



This Week at PUMC

Monday, January 9

1:00 pm
7:00 pm

DRA
Boy Scouts

Parsons Hall
Parsons Hall

Tuesday, January 10

9:30 am
6:30 pm
8:00 pm

Bible Study
Bible Study
AA

Resource Room
Chapel
1st Floor, Education Wing

Wednesday, January 11

1:00 pm
7:00 pm

DRA
Finance Committee

Parsons Hall
Chapel

Thursday, January 12

9:00 am
10:00 am
4:00 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:30 pm
8:00 pm

Food Pantry
Stitchers
UMW Executive Board Meeting
Collins Bells
Men's Chorus
Chancel Choir
AA

Chapel
Ed. Wing
Chapel
Bell Room
Sanctuary
Choir Room
Parsons Hall



The Painesville United Methodist Church

On the Square... steeped in prayer!

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Thought of the Day

Today I will be a light that
reflects God's love.

Today's Activities

Toddler Room/Nursery
8:30 am - Education Wing

Faithlink Sunday School
8:30 am - Parlor

Worship
8:30 am - Sanctuary

Youth Bells
9:00 am - Bell Room

Coffee Time
9:00-11:30 am - Circle Room

Children's Choir
9:30 am - Ed. Wing

Worship
10:00 am - Sanctuary

Koinonia Sunday School
10:00 am - Parlor

Sunday School
10:00 am - Education Wing

Youth Bible Study
11:15 am - Youth Room

Youth Group
12:00 - Youth Room



January 8, 2017
"White Gift Sunday"

Coffee Break

Please join us in the Circle Room after services for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Visitors Welcome Gift

Visitors, please stop by our Hospitality Desk in the Circle Room for a complimentary welcome gift. We'd love to talk with you, answer any questions, take you on a tour and introduce you to our worship team.

Special Services

During each worship service, the following are available: sound enhancement devices for hearing impaired; large print hymnals; children's bulletins with coloring books and crayons to keep the young ones occupied.

Child Care

Child care is available during each of our services. Please contact an usher or greeter about the location of our Nursery.

Media Matters

Live streaming for the month of January is sponsored by Dave Morse.

Next Week's Greeters

Richard Ramsey, Shirley Huffman, Jackie Crouse (8:30) Maria Strickland, Josh Strickland, Nancy Latina (10:00)



Pastor Jan Yandell

PJ's Post

Dear Friends and Friends I have not yet met,

Last week many of us participated in a Wesleyan Covenant Service to begin the New Year. A covenant is more than a promise; it a pledge to remain faithful to the work to which you have committed yourself. Today, during the traditional White Gift Sunday, we are also asking you to make a covenant with the church and use your talents and time to help PUMC

remain a vital key to the spiritual health and well-being of the City of Painesville and beyond.

This year's check sheet is a little simpler however, and some of the details have been left off. If you have any questions about anything on the sheet, please place a question mark in the space instead of a check, and we will have someone from that area give you a call.

Remember to put your name, phone number and E-mail at the top of the page and check those areas for which you are willing to make a commitment. Your covenant to that specific area will help us as a staff to ensure that we have willing volunteers when people in that area are needed to help the church run more effectively and efficiently.

There are several opportunities listed, however, if you have something in mind to do for the church and it is not written on the sheet, please place the idea under the "OTHER..." category so that we can be sure your gift is used.

White Gift Sunday is all about each person giving the gift of themselves in whatever way they can. It may be a seemingly small gift, or it may seem to be a large endeavor, but the size of the job or the amount of time it takes is not what is important. It is that your gift, your time, your talent is given from the heart because of your love for God and his son Jesus Christ.

Thank you for sharing your love with others on this very special day!

Blessings,
PJ



Margie Walker
Youth Coordinator

Youth Group - Grades 6-12

The history of White Gift Sunday as we know it started here at PUMC back in 1903; and has become one of our yearly holiday traditions. The history of the White Gift Sunday has traveled and celebrated around the world as well. For many generations, the history has been shared with our congregation by a member of my family.

Allow me to expand a little further on its origin. Back in 1903, Mrs. Winters, our minister's wife, observed her two daughters arguing over their gifts they had received from a Sunday School Christmas exchange. Each girl had received a doll. One doll came from a family of wealth, whom could afford a larger more expensive doll dressed in a beautiful gown. The other doll came from a family of lesser fortune. It was smaller and wore a simple dress. Observing the daughters jealousy and realizing that the true spirit of Christmas had been lost, Mrs. Winters was reminded of the story of King Kublai Khan and his people. A story that was published in the Christian Advocate. This was her inspiration for White Gift Sunday.

Kublai Khan was the grandson of Genghis Khan. However, unlike his grandfather whom was feared by his people, Kublai Khan was loved. The people wanted to honor their king on his birthday. Hearing of this birthday celebration, Kublai Khan had his servants drape the great hall of the castle in white tapestries; prepared a meal for all using the finest china and cloths. On the day of the celebration, the king dressed in his finest white robe and greeted each citizen of his kingdom. Each visitor wrapped their gift to the king in white, so that each gift would look the same and its value is no different than another. These wrapped gifts showed only the love and devotion the giver had for their king. Thus, in the eyes and heart of the king, the giver was more important than the gift.



With all this, we now celebrate White Gift Sunday; giving three gifts wrapped in white of self, service and substance, to Jesus, Christ the King.

Today: 10AM worship service, 11:15AM-Noon Bible study, Noon-2PM YG lunch and meeting. Special story reading. What we need to work on...our worship service for January 29th!

Friday, January 13: 7PM-Midnight, DYC Game Night at New Leaf UMC, Conneaut.

What to bring...a few dollars to help pay for pizza, along with a few snacks and drinks to share. You are welcome to bring church appropriate movies, board games and cards. The ever favorite spoons game will take place along with space to play basketball and dodgeball. Please let me know ASAP if you are going as a head count is necessary.

HELP I will be at Ashland Seminary for my weekend class and will not be able to attend the DYC night. We need another adult(s) to attend this evening event. Please let me know ASAP if you can go. Wayne will be going and will drive "the bus".

Sunday, January 15: Normal YG schedule. Anyone wish to volunteer to provide lunch?

Sunday, January 22: Normal YG schedule. Anyone wish to volunteer to provide lunch?

Sunday, January 29: 8:30AM & 10AM youth worship services. Please arrive no later than 7:45AM to prepare for worship. We will not have Bible study or YG meeting after the 10AM service.

Sunday, January 29: 6PM-8PM Youth mission meeting.

Ms. Margie
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Painesville UMC

Worship Times
8:30 & 10:00 am

Sunday School
10:00 am for all age groups. Family worship on the first Sunday of the month

PUMC Broadcasts

If you are unable to join us in person, tune into WKKY 104.7 to hear our 10:00 am service.

Social Media

Follow us on Twitter at "twitter.com/PainesvilleUMC"

Like us on Facebook at "facebook.com/PainesvilleUMC"

On the Web

Visit our web page at www.pumconline.org

Office Hours

8:30-3:00 pm Mon. - Thurs.
9:00-12:00 pm Friday

Contact Us

If you have questions, please call the office at 354-3642 or email us at admin@pumconline.org.



Johanna Alhman
Director of
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Happy New Year Everyone!!

I hope all have recovered from the holiday season; it seems to get busier each and every year! No doubt all the kids are back to school (parents rejoice!) and we are turning over our calendars looking ahead to 2017! Every year we get a chance to start over again, move forward and clean off that slate. What a blessing! Before we do that however I have to thank everyone that came and participated in the

Children's Christmas program a few weeks ago. The support and never ending love is so important to the children's ministries. I truly appreciate every person that has helped me in my first several months here as Christian Education Director. Please take a minute to look through the bulletin for the pictures of our program (many thanks to Eric Silvi!).

Looking ahead to the New Year we have White Gift this Sunday- a great time to think about how each of us can contribute to the life of the church. We all have special gifts that can make a difference, and I'd love to have some new volunteers for the Children's Programs throughout the upcoming year.

We will also be putting together our sets for Mitten Mission this week and the next, then distributing to our local community. We are STILL taking donations of gloves, mittens, hats and scarves!

Have a fantastic wintery week,
Ms. Johanna



Announcements

New Bible Study Begins

A new session for the Tuesday morning Bible study begins this week. Their topic for this session will be Hope: An Anchor for Life. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Resource Room and all are welcome.

Attention UMW Members!

If you have read 5 books or more as part of the UMW Reading Program, be sure to turn in your list to Emily Walker, the marked box in the Library/Parlor, or the UMW's box at the Volunteer Desk ASAP.

Sympathy

Over the past few weeks several members of our PUMC family have passed away. We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Cliff Shandle, Robert "Bob" Mauzy, Lois McGee and Christopher Wilkie. Services have already been held for Cliff Shandle and Bob Mauzy. A memorial service for Lois will be held here at the church on Saturday, January 14th at 11:00. A service for Christopher is being planned and the date will be announced shortly.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Painesville United Methodist Church on **Monday, February 6, 2017**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, January 15th - Human Relations Sunday (Martin Luther King Day) and Food Pantry/Change for Change Collection
- Sunday, January 29th - Red Cross Blood Drive
- Sunday, February 5th - Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
- Monday, February 6th - Life Line Screening
- Sunday, February 12 - Concert: Western Reserve Brass Band



This Week's Birthdays

- Jan. 8 Kelly Luoma
- Jan. 9 Tom Hach
Jay Taylor
- Jan. 10 Patricia Mercsak
- Jan. 11 Marion Jo Lampman
Joshua Napier
Jill Stadel
- Jan. 12 Denise Asbury
Paul Hanson
Dick Morse
Char Mraz
- Jan. 13 Shar Pierce
- Jan. 14 Becky Brumbaugh
Asher Conklin-Moore
Cameron Raser

Finance Matters:
Last Week's Contributions
 Operating: \$6194.00
 Capital: \$3200.48
 Food Pantry: \$60.00
 Christmas: \$7932.28



Organ and Piano
Mary and Bob Brown

Liturgists
Cathy George (8:30)
Sara Hicks (10:00)

Greeters (8:30)
Ron Vanone, front
Marilyn Vanone, front
Judy Riczinger, side

Greeters (10:00)
John Paroubek, front
Diane Paroubek, front
Brenda Hanna, side

Hospitality
Bev and Don Baines

White Gift Narrator
Kay Merchant

Order of Worship

Opening Music (10:00)	"Jingle Bells" Ready to Ring Ringers	Pierpont
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude (8:30)	"How Great Our Joy!"	arr. Jones
Prelude (10:00)	"Pastorale de Noel" Judy Elias, Flute	
Introit (10:00)	"T'was in the Moon of Wintertime" Youth Bells	Huron Carol

The History of White Gift Sunday Part 1: A great many years ago in a land far away from us called Cathay, there was a certain king, Kubla Kahn, a mighty warrior who was dearly beloved by all of his people. Men admired him because he was strong and just. In all of his dealings they knew they could depend upon him. Every matter that came to his consideration was carefully weighed in his mind, and his decisions were always wise. Women trusted him because he was pure and true, with lofty thoughts and high ambitions. The children loved him because of his gentleness and tenderness toward them. He was never so burdened with affairs of state that he could not stop to speak a pleasant word of greeting to even the tiniest child. The very poorest of his subjects knew they could count upon his interest in them. This deep seeded love and reverence for their king made the people of Cathay wish very much for a way in which they could give expression to it so that he would understand it. Many consultations were held and one after another the plans suggested were rejected. But at last a most happy solution was found. It was rapidly circulated here and there and met with the most hardy approval everywhere. It was a plan for celebrating the king's birthday...a white feast. Of course that had been done in many lands before but there were certain features about this celebration that differed materially from anything that had ever been tried. They decided that on the king's birthday the people should all bring him gifts. They wanted him in some way to know that these gifts were an expression of love on the part of the giver which was pure, true and unselfish. In order to show that, it was decided that each gift should be a white gift.

Children's Time		
*Hymn	"The First Noel"	UMH No. 245
Passing the Peace		
Prayer Concerns and Celebrations		

Those Needing Prayer:

Bob Chambers, Kathy Dascoli, Sue DeRespiris, Georgia Drown, Melissa Fankbonner, Lois Griffin, Paul Hahn, Chuck Howard, Sheryl Jackson, Sharon Light, Carolyn Martin, Glenn Mers, Damien McCormack, Dick Morse, Jim Perl, Genny Sivula Phillips, Erin Potter, Ken Rowan, Karen Seil, Bill Sprenger, Ginny Stein, Jane Steinicke, Missy Tekavic, Stan Wesley, Debbie Williams, all in the military.

Those needing prayers will remain on the Prayer List for four weeks. If you would like someone left on for an additional four weeks please re-submit their name.

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

Special Music (8:30)	"Pastorale de Noel" Judy Elias, Flute	
Anthem	"The Work of Christmas" Chancel Choir	Howard Thurman/Dan Forrest
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1-12	(Page 1 NT in pew Bible)
Message	"Gifts from the Heart: Self, Service, Substance"	Pastor Jan

The History of The White Gift Sunday Part 2: Then came the presentation of the gifts, what a wealth of them there was and how different they were in value, just as they are today. In those days there were many people with great wealth and they brought gifts that were generous in proportion to their wealth. One brought a handful of pearls, another, a number of carved ivories. There were beautiful laces, silks, and embroideries all of pure white and even splendid white chargers were given to his majesty. But many of the people were poor; some of them very poor, and their gifts were quite different than those I've been telling about. Some of the women brought handfuls of white rice. Some of the boys brought their favorite white pigeons. And one dear little girl, smilingly gave him a pure white rose. It was wonderful to watch the king as each one came and knelt before him as he presented his gift. He never seemed to notice whether the gift was great or small. He regarded not one gift above another so long as all were white. Never had the king been so happy as he was that day. Never had such real joy filled the hearts of the people.

Introduction to Hymn (10:00)	"We Three Kings" Youth Bells	Hopkins
Hymn	"We Three Kings of Orient Are"	UMH #254
Giving of our Gifts to the King		

History of The White Gift Sunday Part 3: That same legend fell into the hands one day in 1904 of our minister's wife, Mrs. Winters. She read it over and the beauty of it lingered in her mind. She thought of the Sunday school here at the Painesville Methodist Episcopal Church where so much of her splendid energy had been expended and she had a vision of how it might prove to be the means of pointing them to just what they had been seeking—a more fitting way to celebrate the King's birthday. She clipped it out of the paper, "The Christian Advocate" and sent it back to some kindred spirits where it was adopted and it forms today the basis of the plan of the "White Christmas" or "White Gift."

Offertory	"March of the Wise Men" J. Marshall, organist	Black
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In memory of Ruth Zearfoss Herman, organist 1944-1965 Following the March of the Kings, we encourage you to come to the altar and present your White Gift to the King. Please bring your regular offering envelope with you, and make certain your gift and/or White Gift Sunday form are in the provided envelope and clearly marked.

Prayer of Dedication		
*Closing Hymn	"Sing We Now of Christmas"	UMH #237
*Benediction		
Postlude	"Ceremony of Carols" #2	Britten

Cares & Concerns

Shut Ins of the Week:
Glen and Bonnie Booth