



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

Lent Begins Wednesday, February 22

Our Lenten theme, which begins this Wednesday, is founded on questions. In the Sermon on the Mount, we heard Jesus promise “seek and you will find” (Matthew 7:7). During Lent, we will hear stories from Scripture in which people are seeking - a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs - assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows.

Like these Biblical characters, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many are asking big questions about life and faith. This Lenten series will guide us in reflecting on some of these big questions as we engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. May these questions draw us near to God, who promises, “you will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” (Jer 29:13)

Feb 22	Ash Wednesday	Is this the fast that I chose?	Isaiah 58:1-12
Feb 26	1st Sunday of Lent	Who will you listen to?	Matthew 4:1-11
March 5	2nd Sunday of Lent	How do we begin again?	John 3:1-17
March 12	3rd Sunday of Lent	Will you give me a drink?	John 4:5-52
March 19	4th Sunday of Lent	Who sinned?	John 9:8-41
March 26	5th Sunday of Lent	Can these bones live?	John 11:1-45
April 2	Palm Sunday	Where are you headed?	Matthew 21:1-11
April 6	Maundy Thursday	Will you wash my feet?	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 9	Easter Sunday	Who are you looking for?	John 20:1-18

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Daily devotional cards based on this theme are available on the table outside the church office. Families with children are also invited to pick up a bag with Lenten activity cards. If you would like us to mail you either of these sets of cards, please contact the church office.

Remembrance and Reconciliation

Current Events Sunday School Class Helps Sponsor Exhibit in Pendleton

During the time of COVID when we were not meeting at church but some Sunday School Classes were meeting on ZOOM, there was a group studying race relations of which I was a part (the Current Events Class). A desire to do something in a tangible way about race relations grew out of this study. A few months ago we heard about the Anderson Area Remembrance & Reconciliation Initiative and decided to join others in the Pendleton Community to bring AAR&RI's project to Pendleton.

AAR&RI has been working on this project for about three years in partnership with the Equal Justice Initiative of Montgomery, Alabama. The project involved securing funding from Duke Energy for the creation of a monument to honor the lives of the five known incidents of racial terror lynching in Anderson County, South Carolina:

Mr. Edward Sullivan - 1894

Mr. Elbert Harris - 1898

Mr. John Laddison - 1901

Mr. Reuben Elrod - 1903

Mr. Willis Jackson 1911

AAR&RI then partnered with designer and lead artist Anderson native **Herman Keith, Jr.** Keith and his team had a vision to "take the story to the people" in a powerful way to educate, evoke empathy and inspire movement toward a more just society. Herman Keith Jr. says, "This structure, made of wood and metal, contains glass jars of soil from the site of each lynching. The design is both graceful and formidable yet intended to move us closer to the vision of a 'Beloved Community' understanding that to reconcile we must first remember."

This exhibit is traveling throughout Anderson County's nine municipalities and unincorporated areas and will be at the Pendleton Library from February 28 until June 1. **You are invited to the unveiling ceremony of the Sculpture at the Pendleton Library, Tuesday, February 28 at 6 pm.** Designer and artist, Herman Keith, Jr., will be in attendance along with Dr. Ottis Pickett, Clemson University's Historian. Dr. Pickett will speak on Reconstruction, Redemption, and Racial Violence from 1875-1895. Hope to see you there!

The exhibit in Pendleton is sponsored by the Pendleton Foundation for Black History and Culture, the Pendleton Historic Foundation, the First Baptist Church of Pendleton Current Events Sunday School Class and The Pendleton Bookshop. Keep posted. There will be other events coming up.



-- Suzanne Morse

Lenten Lunch Schedule

Alliance of Pendleton Area Churches Community Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays during Lent
from 12-1 pm

Soup & Sandwich Lunch and
Lenten Devotion provided by
area churches



- Feb 22 Pendleton United Methodist
217 S. Broad Street; Pendleton
- Mar 1 Christ the Redeemer Anglican
839 Greenville Street; Pendleton
- Mar 8 Mt. Zion Presbyterian
1501 Sandy Springs Road; Sandy Springs
- Mar 15 King's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal
135 Vance Street; Pendleton
- Mar 22 First Baptist Pendleton
351 S. Broad Street; Pendleton
- Mar 29 Zion United Methodist
5708 Highway 187; Anderson
- Good Friday Service on April 7 at noon (no lunch)
St. Paul's Episcopal at 328 E. Queen Street; Pendleton

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**. We also need donations of **empty boxes** to be used for cleaning out and for recipients to carry out items on Mar 18. If you have some, please deliver them to the Fellowship Hall **by this Saturday**. Thanks!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you for your generosity of food donations to Clemson Community Care for our Souper Bowl of Caring event on Feb 12. A total of **372.20 pounds of food** was collected!



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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
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