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## From the Pastor's Desk

**Into the Unknown**  
By Rev. Ricky Howell

In the Disney animated movie Frozen 2, there's a scene near the beginning of the story where one of the main characters, Elsa, sings a song entitled "Into the Unknown." Those who saw the first movie know that Elsa's previous "happy ending" included becoming the queen of her kingdom and living in her castle with her sister and close friends. The words that Elsa sings in this song, however, make it quickly apparent that she's feeling restless and unsatisfied; she's struggling with where her life is supposed to go next. That struggle establishes the premise of the rest of the movie and drives the story as Elsa and her friend journey forward into their unknown futures.

That song gets stuck in my head every time I hear it, but it also seems to serve as an appropriate theme song for my family at this stage in our lives. At the time of this writing, I'm sitting in my church office in Beaufort surrounded by half-packed boxes and wrestling with a mixture of excitement and nervousness. The scene at my home with my wife and kids is pretty similar. My daughter is probably the only one of us willing to sing "Into the Unknown" out loud, but all four of us are wondering what God has in store for us as we prepare to move to Pendleton- our currently unknown future.

By the time you read this, my family will already be getting settled into the church parsonage, but I suspect that we'll still be dealing with many of the emotions that come with transitioning into a new place. I also suspect that many of you are experiencing your own strange combination of conflicting emotions. Perhaps you're curious and excited to meet my family. Perhaps you're concerned as to how my preaching and ministry style will differ from the pastors who came before me. Perhaps you're disturbed (or delighted) that your new pastor is willing to make a reference to a "children's movie" in the church newsletter. You're most certainly wondering what God has in store for this new chapter in the life and ministry of the church.

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## Beyond the Broken Heart A Bereavement Support Group

We will be studying with author, Julie Yarbrough, who chronicles her personal experience combined with a deep love of Scripture and years of leading grief support groups.

We will explore a broad range of topics on the emotional, spiritual and practical aspects of grief that most of us experience.

**Sundays, Sept 11 - Nov 6 from 3:00 to 4:30**  
**Pendleton United Methodist Church Parlor**  
(Please enter the back of the church through the doors under the covered portico.)  
For More Information or to enroll please contact Arlene Privette at 864-933-3117

*Sessions are open to the community, so please share this*



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## From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

Whatever the case, however, you may be feeling, it's worth recognizing that we're all currently journeying "into the unknown" and experiencing all of the emotions and uncertainty and excitement that naturally accompany such times. And the good news is that we're not alone on this journey. To quote Jesus as he prepares his followers for the next stage of their lives and ministries, "And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20, NLT) My new Pendleton UMC Family, as we begin our ministry together, I hope that you'll cling to two important truths: First, my family and I are tremendously excited and privileged to be a part of what God is doing and will do in and through our church. And second, God continues to abide with and provide for all of us no matter what. The rest may currently feel unknown, but I trust that we'll all be blessed on our journey together.

Grace, Peace, and Love,  
Ricky

Please  
Join us

*"Please Join Us in  
"Welcoming the Howell Family"  
For Light Refreshments  
Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>  
From 5-7 in the Palmer Social Hall.*

New  
Choir Members  
Welcome!

We need more voices for our Choir.  
Practice is every Sunday morning at  
9 AM. Nursery is available for those  
That may need it. Please contact  
Adam at 864-617-8886 or be here  
On Sundays at 9.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Helena Mullikin  
McKenzie Mullikin  
Samantha Walker

Jane and Bobby Hopkins Grands:  
Hank Weldon  
Trey Weldon  
Kristen Brown



## TEN3 Ministries

On May 29, Jim and Karen Szymanski visited Pendleton United Methodist Church to give presentations during the worship and Sunday school hours about the ministry they work with to spread the Gospel in Nigeria, Tanzania, and Zambia. In particular, the Transformational Education Network—3rd generation (TEN3) ministry seeks to reach the younger generations in these countries. For over twenty years, TEN3 has used training individuals in computer literacy as a method of reaching people for Christ. Jim and Karen have worked hard from their home base in Houghton, NY, to supply the computers needed for the training.

Even before their current support activities in the U.S., Jim and Karen spent 13 years as missionaries in Nigeria. Some of those years were difficult because of the rising violence against Christians by radical Islamic groups such as Boko Haram and the Fulani tribesmen. These groups have burned churches, murdered church members and pastors, and destroyed Christian-majority villages. Many assaults were surprise attacks at night. The government has made little effort to protect them. In order to ensure their safety, Jim and Karen were recalled.

Since then, they have traveled around to churches seeking PC laptop computers no longer in use by their owners. These donated laptops are outfitted to be used by mobile computer training outreach teams. The teams take about 20 laptops at a time with a mobile generator into areas of the three countries with no electricity. To prepare the laptops for use by the mobile teams, donated laptops are completely wiped of their current data and operating system, and the Linux operating system is installed. The interest of many Africans to become computer literate is a strong draw for the mobile teams and an open door to present the Good News of Jesus Christ.

If you have a PC laptop you no longer use (no Apple products are used because they cannot run Linux), you can donate it to TEN3 anytime. The battery does not have to be in good condition, but they will need the power cord. To donate your computer, please call George Atkinson (864-506-1173), and he will be glad to pick it up and get it shipped to Jim and Karen, who in turn will have the hard drive wiped and shipped to TEN3 in Africa. Laptops are constantly needed to keep all the mobile teams active. This is a unique ministry that imparts a usable skill along with the incomparable gift of eternal life in Christ. What a great ministry to join with your gift.

Senior Ministies  
By Martha Jeffries

## First Thursday

Senior Ministries is taking a break for the summer. We go out to eat for lunch on the first Thursday of the month except in June, July, and August. Each month we try out a different place. We do have several restaurants we go to each year. You don't have to be a senior to go with us; just be young at heart and free for lunch.

## Supper Club

On the second Thursday, we go out to dinner at various restaurants. Many of the same people go to both functions. As Methodists, we all love to eat. Keep your eyes open for new places to try.

See you in September!



**The Worship Committee**  
by Karen Link

The Worship Committee has enjoyed small projects for several observances so far this year. We provided a photo booth for Mother’s Day where families enjoyed getting fun photos with their moms. We also placed American flags at our main entrances on Memorial Day weekend. Father’s Day was celebrated by gifting each father attending services with a sweet treat. We look forward to other projects in the second half of our calendar.

Remember to check the flower calendar located at the side entrance to the sanctuary. If you have any questions about providing flowers for our services, please contact Lynn Greene in the church office at (864) 646-3355.

We join all of you in welcoming our new pastor and his family to PUMC.



**United Methodist Women**  
by Dougalyn Guthrie

Believing love in action can change the world, we have taken a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling in today’s world.

We are committed to even greater diversity, action, and impact.

We remain women of passion and power, united by God’s love in our mission to support women, children, and youth.

We are now...

United Women in Faith



United  
Women  
in Faith

**PEEPS**  
by Ashley Stancil

Dear PUMC,  
I hope everyone is staying cool in this heat and enjoying summer. We have been working hard to plan for what we know will be another wonderful year!! We are thankful to have this time to go into the next school year fully prepared. I have been in touch with Robert Crosby, the chief of police here in Pendleton, and he is going to coordinate some additional training for our staff. I want P.E.E.P.S. to be trained and educated on the proper procedures to keep our students and staff safe in case of an emergency. We will also hold our yearly CPR training for those employees who need that training updated.

Kaila McClure, one of our preschool teachers and a professional photographer, has volunteered to take headshots of our staff to update our website and give it a more polished look. We are always grateful to have her talents!!

I would like to give a huge thank you to all our staff and board members who work tirelessly to make this program a success. P.E.E.P.S. wouldn’t be what it is without every one of you!! Please pray for our staff and students and for a safe, educational, and Christ-centered year!! To new adventures...

Blessings,  
Ashley Stancil





### PARSONAGES

by Martha Jeffries

Where do pastors' families live? The pastor of Pendleton United Methodist Church has lived in a church-furnished house called a parsonage since the late 1800s. It has not been the same house, but the parsonage committee has worked to provide a clean comfortable house for their pastor.

Very early ministers were circuit riders. They traveled by horseback all week long to the various churches on their circuit. They stayed with church members during the week and when the circuit was finished, they traveled to their home to see their family and get fresh clothes. From 1873 to 1875 the Rev. John Finger served the circuit and lived on Highway 88.

The first record of a parsonage owned by the church was the house in the northwest corner where Mechanic Street crosses Main Street. This was purchased from Mrs. David Taylor, daughter of Zacharia Taliaferro, and a charter member of this church. Past records show in the 1887 quarterly conference the house and church building were valued at \$1,100.00. Later this house was sold, and a lot on the south side of Queen Street was purchased.



On this spacious lot, a very comfortable and substantial building was built as a home for the Methodist ministers of this Charge. Many pastors and families passed in and out the threshold there for a period of sixty-five years. This home was furnished and maintained by the members of the various churches of the Charge. A bathroom and equipment were installed in 1935 in the parsonage at a cost of \$465.00.

Shortly after Pendleton Church became a station church (a church that has its own pastor) the idea arose that a new parsonage should be built. In 1959 the building on Queen Street was sold, and a more modern brick home was erected. This parsonage was built on a lot that was willed to Pendleton Methodist Church by Mrs. J. W. Newton. The location was on the corner of Crenshaw and Greenville Street.



In October 1998 the Charge Conference of Pendleton United Methodist Church approved the purchase of a new parsonage located at 201 Sweetheart Nook off of Woodburn Road. The existing parsonage on Greenville Street was sold for \$42,000, and the new parsonage was purchased for \$62,000. Over the years, this bigger and newer parsonage has served our pastors' families well.

This information is in the 1834-1964 History of Pendleton Methodist Church written by Mrs. A. W. Hall, Mrs. W. M. Crenshaw, and Mrs. O. C. Foster. The new parsonage information is also found in the Archives Closet.



### Debt Relief!!

by Carol Burdette

I am constantly amazed by the generosity of PUMC, and the planning and execution of our recent Spring Brunch were no different. Thank you to the ladies that stepped up to host tables and decorated them beautifully. Thank you to the guys and girls who baked cakes for our dessert. Thank you to all who donated items for our "auction"!! A great big thanks to Karen Link and her sister, Kim Beck, for making the items look like an uptown boutique.

Thank you to Town Council Member, Sandra Gantt, for singing a beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace" and to Janet Dowis' daughter, Amy, for singing for us, especially helping us end on the beautiful note of "God Bless America." Thank you to the Pendleton Playhouse for allowing us to use Cox Hall once we realized that our Social Hall was not available, and the date was set! Thanks to Mayor Crenshaw for coming by to greet all the ladies!! Thank you to Abdul at the Village Bakery for the significant discount on our delicious chicken salad!

Lastly, the event WOULD NOT have happened without Jo McConnell – thank you for keeping me on track and doing so much to make our Spring Brunch a success – raising \$4,341.00 for debt relief! By the way, Myrtle enjoyed herself very much!





### “Let me tell you ‘bout my Jesus”

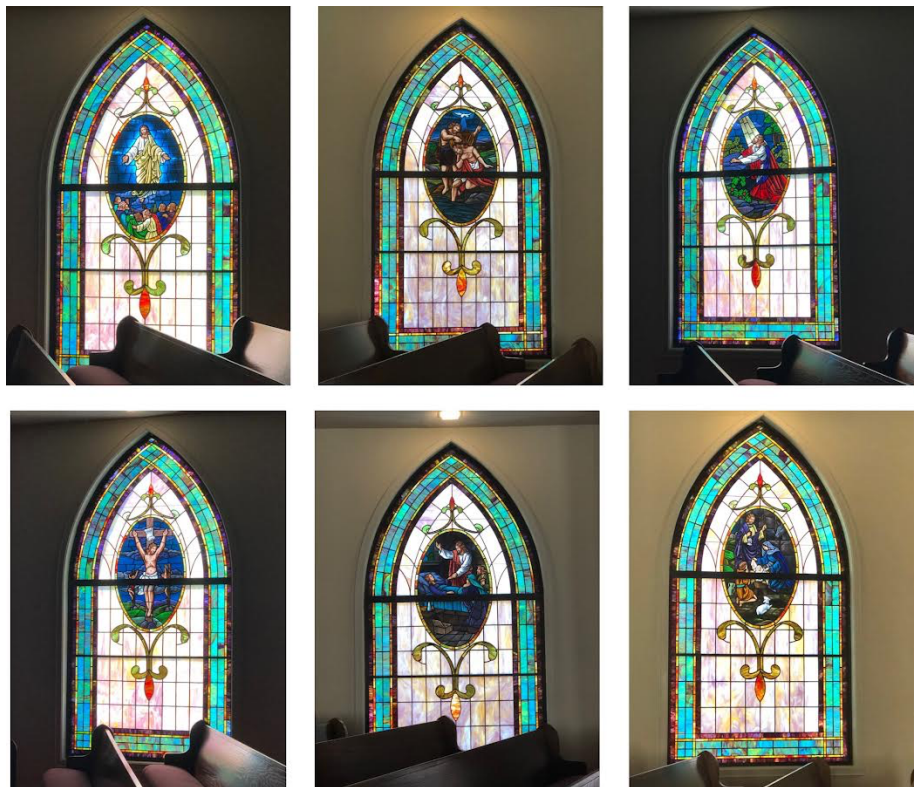
by April Haynes

You can’t help but notice the six large stained-glass windows that surround the sanctuary. Each of the windows tells the story of the life of Jesus from the cradle to the cross. The three windows on the street side of the sanctuary depict his birth, baptism, and the miracles he performed. The three windows on the cemetery side of the sanctuary depict the Garden of Gethsemane, the crucifixion, and the ascension. As I think about what the windows represent, I’m reminded of the following song lyrics:

He makes a way where there aint no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Aint no sinner that He can’t save  
Let me tell you ‘bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He’s done for me  
Let me tell you ‘bout my Jesus

(excerpt from “My Jesus” by Anne Wilson)

In writing this article, it occurred to me that activities in the sanctuary are what could be considered the “dash” between these stories of Jesus. Does your “walk in faith” reflect this dash? ... Let me tell you ‘bout my Jesus!



### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Evan Link

by Becky Hopkins

On most Sunday mornings, you will find Evan Link playing his electric guitar for the early service alongside his friends and mentors, Matt Havice, and Ian Ruff. “The band has come a long way,” says Evan. “I’m proud, very proud.”

We’re proud to have Evan as a member of PUMC. He is one of a strong group of young men who are involved in all aspects of the church’s ministries.

Evan serves as a trustee with another of his mentors, Bryan Greene. Evan is a member of Outreach, works with church BBQs and is willing to help with anything that needs his assistance. As you can see, he is a diligent worker and generous with his time.

During the week, Evan’s job is the Assistant Public Works Director for the Town of Pendleton. His wife is Lisa, and his beautiful children are Jake-16, Ava-11, and Adalyn-9.

When Evan isn’t working or at church, you might find him hunting, fishing, or painting. He paints fish on wood for gifts and occasionally sells them. He enjoys playing his guitar for pleasure.

Evan has been a member of PUMC for 18 years. His whole family goes to Pendleton United Methodist including his parents, Mike and Karen, and his grandmother, Wayne Link.

Lloyd White, a former PUMC pastor, encouraged Evan to come to our church, but the people are what drew him in. He says the best thing about PUMC is the people. Evan is proud of the fact that MJ Barrs joined PUMC at his encouragement. MJ is also part of the Praise Band.

When I asked Evan what he would change about PUMC, his response was, “Not much.” He said he would like to see more combined services and would like to see the Praise Band accompany the choir.

So maybe on a Sunday in the near future, we will see Evan and the Praise Band in the sanctuary accompanying the choir and the whole congregation!

Thanks, Evan, for all you do for our church!





**Helping Hands**  
by Cindi Long

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Safe Harbor project! We have an overflowing container of toiletries for these ladies. We are proud to help others. We are on vacation for the summer! Our next outing will be on Wednesday, August 17. Make plans now to join us for an evening of fun & fellowship. The location will be announced by August 1.



*I would like to thank you - my PUMC Family - for all the loving thoughts, calls, gifts, cards, notes, visits, food, and especially your prayers. I have truly felt God's love through all your thoughts and actions, and you have made my family and I feel truly blessed. I love you all, Dougalyn Guthrie*

**Outreach**  
by Cindi Long

A huge thank you to everyone who welcomed our P.E.E.P.S. families to our church service on March 27! What an awesome opportunity to reach out to these children.

October 2 will be our Fish Fry at PUMC! Tickets go on sale on September 1. This will be an event you don't want to miss.

We are planning to enter a PUMC scarecrow in the town of Pendleton's annual Scarecrow Contest in October! This will show the town who we are!

November 6 will be a great day for PUMC! We will celebrate Homecoming! Reverend Steve Pearson, one of our own, will be our guest speaker. We will have one service at 10:00 AM with lunch to follow. Please bring a full picnic basket!

# Vacation Bible School will be June 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 and July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 2!



**Congregational Life**  
Jo McConnell

Congregational Life organized and facilitated PUMC's annual Summer Picnic on May 22. Although originally scheduled for Barrett's Place, the high heat and threat of rain moved it to the Palmer Fellowship Hall. The Greene boys cooked the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs, and Congregational Life teams provided slaw, salad, baked beans, chips, desserts, and drinks. A highlight of the evening was a "roast" of Pastor Kim Strong and his wife Margo. Thanks to T.K. Page, Josh Runion, Bruce Kalley, Cindi Long and Pete McConnell for sharing memories, and Becky Oliver for appearing as "Rev. Kim"!!

Congregational Life has been busy touching the hearts of the families of deceased church members in the last six months. Meals have been served to the family of Mary Normanly, Grace Price, Teresa Brown, and Jack Guthrie. Both Davie and Ed Kirkley's services were followed by receptions for family and friends at their home. Special attention is paid to honor the lives of our deceased members with Congregational Life Teams providing food and hospitality. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

Our next scheduled event is Merry Thankmas on November 20, 2022. This covered-dish meal honors our pastor, his family and the PUMC staff. Details will be shared later.

If you would like to be part of Congregational Life, please let the church office know, and you will be placed on a team. It's a vital part of the ministry of our church. Thanks!