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This Week at PUMC (locations with a * denote an off-site function)

Sunday, August 14, 8:30am	Adult Bible Study Class	Resource Room
Sunday, August 14, 8:30 & 10am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary, WKKY Radio & Livestream on YouTube at 10am
Sunday, August 14, 11:15am	Christianity's Family Tree Study with Dr. Julie West	Resource Room
Sunday, August 14, 12pm—1pm	Connection Church	Parsons Hall
Sunday, August 14, 12pm—2pm	Iglesia Hispana Tabernaculo de Painesville	Chapel
Sunday, August 14, 2pm	Mike Gilkerson Funeral Service	Sanctuary
Monday, August 15, 6:45pm	BSA Troop 62	Parsons Hall
Tuesday, August 16, 6:30-8pm	Tuesday Night Bible Study	*Zoom
Tuesday, August 16, 7pm-9pm	Tabernaculo de Painesville	Chapel
Tuesday, August 16, 7:30pm— 9:30pm	AA	Parsons Hall
Wednesday, August 17, 7-9pm	Finance Committee Meeting	*Zoom
Wednesday, August 17, 7-9pm	Iglesia Hispana: Bible Institute	Resource Room
Thursday, August 18, 9am—12pm	Food Pantry	Atrium & *Home Delivery
Thursday, August 18, 12pm-4pm	Farmer's Market	*On the Square/Near Gazebo
Thursday, August 18, 2:30pm—3:30pm	Afternoon Prayer & Tea Time	Chapel
Thursday, August 18, 7pm—9pm	Tabernaculo de Painesville	Chapel
Thursday, August 18, 7:30pm—9pm	AA	Parsons Hall
Friday, August 19, 3:30pm-8pm	Grill on the Hill	Front of the Church
Friday, August 19, 7-9pm	Iglesia Hispana: Bible Institute	Resource Room
Saturday, August 20, 10am-2:30pm	PUMC at Soup Kitchen	*St. James Episcopal Church

Working on a Flood Bucket? When it's full, bring it back to the Sanctuary with the lid on! THANK YOU for your support of this incredible ministry opportunity!

****Donation Need of the Week****

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THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL

Dear Friends,

I have been captivated by The Return of the Prodigal (1663), one of the last paintings by the great Dutch painter Rembrandt. The painting came alive to me in the book by Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son, A Story of Homecoming*.

Of the parable and the painting, Nouwen writes, they “contain not only the heart of the story that God wants to tell me, but also the heart of the story that I want to tell God and God’s people. All of the Gospel is there. All of my life is there. All of the lives of my friends is there. The painting has become a mysterious window through which I can step into the Kingdom of God.”

When Nouwen first saw a reproduction of the painting, he could not take his eyes away. The mysterious light illuminating the scene, the deep red of the cloak, the golden yellow of the boy’s threadbare tunic, and the old man’s hands tenderly touching the boy’s shoulders moved Nouwen deeply.

Asked if he liked the painting, Nouwen stared and then stuttered, “It’s beautiful, more than beautiful ... it makes me want to cry and laugh at the same time ... I can’t tell you what I feel as I look at it, but it touches me deeply.”



Several years after this first encounter, Nouwen’s travels took him with friends to the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, where the original painting has been displayed since 1766 when Catherine the Great acquired the painting. Studying the painting for hours over a four-day period, Nouwen wrote: “I was stunned by its majestic beauty. It’s size, larger than life; its abundant reds, browns, and yellows; its shadowy recesses and bright foreground, but most of all the light-enveloped embrace of father and son surrounded by four mysterious bystanders, all of this gripped me with an intensity far beyond my anticipation.”

It is the Gospel story of a brash, self-confident, arrogant, careless young man losing everything his father had given him, then in desperation desiring more than anything else to return to his father’s house. It is the story of welcome and homecoming and reconciliation and forgiveness and restoration. It is also the story of cold jealousy and anger and judgment on the part of the elder brother. And it is the story of the father’s love, compassion, and heart for both his sons. It is the Gospel!

What a painting! What a story! Through it we can see the Gospel truth in all its drama and beauty as the Father’s light and love embrace us all. Let’s explore *The Return of the Prodigal* – and discover anew the amazing grace and truth of the Gospel. Over the next three weeks, let’s explore this painting and parable.

Excited to share this journey with you,

Pastor Jim

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Welcome and Announcements

**please stand as you are able when asterisk is noted*

Prelude “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” arr. Goss

Centering Words

No matter how long you have been away, return home to God who is the Waiting Father. No matter how far you have wandered, come home. In the arms of the Waiting Father, you will find grace, mercy, forgiveness, new life, agape love.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: From our wanderings and wonderings,
People: We are welcomed home by God.
 Leader: Lost on the highway or lost in the far country,
People: God longs for our return.
 Leader: Come home.
People: All are welcome here.

***Hymn of Praise** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” UMH #348

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Opening Prayer

Shepherding God, gather us into your presence, as we come to worship this day. Transform us into your presence, as we come to worship this day. Transform us into your people through the mighty power of your Spirit. Receive us home with your endless patience, that we may become instruments of mercy and grace to help others find their way home. In your mercy and grace we pray. Amen.

Children’s Time

State of the Church Report Stacey Rodgers & Joshua Strickland

Prayer Requests Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson Luke 15:11-20a NRSV

Message “The Younger Son and the Far Country” Pastor Jim Winkler

Offertory “Soliloquy” By Willan

***Doxology** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Dedication** “Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone” See Insert

***Sending Forth**

Leader: Found by God, **People: we go now to help others find their way.**
 Leader: Loved by Christ, **People: we go now to share Christ’s love with the world.**
 Leader: Blessed by the Spirit, **People: we go now to bless others with mercy and grace.**

Postlude “Amazing Grace” Keene

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

On the Square, Steeped in Prayer!

Prayer List: Roger Ackerman, Barb & Bob Alban, Chuck Asbury, Gail Brown, Donna Cain, Nancy Campbell, Joanne Carter, Terry “Tee” Castilyn, Caylee, Bob Coltrin, Cathy Colvin, Brett Dolan, Lee Donley, Ross Dorrell, Janice & Owen Edinger, Dick England, Grieg Farren, Becky Finnick, Vicki Firth, Glenn Gochneur & Family, Lois Griffin, Marlene Hach, Roger Haynes, Karen Hersman, Kevin Huff, Sylvia Hill, Colby Jerdon, Raymond Kenney, Lorne Kinsella, Lois (mother of Randy Boone), Brian Mather, Mayo (a friend of Karen Hersman’s), Kay Merchant, Tim Morse, Nicole (a friend of Julie’s), Phyllis Nixon, Felix Oleaga, Dorothy Oris, Leroy Perry, Erin Potter, Chip Richardson, John Sanders, Sarah Sharratta, Carolyn Shimskey, Polly Sidley, Wyatt Smith, Kathy Snowbrick, Joyce Takacs, Andy Thompson, Christine Trushel-Mann, Maxine Williams, Joy Wootton, Judy Zolkowski, Lois Zupon, all persons in the military and first responders, those suffering from addiction, illness, and chronic pain, and their care-givers, and prayers for our country and world. Continued prayers for Ukraine. Prayers for those suffering from natural disasters. **Prayers for those who have lost loved ones, including the family of Mike Gilkerson.**



The Altar Flowers
 are presented by:
Norah, Riley, and Maria Strickland

*In honor of Josh Strickland’s birthday.
 Have an amazing day!*

Prayer Shawls Needed!

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is running low on prayer shawls. If you’d like to help us provide more to those in need of a loving wrap of prayer, please feel free to crochet or knit a prayer shawl and bring it to the church office. We appreciate your time and talents in support of this ministry of love!

PUMC Events—Coming Soon:

August 21st & 22nd—last dates for Directory Photos!
 August 27th—Painesville Twp Family Fun Day—at the Lake County History Center—volunteers needed from 10am-4:30pm!
 September 11th—Flood Bucket Collection & Youth Group Delivery!
 October 16th—11:30am-1pm—Chili Cookoff! Stay tuned for details!

Fall Book Study Coming Soon!

Another Adam Hamilton original is coming to PUMC this fall! We’ll be study “Words of Life” in a small group setting and invite YOU to join us! We’re looking for 6-10 small group hosts to meet once a week. This hardcover book is \$18.99 and will be available for a suggested donation of \$15.

August 7th Attendance & Offerings

Worship at 8:30: 34
 Worship at 10:00: 105
 YouTube Channel 68

Offerings & Online Giving Summary

Total \$ 13,725
 Operating Fund \$ 9850
 Food Pantry \$ 430
 Building Fund \$ 1852
 Flood Bucket Funds \$ 650



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Happy Birthday!

August 14—Ella Benson
August 16—Joshua Strickland
August 17—Mary Ann Sanders
August 17—Ian Taylor
August 17—Bobbie Williams
August 20—Bob Hearn

This week’s Friend of the Week:

Chuck Topfer
7739 Garfield Road
Mentor, OH 44060



A card for our Friend of the Week is available for you to sign in the Circle Room each week—or you are welcome to send mail directly!

Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please let us know you’re here by filling out our connection card. We invite you to share your prayer requests with us as well and drop this into the offering plate. Have a blessed week!

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone – lyrics

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
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My chains are gone, I've been set free
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Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Louie Giglio

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