



THE GLEANER

AS A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, IT IS OUR MISSION TO PROVIDE WITNESS AND SERVICE TO ALL THROUGH GOD'S POWER AND GRACE.

JANUARY 2026
REV. KARYN DIX

happy new year

As we prepare for the new year, let's circle back to the congregational reflection activity we did last summer. We passed out our Disciples of Christ Identity, Vision, and Mission statements and asked attendees in church that day to underline the words or phrases that most resonated with them. See the results of our Identity statement below with the larger text representing the frequency of underlining by each congregant.

From the very beginning of our denomination, we have committed to focusing on what we all have in common versus what divides us. In that spirit through the upcoming year, let's continue exploring how we can put our collective sense of identity as a church family into action. Happy New Year!

Our Identity:

We are **Disciples** of Christ, a movement for **wholeness** in a **fragmented world**. As part of the one body of Christ, we **Welcome all** to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Office Hours.....9 am to 2 pm
Monday-Thursday
Adult Sunday School Time.....8:45 am
Sunday Worship Time10:00 am
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2026-2027 Education Scholarship

Applications are Available

Are you a current member of the Pendleton First Christian Church of Pendleton?

Are you a high school graduate, college student, or a trade school student?

Anyone interested in applying for the First Christian Church of Pendleton Education Scholarship may pickup an application in the office.

Applicant must submit a copy of their current transcript/grade report with the application.

Applicant must deliver, or mail, completed application form and required materials to:

First Christian Church of Pendleton, 215 N Main Street, Pendleton OR 97801, by February 15, 2026.

Applicants will be notified by letter by May 15, 2026.

Any Questions? Call Jodi Mascall 541-377-3572



Congregational Meeting



There will be a congregational meeting on January 18th as part of worship.

This will be to vote on the 2026 church leadership and budget.

Join us for a potluck after worship!

Sanctuary Flowers



In the spirit of newness, we are trying something different with flowers for the sanctuary.

If you have a special anniversary or event that you would like flowers for, please contact Buttercup Barley to order the size and style of your choosing. Your flowers will be displayed on the baptistry.

Gingerbread Party!



Thank You!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Judy Malcolm for quilting a beautiful piano backing and for creating the new covering for our Advent communion table.

Judy's creativity, care, and dedication add warmth and beauty to our worship space, and we are deeply grateful for her generous gifts.





Ladies Craft Group

Come join the women to scrapbook, make cards, and other fun craft projects in the fellowship hall beginning at 9:00 am. This month, the fellowship hall will be open on January 10 and January 24 for crafting.

Women's Tuesday Morning Coffee

Come to Buckin' Bean on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am for coffee, conversation, and laughter!

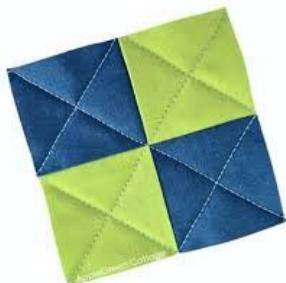


Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

CWF will meet on January 14th for study and fellowship.

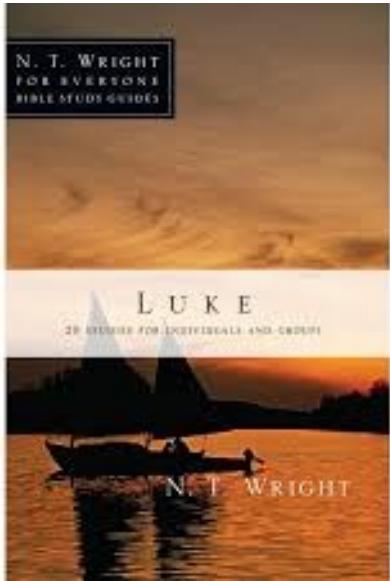
Adult Sunday School — Two Options

- 1) Sundays at 9:00 with Ron upstairs in the library.
- 2) Sundays at 8:45 am with Pastor Karyn in the meeting room next to the office.



Faithful Comfort Crafters

FCC is meeting on January 2 and January 16.



Thursday Happy Hour Bible Study at Hamley's

Happy Hour Bible Study is back! Every Thursday at 4pm (3:30 is social time) we will begin our study.

On January 8th we will begin studying the Gospel of Luke. There are study guides available, but they are not necessary. And you can join any week as you are able.



Children's Church

January 4 (Debbie)

January 11 (Joy)

January 18 (Laura)





Tina Durrett	January 14th
Sam Pambrun	January 16th
Tod Case	January 18th
Amanda Dumond	January 20th
Felicia Obornik	January 22nd

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ANNIVERSARY

Kent and Val Fisher

January 19, 1984

Celebrating 42 years of Marriage

Ernie and Amanda Dumond

January 1, 1997

Celebrating 29 years of Marriage

Prayers for Taiwan

Dear God, we give thanks for the congregations and institutions of our partner in Taiwan, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, and for the communities where people gather to care for one another in times of joy and in seasons of hardship. We thank you for the courage shown amid typhoons, earthquakes, and uncertainty, and for all who labor to bring comfort, repair, and hope.

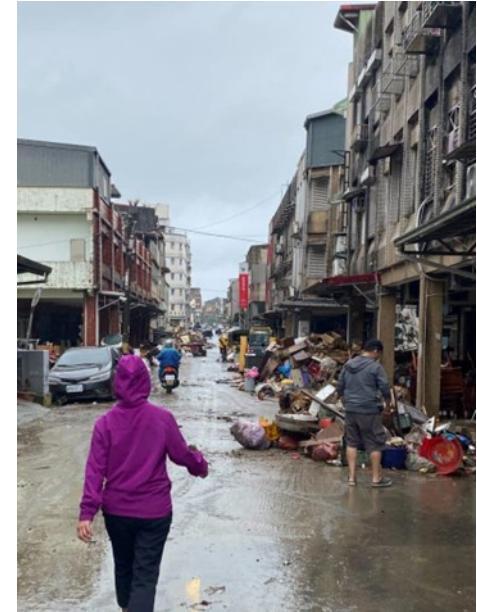
We lift up the pastors, elders, and members of the PCT, especially those in Hualien and other regions severely impacted by disasters. Strengthen their ministries of presence, healing, and rebuilding. Bless the students and teachers of Yushan Theological Seminary and the Indigenous communities who bear heavy burdens. May your Spirit deepen our partnership, that together we may embody compassion, justice, and resilience.

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mission Moment from Indonesia

Taiwan has endured repeated natural disasters this year. Typhoon Fung-wong displaced thousands in early November, bringing record flooding to Yilan and Hualien only weeks after Super Typhoon Ragasa claimed 18 lives.

Facing a warming Pacific and its position along the Ring of Fire, Taiwan lives with the twin vulnerabilities of powerful storms and frequent seismic activity. In April 2024, a 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck near Hualien—the island's strongest in 25 years—causing widespread damage, multiple deaths, and leaving many communities isolated.



Amid these crises, our partners in the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) have been both victims and first responders. Rev. William Lin, Programme Secretary for Church and Society, quickly traveled to Hualien to listen to affected pastors and families, including Indigenous communities who suffered tragic losses. Several churches and village centers were damaged, and Yushan Theological Seminary in the mountains sustained serious structural cracks, though faculty and students remained safe.

Yet Taiwan's vulnerability is not only environmental. Ongoing geopolitical pressure and diplomatic isolation heighten the island's sense of precarity. In this context, the long-standing ecumenical relationship between the UCC, the Disciples, and the PCT is an avenue for accompaniment and solidarity. In late 2024 Global Ministries co-Executive Rev. Sharon Prestemon visited the PCT with the East Asia and Pacific Global Relations Minister to express our commitment to walk with the people of Taiwan amid its many challenges.

Prayer and Mission Moment written by Derek Duncan Global Relations Minister for East Asia and the Pacific Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ

JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Pastor Karyn on Vacation						
● 10am Food Basket Sunday		● 9am Women's Coffee Buckin'	● 8:30am TOPS meeting	● 6:30pm Worship Team Practice	● 9am Faithful Comfort Crafters	
● 11:15am Elders Meeting						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
● 8:45am Adult Sunday School		● 9am Women's Coffee Buckin'	● 8:30am TOPS meeting	● 4pm Happy Hour Bible Study	● 9am Craft Group Fellowship H	
● 10am Worship				● 6:30pm Worship Team Practice		
● 11am Board Meeting						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
● 8:45am Adult Sunday School		● 9am Women's Coffee Buckin'	● 8:30am TOPS meeting	● 4pm Happy Hour Bible Study	● 9am Faithful Comfort Crafters	
● 10am Worship			● 10am CWF	● 6:30pm Worship Team Practice		
● 11am Board Meeting						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
● 8:45am Adult Sunday School		● 9am Women's Coffee Buckin'	● 8:30am TOPS meeting	● 4pm Happy Hour Bible Study	● 9am Craft Group Fellowship H	
● 10am Worship			● 5:30pm Board Meeting	● 6:30pm Worship Team Practice		
● 10:30am Congregational Meet						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
● 8:45am Adult Sunday School	● 5pm Special Needs Families C	● 9am Women's Coffee Buckin'	● 8:30am TOPS meeting	● 4pm Happy Hour Bible Study	● 6:30pm Worship Team Practice	
● 10am Food Basket Sunday						
● 10am Worship						

Karyn's Kwips

As the world prepares to say Happy New Years, as a pastor I want to wish you a Merry Christmas!!

I know that outside the church, Christmas is over. People have moved on to New Year's resolutions and daily life. But in the church, we have just begun the season of Christmas. We know that Christmas is more than a single day set aside for remembering, celebrating, spending time with family and friends, and gift giving. We know that Christmas celebrates the day that God began something new in our world. And so, we hold onto the moment. We celebrate the season of Christmas until January 6th.

Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, in a different way. For those who were looking, everything changed on that day. They knew that the world would never be the same. They didn't fully understand how, but they knew that they were being invited to be part of it.

This new thing that God was doing wasn't just for the Jewish people of the time. The new thing God was doing was for the whole world. On January 6th, we end the Christmas season when we celebrate the day that the Magi visited. The Magi, religious people from a different land, came because they understood that they were being invited to be part of this new thing God was doing in the world.

Jesus, fully divine and fully human, began the new thing God was doing. Jesus, through his life and ministry, demonstrated God's dreams for the world. Jesus taught people how to live a different way. A way that was radically different than the world around them lived. Societal standards were judgmental and unforgiving. Jesus lived a life of compassion and mercy, a life of forgiveness and inclusion. And Jesus invited people to live their lives the same way. Jesus' teachings give us the road map for how to live our lives and be part of what God is doing in the world.

Every year during the Christmas season, I take time to reflect on that invitation. I look around my community. I look in my heart. And I ask myself what new way of being is Jesus inviting me into this year. Where am I being called to be more compassionate? More forgiving? More Inclusive?

I invite you to join me in this reflection. Instead of the usual New Year's resolutions, look into your heart and see what new way Jesus is inviting you to live this year.

See you in church,
Pastor Karyn