



Advent Begins December 1

The Word Made Flesh

This year's Advent theme invites us to reflect on the incarnation of God in Jesus. Each week of Advent, we will focus on an earthly physical substance that reveals something about Jesus: bread, salt, rocks, and light.

**First Sunday of Advent
and Communion Sunday**
December 1

On the first Sunday of Advent, we will share the bread of communion, remembering Jesus is the bread of life. As we gather to share the bread and juice and to remember the body and blood of Christ, we also remember those in our community who are in need. **On Communion Sunday, please bring a non-perishable item to share with Clemson Community Care** (see list p.3).

2025 Ministry Plan

We will have a **Called Church Conference on Wednesday, Dec 4 at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the proposed **2025 Annual Ministry Plan (Budget)**, which will be presented by the Budget & Finance Committee. Copies of the proposed plan will be available on Sunday, Nov 24. After the discussion on Wednesday, Dec 4, we will vote on the proposed plan at the end of worship on **Sunday, Dec 8**. Thank you to the Budget & Finance Committee for their diligent work!

Senior Adult Ministry

Senior Adult Ministry gathered in a beautifully decorated Fellowship Hall for our Thanksgiving celebration on November 14. We enjoyed a time of welcome and warm muffins as we greeted one another. All enjoyed the devotional musical selections by **Sandra Gantt** and friends from the King's Chapel AME Church in Pendleton. An atmosphere of thanksgiving and a spirit of gratitude was so very evident at our gathering and we give our loving Heavenly Father the glory for all He is doing in the lives of our Senior Adult Ministry participants. We have enjoyed many blessings this year at our Thursday meetings.



LOOKING AHEAD

All Seniors are invited to the following events. Please call the church office if you need transportation.

- **Thursday, Dec 5 from 10:00-12:00**
Pendleton Community Center will have a **Meals on Wheels** representative for the senior adults in Pendleton. Seniors will be given answers to any questions concerning qualifying for the many services the organization offers. Contact **Jane Huss** if you are interested in attending the event.
- **Friday, Dec 6 at 11:30**
FBCP will host the Riverside Middle School Chorus and lunch will be served for Seniors in the Fellowship Hall after the holiday concert.
- **Friday, Dec 13 at 9:00**
Pendleton High School invites all senior adults to the **Sounds of the Season** concert. A traditional holiday dinner of turkey and dressing will be served. There is no charge for the concert or the dinner, but they must get an accurate count. **Please RSVP by Dec 1 to Jane Huss** (janereynoldshuss@gmail.com or mobile 864-979-2281) to be added to the reservation list.
- **Thursday, Dec 19 from 9:30-12:00**
The Annual Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange.



Jane Huss, Lead Volunteer

1 Thessalonians 5:11 *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

Welcome, New Members

We welcome our newest members, **Kate Miller & Caitlyn Bannister**. Kate joined by statement of faith, and Caitlyn joined by transfer of letter. Kate is a physical therapy assistant, and Caitlyn is a hair stylist. They live in Anderson. Welcome!



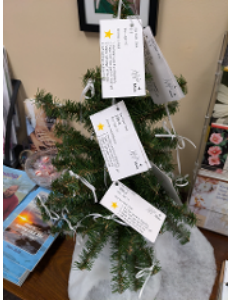
Rocket Launch!

You are invited to a **rocket launch Sunday afternoon, Dec 1** (rescheduled from Sep due to Hurricane Helene). **Tony Fusco** will be launching model rockets and has invited the church family to watch. Plan to meet near the **intersection of Refuge Rd & Cherry St Ext** at 2:30 pm.



Holiday Giving Opportunities

MAGI Tree



A number of years ago our neighbor, Pendleton Methodist Church, began a program they called **MAGI**. The goal was to make sure all children and their siblings in the local elementary schools would have Christmas presents. The Anderson District 4 school counselors identify

families. Each child in the family receives 3 gifts – a shirt, pants, and toy. The Christmas Program includes groceries for a Christmas dinner. This year we are responsible for gifts for **5 families** which includes **15 children** for a total of **45 gifts**. The tree with star cards is on the table outside the office. Please select the cards with gifts that you would like to purchase and sign your name and telephone number on the forms beside the number(s) that you selected. When buying clothes, **please include a gift receipt** so items that do not fit can be exchanged. **Return wrapped gifts** with a gift tag attached by **Sunday, Dec 8**. Each child should have **three separately wrapped gifts** with **one gift tag on each gift**. Please do not consolidate the gifts. It is important to follow these directions so that the children in a family all get the same amount and similar items.

Clemson Community Care

Clemson Community Care is distributing holiday food to our clients in November and December. We will need lots of **frozen turkeys!** Publix, Pendleton Food Lion, and Ingles in Central will hold the turkeys for CCC to pick up. If you prefer, you can drop off a turkey at our food pantry Mon - Thu from 9 am - 1 pm.

We need the following food items: **juice, canned potatoes, pork & beans, canned meats (salmon, tuna, chicken), pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese.** We also need toiletries: **soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste.** Thank you for helping feed our community during the holiday season.



Collins Home Meat Offering



We will be collecting money to buy meat for the **Collins Children's Home** through Sunday, Dec 15.

Make your check payable to **FBC Pendleton** and include **Meat Offering** on the Memo Line so that proper credit can be given in your contribution records. You may place your check in the offering or use e-giving to make your contribution; otherwise, you may give your check to **Wayne Patterson**.

Last year our offering was over \$2,505 so let's see if we can top that amount this year.

Offering for Global Missions

This year's theme for the Offering for Global Missions of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship comes from Isaiah 43:19:

Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.



Our Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study for the remainder of 2024 will focus on this theme, including impact stories from global missions and words of hope from the ancient prophets. How is God calling us to be a part of the "new thing" God is always doing in our midst?

As you consider your charitable giving this Christmas, remember the Offering for Global Missions. 100% of your gifts for the Offering will support the long-term presence of CBF field personnel (such as Rick Burnette in Immokalee, FL) serving in the United States and around the world.



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**Lunch & Decorate for Christmas
 Sunday, Nov 24 · after 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 worship posts on our website
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