



February Is SOUPer Month of Caring

We typically participate in SOUPer Bowl of Caring on the first Sunday of February. SOUPer Bowl of Caring is a nationwide youth-led initiative which uses the energy of the Super Bowl to address hunger in local communities. Like many things these days, this year's SOUPer Bowl of Caring will be different -- we are extending it throughout the month of February! This emphasis will include Clemson Community Care and the new Mt. Zion Food Pantry in Sandy Springs, a "Soup and Stories" Facebook Live event, a Drive-Thru Food Drive (like we had in June), and ending with a Blood Drive!



During February, we will be collecting donations for two area food ministries: **Clemson Community Care** and **Mt. Zion Food Pantry for Friends**, a new ministry located at Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs.

Donations may be brought to First Baptist Church of Pendleton throughout the month (please let a staff member know when you plan to come; we are currently keeping doors locked to minimize traffic in the building), but we will also have a **Drive-Thru Food Drive** on Sunday, Feb 28 from 1-3 pm. Simply drive through our parking lot and volunteers will unload your donations; you stay in your vehicle the whole time!

Soup & Stories

Join us on Facebook Live the first two Sundays of February -- Feb 7 and 14 -- at 5 pm for soup cooking and story sharing!

Pastor Jennifer Rygg and family invite you to their kitchen (via Facebook live video) where they will be preparing soup and sharing a family story about the recipe. A list of ingredients will be included in the Wednesday email so that you may cook along with us if you would like! In a time when we cannot gather for a church-wide meal, this is a way to (sort of) share table fellowship together. On Feb 7, we will make Cheesy Chicken Soup, and on Feb 14, we will make Clam Chowder. Later in the month, we will invite you to share your own favorite soup recipes and stories.

Clemson Community Care Current Needs

jelly, cereal, dried beans, fruit, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, jello, soup, and pudding. Non-food items needed include: diapers (size 4), deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels

Mount Zion Food Pantry Current Needs

canned meat -- tuna, chicken, chili, beef stew, etc., canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, cooking spices -- salt, pepper, cinnamon, sugar, garlic powder, etc., cornbread mix

Deacon of the Month · Suzanne Morse

I have always been in a Baptist church, having been a member of three churches in my lifetime. The first was First Baptist Church of Altavista, VA. My grandfather was one of thirteen founding members of this church in 1909. I made a confession of faith and was baptized there at nine years of age and remained a member of the Altavista church until I married and moved to Clemson, SC. At that time John, my husband, and I joined First Baptist Church of Pendleton, (the first time in 1969) but then moved to Athens, Georgia where we were members of First Baptist Church of Athens. In 1974 we moved back to Clemson and joined again First Baptist Church of Pendleton (for the second time). We have remained members of First Baptist Church of Pendleton until this day. Currently, my church activities include serving as the Church Treasurer, co-teaching a Sunday School Class, singing in the Choir, and serving on the Deacon Council.



The Church has always been a present and active part of my life. Fortunately, I had parents who were excellent role models for me in this regard. Their encouragement and examples are a very large part of who I am today. Beyond my parents, these three churches have been welcoming and supportive and missional. I am truly blessed and thankful for all of those who were in these churches at the time I was there to love and encourage me in my faith.

Throughout my life, there have been special verses of scripture that have spoken to me for a time. The verse for me in this time is "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). However, there is one that has transcended throughout my life which is "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24).

Suzanne Morse is Deacon of Flock 06 (Hens - J).

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*Thank
you*

Dear friends at First Baptist Church of Pendleton,

We are so grateful for every loving kindness shown during my mother's illness and home-going. When she lived here she genuinely loved being visited by so many of you. Your cards, messages and phone calls have meant so much to us during this difficult time. God bless you all.

Love,
Cindy and Skip Still

Updated Deacon Flocks

With the election of two new Deacons, Deacon Flocks were updated in January. A mailing was sent last week announcing the new flock assignments and included a business card "fridge magnet" with the name of your Deacon and their contact information. Thank you to our deacons for their willingness to provide leadership, encouragement, and support to our church family!

Online-only Worship in February

Online-only Worship will continue in February. Church Council met on Jan 26 and decided to continue with online only worship at this time, due to the continued high number of COVID cases in our area and the uncertainty regarding the new variants. **Safety is the priority; God is with us and can be worshiped from wherever we are.**

We will continue to produce online worship ahead of time on YouTube, and will also have a live event at 11:00 Sunday morning on Facebook to help instill a strong sense of community. You can also hear the sermon by calling **(425) 436-6309**, enter Access Code: **507774#** and Reference Number: #.

Thank you for your patience, for your diligence in following precautions, and for your faithfulness to our church in these challenging times.

Blood Drive · Sunday, Mar 7

Our SOUPer Month of Caring will continue into March, when First Baptist Church of Pendleton will host **The Blood Connection** bloodmobile at the church on Sunday, Mar 7 from noon - 3:00 pm. Mark your calendar to give the gift of life!



Lent Begins Wed, Feb 17



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. We will have an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Five Dynamics Every Church Must Address

Wednesday, Feb 3 and 10, 6:30-7:30 pm on Zoom

What's actually going on in congregations here in 2021? The unprecedented changes in our world are resulting in an unusual mix of dynamics in most every church. **Mark Tidsworth** from Pinnacle Leadership Associates identifies these five dynamics as

longing, fear, grief, adaptation, and vitality.

For the first two Wednesdays of February, we will be spending our Wednesday night Prayer & Bible Study time exploring these dynamics, using a video and discussion resource. This will be an opportunity to reflect on this unusual season in the life of our church and to recognize that we are not alone in these challenges.





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