



Back to School Sunday

During the back-to-school season, I am often reminded of the lyrics to a song by Jack White III of the White Stripes, *We're Going to Be Friends*. The song begins:

Fall is here, hear the yell
Back to school, ring the bell
Brand new shoes, walking blues
Climb the fence, books and pens
I can tell that we are going to be friends
Yes, I can tell that we are going to be friends.

From new friends to new school supplies, there is a sense of freshness and novelty that comes with the new school year. This newness can be exciting, but also stressful and perhaps even frightening.



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In the gospel of John, Jesus shares his last supper with his disciples, and then tells them, **“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another”** (John 13:34). Later, Jesus, says, **“You are my friends if you do what I command you”** (John 15:14).

As the new school year begins, may we all be reminded that our friend Jesus goes with us into new and uncertain circumstances. The love that Jesus offers us sustains us through whatever we may face in the months ahead.

This Sunday, August 14, we will celebrate **Back to School Sunday** in our worship service at 10:45 am. The service will include several special elements:

- **Students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship** for a special backpack blessing; they will receive a backpack tag as a reminder of the love and support of our church family (if you will be worshipping online, please let us know and we can mail you a backpack tag.)
- We will share communion during worship, giving thanks for the love and friendship Jesus extends to us.
- We are collecting school supplies for our local school, Pendleton Elementary, as a way to care for our neighbors and exhibit the kind of love Jesus commanded. Donations may be brought to worship on Sunday or dropped off at church anytime this week.

As the new school year begins, may we experience the love of Jesus – through new friendships, through opportunities to share with others, and through reminders of God’s presence with us each day.

Pastor Jennifer Rygg
8/2/22

School Supplies Drive for Pendleton Elementary School

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Donations will be collected at FBC Pendleton through Sunday, August 14th

white cardstock

page protectors

black pens

Post it notes (various sizes)

Dry erase board erasers

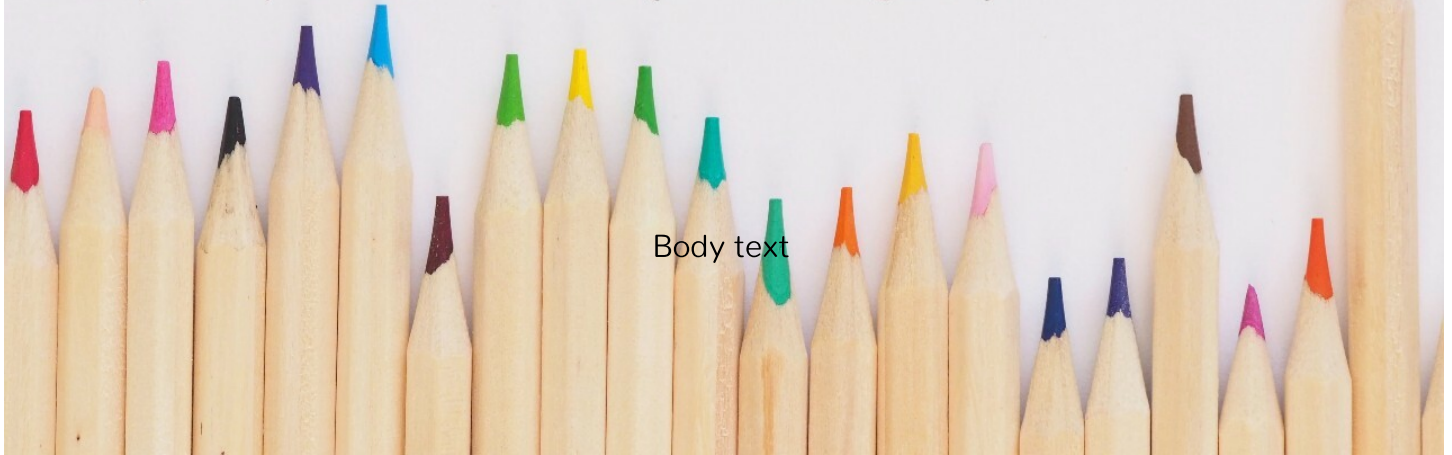
Expo dry erase markers (thin & regular)

index cards

Play doh

masking tape

painters tape



In conjunction with Back to School Sunday, we will have a **School Supply Drive for Pendleton Elementary School**. We will collect donations of school supplies through Sunday, Aug 14. We spoke with the school principal and these are the most-requested items: **White Cardstock, Page Protectors, Black Pens, Post-It Notes** (various sizes), **Dry Erase Board Markers** (thin & regular), **Dry Erase Board Erasers, Index Cards, Play-Doh, Masking Tape, Painter's Tape**.

You Got This: Facing Hard Things with Faith
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Back to School Sunday
August 14th
Blessing of Backpacks
Communion
School Supply Drive



Last Stop on the Rocky Railway

Our last summer adventure aboard the Rocky Railway will be Saturday, Aug 13. Children and families are invited to join us to visit the Central Railway Museum (108 Werner St) followed by lunch at the Depot Dog (218 W Main St) beside the railroad tracks in downtown Central. We will meet at church at 9:00 am to ride the bus or at the museum at 9:30 am. The museum is free; just bring money for lunch (thedepotdog.com/menu). Please text or call Jennifer Rygg at 864-760-7135 to let us know where you will meet us. See you on the Rocky Railway!

SUMMER 2022 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Last Stop on the Rocky Railway...

CENTRAL RAILWAY MUSEUM AND THE DEPOT DOG

Departure Date: Sat, 8/13

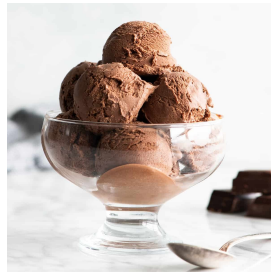
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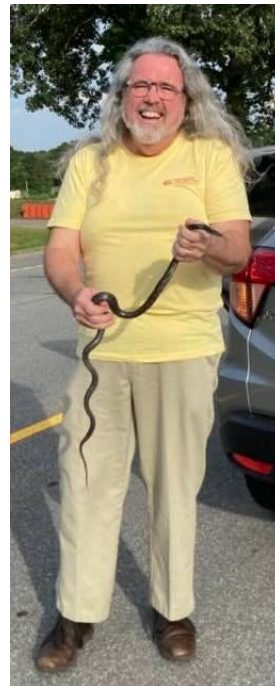
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Ice Cream Social

We will have a church-wide Ice Cream Social hosted by the Deacons on **Sunday, Aug 28** at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Not in My Job Description...



Office Manager Joe Reed came to the rescue of Cindy Still, who encountered an unwelcome visitor (a black snake) in her vehicle! Life is always an adventure in our church family - thanks be to God for good friends!

Blood Drive · August 31



The Blood Connection Bloodmobile will be here **Wednesday, Aug 31** from **3:00 pm - 8:00 pm** to accept your blood donation. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. Please give the gift of life!



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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 aren't able to attend in person, you can worship on Facebook through our live streaming system.

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PASTORAL EMERGENCY

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