

## Advent Begins November 30



"Do not be afraid" is one of the most frequently repeated commands in the Bible, appearing a few times in the Christmas narratives. "Fear not" may sound inspirational when proclaimed by an angel in an ancient story, but like many challenges, these words are far more difficult to implement in our actual lives. What are we supposed to do when the fear, the worry, the anxiety, the dread, does not dissipate upon the angel's utterance but instead keeps us awake at night?

Our Advent theme this year offers both a question and a reminder of our calling:

### "What do you fear? Insisting on Hope this Advent"

Throughout this season, we will consider the Christmas story, aware of both the fear present in the time of King Herod and the fear present in our own lives. In spite of fear, we cling to hope - a hope that is not flimsy or fleeting, but gritty and resilient. This hope can endure, no matter what we fear or face. This season, may we insist on hope, trusting that the good news is greater than fear.

— Pastor Jennifer Rygg, 11/18/2025

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Affirmation of Faith prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

### An Affirmation of Faith for the series **What do you fear?**

We have seen the valley.  
We have seen a sky without stars.  
We have seen the longest night,  
and **still** we believe.

We believe in a with-us God.  
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.  
We believe that good news is louder than fear.  
We believe this good news is for all people.

So even when our knees shake,  
even when our voice trembles,  
even when fear is all around us,  
we will hold onto that good news.

We will reach for each other.  
We will look for God in our midst.  
We will sing songs of joy.  
We will proclaim:  
**Unto us, love is born.**

We have seen the longest night,  
and we have seen unimaginable love.  
So **still**, we believe.

Amen.

## Welcome, New Members!



We welcome **David & Susan Bolding**, who joined the church on Oct 26 via statement of faith. We also welcome their children, Calysta, 11, and James, 8.

We welcome **Mary Lewis & Robin Chambers**, who joined the church on Nov 16 by transfer of letter.

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us!



## Ladies Christmas Tea

Ladies, you are invited to a **Christmas Tea** on **Saturday, Nov 29** from **12:00-2:00** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Tickets are **\$15** each and may be purchased from the church office or from **Jane Huss** (mobile 864-979-2281). Please invite a friend, relative, or neighbor to join you for this special event, which will include lunch, activities, and a devotional. This will be a special way to begin the holiday season! If you would like to attend but are not able to purchase a ticket, please let the church office or Jane Huss know.



## Clemson Community Care



Clemson Community Care is accepting **TURKEYS** through Dec 16. You may drop off a frozen turkey at CCC Mon - Thu, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm, or, you can buy a turkey at **Ingles** or **Publix** in Clemson, or **Food Lion** in Pendleton, and the store will keep it for CCC to pick up.

You can shop for CCC without leaving the comfort of your home by using the **Clemson Community Care Amazon Wish List** – scan the QR code with your phone. When checking out, take note of the proper delivery address for Clemson Community Care (it is NOT their office).

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### NOVEMBER

### Rest and Reflect

Randy Woodley writes,

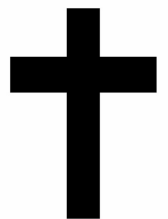
"A society concerned with shalom will care for the most marginalized among them."

How can you and your church community practice shalom?

### Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving, spend time learning about the Indigenous history and the traditional ecological knowledge where you live.

Begin your Thanksgiving meal with a land acknowledgment of gratitude.



# Senior Adult Ministry

As I begin thinking of what information I would like to share with you this week my mind races with thoughts of our group's meetings and activities this past year.

January gave us cold icy weather causing us to cancel both meetings that month.

I am reminded of faithful friends who support our ministry by scheduling a yearly program with us. They include the Gypsy Sallies and the Electric City Shag Club. We also had several new speakers including Joe Reed, our Office Manager, Richard Baldwin and Ted Thomas from our church, and Dr. Otis Pickett, the Clemson University historian.

A bright spot in June that was especially delightful was the Summertime Tea presented by Sharon Smith from On Top of the Table in Greenville.

Traditional meetings have surfaced this second year. Filling plastic eggs service project for the annual egg hunt for FBCP Children's Ministry, the Kentucky Derby Run for the Roses, tailgating during football season, our Halloween party, and most recently our annual lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Anderson.

Then I am reminded of the food, fun and fellowship activities that are a part of each gathering. We each bring an item for Clemson Community Care, members lead the devotions, prayer requests are shared and, of course, BINGO!!

All these thoughts of our times together lead me to thoughts of gratitude to our Heavenly Father.

I am reminded of 1 Samuel 12:24 when Samuel tells the people "But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart, consider what great things he has done for you," and 1 Thessalonians 5 encourages believers to "give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Thank you, FBCP and CBFSC, for your faithful prayers and financial support as we continue to reach out and share God's love to the seniors in our community of Pendleton. All Senior Adults are invited to the December events.

**December 4:** FBCP invites Senior Adult Ministry to a lunch and concert. Lunch will be served at 11:00 and the concert follows in the Sanctuary at 11:30.

**December 11:** Our Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 - noon.

**December 12:** Sounds of the Season Concert and Lunch at Pendleton High School at 9:30. RSVP to Jane Huss at [janereynoldshuss@gmail.com](mailto:janereynoldshuss@gmail.com) or 864-979-2281 by Dec 1.

We look forward to having you join us at each event. — Jane Huss, Lead Volunteer





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**LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA**  
 Saturday, Nov 29 · 12:00 - 2:00



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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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**PASTORAL EMERGENCY**  
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