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Seasons of Life, Seasons of Worship

Now that it is officially mid-October, the weather has (finally!) turned cool enough to qualify as “fall,” the leaves are changing colors, and pumpkins are appearing everywhere. In many ways, the seasons of the year are representative of the seasons of life. All of God’s creatures, including humans, experience birth, growth, changes, and eventually death.



The fall season of the year reminds us that just as the leaves will change colors and fall from the trees, leaving bare branches, our human bodies too will change and decline and eventually die. These changes, even death, are not to be feared, but are a part of God’s amazing creation. I often remind families at funeral services that just as God cares for us throughout our lives, God continues to care for us in death. When a loved one dies, we can entrust them to God, for God’s infinite love and grace is not limited to our mortal lives.

In a few weeks, we will participate in our annual observance of All Saints Sunday, which will take place this year on November 3. In our worship service that morning, we will remember those members of our church family who have left this earth over the past year:

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| Joan Mehaffey | Sue Plantin | Lois Tomlinson | Helen Painter |
| Mary Bittering | Jim Stephens, III | Betty Woodall | Mabel Wilder |

As we call their names and give thanks for their lives and for God’s light shining in them, we will light candles, recognizing that the light of Christ is present in the life of each of Jesus’ followers.

In the coming weeks, we will experience shorter days and longer nights as the season of fall progresses toward winter. This season of increasing darkness reminds us of our mortality – that all life, even ours, will experience death.

Worship offers us a different cycle – a weekly cycle. Weekly worship interrupts the darkness to remind us that the light of Christ is stronger than death, and that through Christ, we have the power to overcome death. The seasons of worship, such as the annual observance of All Saints Sunday, remind us of the transformative power of Christ to turn death into eternal life. And so we continue to worship, even with reminders of death and darkness all around us, because we know there is abundant, eternal, and transformative life in Christ.

Pastor Jennifer Rygg

DEACONS

At FBCP, the deacons are spiritual leaders. They are concerned with the spiritual welfare of the Church and serve with the Pastor as co-laborers. Deacons “shepherd” their flock by praying for, communicating with, and offering encouragement to members of their flock. If you have a prayer request, spiritual need, or concern, please contact your Deacon.

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JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

9:00-9:25 · Coffee, Tea, and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall
9:30-10:30 · Sunday School
10:45 · Worship

Pendleton Community Counseling Center
1-888-293-7585 or 864-442-7585

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Please check the monthly calendar for events:
www.fbcpendleton.org

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 6:00
Closed from 12 - 1 for Lunch
Friday 8:30 - Noon

Trick or Treat So Others May Eat · Sunday, Oct 20 & 27

Trick Or Treat So Others May Eat (TOTSOME) is a combined children/youth mission project to collect food which will be distributed by **Anderson Interfaith Ministries (AIM)**. We will leave from the FBCP parking lot on Sunday, Oct 20 and head to the Sherwood Forest community to distribute collection bags. The following Sunday, Oct 27, we will re-visit the neighborhood to collect the donated items. **We still need drivers for October 20 (3:30 pm—5:30 pm)**. The church will also be invited to participate by filling bags for the children to deliver. Bags and instructions will be available at church on Oct 20 and filled bags need to be returned by Sunday morning Oct 27. To volunteer to help or for more information, please contact Keleigh Frazier, Director of Children's Ministry, at children@fbcpendleton.org or mobile (864) 637-9543.

Fall Festival · Wednesday, Oct 30 · 5:45 pm—7:30 pm

"Let Your Light Shine" as FBCP celebrates its Fall Festival, Wednesday, Oct 30 starting at 5:45 pm. A free hot dog supper will be provided at the start of the event followed by a short Bible story, and then games for children up to fifth grade. This event is a free family event. We will need many volunteers to organize and set up games and activities. This is one of our biggest events of the year, as it is open to the community as an outreach of the church. **We need donations for the Cake Walk**, one of the most popular venues at the event. To volunteer to help or for more information, please contact Keleigh

State Missions Offerings Show Extravagant Generosity

Contributions to the State Missions Offerings have once again shown the extravagant generosity of FBCP. The **Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions**, sponsored by CBFSC, amounted to \$1,050.23. The **Janie Chapman State Mission Offering**, sponsored by SCBC and South Carolina WMU, amounted to \$255. Thank you for supporting important missions work across our state!

Covered Dish Lunch & Quarterly Church Conference Sunday, Oct 27 following Worship

Please make plans to attend our **Covered Dish Lunch & Quarterly Church Conference** on Sunday, Oct 27 in the Fellowship Hall following Worship. For the lunch, the church will provide meat and beverages; please bring a side or dessert to share. Enjoy good food and fellowship and stay informed about church business. **Committee Chairs**, please submit your written reports to office@fbcpendleton.org no later than Thursday, Oct 24 to be included in the quarterly conference packet, or be prepared to make an oral report at the meeting. Thanks.

FBCP Fall Work Day · Saturday, Oct 19 · 8:30 am—Noon

Volunteers: Please Check-In at the Fellowship Hall

FBCP Fall Work Day is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct 19 from 8:30 am - Noon**. For more information on how you can help maintain and improve the appearance of our building and grounds, see the work project list posted outside the Church Office. Questions or suggestions may be directed to **Dale Chandler** by email to rchand1950@hotmail.com, or by calling or texting to 864-414-8892.

Team FBC Pendleton

Our thanks to everyone who participated in the Champions Run 2019, which benefited the Developmental Center for Exceptional Children in Anderson.



Pictured (L-R): Marlena Dixon, Cara Morgan, Kim Burgess, John Morse, Rick Massey, Jennifer Rygg, Thomas Rygg, Caleb Rygg.



Sunday, Nov 10 · SAVE THE DATE · Baby Shower for Jeff, Kiley, and Aurelia Daniel

The **Young Adult Game Night crew** invites you to join us for a baby shower honoring Jeff, Kiley, and Aurelia Daniel on Sunday, Nov 10 from 3-4:30 pm. Jeff and Kiley, along with their 3-year-old daughter Aurelia, are expecting a baby boy in January 2020. Join us for food and fun from 3-4:30; then, game night will be from 4-8pm. Childcare will be provided from 4-8, and all are invited! **Kiley and Jeff are registered at Target**. Please direct any questions to Cara Morgan or Jennifer Rygg. Please RSVP via the link in the news item on the church website, www.fbcpendleton.org.



SAVE THE DATE Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov 24 · 5:00 pm St. Paul's Episcopal Church

You are invited to attend the Alliance of Pendleton Area Churches **Community Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday, Nov 24 at 5:00pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (328 E Queen St, Pendleton).

ADULT MINISTRY

- Every Monday @ 9:30 — Knitting / Crochet (open for any handwork) (FH)
- 3rd Sunday (Oct 20) @ Noon — Merry Widows Lunch (Red Bowl, Clemson)
- Tuesday, Oct 22 @ 11:30 — Ladies Lunch (Ruby Tuesday, Clemson)
- Last Saturday (Oct 26) @ 9:00 — 3B Ladies (Bojangles, Pendleton)
- Sun, Nov 10 — 3:00-4:30, Baby Shower for the Daniels; 4-8, Young Adult Game Night (FH)
- 2nd Monday (Nov 11) @ 10:30 — Keenagers Program & Lunch (Fellowship Hall)