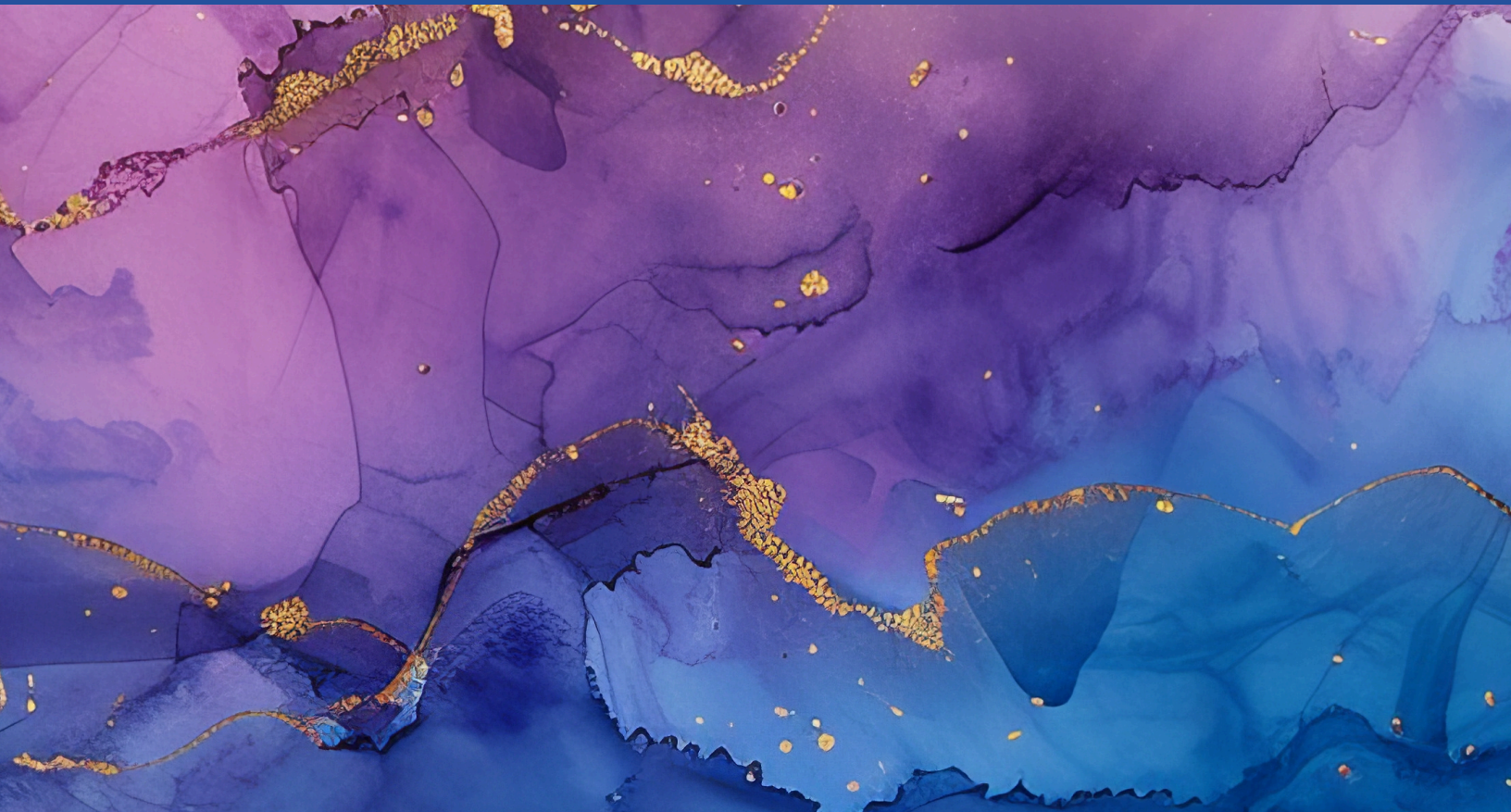




PCC NOW

Pentecostal Church of Christ- Cleveland
Bishop Derrick M. Hanna, Senior Pastor



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Happy New Year! It is a joy to begin the year with a positive outlook. To some people, 2024 was devastating. However, we choose to trust God and recognize that all things work together for the good of us all. The Pentecostal Church of Christ remains a church that cares about the word of God, family, worship and prayer. The challenges we saw over the last several years made us aware of God's grace, protection, and our faith in Him. In today's world, the church sees opposition, nonetheless we must remain dedicated to teaching the scripture. We

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some who contest scripture. There is a serious threat when someone misinterprets the scripture to fit in today's world. As a child, I heard the older saints say, "Each generation gets wiser but weaker." I am not sure where this saying came from, but it seemed powerful because of the conviction in their voice. When we look at the world, their words manifested through several generations. What are the church's principles? How can we maintain our position from a scriptural position?

I cement myself in scripture. I learned years ago not to allow "The Culture" to interpret scripture. The danger with allowing the culture to translate the Holy Text lies in this one thing, the age change and God's word, which is Jesus, will never change. Jesus is still the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. I parrot Paul the apostle in Romans 12:1, which gives us the baseline on how to live in an ever-changing world. We should live like Jesus as a sacrifice that is separated unto God which is our spiritual duty. The way we live gives us a basis for how we carry ourselves as well as protect who we are. As we approach our pilgrimage through life, Paul encourages us in Romans 12:2 not to be influenced or apprehended by the world. It is easy to divorce yourself from the disciplines of the scriptures. At times, your nature wants to answer the sin that calls constantly. The transformation of our mind gives us a greater understanding of God's will in our life. If we change our mind to a Christ mindset, and reinforce our principles in our daily walk, we will live for God with purpose. In 2025, LIVE ON PURPOSE!

-Bishop Derrick M. Hanna, Senior Pastor

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Three Months of Restoration Progress Before Winter

Each Sunday at PCC, a small wooden Chest is opened during the offering portion of the service. All monies people bring to the box goes to restoration projects. This refers to II Kings 12: 9-10.

Then Jehoiada the priest bored a hole in the lid of a large chest and set it on the right-hand side of the altar at the entrance of the Temple of the LORD. The priests put all of the people's contributions into the chest.

Whenever the chest became full, the court secretary and the high priest counted the money that had been brought to the LORD's Temple and put it into bags.

So, when the saints had given a nice pot of money, it was time to call our contractors in to work on this 100+ year old sanctuary which was built as the Fourth Church of Christ Scientist. As everyone knows, restoration work means looking deeply into the core of a problem.

And when you look you SEE. It has been said that this kind of work is like opening a can of worms. Fortunately, our contractors know unexpected issues are revealed and they know how to deal with it!

So before more winter and weather damage, these projects began in the Autumn of 2024. These entailed the SW entrance, the end of the retaining wall, the covering over the coal/boiler room, AND the add-on job: the hedgeroots destroyed, crumbling retaining wall. Each area was tackled with professionalism and care far beyond contract expectations.

“Then they gave the money to the construction supervisors, who used it to pay the people working on the LORD’s Temple—the carpenters, the builders, the masons, and the stonecutters. They also used the money to buy timber and cut stone for repairing the LORD’s Temple, and they paid any other expenses related to the Temple’s restoration.” - 2 Kings 12:11-12

Three Months of Restoration Progress Before Winter (CONT)

Our terracotta has no more holes and crumbling cracks.
Tortured, unpainted wood frames are smiling again with their red coats.
The end of the retaining wall now looks like a tiny church house.
The areas between bricks are no longer Swiss cheese lookalikes.

The weathered, eroded, root-tortured, dust zone that was once a wall now stands strong and proud.

Our bombed-out cover over the boiler room is now a jetway. Even better the coal room and boiler room floor are DRY-DRY-DRY for the first time in over half a century!!!! And another coat coming...

2 Kings 12:15 states, *"No accounting was required from the construction supervisors, because they were honest and faithful workers."*

Do not think for a minute that the added touches and the extra mile taken by our contractors to restore this house of worship was not noticed. It brings tears to our eyes.

They are artisans and masters at their craft! God has noted their work and protected them as well as the gifts and skills they offered.

2 Chronicles 24:13 summarizes the end product:

So the men in charge of the renovation worked hard, and they made steady progress. They restored the Temple of God according to its original design and strengthened it.

Many thanks our pastoral leadership, our givers and the men who labored. God bless you all!

FINANCIAL REPAIRS UPDATE

SW Entrance Exterior Masonry Repairs |\$62,000| Paid in full

Damaged S Retaining Wall Repair |\$3,200| Paid in full

Emergency Masonry Wall Replacement|\$3,000| Paid in full

Coal room/Boiler Room Deck Repairs|\$58,850| \$40,250 due

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

SHOE DRIVE

Remember that shoes benefit our men and women in Cleveland in need of shoes as well as families running micro businesses in developing countries. Pentecostal Church of Christ also benefits from collecting the shoes and those proceeds all go to church repairs and restoration.

Please, continue to bring in footwear from men, women, boys, and girls and take them to the Mezzanine level for processing. Thank you. Your donations MATTER! We have now collected 2,200 pairs of shoes since June and are looking for another 2,200 pairs.

Thank You, Pentecostal Church of Christ!

PCC ENDOWMENT FUND

Our application has been accepted and the final legal submissions will be completed within the month.

Some members have already made arrangements with their financial advisors or insurance providers for a legacy gift to the church. Thank you.

More information is forthcoming. Feel free to speak to leadership or a PCC Board Member for more clarification.

ANGEL TREE GIVING SERVES 130 CHILDREN THIS YEAR

On Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 the Angel Tree distribution party was held. At the same event, a coat drive was held providing new winter coats to children. Many, many, many thanks to the persons who gave to the Angel Tree Project. 130 children were blessed this Christmas because of your outpouring of LOVE.

This is a reflection of the LOVE God provides for all of us. To those who gave and volunteered to make the event a blessing, thank you!! Your outreach was not in vain.



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

PCC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

In 2025, PCC thanks God for blessing HIS church with special milestones. This church will celebrate its 90th Anniversary and the Scholarship Foundation celebrates its 60th year.

In Feb 1962, Elder Charles Watkins and his family arrived in Cleveland from Texas to pastor the Pentecostal Church of Christ. By 1965, a Scholarship Committee, started by Elder Watkins, had already raised monies and awarded its first scholarships of \$100 each to Brenda Rainey and Lester Hilliard. Sister Pearline Wilson was the president and the committee consisted of Ramona Booker, Minnie Boykins, Helen Hightower, Elizabeth Adams, Delores Davison, Gladys McCutchen, Bobbette Morrow, Edith Sevier, Elizabeth Cawthorne, William Rainey, Fannie Rainey and Maxine McCall.

Among other sources, the committee raised monies rendering concerts and dramatic productions under the direction of the pastor.

A statement released by the Scholarship Committee in 1972 states,

“Our day and age require the type of God-fearing men and women who will discover ways of influencing the indifferent masses. Our age requires men and women who are able to weave the thread of human understanding in the avenues of family-living, professional venture, and even in the natural communities of life and various institutions. All of us must contribute together in this immense work. And this Scholarship Fund Committee will not have been organized in vain-for the committee’s worth to the church will be invaluable.”

It is now 2025 and to this statement, we say AMEN!

THE CHEST

12 month total (Nov 2022-Oct 2023):

\$28,949.89

12 month total (Nov 2023-Oct 2024):

\$77,168.18

November 2024 total: \$2,638.70

December 2024 total: \$1,444.49

Given to the Platform Project

(Nov):\$2,810.00

Given to the Platform Project (Dec):\$

1,240.00



TEMPLE OBSERVATIONS

JAN-MARCH
2025

ANNUAL CONSECRATION & REVIVAL

During the month of January, members of PCC are encouraged to consecrate ourselves to God. What does it mean to consecrate? It means to devote yourself to the Lord. This can be done by giving up something. While we consecrate, we will look to God for His direction in 2025. If you have unanswered prayers from God, need direction in your life, or just want to start the year off by having a closer relationship with Him, then this is just for you.

Additionally, we will have revival services each Wednesday throughout January, starting at 7 p.m. To learn more, visit our "EVENTS+" page at pcccleveland.com

ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Church Meeting, which will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00pm in the temple. Come and let us hear the heart of our leaders as they share with us the vision for this house!

<p>UPCOMING NEW MEMBER'S CLASSES</p> <p>If you are a new member at PCC, we invite you to join us for our New Member's classes which will take place in the conference room of the lower auditorium on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan. 26• Feb. 9• Feb. 23• March 9• March 23	<p>UPCOMING CHILDREN'S CHURCH</p> <p>Children's Church is a time when children, ages 3-12, will learn about God, and the Bible, and interact with each other in a fun and safe learning environment.</p> <p>Upcoming service dates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan. 26• Feb. 23• March 23	<p>UPCOMING KING OF KINGS CHESS ASSEMBLY DATES</p> <p>The PCC King of Kings Chess Assembly invites everyone to learn and engage in the game of chess. The next gatherings will take place at Beachwood Place (inside the mall near the Nordstrom entrance) on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan. 25• Feb. 22• March 22.
<p>UPCOMING MEN AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIPS</p> <p>The next Men of Valor and Women of G.R.A.C.E fellowships sessions will be held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feb. 15• March 15	<p>UPCOMING YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT TABLE TALKS</p> <p>The next PCC Youth and Young Adult Table Talks will take place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feb. 19• March 19	<p>WOMEN & YOUTH MENTORS NEEDED</p> <p>The Women of G.R.A.C.E ministry is seeking potential mentors for PCC's L.I.V.E. ("Live in Victory Everyday") and G.I.R.L.S (Growing in Real-Life Situations) programs. Please visit pcccleveland.com for more information.</p>

TEMPLE OBSERVATIONS (CONT.)

JANUARY-MARCH 2025



CALL FOR PRAISE DANCERS

Pentecostal Church of Christ is looking for praise dancers. If you are interested, contact the church office at (216) 721-5934 or email info@pcccleveland.org.

ASSIST WITH *PCC NOW*

Do you enjoy writing, editing or designing? We're looking for congregation members to assist with our monthly church newsletter.

If you're interested in contributing, please contact pccnowcleveland@gmail.com

STAY CONNECTED WITH US

Please stay connected to PCC via the church website (www.pcccleveland.com) and the monthly *PCC Now* Newsletter. The monthly newsletter is also available in the Hall of Pastors or via the QR code inside the front cover of the Hymnal.

Please remember to like and follow PCC's Facebook Page! Also, there is a PCC Next Gen Facebook page that you can like and follow!



STAY UP TO DATE WITH US! VISIT WWW.PCCCLEVELAND.COM

5 Encouraging Scriptures for January-March

~Isaiah 43:18-19

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

~2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

~1 John 4:7-8

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

~Psalm 73:26

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: But God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.

~Isaiah 40:31

31 but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.

Prayer Corner

Mother Clarice Craig-Mavec

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 1:6 ESV

God of Heaven and every place you have created, we pray with confidence in your sovereignty, power, wisdom and truth. Thank you for your presence, salvation, mercy and grace that allows us to pray boldly in the matchless name of Jesus Christ! We confess that we are sinners, saved because of Jesus' finished work and repent often to be renewed daily.

As we begin another year in your mercy God, lead us to have lives full of characteristics that prove our relationship with you. Continue the work you have begun in us individually and collectively as a community of faith. Please grow us in love, forgiveness towards others, right desires, hope, joy, peace, generosity, truth, faith, discipline, commitment and discernment. We want to hear you and obey you, Father. We worship you, the only one true living God who is soon to come. In Jesus' name.
Amen

Fitness & Nutrition

Pampered Chef -Rumae Watkins-Clark (Independent Consultant)

"Pampered Chef is a multinational multi-level marketing company that offers a line of kitchen tools, food products, and cookbooks for preparing food in the home." - via Google

Phone: 216.256.3610

Email: roomawe@gmail.com

USANA- Darran Blount (USANA Affiliate)

"USANA is internationally recognized for high-quality, science-based nutritional supplements, healthy foods, personal care products, and skincare products."

Phone: 216.339.1407

Website: <http://2610690.usana.com/>

Banking and Finances

Primerica- Barbara Jackson

For over 40 years, this financial services company has offered assistance with insurance, investments and other financial needs.

Phone: 216.397.3144

Email: bjackson.xlsa5@primerica.com

Be Your Own Bank- Lila Starr Gordon

The greatest economic empowerment in the world.

Phone: 216.401.9783

Email: lilasgordon1@gmail.com

American National- Regina Lewis

"American National offers personalized insurance coverage for life, home, business, auto and much more."

Phone: 216.253.4879

Email: regina.lewis@american-national.com

FCS Financial & Computer Services- Bernadette Montgomery

Financial Consultant, Tax Prep, & Notary

Phone: 216.965.1973

Email: fin_computer_svc@yahoo.com

Healthcare and Social Assistance

Care After Pandemic Virus Resources LLC- Danita C. Craven-Davis

Specializing in Home Health, this private agency offers CPR & First Aid training.

Phone: 216609.5630

Email: dirtyred07@icloud.com

Torre Says Real Estate Agency- Torre Escott

Home-buying made simple

Phone: 216.200.6930

Business Corner

Do you have a small business that you'd like us to promote? Email **PCC NOW** at pccnowcleveland@gmail.com to be included in next month's issue.

Gigis Home Childcare- Jodie Clark

Childcare services offering full-time and part-time childcare and babysitting for infants and toddlers.

Phone: 440.673.8788

Instagram: @jojoschildcare_

ACN- Lila Starr Gordon

Residential & Business Services

Phone: 216.401.9783

Email: lilasgordon1@gmail.com

Fashion and Beauty

Mary Kay- Josephine Redrick (Independent Beauty Consultant) | Patricia Coleman

Cosmetics and skincare products

Phone: 216.406.5488 | 216.356.9642

Email: redrickjojo@gmail.com | patriciacoleman815@gmail.com

Diary of Queen Esther- Shelena Racquel (Style Consultant)

Homemade salts, body butter & fashion collection

Phone: 216.990.3841

Website: www.diaryofqueenesther.com

Marketing and Communications

Now U See iT- Dante Alston

Marketing, Branding, Consulting

Phone: 440.552.8346

Email: nowiseeit23@gmail.com

Website: <https://m.facebook.com/100054311749912/>

Residential Services

G and J Cleaning Services-Greg and Jennifer Clayton

Try Us Now | No Regrets Later

Email: gandjcleaningsrv@yahoo.com

Phone: 216-533-4498 | 216-556-1709

Automotive Services

Enterprise Car Sales- Mike Catania

Car Sales Associate

Phone: 440.735.2030

8 Facts for Black History Month

- **Origins of Black History Month:** Black History Month began as "Negro History Week" in 1926, created by historian Carter G. Woodson. It was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1976, during the U.S. Bicentennial, by President Gerald Ford.
- **Carter G. Woodson's Legacy:** Woodson, often called the "Father of Black History," founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in 1915. He advocated for the study and celebration of African American history, which was largely ignored in mainstream education.
- **The Harlem Renaissance:** The Harlem Renaissance, a cultural, social, and artistic explosion in the 1920s, celebrated African American culture. Artists, writers, musicians, and intellectuals like Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, and Duke Ellington became prominent figures during this period.
- **The Civil Rights Movement:** Black History Month highlights the major role played by African Americans in the Civil Rights Movement, especially leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, and many unsung heroes who fought for equal rights in the 1950s and 1960s.
- **The First Black U.S. Senator:** Hiram Rhodes Revels became the first African American U.S. senator in 1870, representing Mississippi during Reconstruction. His election was a symbol of the brief period of political empowerment for Black Americans after the Civil War.
- **Thurgood Marshall:** Thurgood Marshall became the first African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice in 1967. Before his appointment, he had been a leading lawyer in the fight for civil rights, including his role in arguing the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* case.
- **Black Inventors and Innovators:** Many African Americans have made important contributions to science, technology, and invention. For example, George Washington Carver developed hundreds of uses for peanuts, and Garrett Morgan invented the traffic signal and a safety hood that would later inspire modern gas masks.
- **The Role of Black Women:** Black women have been at the forefront of social change. Figures like Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, and Ella Baker played crucial roles in abolition, women's suffrage, and the civil rights movement. Their contributions continue to shape American society today.

“If there is no struggle, there is no progress.” - Frederick Douglass

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Sam Ali	Damaris Hilbert	Carletha Walker
Wilma Braxton	Edwina Johnson	Derrick Wilson
Essie Cottingham	Gwendolyn Rush	Dori Winn
Cedric Griggs, II	MaShonn Sullivan	Derrick Swoope
Jasmine High	Marian Summers	

FEBRUARY

Rosemary Bonner	Bishop Derrick Hanna	Brianna Smith
Jerry Brown	Michael Holloway	Hayward Smith, III
Bishop Benjamin Douglass	Amber Howard	Raneeka Starling-Young
Raymond Fomby	Ceciley Jones	Kathleen Swoope
Nikaeda Griffie	Ruby Pippen	
Cynthia Hairston	James Quinn	

MARCH

Denise Comer	Harry Johnson	Tristen Smith
Lauren Conway	Regina Lewis	Caldonia Stephany
David Cottingham	Michael Mays	Stacie Taylor
Danita Craven	Ruby Ming	Rumae Watkins-Clark
Tee-Tee Donnie	Jenine Paige-Harris	Natasha Watts
Octavia Givens	Cathy Pope	Bishop Roy Wilson
Lila Gordon	Curtis Ramsey	Shirley Wilson
Mattie Pearl Hardy	Lillian Robinson	Brenda Wright
Barbara Jackson	London Robinson	

Wishing a happy birthday to all of those celebrating throughout the months of January, February and March.

Weekly Prayer Times

Monday Evenings- 7PM
Wednesday Mornings- 7AM
1st Saturday of each month- 12PM

Conference Call Number
516-597-9820

For more information, contact:
Sister Phorfina Wade (Call Moderator),
Elder Dyna Richardson (Prayer Lead
Scheduler), or Overseer Dennis Grant.

“In the Word” Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings - 7PM

Join us for our weekly bible study on
Wednesdays, starting at 7 p.m. We look
forward to seeing you! You can also view
Bible Study via the church’s YouTube
channel or the PCC Facebook page.

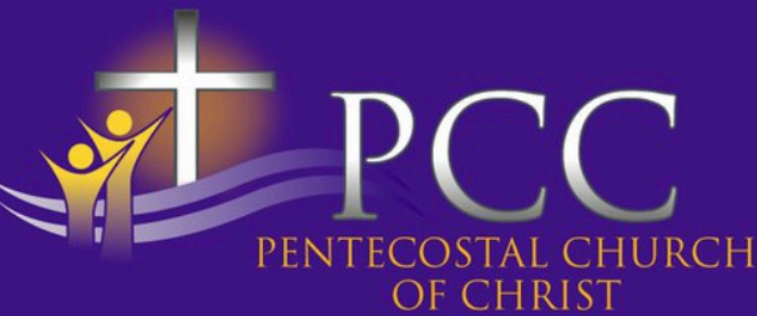
Music Ministry Rehearsal

Thursday Evenings - 7PM

For those interested in participating in the
music ministry (i.e. the choir and praise
teams), please join us for weekly
rehearsals.

The Doorkeepers Ministry

Every first Saturday morning - 9:30AM
For those who are interested in joining
the Usher's Board, you may speak to
Sister Sonia Stinson.



Our Weekly Calendar

Watch & Worship

Sundays at 10 AM



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD

Starts at 7 PM



GIVING OPTIONS

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GIVE BY MAIL: 10515 CHESTER AVE.
CLEVELAND, OH 44106

TEXT TO GIVE: 216-208-6880

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