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## Souper Bowl of Caring

In 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

First Baptist Church of Pendleton will be participating in the 2023 Souper Bowl of Caring by bringing to church donations for Clemson Community Care to share with those in need in our community. Current needs at Clemson Community Care include: pork & beans, canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fish, fruit, dry pasta, canned pasta, cooking oil, jelly, peanut butter, oatmeal, grits, crackers, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toilet tissue, paper towels, detergent, dish soap and size 5/6 diapers.

Please bring donations to worship on Sunday, Feb 12. Donations may also be left in the CCC barrel near the church office at any time.

Thank you for your extravagant generosity.



## Pancake Supper Fundraiser

On February 15, the FBC Pendleton Youth group will host a Pancake Supper for our Wednesday night meal, as a fundraiser to support our summer trip to Passport Missions Camp. Your normal Wednesday night fee (and any additional donations you can give) will help kids pay for camp.

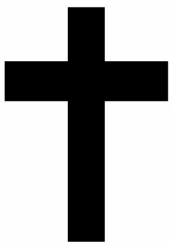
Passport Missions Camp is always the highlight of our year. It helps smaller youth groups like ours experience a mission trip and connect with other youth groups. They also help us "camp what we believe" through their emphasis on putting faith into loving action as well as affirming women and men in leadership. It is expensive however – about \$450 per student – so your fundraising support is needed and appreciated!



—Rev. Chris Cottingham

## Musica Ecclesia

On Friday, Feb 17 at 7:30 pm, the Sanctuary Choir will participate in **Musica Ecclesia** (Church Music), an ecumenical concert of local church choirs. Hosted by Southern Wesleyan University, the concert will be held in Newton Hobson Auditorium (735 Wesleyan Drive, Central). The concert is free to attend. A love offering for **Clemson Community Care** will be collected.

The poster features a green and blue background with musical notes and a treble clef. The text is centered and reads:

*Musica Ecclesia:  
A Festival for Church Choirs*  
(for the benefit of Clemson Community Care)

**At the Newton Hobson Fine Arts Center  
at Southern Wesleyan University**

**Friday, February 17, 2023  
7:30 PM**

**Participating choirs:**  
Southern Wesleyan Choir  
Trinity United Methodist  
Easley First Baptist  
ALIVE Wesleyan  
First Baptist-Pendleton  
St. Andrew Catholic  
First Presbyterian-Greenville  
St. John United Methodist  
Clemson United Methodist

## Keenagers

**Keenagers** will meet **Monday, Feb 13 at 10:30** in the **Fellowship Hall** with a program by Martha Passailaigue. **Senior Fellowship participants** are also invited to attend. Please let **Evelyn Simpson (864-364-4670)** know if you will attend so we order enough lunches.

## Senior Fellowship

The next **Senior Fellowship** meeting will be **Thursday, Feb 23 at 9:30** in the **Fellowship Hall**, led by Cindy Still. Senior Fellowship participants are also invited to participate in our monthly Keenagers programs.

## Young Adult Game Night

Our next "Young" Adult Game Night will be Sunday, Feb 11 from 3-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall with childcare provided in Rooms 101 and 102. Please bring snacks and games to share, and join us for part or all of that time. If you will need childcare, please let **Kiley Daniel** ([children@fbcpendleton.org](mailto:children@fbcpendleton.org) or 317-627-0257) know so that we can plan accordingly.

## Lent Begins Feb 22

The liturgical season of **Lent** begins on February 22 with the observance of **Ash Wednesday**. Lenten Lunch returns at noon that day at **Pendleton United Methodist Church**. At FBCP, we will have Wednesday Night Supper as usual, but instead of Bible Study, we will have an Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary starting at 6:30 pm. We hope you will make plans to join us.

## Mental Health First Aid Course



Mental illness, substance use, and suicide impact our community, our families and friends. Help is often as close as someone starting a conversation. Learn about starting that conversation. Learn about mental health, substance use and suicide by participating in a Mental Health First Aid course. **This training is designed for anyone interested in being better prepared to respond to someone experiencing a mental health challenge. No previous experience or training are required.** If you are interested in taking this course on a Saturday (TBD-this spring) from 9am-3pm including lunch at First Baptist Church of Pendleton, please reach out to Jennifer Rygg ([jennifer@fbcpendleton.org](mailto:jennifer@fbcpendleton.org)) or Ted Thomas ([ted@tedthomas.us](mailto:ted@tedthomas.us)). The estimated cost is \$70 per person.

## Preparation for Community Give Away Day

We are holding a **Community Give Away Day** on Saturday, Mar 18 from 8-11 am. We want to de-clutter the church of items we no longer use or need and to connect with our community by sharing these items. **Preparation Day** will be **Saturday, Feb 25 from 9 am to noon**. We need volunteers to help us sort and organize items. **Sunday School classes, committees, and other groups** are encouraged to **clean out closets, shelves, and other storage spaces**.



## Inclement Weather Notifications

The weather seems to be more volatile than ever. It's raining, it's foggy, it's below freezing, it's sunny, it's in the 60s. That was last week. Our inclement weather policy has always focused first on you making the best decision for your personal safety. If we decide to cancel Sunday worship, Wednesday night activities, or any other major activity at church, we will post it on the website and Facebook, update the voice mail message on the phone, and send a church-wide email. In addition, we have recently added the capability to be on the "Closings" list on Fox Carolina Weather, and we are working to register with WYFF as well.



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**As we aspire to keep Jesus at the center of our lives,  
 we are Rooted in Faith, and Growing in Love.  
 We endeavor to be a welcoming and affirming  
 community of grace for all people, loving our  
 neighbors because God first loved us.**

**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.  
 visit our website  
[fbcpendleton.org](http://fbcpendleton.org)

**PASTORAL EMERGENCY**

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