



# PENDLETON METHODIST CHURCH

*A Global Methodist Congregation*

**Contemporary  
Worship  
9:00 am**

**Sunday  
School  
10:00 am**

**Traditional  
Worship  
11:00 am**

**5th Sundays  
10:30 am**

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

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Kevin Cooley

Can you believe that we have already reached our one-year anniversary as a Global Methodist Church (GMC) congregation? Wow! I can bear witness to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us on a number of fronts – church vitality (and activity), deepening discipleship, increased community involvement, and, of course, new church members! I hope you will give God the praise for these moves of the Spirit. Such things happen in a community of faith **ONLY** through the grace of God and the hand of His Spirit upon the faithful.

I can also bear witness to how great it has been to be part of the GMC movement within South Carolina. Conferences, meetings, clergy gatherings, meetings among churches of our Piedmont District – at each of these events, I keep hearing the testimonies of what God is doing. We talk about the Spirit's work, we talk about the importance of Scripture, we hear stories of people giving their lives to Christ, and we pray for and long for new ways for the Gospel to go forward. I hope you will praise God for His work among the GMC of SC.

As we move into our second year as a GMC, I pray that our pauses for praise will not "glue us to our seats." The Spirit is still moving, and it is vital that we keep up! My desires for our Pendleton Methodist Church are that our discipleship will be even deeper, our mission will be even wider, and our worship will be even more vibrant. The Spirit of God will beckon us, He will push us, and He will accompany us – as long as our goal remains Jesus Christ.



*Sunday Service • June 29, 2025 • Our One-Year Anniversary • Welcoming 17 new PMC members!*

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# The Secret Ingredient

By Judy Estep



THE SECRET *love* INGREDIENT IS ALWAYS

*Martha Jeffries delivering a pie to the home of new members Ted, Susan, and Layla Brown*

Covenant Sisters is a small group in Pendleton Methodist Church that focuses on Bible Study, missions, and outreach. The group strives to reflect the love of Christ in everything they do.

To welcome new members at PMC, they support A Pie and A Prayer Ministry. New members are visited and given a delicious pie in a unique handmade cloth pie carrier. Also included in the gift is a prayer card of the beautiful blessing from the Bible found in Numbers 6:24-26.

*The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.*

All new members are special and valued by our church family. Hospitality is a joyful expression of love. The true nature of hospitality is love. ❤️

# Worship Committee

By Karen Link

The Worship Committee enjoyed providing beautiful roses for our mothers for Mother's Day and pens and bookmarks imprinted with Bible verses for Father's Day.

If you are interested in serving communion, please contact Karen Link at 864-934-8599 or leave a message in the church office. We would love to have new names in our rotation.

Hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful summer.

## First Thursday Lunch & Supper Club

The First Thursday lunch group and 2nd Thursday Supper Club will not meet in July or August. If you have any suggestions for restaurants, please let Martha Jeffries (864-940-5823) or Cathy Welton (864-506-4355) know. See y'all in September!

## Magi Summer Recap

By Bruce Smith

**Our next distribution will be July 7th from 5:30-7:30 pm and July 8th from 9:00-11:00 am.**

At our first distribution, we handed out groceries to 93 families, totaling over 400 people. Each family received between \$60-\$200 worth of groceries, depending on their size. Families come from the Anderson District 4 area. To date, we have about 115 active families in the program, but since inception, we have served over 380 different families during this ministry.



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# What is happening **AT** **PEEPS**



**WE HAD A GREAT YEAR! WE ENDED  
OUR YEAR WITH A FUN WATER  
DAY! OUR CLASSES IN THE  
PRESCHOOL ARE FULL FOR THE  
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, AND  
WE HAVE A FEW MORE SPOTS IN  
AFTER SCHOOL CARE. WE ARE  
LOOKING TO FILL POSITIONS FOR  
AFTER SCHOOL WORKERS. IF YOU  
ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW  
ANYONE WHO MAY BE  
INTERESTED, PLEASE EMAIL AT  
[PEEPS@PENDLETONMC.COM](mailto:PEEPS@PENDLETONMC.COM). THE  
HOURS ARE 2:00-5:30.**





# Step Right Up VBS

By Josh Runion

We had great time at Step Right Up Vacation Bible School. Each night, the kids learned a Bible story to match our theme for the day. Day 1 was learning to use the gifts God gave us to serve others (Jesus calls Peter to be fishers of men – Luke 5:1-11). On day 2, we focused on God's promise of forgiveness and our need to forgive others (Jesus forgives the sinful woman – John 8:1-11). On our final day, we talked about sharing God's love with everyone (The women at the empty tomb running to tell the disciples – John 20:1-18). Each night, the children earned tickets for remembering parts of the Bible stories and used the tickets to win prizes. We played games and made crafts to reinforce each Bible story. We are very thankful for the volunteers who helped us have a successful event!



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

## Discipleship Opportunities • 10 am Sunday Morning



Join one of our many discipleship opportunities each Sunday morning at 10am.

<b>Nursery – Infants through Preschoolers</b>	<b>Room 111 A</b>
<b>Children's Class (Clubhouse) – Grades K – 5th</b>	<b>Room 224</b>
<b>Youth Grades (Youth Room) 6 - 12</b>	<b>Room 210</b>
<b>College Age adults</b>	<b>Room 203</b>
<b>Lost and Found Sunday School Class</b>	<b>Room 201</b>
<i>Adults any age in fellowship over the Bible as a textbook</i>	
<b>Curry-Corbett Class</b>	<b>The Parlor</b>
<i>Adults age 60+ Focusing on biblical scripture applied to daily living</i>	<b>Room 123-A2</b>
<b>Learning to Walk Class -</b>	<b>Room 101</b>
<i>All ages desiring to grow more Christlike</i>	
<b>Fellowship Class</b>	<b>104-A</b>
<i>All ages, studies the Faith Connections lesson series a theme-oriented and traditional Bible study.</i>	<b>Conference Room</b>
<b>Genesis to Revelation</b>	<b>Room 220</b>
<i>Focus on biblical scripture to better understand God's word. Many lessons are guided by outside texts tied to the scripture.</i>	



# School Days, School Days - God's Classroom

## *Finishing Strong: Hearts Changed, Lives Transformed*

By Judy Estep



Christian Learning Center (CLC) of the Upstate exists to reach public school students with the truth of God's Word to help them come to saving faith in Jesus and live their lives for His purpose.

The program is often called Release Time. Parents can release their children from school during an elective class to leave campus and receive Christian Education.

Pendleton Methodist Church is a host church for seventh and eighth graders from Riverside Middle School. Teachers Nathan Fox and Jeff Terry instruct, guide, and mentor the youth. This past school year, approximately 200 students attended 40 classes per week at our church. Best of all, there is already a waiting list for classes next school year!

As we wrap up the program for this year, we celebrate powerful spiritual victories and testimonies! Over 65 students dedicated their lives to Christ!

PMC had 25 dedicated volunteers serving in this ministry! The first and foremost way for you to support this ministry is with your prayers! In addition, donations of school supplies and candy are much appreciated. A financial contribution is another opportunity to partner with CLC. CLC Upstate and all its teachers are completely supported by donations. More information about CLC and giving options is available at [www.clcupstate.org](http://www.clcupstate.org).



*"CLC has made me a better Christian,  
and I am a lot closer to God."  
(Della, 8th grade)*

*"CLC has impacted me a lot by learning the  
Bible step-by-step and praying every day....it  
is presented in a clear way to make it under-  
standable."  
(Janiyah, 7th grade)*

Jesus smiles when He sees your ministry  
You pass on faith and hope to a future adult  
You change the world – one youth at a time

## Meet our new Interim Director of Christian Ministries

Sharon Colcolough is serving as Interim Director of Christian Ministries (DCM). Sharon graduated from Lander University with a BS in Business Administration and from Southern Wesleyan University with a Master's in Human Resources. Sharon's professional background spans over 35 years in Human Resources in a variety of higher education settings, eventually retiring from Tri-County Technical College in 2018. Sharon is married to Robert and has one son, Austin. Many know Sharon as "Cricket," a nickname she was given in college, for her energy and positive attitude. She enjoys meeting and helping people and is excited to serve the Church and members in this role.

The DCM is tasked with coordinating the various ministries in which our church participates - from fellowship, to discipleship, to missions. The DCM can then help resource the ministries and identify new people to lead and participate in these ministries. In addition, Sharon is helping us to further refine the role of this newly-created DCM position. Her background in Human Resources is a great asset for this task, and she will serve as DCM as an interim - in anticipation of hiring a full-time DCM at a later date.

# Congregational Life Needs You!

By Cindi Long

Congregational Life has several functions. It consists of 5 teams of PMC members. One function is to serve bereavement meals for families of church members. We also serve as hostesses when a social function takes place among the PMC congregation. We would love to have you join us! Please email Cindi Long at lawsonsmarmie@gmail.com if you would like more information or would like to be added to a team. Below you will find a list of team members:

## Team A

Arlene Privette – Chair  
Cathy Welton – Co-Chair  
Betty Parr  
Sheron Sweeney  
Judy Estep  
Diane Guffee  
Mary Bess Johnson  
Margaret Hurley  
Martha Jeffries  
Jean Culberson  
Janet Barnett

## Team B:

Jo McConnell – Chair  
Nancy Cook – Co-Chair  
Howard & Patsy Greene  
Donna Clayton  
Jane Coakley  
Kaylene Boyles  
Al & Terry Williams  
Jeanie Hoffman

## Team C

Cindi Long – Chair  
Lynn Greene – Co-Chair  
Joan Kalley  
Jane Hopkins  
Karen Link  
Candice Davis  
Ivy Steepy  
Becky Hopkins  
Debbie Williams  
Lucy Taylor

## Team D

Andi Cahaly – Chair  
Lori Sloan – Co-Chair  
Nancy Cox  
Heather Furbie  
Michaela Williams  
Becky Oliver  
Sarah Burns  
Julie Orr

## Team E

Lynn Crenshaw – Chair  
Jennifer Crenshaw – Co-Chair  
Jane Acevedo  
Laurie Havice  
Jackie Corbett  
Denise Wall  
Steve & Sally Welch  
Anne McMahan  
Linda Macy



## Church Council Update

By Carol Burdette

The Church Council is the governing body of Pendleton Methodist Church, and I am honored to be your Chair. The Church Council is made up of a chair, vice-chair, recording secretary, treasurer, our lay leader, senior pastor, lay members to the annual conference, chairs of all our church committees, and 12 at-large members who serve 3-year terms. Our church staff members are non-voting members of the council. The leadership of our church is chosen by a Nominations Committee chaired by Pastor Kevin Cooley.

Committees include church historian, stewardship, congregational life, finance, PEEPS, communications, SPRC, trustees, children's ministry, youth ministry, young adult ministry, senior adult ministry, and worship.

In February of this year, we had our annual planning retreat. Highlights included creating a long-range planning committee, approving the budget, establishing stewardship goals, regular editions of our church newsletter, hiring an accompanist for the choir, hiring a sound technician, hiring an interim Discipleship Ministries position, renovation of the upstairs, and emphasis on programs for all ages.

We have had two meetings since then, with plans under-

way to put our Long-Range Planning Committee together with Russ Guffee as Chair. Hiring of all positions were discussed at the Planning Retreat except Youth Ministry. Congregational Life Teams are in place. Work on re-creating the Outreach Committee is ongoing. Our finances are in good shape, and we have tithed 10% of our surplus from last year to two new church plants in the GMC in South Carolina and 10% mid-year to educational scholarships for those going into the ministry in the GMC in South Carolina.

Over the years, I have served on the Church Council from time to time, with my last role being Stewardship Chair before being asked to fill the "huge" shoes of Arlene Privette as Chair of the Council. I am excited about the growth in our membership and look forward to having the voice of ALL our members as we embark on our long-range planning.

The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. Thank you for being a part of our new church and being what Christ has called us to be (disciples) and working to make Him known in our community (Pendleton & the world)!!



# Salkehatchie 2025: A Week of Service, Worship, & Transformation

Salkehatchie is more than just a summer outreach or youth mission—it's a life-changing experience for everyone involved. From Saturday to Saturday, volunteers don't just work hard; they bring hope, healing, and the love of Christ into the homes and hearts of those in need.

This summer, Pendleton Methodist had the joy of hosting 31 dedicated volunteers who poured their time and energy into improving three local homes. Each day began early, with breakfast at 7 a.m., followed by a full day of labor starting at 8 a.m. Teams worked tirelessly on projects including porches, floors, bathrooms, kitchens, carports, and more—ensuring that families could feel safe, comfortable, and cared for in their own spaces.

Evenings were a time to reflect and recharge, as everyone gathered in the sanctuary for worship and inspiring messages from guest speakers. It was a week filled with sweat, service, and spiritual renewal—one that truly changed lives, both for the families served and the volunteers who served them.



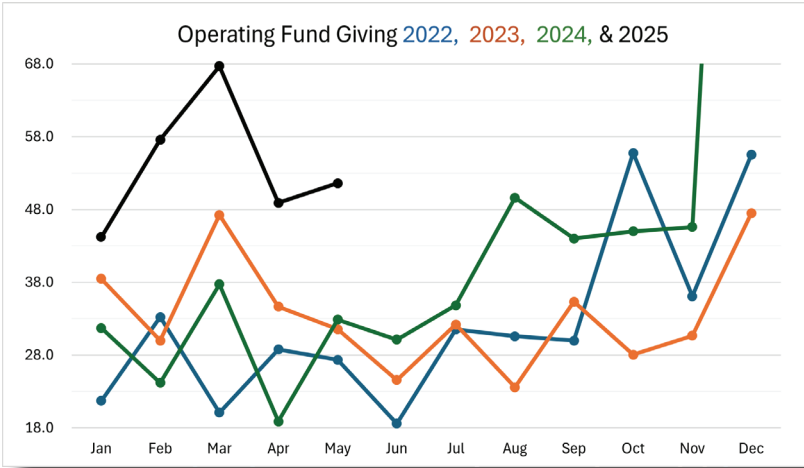


# Our Stewardship

By Ralph Welton

God has been faithful to PMC as we have been faithful to Him! The graph below presents giving toward our operating expenses for years 2022-2025. During 2024, our giving for operations exceeded budgeted operating expenses. During the current year, our giving for operations has also exceeded our budgeted operating expenses to date. Pastor Kevin has challenged the Church Council to tithe on this additional giving, and we have been able to give to the following missions and ministries beyond what is included in our budget from this excess budget giving and accumulated designated gifts:

Clemson Community Care	\$ 1,968
GMC New Church Plants	\$10,000
GMC Tuition Reimbursement for Ministerial Students	\$10,000
GMC Humanitarian Aid for Africa	\$ 5,300
Helping Hands	\$ 3,273
Magi	\$17,858
Panama Mission Trip	\$ 3,344
Salkehatchie	\$13,808
	<b>\$65,551</b>



Additionally, the Church Council has agreed to contribute another \$7,500 to GMC Church Plants before the end of the year. Let us praise God as he gives us the ability to meet our operating costs and go above and beyond to minister to others!

## Clemson Community Care

Items can be brought to the church and left in the yellow bins in the lobby.

Pork and Beans	Toothpaste
Oatmeal	Toothbrushes
Canned vegetables	Shampoo
Canned meat	Deodorant
Dry pasta	2 lb sugar
Cereal	2 lb flour
Canned fish	Canned/instant potatoes
Canned fruit	Canned beans
Shelf-stable milk	Pasta sauce (plastic container)
Peanut Butter	Canned tomatoes/tomato sauce
Jelly	Crackers
Soup	Paper Products
Cooking oil	Clothes Detergent
Dry beans/Rice	Dish Soap
Toilet paper	
Toiletries	
Baby wipes/ diapers	
Soap	

## BACKPACK BLESSING

AUGUST 10 - BOTH SERVICES

PENDLETON MC