagara Falls on a regular basis (1-2 times per month). Please look for our sign-up sheets to be passed around at church and help us out!

Contact Denise Ellingson 693-4420 or [insideoutmission](#).

## WE'RE HAVING A BLAST

We're walkin', talkin', livin', learnin' and lovin' our Healthy Beginnings on Monday nights at 5:30pm. Interested in a healthier way of living? Come join us as we learn about healthy weights, healthy recipes, and receive a large dose of healthy encouragement. Church doors are open at 4:30 for those who would like to "walk the circuit" and "weigh ins" are available for those who wish. A healthy potluck dinner is served. Please Contact Renee Brooks or Pastor Matt with any questions @ 625-8306 or Email [reneebrooks@pendletoncenter.org](mailto:reneebrooks@pendletoncenter.org)

## Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Monday, March 19th at 7pm at the home of Theresa Lee. All are welcome!

## Easy Mission Opportunity

If you have gently used flannel sheets, we can use them. Marlene Morrisson is looking for sheets that she'll use to make cloth diapers for new mothers in Nicaragua. Bless others and keep Marlene busy! Thanks for your help on this. Pastor Matt

## Quilting Group

**Calling all quilters!** Come join us as we keep ourselves in stitches while learning new techniques from each other. Beginner quilter? Don't be shy! We will show you the basics such as selecting fabrics, coordinating colors and prints, use of basic quilting tools and following patterns. It doesn't take long to fall in love with this practical past time. Request a supply list when you register so you will be prepared for your first night. Some supplies are provided. Classes are the 2nd Monday of the month from 6pm - 8pm at PCUMC in the discipleship room. There is a small fee of \$5 per class. Space is limited, so sign up soon! Contact Renee Brooks at PCUMC, 625-8306, or e-mail: [reneebrooks@pendletoncenter.org](mailto:reneebrooks@pendletoncenter.org)

## U & I

Please come to a SPECIAL U & I program on Monday, March 12th @ 7 p.m. A Journey in Nepal with Brenda Case. Please join us as she speaks and has a slide show of her 6 week tour in Southern Asia. Her trip includes touring historical Kathmandu, the capital. 4 weeks of volunteer work at Asna Orphanage and a trek up into the Himalayas with a Tibetan guide. An exciting adventure you won't want to miss. We will be meeting in the prayer labyrinth. We will have dessert and coffee following the presentation. Everyone is welcome to share her story!

### Christian Country Line Dancing

**Come and learn how to Line Dance at PCUMC!** We have two classes that meet at our church. Mary Trautman teaches a class on Mondays at 7:30pm, and Dottie Ryer holds another class on Wednesdays at 7pm. Good exercise and good fun!

### Monday 10am Women's Bible Study

We are studying Timothy Keller's book, *The Reason for God*. It is helping us to clarify the reasons we believe in God, and how we defend our faith before non-believers. We are also cross-referencing scripture to help support our faith stance. All are welcome to join us in the Disciple room for study.

### Pastor Jean's Wednesday 7pm Bible Study

**We are currently looking at the New Testament letter to the Ephesians.** We meet in the Disciple room in the back hall of the Family Life Center. Come and join us!

# 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; others give a piece of property. 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.*

## WOMEN OF FAITH 2012

There is a great opportunity for women to come together as Sisters in Christ to listen to testimonies, hear God's word, sing, dance, pray and worship with an arena full of women. There are some changes to the event this year and there will not be any program during the day on Friday – just Friday evening and all day on Saturday. Event date is September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$99.00 per person (premium seats). Hotel rooms are “on hold” at the Rochester Radisson and there will be four women per room (if you need other arrangements, please make your own reservations – quickly!!). We will only need the hotel room for Friday night this year ~ more details to follow. The line-up this year includes Amy Grant, Andy Andrews, Angie Smith, Brenda Warner, Christine Caine, Ken Davis, Lisa Harper, Mandisa, Marilyn Meberg, Patsy Clairmont, Sandi Patty & Selah. WOW!!!

To sign up for our group and/or make ticket payments go to:

<http://gps.womenoffaith.com/glms/> and our group name is PCUMC.

If you went with our group last year, no need to re-register, just log in to make your payment(s). Full payment is not required – you can make payments up until June 15<sup>th</sup> and full payment is due at that time. For more information or, if you need help registering or paying online, please contact Holly Coty at [holly.coty@roadrunner.com](mailto:holly.coty@roadrunner.com) or, (716) 504-7809.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

## AGAPE YOUTH

AGAPE is a youth group open to all youth in grades 7-9. We have a great time, going on fun excursions, working on missions, goofing around with fun and games, growing closer to each other, and most especially growing closer to God. Please join us!!

Here are the dates of the upcoming activities for the next few months:

**Saturday, March 3rd-** for Girls only (sorry, guys)- Revolve Tour in Rochester.

**Friday, March 16th 7-10pm** Friday Fun Night

**Sunday, March 25th 12:30- 4?** Mission meeting (TBA whether on site or off)

## VBS

Well, VBS ISN'T just around the corner but it will be here before we know it!!! Save the dates, you don't want to miss out on Babylon Marketplace, June 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Registration will begin in May so watch for details in the mail and PLEASE pre-register.

We are looking for your gifts and talents to help out. Whether you have 5 days or one, we need help of all kinds. Do you LOVE to:

BAKE...SEW...SING OR DANCE....or are you artistic? help is need making sets and props, serving snacks and drinks, crafts as well as prep work before that week. If you work during the day, stop by after work or in the evening to help get ready for the next day, there is something for everyone!!! Watch for more information and sign up.

Also: we are always in need of some BASIC supplies, you can buy them and bring them in ANY time (please mark the bag VBS and leave in mission ally).

We are in need of napkins, small drink cups, snack size Ziploc bags, sandwich size Ziploc bags, markers, glue sticks, crayons,

Plain colored flat bed sheets (any size).Detailed snack lists will be available around MAY..watch for signup sheets in worship and at the information desk in Mission Ally

# Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is right around the corner...

April 7th at 10:30 am...RAIN or Shine.

This year We will be filling over 2000 eggs with candy and prizes as well as handing out a larger prize to pretty much EVERY CHILD. We estimate that about 400-500 children will be in attendance so...that's a lot of stuffed eggs, candy and prizes. Each year We count on local business donations to make this happen but in these financially troubled years, those have not been enough to cover the costs so we are asking our congregation, if possible to help out in the following ways:

by donating individually wrapped pieces of candy ( MAKE sure it will fit inside an egg)

Donate plastic eggs

Solicit donations from local business owners (using our letters) and doing some follow up

Making a financial donation.

you can also help by:

Taking eggs home and filling them with candy

Filling information bags with church flyers

As always we will be needing lots of help the day of..watch for signup sheets during worship

For more information see Barb Smith

## Saturday Evening Church School

**Saturday Church School is available for all children during our 5pm worship service.** We have a “one-room” combined class and use the same curriculum as 11am Sunday morning. Helpers are always welcome!

# GENESIS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Mom's Morning Out

The toddlers at Mom's Morning Out are enjoying our wonderful program. We currently have 12 children enrolled with few openings available. 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, running off energy in our huge gym area, and under the watchful eye of loving & nurturing trained adults, please call our office for registration information, 625-8306.



## PreSchool

It's time to sign up for Fall 2012/2013 PreSchool Classes! Registration is open to members of our church and current PreSchool families is now open

Classes available are:

- 3 yr old 2 days/week Morning & Afternoon
- 4 Yr old 3 days/week Morning & Afternoon
- 4 & 5 yr old 5 days/week Morning

Space is limited and classes fill up quick. Be sure to sign your child up now for the class of your choice. If you would like information about our PreSchool, please call the office. We have a great Staff & Curriculum that includes Kindergarten readiness skills, basic Christian concepts, music, arts & crafts, fieldtrips, and much more.

Our Easter candy fundraiser is running through February 5<sup>th</sup>. For those who participated we greatly appreciate your support!

## Meal Ministry at Pendleton Center

**Join us for our Wednesday Night 6pm convenience meal!** Please contact the office by the Monday before if you are planning to eat with us, so that we can prepare enough food! Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 4-10, and free for children 3 and under. Watch the Little Good News for the menu.

