

SPECIAL INVITATION

Pendleton High School will be holding a graduation ceremony for Timothy Schultz prior to our family's December departure. We would love for you to come join us as we celebrate Timothy's many accomplishments and friendships. The whole student body will be invited to attend the ceremony so Timothy's teacher, Julie Bishop, is asking for Timothy's friends and family to RSVP so they will have enough seating blocked off for us. — Paul Schultz

Timothy Allen Schultz

Please join us as we celebrate Timothy's graduation and accomplishments.

We will be honoring him with awards and a graduation ceremony.

PHS Auditorium

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 · 11:30-12:00

Please RSVP by Monday, December 2, 2019

We will be taking the church bus. Members of the church family are asked to RSVP to the church office (and let us know if you would like to ride the bus) so we can let the school know how many will be attending.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN DECEMBER

Our **last Wednesday night Bible study of 2019** will be **Wednesday, Dec 4**. We will study **John chapter 10** and explore this year's CBF Offering for Global Missions theme, **Share Abundant Life**, using the article on pages 14-18 of the fall issue of *fellowship!* magazine about Transformation in Togo (<https://cbf.net/fellowship-magazine>).

For the following two Wednesdays (Dec 11 and Dec 18) we will have supper and Birthdays and Blessing at the usual time, but special Christmas activities will take the place of our weekly Bible Study.

- On **Wednesday, Dec 11**, children will present a Christmas program in the sanctuary at 7 pm.
- On **Wednesday, Dec 18**, we will share Christmas joy with our neighbors through Christmas caroling (details to come).
- There will be no Wednesday night activities at church on Dec 25 or Jan 1.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

A service of Candlelight and Communion will take place **Tuesday, Dec 24 at 5 pm**.

Of Note: Access www.fbcpendleton.org for church information. · Access Wi-Fi on **FBC Guest**.

- Make a one-time offering to the church on **Realm eGiving**: text the word **FBCPENDLETON** to recipient **73256**.
- An **AED** is located across from the church office.

THIS WEEK at FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of PENDLETON

Sunday, December 1 · First Sunday of Advent

Happy Birthday to David Van Lear, Katie Taylor

9:00 am - 9:30 am Coffee, Tea, & Conversation (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Noon - 3:00 pm Decorate Church for Christmas (lunch provided) (Sanctuary & Church)

7:00 am - 5:00 pm **Mon - Fri** · Project HOPE (Nursery Suite, Rooms 101, 105, 106)

Monday, December 2

Happy Birthday to Coy Harral, Myrna Moore

9:30 am Knitting Group (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, December 3

Happy Birthday to Chris Cottingham

9:30 am - 10:30 am Chair Yoga for People with MS (Conference Room 304)

10:00 am - Noon WMU Roper Group (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 am - 11:45 am MS Support Group (Conference Room 304)

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm NAMI AOP Educational Meeting (Fellowship Hall, Rooms 312-B, 313)

Wednesday, December 4

Happy Birthday to Jim Anderson

10:00 am Bible Study with Rev. Richard Hawk - 1 Corinthians "The Royal Road"

5:45 pm Wed Night Supper: Wayne & Cheryl

Menu: Chili, Slaw, Cornbread, Hot Dogs and Chips for kids, Dessert

Birthdays and Blessing

6:15 pm **Nursery**, under 4, (Room 102A)

6:30 pm **Mission Friends**, 4K/5K (Room 102B)

Bible Thrills, Grades 1 - 3 (Room 101)

Bible Explorers, Grades 4 - 5 (Rm 106)

Youth Group, middle and high school students (Room 108)

Adult Bible Study (including college students) (Room 306)

Children rehearsing for Christmas program (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

7:45 pm

Thursday, December 5

Happy Birthday to Kim Burgess

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Pendleton Community Counseling Center (Room 310)

9:30 - Noon Senior Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Noon - 1:30 pm SS Co-Ed D Class Lunch (Collins Old Towne, Central)

Saturday, December 7

Happy Birthday to Bruce Blackmon

9:00 am Running Group (Parking Lot)

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Reserved for Memorial Service for Eric Lee Gandenberger

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm Youth Christmas Party (Youth Room)

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed TODAY after worship to help decorate the church for Christmas! A lunch of White Christmas Chili and peanut butter sandwiches will be provided for volunteers. Please meet in the fellowship hall after worship.

Youth Christmas Party will be Saturday, Dec 7 at the church from 5-8:30 pm. Join us for games, snacks, an ugly Christmas sweater competition, and a White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a gift (\$5 or less) -- used/re-gifted and/or funny gifts are encouraged!

Young Adult Game Night / Christmas Party will be Sunday, Dec 8 from 4-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The party will include a new game -- a Murder Mystery to solve as a group! Check out <https://www.yourmysteryparty.com/crum> for a preview that includes the basics of the case, the victim, the suspects, and a short intro video. Feel free to wear your favorite detective gear or Christmas gear! Check out our Facebook group, "Game Night with FBCP 'Young' Adults" or contact Cara Morgan (cara@fbcp Pendleton.org, 803-348-7482) for more info.

Senior Adults are invited to the annual **Sounds of the Season** concert at Pendleton High School on **Wednesday, Dec 11** at 9:30 am in the high school auditorium. The concert features the PHS Symphonic Band and the PHS Singers. The high school then hosts a traditional holiday dinner of turkey and dressing in the school cafeteria. There is no charge for the concert or the luncheon, **but we need to R.S.V.P. We are planning to take the church bus. Please sign up by Dec 6 on the sign-up sheet on the table outside the church office to let us know if you would like to ride the bus or if you will drive on your own.**

Church Christmas Dinner and Children's Program will be Wednesday, Dec 11. Join us for a festive dinner beginning at 5:45 pm featuring Chicken & Dressing Casserole, Green Beans, Roll, and Dessert. To make this dinner extra special, **we are asking for volunteers to bring homemade desserts.** Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Following dinner, we will have Birthdays & Blessing at 6:15 and a little extra time to fellowship and enjoy those homemade desserts while our children get ready to present a special Christmas program in the sanctuary at 7 pm. Our children will be spending the next few Wednesdays practicing, so plan to support them and experience the Christmas story as portrayed by our children! **Please make supper reservations by Monday, Dec 9 at noon.**

Children's Ministry is in need of volunteers to help with our first Parents Night Out, Saturday, Dec 14 from 4:00 - 7:00. Jobs can range from helping set up, running a station, helping with music time, or more! Also, if you can stay for only part of the time, we can still use you. Please let me know if you are able to serve!

Thank you! Keleigh Frazier · children@fbcp Pendleton.org

Advent devotional materials are available on the table outside the church office. Materials include a daily devotional reading, **God Bless Us, Every One!** based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, as well as a sticker book for children with the same title.

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Clemson Community Care started its annual holiday food distribution on November 11, 2019. They are asking everyone to please remember to **"Help a Neighbor - Donate a Turkey."** Turkeys may be brought to Clemson Community Care or you may purchase a turkey at Publix or Ingles in Clemson or Bi-Lo in Pendleton and they will hold them for pick up by CCC.

Operation MAGI is the ecumenical Christmas ministry led by the Pendleton United Methodist Men since 2003. Together with fifteen other churches, last year 287 children from 102 families each received three gifts: a shirt, a pair of pants, and a toy. Each family also receives the ingredients for a Christmas meal, and age-appropriate Christian literature. The schools in Anderson School District 4 provide the names of families that need assistance with gifts for their children at Christmas. **Please take one or more Stars from the Magi Tree** which has been set up on the table near the office. Affix a single Star on each individually-wrapped gift. If a gift bag is used for gifts, staple the top to avoid spills. Place gift cards in a stapled bag. Each child is to have three (3) separately wrapped gifts (pants, shirt, toy) with one star on each gift. Please do not consolidate gifts. Children count and they have been told they will receive 3!!! **Gifts will be due back at FBCP no later than Wednesday, Dec 4.** If you have any questions about Operation MAGI, please contact Jane Massey on the Missions Committee at mobile (864) 940-3156 or jmassey316@gmail.com.

Collins Children's Home Meat Offering for 2019. We will be collecting money through **Sunday, Dec 15** to buy meat for the Collins Children's Home. **Make out your check to FBC Pendleton and include "Meat Offering" on the Memo Line** so that proper credit can be given in your contribution records. You may give your check to Wayne Patterson, place it in the offering plate, or use e-giving to make your contribution. Let's see if we can top last year's offering of \$2,177.

Offering for Global Missions of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship helps send field personnel to share the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. This year's mission offering theme is **Share Abundant Life**, based on John 10:10 -- *I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.* To make a gift to the Offering for Global Missions, use the specially marked envelopes, select "CBF Global" from the online giving options, or write "CBF Global" on the memo line of your check made out to FBCP.

SERVING ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Coffee: Lindalee Cleveland; **Deacon Greeters** (December): Lindalee Cleveland, Kim Burgess; **Worship Service Ushers:** Team 1: Randy Strickland, Rick Burgess, Jean Robinson, Evelyn Simpson; **Acolyte:** Alayna McReynolds; **Worship Service Nursery:** Lindalee Cleveland, Fran Tabacaru, Trish Nolan; **Video Tech:** Rick Massey; **Sound Booth:** Don Baldwin; **Children's Chapel:** Steve Hansen, Spencer Willoughby; **Tellers:** Margaret Layne, Jean Geddings