



Mission Partner Spotlight: Clemson Community Care

This is the second article in this newsletter series highlighting the mission partners included in our general budget.

Clemson Community Care was established in 1988 by ministers of area churches who hoped to combine resources to better serve people in need. Thirty-five years later, Clemson Community Care (CCC) serves residents of Clemson, Central, and Pendleton by providing food, assistance for utility bills and rent, guidance filling out food stamp applications, referrals to other agencies, and other services for individuals and families experiencing economic difficulties. This assistance is made possible by the generous support of individuals, churches, and other organizations.

Since the COVID pandemic, CCC has observed a significant increase of need in our community. Rising costs of housing has increased the transient/unhoused population. From January through August of 2023, CCC distributed 171 food bags (3092 pounds) to people without a permanent home. This is more transient/unhoused food bags distributed in 8 months of 2023 than were distributed in all of 2022. As some assistance programs available during COVID have ended, need has increased. As of August 31, 2023, CCC spent \$64,000 on food purchases (to supplement donated food) and \$143,183 on rental assistance this year.



FBCP supports CCC in our general budget by sending quarterly donations. We also have a barrel in the hallway outside the choir room to receive donations of food and other items. CCC distributes over 10,000 pounds of food each month; see the list of current needs on page 2. As you shop for donations for CCC, keep in mind the following:

- Many clients rely on public transportation, so are unable to transport heavy or fragile items.
- More nutritional items, such as whole grains and items with lower salt or sugar, are needed.
- Consider adding one or more items for the food pantry to your regular grocery list. Purchase the item every time you shop for groceries, and stock the CCC pantry while you stock your own.

Clemson Community Care also welcomes volunteers to help with the food pantry, special events, picking up donations from area grocery stores and churches, packing and distributing food boxes, administrative support, yard work, maintenance, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, visit clemsoncommunitycare.org, email CCC@clemsoncommunitycare.org or call **864-653-4460**.

**Give your food to the hungry and care for the homeless.
Then your light will shine in the dark; your darkest hour will be like the noonday sun.**
(Isaiah 58:10 CEV)

Current CCC Food Pantry Needs

2 pound bags of sugar
 2 pound bags of flour
 cooking oil
 grits/oatmeal
 dry pasta, rice, beans
 soup
 crackers
 pasta sauce (in plastic container)
 peanut butter
 jelly

shelf-stable milk
 canned/instant potatoes
 canned meat
 canned fish
 beans
 pork & beans
 mixed vegetables
 tomatoes
 tomato sauce

toiletries
 paper products
 laundry detergent
 dish soap
 baby wipes/diapers



Community Partnerships



FBC Pendleton is a new sponsor of the Pendleton Recreation Association, so be sure to notice our banner at Veterans Park!

For several years, FBCP has purchased an ad in the Clemson Little Theater's playbill. This month, the CLT is presenting *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*

Visit clemsonlittletheatre.com or call **864-646-8100** for details.

Supporting these community organizations is one way that we love our neighbors. We are thankful to be a part of providing these great opportunities in our community.

Senior Fellowship and Keenagers



Halloween Gathering

Thursday, October 26

9:30 - noon

Wear a costume

Fun, Fellowship, and Bingo

Lunch - Skip and Cindy Still

All Seniors are invited to attend!



Trunk or Treat

Project Hope will be hosting a **Trunk or Treat** in the FBCP parking lot on **Tuesday, Oct 17** from **1:30-2:30 pm**. This is a great opportunity for our church to support the work of Project Hope as they rent space in our building to provide autism services for our community. We are planning to give out treats from the "trunk" of our church bus and will also have a welcome table set up with bottled water. We would love to have some FBCP volunteers to help (we will wear our church T-shirts!) with the following:



- help decorate the bus the morning/early afternoon of the event
- help give out treats at the bus during the event
- welcome families and give out bottles of water during the event
- sign up to provide your own trunk (<https://signup.com/go/SfmODsA>) for the event

Please let **Jennifer** know if you are available to help on Oct 17 (jennifer@fbcpendleton.org).

Updated Plans for Fall Mission Trip

We are anticipating taking a small group of volunteers to Immokalee, FL from **Nov 7-11** to learn more about

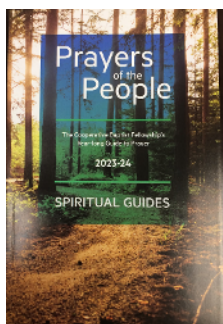


Cultivate Abundance and how our church can further support the work of **Rick and Ellen Burnette**. Our current plan is to travel on Tuesday, spend Wednesday and Thursday helping with a renovation project at a nearby church to allow them to host future volunteer groups, spend Friday helping with food distribution at Mision Peniel, then travel home on Saturday.

Additional details have been sent to those who have expressed interest. If you are interested in the trip and did not receive this information, please contact **Jennifer Rygg** at jennifer@fbcpendleton.org.

Quarterly Church Conference & Lunch

Mark your calendar to attend our next Quarterly Church Conference and Lunch on **Sunday, Oct 29**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship. The church will provide chicken; please bring a side or dessert to share. Quarterly Church Conference is a great opportunity to fellowship with other church members and stay up to date on church business.



Prayers of the People

Copies of the CBF **Prayers of the People** 2023-24 edition are available on the table outside the church office. An expansive resource documenting the work of CBF missionaries around the world, it is also a wonderful spiritual guide and weekly prayer resource, with Scripture, devotions, poetry, and images to allow you to "Pray, Practice, Ponder."



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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 worship posts on our website
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