



Young Voices of the Foothills coming to FBC Pendleton!

Beginning on August 14, FBC Pendleton will be hosting the **Young Voices of the Foothills (YVF)**, a community choir for children in grades 1-6. YVF began in Seneca in 2020, and they are now expanding into the Pendleton/Clemson area. Rehearsals will be here at FBC Pendleton each Monday from 4-5 pm in the Choir Room. It is open to all children in the area. An **Open House** for interested families will be hosted here at the church on **Monday, August 7 at 6 pm.**

This is a great opportunity for FBCP to support local families in and outside of our own church family. YVF offers children the opportunity to explore the joys of singing together, make new friends, and find a place of belonging. Singers will rehearse once a week and present a public concert at the end of each semester.

The choir does charge tuition, and FBC Pendleton families will receive a discount. For the general public, the cost of tuition is \$40 a month (\$160 per semester); for FBCP families, tuition will be only \$30 a month (\$120 per semester). They also offer scholarships and discounts for multiple children in the same family. Visit the YVF website for more information: <https://www.youngvoicesofthefoothills.org>.

Under the leadership of artistic director, **Laura Ritter**, YVF is dedicated to inspiring and encouraging children through the beauty of music.

We are excited to be able to offer the outreach of our facility to this community group and look forward to their concerts.



Back to School Sunday set for August 20

Attention all kids, youth, and teachers! Our annual **Backpack Blessing** will be held on **Sunday, August 20** at the beginning of worship at 10:45. Bring your backpack and we'll hand out backpack tags and pray for a safe, successful year ahead -- and then after worship we'll celebrate with a pizza lunch for kids, youth, and their families!

We'd love for all students and teachers who are going back to school this fall to plan to attend this service, as well as any volunteers who work with the children and the youth (or worked with VBS this summer). If you have any questions, contact **Rev. Chris Cottingham** at chris@fbcpendleton.org or **Kiley Daniel** at children@fbcpendleton.org.



From the Visiting Pastor...

I had the joy of being born into a Baptist family. I grew up attending a Baptist church and lived in a Baptist community. For me there were no options other than Baptist. One may say I am a Baptist by birth and that would be an accurate assessment of my early years.

During my college and seminary days, I began to question my denominational affiliation and struggled to remain in the Baptist church or seek another church body to work and serve. It was in my fourth pastorate as a Baptist minister that I strongly considered casting my lot with the United Methodist Church. However, before I could finalize the process I was given the opportunity to serve an American Baptist Church, USA congregation in Fort Collins, CO. This opportunity allowed me to remain Baptist and remain loyal to the Baptist Principles that I had grown to appreciate as a young Christian and a younger Baptist minister.



So today, I am a Baptist by choice, serving in churches partnering with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship who hold to our Baptist Principles. **Why are you Baptist?** This is a question that we need to be reminded of and caused to rethink in every generation. I share with you some of the Baptist principles that are basic to our way of being Christian and doing church as Baptist.

1. The Lordship of Christ
2. The Bible as the written authority for faith and practice
3. Soul Competency
4. Salvation by faith in Jesus Christ
5. The priesthood of believers
6. Baptism and the Lord's Supper as wonderful symbols of our faith
7. Religious freedom and the separation of church and state
8. The autonomy of the local congregation

This list is not complete but these are principles that are basic to our uniqueness as Baptist.

-- Dan Vincent, 7/23/2023

Senior Fellowship and Keenagers



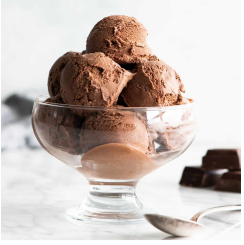
Let's Celebrate!
Thursday, July 27 · 9:30-12:00



- Breakfast and Lunch ·
- Devotional by Pat Humphries ·
- Activity by Lisa Myers Cagney and members of the **Electric City Shag Club** ·
- "Christmas in July" **BINGO** (donated Christmas bingo prizes needed) ·
- Summertime lunch by Jean Geddings and Margaret Layne ·
- Wear red, white, and blue ·

ALL Senior Adults are welcome to attend!

Deacons Ice Cream Social



The **Deacons Ice Cream Social** will be combined with **Wednesday Night Supper** on August 16 as part of the "**Welcome Back, Jennifer**" and "**Thanks, Dan**" celebration. The **Ice Cream** and **Cookies** provided by the Deacons will be the dessert for the Wednesday evening meal of **Pizza** and **Salad** served by Kim Burgess. Please make or break Wednesday Night Supper reservations through the usual channels.

Quarterly Church Conference July 30

Our next **Quarterly Church Conference** is **Sunday, Jul 30** in the Fellowship Hall following worship. The church will provide chicken; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Enjoy the food and fellowship and get updated on what's happening in the church. **Committee Leaders** can either email their reports to office@fbcpendleton.org no later than the morning of Thursday, Jul 27 or plan to make an oral report at the meeting.

A **draft of our revised bylaws** approved by the Bylaws Committee is available on the table outside the church office. This version is much revised from the current version, particularly in the make-up of committees and the replacement of many support committees with Coordinators. The changes are too numerous to list and a markup version is too confusing to try reading, so this is the "clean" unmarked draft. This draft is being made available to church members now for the opportunity to review it in advance of the **required first reading** to be presented at the Quarterly Church Conference on July 30.



Another PASSPORT Memory

My favorite thing about PASSPORT was free time. I liked free time because we could do what we wanted and they had fun activities. My favorite thing from worship was the energizers we did. It woke me up and kept me interested in worship. My God sighting was when I saw everyone working really hard to help Miracle Hill when we did our mission. The other God sighting was for myself when I didn't strangle a girl from a different group because she wasn't doing anything and letting everyone else do the work. God works in beautiful ways.



The theme "upside down" has changed me because I got a different perspective of how other people live their lives and what they have to go through. My personal growth from passport was a growth and connection with God. I feel as though I have become closer to him and want to learn about him more and love him more. I have figured out something within myself through God. I feel closer to him now more than ever.

-- **Cheyenne Posey**



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Quarterly Church Conference & Lunch
Sunday, Jul 30 following worship



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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.
 find it on our website
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PASTORAL EMERGENCY

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