



Update on Plans to In-person Worship

Due to the current work in the sanctuary and the upcoming installation of new audiovisual equipment, church council has decided to continue with online-only worship **through the end of April**. This will allow the work in the sanctuary to proceed as quickly as possible while we continue to offer a high-quality worship service online. We will continue to premiere the service at 11 am on Facebook each week. The service is also available on YouTube beginning early Sunday morning.



In addition to online worship, we are also planning some in-person opportunities in the coming weeks.

Palm Sunday Picnic · Sunday, Mar 28 at 5 pm

Pack a picnic and join us to celebrate Palm Sunday! We will begin with a brief time of worship on the front steps of the church, reading the story of Jesus' triumphal entry. We will have a palm branch processional around the church, and then enjoy a picnic fellowship together. The church will provide bottled water, and everyone is invited to bring your own picnic supper.

Easter Morning Worship on the Front Lawn · Sunday, Apr 4 at 9 am

Bring fresh flowers to adorn the cross (extra flowers will be provided) as we gather to celebrate the resurrection. We will worship outdoors, with an opportunity to take photos at the flowered cross following worship. We will have some folding chairs; you are also welcome to bring your own chair.

Please note that while COVID numbers in SC have decreased, and some in our community have been vaccinated, COVID remains a health concern. **We will continue to wear masks and observe social distancing while at church**, recognizing the need to protect one another.



Thank You for a Great SOUPer Month of Caring

This year, we designated the month of February to be a SOUPer Month of Caring. We collected over 500 items for our local food ministries (Clemson Community Care and the Mount Zion Food Pantry for Friends), hosted two Facebook Live events to share Soup & Stories, and even continued the emphasis on caring into March, hosting a blood drive.

One of the losses of this season of social distancing has been not being able to gather to share meals at church. As a way of encouraging “virtual” table fellowship, we spent part of our SOUPer Month of Caring sharing soup recipes! See below for two recipes you can try at home.

The SOUPer Month of Caring was our way of participating in the SOUPer Bowl of Caring, a nation-wide movement which uses the energy and excitement of the Super Bowl to inspire giving to local charities to address hunger. This year, 839 groups across the US participated in the event, raising \$2,465,983 in donations and food items for charities in their area. Thank you, FBCP, for being part of this effort!

Remember that even when we are not having a special emphasis, we always have the giant vegetable can in the hallway at church to collect donations for Clemson Community Care. Consider adding an item to your regular shopping list and making giving part of your routine.



Cheesy Chicken Soup · Jennifer Rygg

This recipe is one my mother used to make. It is the first meal I cooked for Travis when we were dating (not knowing he didn't like pinto beans!)

- 1 can whole kernel corn (drained)
- 1 can pinto beans (drained)
- 1 can chicken broth
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can chunk chicken (drained)
- 1 pound processed cheese (Velveeta or similar brand)

Combine all ingredients in a pot and stir until cheese is melted. (This can also be made in a crock pot.)
Serve with tortilla chips.

Unstuffed Cabbage Soup · Kim Burgess

This recipe was given to me by my sister and is definitely comfort food.

- 1.5 to 2 lbs of ground beef
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 1 small cabbage, chopped
- 1 24 oz can Rotel tomatoes and chilies
- 1 8 oz can tomato sauce
- Water
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

Heat oil in pan and sauté the onion and brown the ground beef; drain. Add the garlic and remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil and simmer for 30-45 minutes. Easily serves 4 and is really good with cornbread!



Repair & Revitalize Capital Campaign

The Repair & Revitalize Capital Campaign is underway. If you misplaced your pledge card, go to the church website, fbcpendleton.org, and download a card. You can also make your pledge online.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY**



One Year Ago...

One year ago this week, we did not yet know that “2020” would become synonymous with “major challenges.” We had not yet incorporated the term “social distancing” into our vocabulary. Many of us were using Zoom for the first time. I remember meeting with the deacons on March 15, 2020, and pausing the meeting to watch the governor’s press conference. We then discussed the need to move worship online for what we thought would be a few weeks. As it turned out, that deacon’s meeting would be the last in-person gathering at church for many months.

A year later, we have learned how to Zoom and Facebook Live and social distance and wear masks. Our lives have been significantly altered, and we are beginning to imagine what life post-pandemic will look like. Many in our church family have already been vaccinated. Others are scheduling appointments or awaiting eligibility.

The pandemic has affected different people in different ways. Some have been lonely and bored; others have been overwhelmed with responsibilities. Some have been extremely concerned and cautious; others have questioned the need for the precautions. Just as we have had different experiences during the past year, we are also likely to have different experiences as we emerge from the pandemic. Some are eager to return to church; others are still anxious about being in close contact with others.

It has been a difficult year, and there are challenges ahead. Even though our experiences have varied, we are still church family. I look forward to being together soon and being able to share some of our stories and experiences. How have you remained rooted in faith and growing in love over the past year? How can we continue to be rooted in faith and growing in love as we emerge from this pandemic? How can we love our neighbors – our church family, our community, and beyond – in the weeks and months to come?

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

Pastor Jennifer Rygg · March 16, 2021

Quarterly Church Conference and Picnic Sunday, Apr 25 at 5 pm

Our Quarterly Church Conference for April will take place both in person at church and on Zoom. After the conference, join us on the church grounds for a picnic. Bring your own picnic supper, and the church will provide bottled water. We will plan to offer childcare on the playground during the church conference if needed; please contact Jennifer Rygg if you would like to sign up for childcare.

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Maundy Thursday Service with Communion



We will have a Maundy Thursday Service with Communion on Zoom on Thursday, Apr 1 at 7 pm. (This will take the place of Wednesday night Bible study that week.) Please prepare your Communion elements and plan on joining.



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