

On the Square, Steeped in Prayer!

Prayer List: Tom Brainard, John Buchanan, Terry Castilyn, Patrick Cost, Pat Dean, Lucy Dinces, Glendeen Epperson, Dale Flood, Becky Frizell, Ruth Gilmore, Adam Gross, Paul Hach, Karen Hersman, Sylvia Hill, Charlene Hrwatzki, Irlene Jurgelis, Frances & Larry Kelley, Char Kieffer, Lance Marshall, Damien McCormack, Lynn McCormack, Pat McPaul, Kay Merchant, Don Mixer, Clint Moreland, Ron Mraz, Rob Parrigan, Leyna Pettorini, Bill Porterfield, Erin Potter, Morgan Reed, Coda Scott, Jeremy Searson, Daryl Stewart, Betty Silvi, Sandy Starr, Corina Thomas, Scott & Kathleen Thompson, Betty Updike, Brandon Wallis, Mona Wallace, Maxine Williams, and Jeanne Wise. Prayers for those who have lost loved ones, including the Kelly/Sedgwick families in the loss of Wally Sedgwick this week, the Whiting family in the loss of Ken Weidig, and the Jackopin family in the loss of Mary Ann's sister in law, Jane Sanderson. Arlene asks prayers for Lindsey and her daughter.

Continued prayers for people who are living with conflict and safety concerns, or are struggling in the aftermath of natural disasters, storms, or conflict. We pray for those suffering from addiction, cancer, illness, mental health concerns, and for care-givers who see their loved ones struggling. We pray for those who are homeless and those who face food insecurity. Prayers for those who are lost, homeless, lonely, or shut-in. Prayers for those who have suffered job losses or layoffs. Prayers for missionaries, first responders and relief personnel, and our active military, including Jakob Kealoha & Serenity Rodriguez; Brant Garn, the Harmuths, Dr. Kenneth Heida Jr., Audrey Berndt, and Karen Hersman's grandson Josh.

Would you like to spend more time in intentional prayer? Join us on Thursday afternoons from 2:30pm to 3:30pm for our Thursday Afternoon Prayer & Tea Time group and enjoy a calm hour of prayer for our world, our neighbors, and our loved ones. Meet in the library off the Circle Room; no RSVP required. Welcome!

Curious about local Ohio history? Fun fact... we will be working with the Lake County Historical Society to host a 2-part lecture series so you can learn more! Save these dates: Sat 1/31/26 4-6pm & Sun 2/15/26 4-6pm at PUMC! Save the date!

Friend of the Week

Tom Ness
&
Alice Kidd

Cards for our friends of the week are available for you to sign in the Circle Room! Thank you!

Coming Up This Week:

Monday CJ Spikes/Men's Devotional 6pm Adult Sun
(this is an external group not affiliated with the United Methodist Church)
Boy Scout Troop 62 6:45pm Parsons Hall
Grief Share 7pm Chapel
Tuesday UMW Fettucine Lunch – 11:30am Res Room
Rev. Brady's Bible study—Chapel 12pm
Rev. Brady's Bible study—Zoom & Adult Sun
School Classroom—6:30pm
Tabernaculo Study/Worship 6:30pm Chapel
AA 7pm Parsons Hall
Wednes AA 11am Adult Sunday School Room
Burning River Bass – FREE CONCERT 7pm
Doors open at 6pm
Thursday Food Pantry 9-12 Chapel
Stitchers Group 10am-2pm Sewing Room
Prayer & Tea Time 2:30pm
Collins Bells 6pm Bell Room
MomCo – Adult Sun School Room 6pm
Tabernaculo Study/Worship 6:30pm Chapel
AA 7pm Parsons Hall
Chancel Choir 7pm
Saturday PUMC at Soup Kitchen 10am-2:30pm
Sunday 8:30 worship in sanctuary
10am worship in sanctuary & online/radio
Change for change during both services
Children's Christmas pageant during 10am svc
Bible Study w/ Michael Huston 8:30am Res
Tabernaculo Spanish Worship 12pm Chapel
Blue Christmas Service – 6pm in Sanctuary

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Rev. Edgar Brady

December 14, 2025 10am service

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Rev. Edgar Brady
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Organ/Piano: Jerry Marshall
Lead Ushers: 8:30am Cathy George 10am Mary Salchow
Liturgists: 8:30am Marilou Walbeck 10am Karen Dennis
Greeters: 8:30am Les & Marilou Walbeck 10am Pete & Deb Mezzapelle
Soundbooth: 8:30am Bob Hearn/Mike Williams; 10am Mike Williams/Ernie & Gena Richmann

Welcome and Announcements

*please stand as you are able

Prelude

“Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland” (“Savior of the Heathen, Come”)JS Bach

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come once more, with eager longing, to receive the promises of God.
People: **Out of the desert places of our lives, we gather with joy and gladness.**
Leader: Come expectantly, with all your questions. Bring to this place all your hopes and dreams.
People: **Out of our weaknesses and fears, we assemble to gain new strength and courage.**
Leader: Come to behold the majesty of our God. Draw near to God’s Holy Way.
People: **Out of all circumstances that imprison us, we come to claim the joy of freedom in Christ.**

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”UMH #196

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles (10am)

Van & Dalene Kelly

Offertory

“Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”Lovelace

*Doxology

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:47-55NRSV-UE

Christmas Cantata

“Sing We Noel”Joel Raney/arr. Hogan

This annual presentation includes a combined choral group of Painesville United Methodist Church and Mentor United Methodist Church choirs and community musicians. The Painesville UMC Chancel Choir is directed by Fritz Streiff. The Mentor UMC Chancel Choir is directed by Amy Bender. We thank all of our singers/musicians and our narrators for joining us this morning! Please hold all applause until the conclusion of the program. Thank you.

“Sing We Noel”
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”
“A Child Is Born”
“Sing Gloria!”
“The Shepherd’s Visit”
“Sing We Noel” (Reprise)

*Commission and Blessing

Rev. Edgar Brady

Leader: The Christ who is coming offers hearing and sight to those of closed ears and blinded eyes.
People: **We are open to receive the gifts Christ brings, for we want to see and hear more clearly.**
Leader: There is good news for sojourners and oppressed, for widows and orphans, and those bowed down.
People: **We embrace the freedom Christ offers us, and seek to walk in the Holy Way set before us.**
Leader: Go forth with joy and singing, with gladness and hope, proclaiming to all the majesty of our God.
People: **We will establish our hearts for Christ’s coming, and prepare the way for others to receive this gift.**
Leader: Amen!
All: **Amen!**

Postlude

“Toccata for the Christmas Season”Smith/arr. J. Marshall

We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Circle Room after worship!

Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please let us know you’re here by filling out a connection card in your pew and dropping this in the offering plate—or, check in online at www.pumconline.org (or using the QR code.)

Happy Birthday!

Dec 14 – Debra Sarosy
Dec 18 – Annely Thayer
Dec 19 – Tina Carpenter
Dec 19 – Lonnie Miller
Dec 20 – Shawn Benson
Dec 20 – Robert Moore
Dec 20 – Les Walbeck

This week’s WKKY 104.7 Radio Broadcast is presented by:

The Chancel Choir
in loving memory of
Clarence Bowers,
Howard McCain,
and
Patty Wilcoxon

Food Pantry item of the Week

This week’s food pantry item of the week is:

Regular-sized boxes of
macaroni & cheese

We appreciate your donations to sustain this community outreach ministry! Non-expired items can be brought in Mon-Wed 9am-4pm or after/between Sunday worship services.

The altar flowers are presented by:

Denice Winter
in memory of her mother
Carole Cottage

The altar rose is presented by:

Karen Dennis
celebrating her sister’s birthday
Happy birthday Renee Keener!

Dec. 7th Attendance

Worship 8:30am 58
Worship 10am 80
YouTube 10am 122

Dec 7th Offerings

Total: \$ 11,955.62
Operating: \$ 8,857.59
Building Fund \$ 1,429.79
Food Pantry \$ 538.46
Concert Series \$ 110.00
Radio Broadcast \$ 71.74
Other Giving \$ 948.04

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Connect: With God ~ With People ~ On Purpose

I. Sing We Noel

1: In the stillness of a humble Judean night, the world waited – longing for hope, longing for peace. And out in the fields, shepherds kept watch over their flock, unaware that heaven was about to break into their ordinary world.

2: *‘And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.’* (Luke 2:8-9)

1: Fear trembled in their hearts ... until heaven spoke.

2: *But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”* (Luke 2:10)

1: Good news... for all people. News of a Savior promised from long ago.

2: For an angel had already whispered hope to Joseph, saying, *“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin.”* (Matthew 1:21.)

1: In a world longing for hope, God gave His Son. In a night filled with silence, God spoke peace. In the hearts of the shepherds and kings, God lit a flame of joy that still burns today.

2: This is the story of Noel - The story of Jesus – The story of God’s love shining into the darkness, inviting all people to come, behold, and believe.

II. It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1: It came upon a midnight clear – A night when the world lay hushed under heaven’s gaze. The weary earth, burdened with longing, waited for a promise.

And then, through the stillness, the prophets’ words echoed once more...

2: “For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

1: Generations heard those words and held them close, Yet the night remained silent – Until that midnight when heaven finally broke open. Not with thunder ... but with a child’s cry.

2: “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. This shall be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger.”

III. A Child Is Born

1: “Mary had a baby ... *My Lord.*” These words echo across generations, reminding us of a night when heaven touched earth. A child -fragile and humble, – was laid in a manger. But this was no ordinary child.

2: Mary had a baby, yes ... but this baby is the Savior. The one whose words astonish. The one who welcomes worship from the wise. The one who brings light into our darkness.

IV. Sing Gloria

1: In the stillness of that holy night, heaven could no longer remain silent. As shepherds watched over their flocks, the sky burst open with glory. *“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared, praising God and saying ...”*

2: *“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”* The angels announced a peace the world had never known – peace wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

1: But the Child who arrived in humility would not remain hidden. The One born in a stable would one day be lifted high above every throne and every name.

2: For Scripture declares, *“God exalted Him and gave Him the name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow -in heaven and on earth and under the earth – and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

V. The Shepherd’s Visit

1: When the angels returned to heaven, the night grew still again over the hills of Bethlehem. The shepherds looked at one another, their hearts still echoing the glory they had witnessed.

2: With urgency and awe they said, *“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, that the Lord has made known to us.”* And together they hurried toward the town, the starlight guiding their steps.

1: After seeing Him, they could not keep silent. They went out into the night, proclaiming to all they met what had been told to them about this Child – good new of great joy.

2: The shepherds returned to their field changed – glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen.

Special Thanks to Our Cantata Instrumentalists:

Judy Elias, Flute

Jeff Kish, Oboe

Tracy Paroubek, Clarinet

Alex Alafi, Trumpet

Greg Hillis, French Horn

Brad Leyrer, Euphonium

Maria Vinas, Violin

Matt Gittins, Violin

Virginia Ashley, Viola

McKinley Glasser, Cello

Matt Yoke, Double Bass

Michelle Watson, Percussion

Darin Petrowski, Percussion

Bryson Moffat, Percussion

Jerry Marshall, Organist

Directed by:

Fritz Streiff, Painesville United Methodist Church

Amy Bender, Mentor United Methodist Church

Announcements – Painesville United Methodist Church – Dec. 14, 2025

On Tuesday, December 16th at 11:30am, **the United Women of Faith will have a special fettuccine luncheon** as they gather in fellowship this holiday season. All ladies are welcome; if you are not already part of the UWF and would like to attend please RSVP to Dalene Kelly or contact Maria in the Church Office (440-354-3642) so we can include you in the lunch count!

The next concert in our **2025-2025 PUMC Concert Series features the Burning River Brass** on Wednesday, December 17th at 7pm in the PUMC Sanctuary. Doors will open at 6pm. For more information or other events in our concert series, visit our Concert Series tab on our website at pumconline.org.

Have you heard about MomCo? Mothers of infants and toddlers from 0-5 years old are invited to join us for a special monthly time of fellowship, food, a craft, and parenting tips while your child enjoys play time and a meal in the nursery. This event takes place on the third Thursday of the month from 6-8pm; meet in the Adult Sunday School classroom (across from the Nursery). Next meeting is Thursday, December 18th, and after that will meet again Thursday, January 15th. You do not have to be a member of PUMC to participate! Contact Margie Walker at mwalker@pumconline.org for more details.

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one or experiencing hardship this holiday season? Minister Tamika will be leading a **Blue Christmas service in the PUMC Sanctuary** on Sunday, December 21st at 6pm. This service intends to create a space for peace and calm if your world is not bright and cheerful this holiday season. Welcome all!

Candlelight Christmas Eve services will take place on Wednesday, December 24th at 7pm and 11pm. It is our intention to livestream both services on our YouTube Channel (look up Painesville United Methodist Church) for those who are unable to join us in person. The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, December 25th for staff to enjoy Christmas with their families. If you have placed a poinsettia order, you may take it home after worship on Christmas Eve or come in on Friday, December 26th between 9am-11:45am to collect yours. Poinsettias left after this time will be considered a donation.

There will be **one service on Sunday, December 28th** at 10am. This will take place in person, on YouTube, and on WKKY Radio.

Winter VBS is taking place on Monday, December 29th from 10am-2pm here at PUMC (drop off in the Circle Room)! If you have children from pre-school through 5th grade who would like to join us for this special session of Vacation Bible School, please RSVP to Ms. Margie at mwalker@pumconline.org by December 20th. We will be making crafts, learning a new song in conjunction with the praise band, and having pizza! (The song learned will be performed during the 10am worship service on Sunday, January 18th!)

There will be **one worship service on Sunday, January 4th** at 10am. This will in person, on YouTube, and on WKKY Radio.

On **Sunday, January 4th, Julie West will be starting a new study of Psalms.** There are no books needed for the class other than your Bible. Come and join us on Sundays at 11:30am from January 4th through March 22, 2026. All are welcome! Sign up in Circle Room.

On **Sunday, January 4th we will have pizza and a movie night starting at 5pm!** \$5 per person includes pizza and sodas. Please sign up in the Circle Room or contact Margie in the Church Office so we can plan to have plenty of pizza! We're not allowed to publish the name of the movie publicly, but she can tell you directly!

On Sunday, January 11th we will have our historic "White Gift" services. This will take place during both the 8:30am and 10am services. The congregation is invited to bring gifts that will help the needy in honor of the birth of Christ! These gifts include: food items for our food pantry, bath towels for the Hope Chest, or monetary donations to the Pastors' Discretion fund. Historically, gifts have been wrapped (or bagged) in white, and you are welcome to do the same if you choose – or bring unwrapped items. These items are brought forward during the service as part of our processional, in conjunction with the history of this service. For more detailed information, we invite you to visit our website at pumconline.org and click on the History tab.

The next rehearsal for the **PUMC Praise Band** takes place on Sunday, January 11th from 11:30am-12:30pm. All are welcome to join – whether you sing or play an instrument, come and be a part of the PUMC Praise Band! Questions? Contact Maria in the Church Office.

On Tuesday, January 13th Rev. Brady will be starting up his next book study: “Love Is The Way” by Bishop Michael Curry. This will be a 13-week class taking place in person at 12pm in the Chapel (feel free to bring your lunch with you) or in the evenings in person or remotely at 6:30pm (in person session will be held in the Adult Sunday School classroom). Signup sheets for this class are in the Circle Room. Should inclement weather prevent travel, the in person sessions will be moved to a 6:30pm online class instead.

We will be having a **new member class on Sunday, January 18th at 11:30am**. This is open to anyone who is curious about becoming a member of the Painesville United Methodist Church that would like to know more. This is a great chance to gather in a small group, share a meal, and ask Rev. Brady questions you’ve been wondering about regarding what it means to be a Methodist! We do ask for all RSVPs by Monday, January 12th so we can include you in the lunch count. Once the class has concluded (expect it to last between 90 minutes and two hours), you are invited to but not obligated to become a member of the Painesville United Methodist Church, which would take place during worship on a future date. Sign up in the Circle Room or contact Maria in the Church Office for more information (440-354-3642).

PUMC is a part of several historic entities that will participate in “America 250” celebration events across Lake County in conjunction with the Lake County Historical Society. **We will be hosting a two-part lecture series** of made-in-Ohio or came-from-Ohio topics. These events take place in the PUMC Sanctuary on Saturday, January 31st from 4-6pm and then on Sunday, February 15th from 4-6pm. We will be looking for some cookie-bakers and hospitality helpers too, so if you can assist please sign up in the Circle Room or contact Maria in the Church Office at 440-354-3642. Or, just come enjoy the wonderful programs brought to you by the Lake County Historical Society!

And, looking a little further ahead...

February 8th

- **SOUP**-er bowl Sunday – bring soup cans to worship – for the food pantry!
- Stay after worship for a **SOUP**-er lunch (cash donations to benefit the food pantry)
- Pre-order sub sandwiches, made by youth, pick them up, take them home, eat during THE BIG GAME! – awesome way to support our Youth Group and meal planning is DONE! Go team go! More info to come... stay tuned, or contact Margie Walker in the Church Office at mwalker@pumconline.org.

Questions? Contact Maria in the Church Office at 440-354-3642 or admin@pumconline.org!