



Invitation to Prayer

We at FBCP have spent 2 years navigating the waters of writing, revising and accepting, as a church, our statement of inclusivity. What a wonderful accomplishment! I am so proud to be part of such a church family. Now it is 2022. Where do we go from here? We are a church founded in the Love of Christ. We have so many opportunities for ministry in our community, but where do we start? Which ministries are



we called to at this time? Will we have the financial resources to support our church and our ministries? In Matthew chapter 4, Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for forty days before beginning His ministry. We can also follow this example for the 40 days of the season of Lent by making prayer our central focus (fasting is optional). As well as praying for the ministries of the church, there are also many personal prayer needs. Let us join together in prayer during the upcoming 40 days of Lent.

-- Deacon Pam Willoughby

During this Lenten season, we are designating Room 310 as a **Prayer Room**. Just as Jesus and his disciples gathered in an "Upper Room," may we too sense the nearness of Christ in this 3rd-floor classroom. In the prayer room, you will find various resources such as copies of our church prayer list, a prayer guide for peace in Eastern Europe, battery-operated candles, finger labyrinths (with instructions!), and Lenten prayer cards. This space is available at any time that the church is open.

Come early or stay later on a Sunday or Wednesday or stop by during the week to spend some intentional time in prayer. The church is open by 8:00 am on Sundays and until 8:30 pm on Wednesdays. If you would like to come by during the week, use the door by the church office.

Office hours are 8:30 am to 6 pm (closed for lunch from 12 – 1 pm) Monday – Thursday, and 8:30 am to noon on Friday.

Make yourself at home in God's presence. Be still. Breathe. Listen. The Holy Spirit is here.



COVID Precautions

updated March 1, 2022

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Church Council has referred to CDC and DHEC guidelines in making decisions regarding safety precautions. Based on the most recent guidance, Church Council has determined it is **no longer necessary to require masks at church**. Anderson County is currently at a **medium level of COVID** in our community. If we increase to a high level, we will likely need to require masks once again.

Please continue to follow the recommended precautions:

- stay up to date on COVID vaccinations -- ask your doctor if a vaccination is right for you
- get tested if you have symptoms
- if you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- wash/sanitize hands frequently

We will continue to offer **Worship and Bible Study online** as well as **in person**.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and cooperation!

Devotional Materials for Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. Our Lenten theme, **Full to the Brim**, invites us to receive and share God's abundant grace. Two resources for personal devotions are available on the table outside the church office:

- Lenten devotional booklet with art, reflections, and poetry
- Daily devotional cards with a reminder and prayer for each day

To request these materials be mailed to you, please contact the church office at office@fbcpendleton.org or 864-646-3913.

A devotional activity book for children, *It's a Glorious Mystery*, will be distributed through our children's classes or by mail. Extra copies are available on the table outside the church office.

Lenten Theme - Full to the Brim

Throughout the Sundays of Lent, our theme, **Full to the Brim**, invites us to receive God's abundant grace. Through parables, images, and promises, the gospel texts for this season paint an expansive picture of God's amazing grace. May we simply take it all in.

1st Sunday of Lent, March 6 · Even in the desert · Luke 4:1-13

2nd Sunday of Lent, March 13 · Under God's wing · Luke 13:31-35

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 20 · You are worthy · Luke 13:1-9

4th Sunday of Lent, March 27 · Prodigal grace · Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

5th Sunday of Lent, April 3 · Brazen acts of beauty · John 12:1-8

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10 · Even the stones cry out · Luke 19:28-40

Easter Sunday, April 17 · An expansive life · Luke 24:1-12



Blood Drive · Wednesday, March 9 · 3 - 7 pm

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/186751

The Blood Connection bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of First Baptist Church of Pendleton on Wednesday, March 9 from 3 – 7 pm. You can walk-in or schedule an appointment using the QR code or the link to The Blood Connection website.



We Invite You to Dinner on March 9

If you plan to give blood at the FBCP blood drive on March 9, we would love for you to join us for dinner before or after your appointment. Dinner will be served at 5:45 in our Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring guest(s) with you to dinner, and first-time guests are always free for our Wed night dinner! The menu will be available by March 4; contact the church office for details. We do ask that you make a reservation so our volunteer cooks can plan accordingly. To sign up for dinner on March 9, please use our website link, email office@fbcpendleton.org, or call 864-646-3913 by Monday, March 7 at noon.

Thank you for donating the gift of life, and we hope to see you at dinner.

CBFSC General Assembly

CBFSC General Assembly will take place in North Charleston on Friday, April 1. At this meeting, Jennifer Rygg will serve as outgoing moderator, concluding a year of serving in this role. Jay Kieve will be honored for his time as CBFSC Coordinator, and we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Metanoia. More information and registration is available at cbfsc.org/ga

Keenagers

Keenagers will meet Monday, Mar 14 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a program featuring performers from the Jo Brown Senior Center in Anderson. Stay safe, and we'll see you there.





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DONATE BLOOD
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3 - 7 pm



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for 2021 - 2022

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| Flock 07: K - Me | Jan McCracken | (864) 934-4574 |
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| Flock 11: Th - Y | Max Loyd | (864) 654-2399 |
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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Coffee, Tea, & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live

We hope you can join us for in-person worship, but if you can't come or aren't ready to attend in person, worship will also be on Facebook Live using our live streaming system.

visit our website
fbcpendleton.org

PASTORAL EMERGENCY

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