



PENDLETON METHODIST CHURCH

A Global Methodist Congregation

**Contemporary
Worship
9:00 am**

**Sunday
School
10:00 am**

**Traditional
Worship
11:00 am**

**5th Sundays
10:30am**

*The Global
Methodist Church
exists to make
disciples of
Jesus Christ
and spread
scriptural holiness
across the globe.*

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Pastor's Moment ...

By Pastor Kevin Cooley

During my first year of seminary, I lived in a small house in the community along with a friend who had taken a job at the college after graduating. We got along well with one exception – he chided me often about how dirty my room was. (I was, apparently, still in the college dorm room mentality.) One day, I happened upon a small placard that I thought would finally make my roommate pause before making another comment about my lack of cleaning skills. I bought it and hung it on the door to my room. It read, simply: GENIUSES THRIVE ON CLUTTER. That was clever, I thought. And it made me feel a bit better about myself in the process! A few days after hanging the sign, I found a note attached to the bottom of it that read:

Dear Sir,

The position that geniuses thrive on clutter is very interesting. However, clutter does not a genius make. Should we not be able to see OTHER signs of said "genius"? In the absence of such evidence, I'd say you got the "thrive on clutter" part right, but leave a great deal lacking on the "genius" side.

Humble – and Clean – Roommate

Needless to say, I took down the sign pretty quickly.

My roommate's retort had the desired effect of deflating my ego, and I've many times thought about it as I have assessed my life, and in particular, my faith. It's one thing to have the title Christian or pastor or leader, but it's quite another to LIVE a life that is evidence of those titles. For myself, too often I have stood in name with those of similar titles but had no real, meaningful evidence to prove that I lived into it.

Have you ever felt that way?

The church is an arena where we seize the opportunity to LIVE the faith we proclaim. Whenever we start a ministry, promote a study, or plan an event, we are trying to provide the space for faith to be exercised so that our lives resemble more closely that which we proclaim.

We have witnessed the mighty movement of God here at PMC, and the challenge of a response is clearly before us. As we look forward to a new calendar year, the opportunities to stretch, grow, and live as Christians are multiplying every week. We want you join us in the exercise. We want to see you as you want to be, and we want the work of our church, both inside its walls and out, to be the evidence that marks us as faithful.

Your Brother,
Kevin

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First Thursday Lunch Group



February 5 at 11:30 AM

Red Bowl Asian Bistro

1390 Tiger Blvd., Suite 210 in Clemson
(Publix Shopping Center)

Please contact Martha Jeffries at 864-940-5823
if you plan to attend, so she can get a head count.

Supper Club

Thursday, February 12th at 6pm

Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant

3823 N. 81 Highway, Anderson at 6pm.

Please call or text Cathy Welton (864-506-4355)
by Sunday, February 8th, to RSVP.

Thursday, March 12th at 6pm

Saluda River Grill

1 Main St., Piedmont.

Please call or text Cathy Welton (864-506-4355)
by Sunday, March 8th to RSVP.

If you would like to car pool from Pendleton Methodist Church, please let Cathy know.

PRAYER LIST

Rev Bruce Palmer	Tracey Walker	Dee Graham
Nancy Wilkinson	JC Cook	Karen Cunningham
Rev Bobbie Ethridge	Leigh Brown	Patsy Barnette
Ann Hooper	Jim Graham	Keegan Cook
Bill Pace	Ezra Parks	Isabel Johnson
Whitney Sexton	Bill & Sue Hurst	
Meg Dillard	Chris Williams	

SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

SGT Gilean (Gil) Arant (USMC)
MSGT Athon (Trey) Arant (US Air Force)
PO3 Kenneth Bigham (US Navy)
PO2 Ethan Byrne (US Navy)
SrA Cole Lingefelt (US Air Force)
MSgt Justin Meece (US Air Force)
SPC Ty Norris (US Army)
LT. Col. Adam Williams (SC National Guard)
MAJ Caitlin Williams (US Army)
MSGT Dustin Williams (SC National Guard)
COL Michael Mihalik (IL Air National Guard)
LT Alexandra Moran (US Navy)

2nd LT Olivia Mullikin (US Air Force)

Names in Red indicate those service men/women who are deployed or stationed abroad.

SPONSORED MISSIONARIES:

Ben & Jenny Reyes & children & Luke & SunHee Rhyee & children

What is happening
AT
PEEPS



WHAT A GREAT FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF PEEPS. THE KIDS LOVED
HAVING VOLUNTEERS AT OUR FALL
FESTIVAL HELP WITH GAMES. THE
FAMILIES ALSO ENJOYED A NICE
THANKSGIVING FEAST AND PARADE. OUR
CHRISTMAS PLAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS
AND THE FAMILIES REALLY ENJOYED
SEEING THE KIDS SING AND PERFORM.
IF YOU WANT TO SEE MORE OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING AT PEEPS, SCAN THE QR
CODE.



PEEPS NEWSLETTER WEBLINK: [HTTPS://SECURE.SMORES.COM/N/NQPK4](https://secure.smores.com/N/NQPK4)

Ladies' Bible Study

by Cathy Welton

The Ladies' Bible Study invites anyone interested in joining our group. We meet on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 11:30 am in the Parlor.**

We will be starting a new study on February 10, entitled 40 Days through the Bible - The Answers to Your Deepest Longings by Lysa TerKeurst and the Proverbs 31 Ministries Team.



If you are interested, please contact Sheron Sweeney (864-637-8205) or Cathy Welton (864-506-4355). We would love to have you!

HOPE IN A MANGER

THE NIGHT LOVE WAS BORN



Two Churches with One Voice

by April Haynes

The presentation of Hope in a Manger on December 7th was the first collaborative choral presentation comprised of members from PMC and Welcome Baptist. Adam Coats and Beverly Henderson thoughtfully wove together additional narrative and music to the cantata for the joint choral performance that was truly a worship experience. Performances at both churches were well attended, and the performance at PMC was live broadcasted. Scan the QR code below or visit www.pendletonmc.com/live-stream

*Scan to watch
the recording.*



Children's Ministry

by Brandi Runion

The Children's Ministry has been busy the past few months!

In October, we hosted our Annual Community Trunk or Treat on the square with lots of candy, trunks, kids, and fun! Thank you to those who hosted a trunk or donated candy!

In November, we enjoyed Children's Sunday, and all of the children involved did a great job! We had around 13 children help with singing, offering, handing out bulletins, reading the scripture, and being the acolyte! If you missed it, you can watch it on our website! We also gave out our 3rd-grade Bibles to four of the children.

In December, we helped with the MAGI program by donating a children's adventure Bible like we use in Sunday School to each family! In Children's Church, the children illustrated their favorite Bible story to include with the Bibles and show the Magi families where to find those stories in their new Bible.

We look forward to more exciting things to come in 2026 with the Children's Program at PMC!

If you are interested in joining us, let us know!



Find out more and get notifications about KidMin news and activities, text @club22 to 81010.



Youth News

by Chase Greene

PMC Youth Group has been very busy throughout the holiday season. Back in October, the youth group participated in Trunk or Treat with two themed trunks: Fishers of Men and Daniel and the Lions' Den. Also in October, we held our Boston Butt Cook and Lock-In, where 20 kids stayed throughout the church, helping with cooking, playing games, and enjoying fellowship together.

Earlier this month, our youth had the opportunity to shop for four children in need through Operation Magi, which was a huge success. The kids helped shop and wrap gifts, enjoyed Mexican food, and most importantly, shared the joy of Christmas with others.

Weekly Bible studies during Sunday School have also been a blessing. Spending time with the students, growing in God's Word, and getting to know each of their unique personalities has truly been a pleasure for Michaela and me.

PMC Newsletter Publication Schedule:

The PMC Newsletter is a quarterly newsletter published by the communications committee. Please email your submissions to April Haynes at hlhandakh@msn.com or Cathy Welton at ralph_e_welton@bellsouth.net

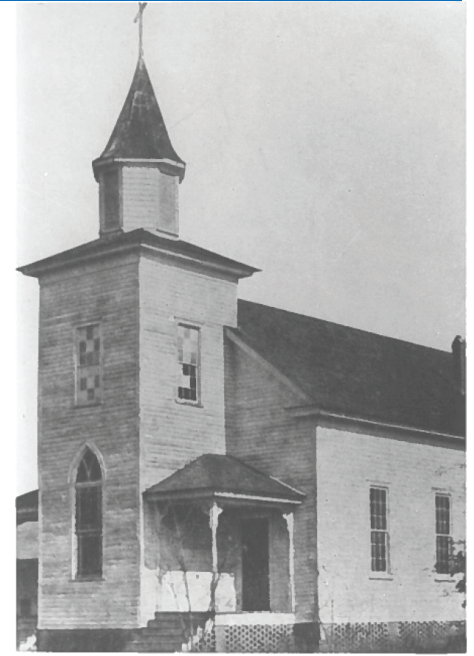
Story of The Second Methodist Church on Broad Street and Cherry Street

By Martha Jeffries

For 98 years, the white wooden Methodist Church stood on the corner of Broad Street and Cherry Street in Pendleton, South Carolina. In May of 1938, a fire caused by lightning destroyed the wooden church. A few furnishings, including a piano, were saved by some of the members.

Under the leadership of Pastor Rev. J. B. Connelly and many members, it was decided to rebuild as soon as possible. Meanwhile, services were held in the auditorium of Pendleton High School. Church members, as well as many friends of the church, assisted in the erection of the new Church, and by the middle of November 1938, a new Church building was completed. This time, the structure was made of brick.

The rebuilding of the church so quickly was made possible by many contributions of church members, citizens of Pendleton, Methodist Church Extension, Bethel AME Church, Baptist Sunday School, and many businesses, such as Gallant Belk (W. E. Gallant), Pendleton Motor Company, Strand Theater in Anderson, and many more. There is a list of contributors in the Church Archives. Amounts from \$1.00 to \$100.00 were accepted.



The Methodist Church stood on the corner of Broad Street and Cherry Street in Pendleton, South Carolina.



May 1938, fire caused by lightning destroyed the church



November 1938, new church was completed.

Worship Committee

by Karen Link

The Worship Committee enjoyed creating our harvest table for Thanksgiving. We had a wonderful group for hanging of the greens.

We are always reaching out for volunteers to serve communion. If you are interested, contact the church office.

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, the sign-up sheet is by the side entrance to the sanctuary.



2025 Magi Recap

By Bruce Smith

Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered during this year's Magi programs. From the Summer Food distributions and the Christmas program, you have served over 90 families and 300 children in our community throughout the year. God tells us to use what is in our hands, and no matter how big or small your contributions were, together we were able to give out over \$15,000 in groceries this year and close to 1,000 gifts worth over \$30,000. The monetary value is small relative to the impact this program has on the people in this community. When Jesus and his disciples fed the 5,000 beginning with the generosity of a young boy, the Miracle of Multiplication occurred. Today we are doing the same thing. I would also like to give a special thanks to Jane Massey, Lamar and Cody Marsengil, Mason Lefils, and Jackie Corbett for all the administration and logistical help. Also, a big thank you to Glenn and Kim Ladines (La-Deen-Ez) and the volunteers from Foothills Church who come each time and pack the groceries for us. Lastly, the other organizations that participate in the gift buying are: Pendleton High School Beta Club, Mount Lebanon Elementary PTO, Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, Zion United Methodist Church, Pendleton First Baptist, Asbury Church, New Holly Light, and the Pendleton Black History Foundation. This truly is a community mission! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! Looking forward to another great year!



served over
90
families

distributed
\$15,000
in groceries

1,000
gifts valued
at over \$30K

Lap Throw Dedication



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Combined Service: New Members & music by Cross Ties

