



Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church

Pentecost — the birthday of the church, the celebration of the arrival of the Holy Spirit, the 50th day after Easter — will be on May 31. This year’s season of Easter has been an unusual one, and how strange it will be to celebrate Pentecost in our individual homes. Yet, it is the presence of the Holy Spirit resting upon each believer, as observed at Pentecost, which sustains us as a church during this time of separation. May the Holy Spirit continue to move in our midst, and may we fan the flames of the Spirit to keep us “rooted in faith, growing in love.”

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:4)



Update on Church Response to COVID-19

all in-person church activities and services remain suspended until further notice

In accordance with DHEC guidelines, we are planning to observe full social distancing through May 2020. Church Council will meet in early June via video conference to re-evaluate. In the meantime, we will continue offering **on-line worship** on Sunday mornings, **Bible study** on Wednesday nights, and **other opportunities for faith formation and connection**. Thank you for continuing to give to our church offering, so that the work of the church may continue as much as possible.

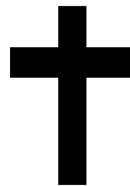
Blood Drive Meets Goal



Thank you to all our generous blood donors from the church and the community for your response to our Blood Drive on Sunday, May 17. We exceeded the goal and collected 26 units of whole blood! The Blood Connection said "this was a very successful blood drive." Thank you for giving the gift of life!

Hands On Mission Team Builds Another Ramp

The Hands On Mission team recently completed another ramp project for some residents of Pendleton, giving a gift of access to mobility. The Missions Committee authorized the purchase of supplies from the Hands On Mission fund, and labor was supplied by the Hands On Mission team. Nice job!



Meals on Wheels Is Providing Meals for Seniors in Pendleton

The parking lot of First Baptist Church of Pendleton is the site of a food distribution program offered through Meals on Wheels of Anderson, Southern Way Catering, and private donors. This is part of a six-week initiative continuing through June 2. They are distributing meals at **First Baptist Church of Pendleton on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**. No reservations or sign-ups are required; see below for the easy requirements to participate.

Requirements include:

- Must be a senior citizen (60+) or taking the meal to a senior citizen and be a resident of Anderson County
- Must provide name, address, and phone number at pick-up
- Only two meal packs allowed per car (10 individual meals)
- Individuals are only permitted one pick-up per week
- Each individual must show a state-issued ID. If you are picking up a meal for a senior resident, please have their ID with you

Graduate Recognition

We honored our graduates as part of our online worship service on Sunday, May 17. You can watch the worship service and the special graduate recognition video at fbcpendleton.org. Graduation gifts from the church have been delivered to our graduates. We bless you and wish you all the best! Congratulations!



Emily Navin will graduate from Clemson University with a Master of Education in Teaching and Learning. Next year, she will be teaching high school biology at Powdersville High School.

Claire and Courtney Calvert will graduate from Pendleton High School. They each plan to attend Tri-County Technical College for two years. Claire plans to go on to Lander University and then to Clemson University to study nursing.



Tyler Westmoreland will graduate from Seneca High School. He plans to attend the University of South Carolina and major in aerospace engineering.

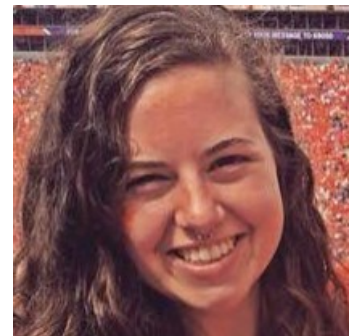


Marlena Dixon graduated from Tri-County Technical College in December 2019 with an Associate Degree in Nursing. She is currently working in the operating room at AnMed, while continuing her studies in nursing at Anderson University.



Madison Kotewa will graduate from Tri-County Technical College with an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. She will continue her studies in elementary education at Anderson University.

Ali Willoughby graduated from Clemson University in December 2019 with a Bachelor Degree in Psychology. She now lives in Baltimore, where she is serving a term with Americorps.



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Deacons for 2019-2020 Church Year · Updated March 2020

Please note that neither Rev. Cara Morgan nor Rev. Chris Cottingham are Deacons; they are filling vacated positions on a temporary basis.

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