



Back to School Sunday · 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.

Young Voices of the Foothills Begins Rehearsals at FBCP

On Monday, Aug 7 we hosted an Open House for Young Voices of the Foothills, a community choir for children in first - sixth grade. They are expanding from Seneca to open a second location here at FBC Pendleton. Hosting them gives us a way to invest in the arts and in children and families in our community, blessing others and making connections with families we wouldn't otherwise meet.

The Open House was very successful, with about 20 people present (children, parents, and volunteers). All seemed very pleased and excited about our facilities and thanked me and the church repeatedly for offering the space. Directors Laura Ritter and Michelle Ross hoped to have 10 kids signed up before rehearsals begin. Currently they have 12 signed up (and another 21 at the original Seneca location), so the Pendleton expansion is off to a great start!

Let your friends and family with elementary age children know! Rehearsals will be Mondays from 4-5 pm in the Choir Room, beginning Monday, Aug 14. Registration is open for the next several weeks, and FBC Pendleton families get a 25% discount on tuition! (Cost is normally \$40 a month, but only \$30/month for our families. Need-based scholarships may also be available, contact me for details at chris@fbcpendleton.org.) -- Rev. Chris Cottingham

WWW.YOUNGVOICESOFTHEFOOTHILLS.ORG

YOUNG VOICES OF THE FOOTHILLS

NEW SEASON STARTS AUGUST 14TH

The Upstate's Community Choir for Kids
Now with 2 Locations!

PENDLETON REHEARSALS
MONDAYS @ 4 PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PENDLETON

SENECA REHEARSALS
TUESDAYS @ 5:45 PM
ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOW ENROLLING
1ST-6TH
GRADE

To Register visit
www.youngvoicesofthefoothills.org or email
lauraritter@youngvoicesofthefoothills.org

From the Visiting Pastor...

It has been my personal joy to walk with you during these weeks of Renewal and Rest for Pastor Jennifer. We will welcome Pastor Jennifer and family on Wednesday night August 16, so I hope you will be here to join us in this "homecoming" event. Following the Wednesday night supper, the Deacon Body will be serving homemade ice cream and cake.

I have enjoyed our study time on Wednesday evenings as we have explored the mysteries of life and faith. Loving God and Neighbor has compelled us to consider ideas, concepts and perspectives while being present with Christ and doing the work of ministry. It is important to be good listeners. We listen with open hearts and minds to broaden our understanding of truth in order to be better servants of the kingdom.

May the Lord Bless and Keep You in His Grace!

-- Dan Vincent, 8/2/2023



Deacons Ice Cream Social



The **Deacons Ice Cream Social** will be combined with the "Thanks, Dan!" and "Welcome Back, Jennifer!" Wednesday Night Supper 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.

Senior Fellowship and Keenagers



Monday, Aug 14 · 10:30-noon

BINGO

(bring a BINGO prize to add to the table)

Lunch

ALL Senior Adults are welcome to attend!



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP BACK TO SCHOOL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

9:30 - Breakfast Snacks

10:00 - Devotional - Pat Humphries

10:30 - Special Speaker - Jean Robinson

11:00 - Bingo

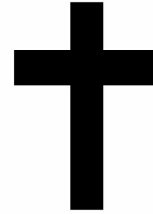
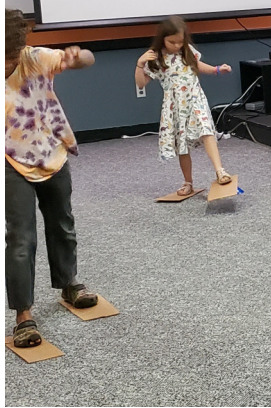
11:30 - Lunch - Cindy Still

12:00 Closing

Bring a picture of yourself
from your school days!

VBS: Stellar

This week in Stellar VBS we learned that even when we are sad, we can still shine Jesus's light! Here is closing prayer, along with the kids doing games with Chris and the youth group!



Another PASSPORT Memory

Five Youth from First Baptist Church of Pendleton attended PASSPORT camp from Jun 26-30 at Converse University in Spartanburg. Here is a reflection from one of those students.

Passport helped change how I saw things around me. I have made sure to learn from my trip and integrate new ways of thinking into my lifestyle. One of my favorite things about Passport was the Bible study lessons. Not only because I enjoyed the lesson itself, but also because I enjoyed the input of the others around me. I loved getting to hear other people's opinions on certain passages and it helped me shape my own views in a way. I also greatly enjoyed the worship services. I even did part of the scripture reading for one of the services. That was a great moment for me as I feel it helped me exit my comfort zone a little more. I feel more confident in my ability to speak in front of large groups of people. The entire week at camp helped me feel more comfortable speaking in front of others. I enjoyed pretty much every part of camp. Especially the "Upside Down" theme. It was a very interesting way to teach the lessons they taught during camp. Encouraging the campers to flip their thinking is a very good way of teaching in my opinion. Overall, it was a very good week. I had a great time and made a few more friends. I am glad that I chose to go on this trip.



-- Tillman Cantrell



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Thanks, Dan! & Welcome Back, Jennifer!
Wednesday, Aug 16 · 5:45



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Flock 03: Co - Fa	Randy Strickland	(864) 360-6071
Flock 04: Fi - Ho	Dave Alverson	(864) 617-2449
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Flock 06: Me - Pe	Jan McCracken	(864) 934-4574
Flock 07: Po - Tab	Shelby Quattlebaum	(864) 934-6086
Flock 08: Tay - Z	Warren Willoughby	(864) 940-5471
Deacons & Spouses	Wayne Patterson	(864) 710-8239

**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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