

NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
DECEMBER 1, 2017

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Cheadle and Wahlmeier Families, Todd Etheridge, The Family of Chris and Vivian Johnson, Mary Jackson, Jennifer Steele, Those involved in accidental tragedy, Mrs. Allene Riley, Pastor William Reese, Family of Carl, Lisa W. Pitza Steller, Candice Bravo, Jenny Jones, Debbie, PJ, DeMorris Gbadebo, Linda & Ed Barrio, Jewel Jones, Linda Cheadle, Wanda Doleshall, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Ray Cook, John Roth, Millie Clarke & their family, Sabrina, Natalie Lawrence and Family, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Connie Moomjy, Clara Benfield, Sally Clayton, those seeking employment, Our Church as we transition, our public safety services, military services and our country's leaders.

FROM PASTOR KEITH

It is Advent again and once again our minds and hearts are directed to the manger where the hopes of the world will be born... again. It is a time when we can unashamedly be kids again, when can be excited about the spirit of this season. It is not about gifts or decorations, it is about love and the hope that the love of God through Christ will abound in us, through us, and all around us.

We do not stop believing in the miracle of the manger because we get old. We get old because we stop believing in the miracle of the manger.

May the joy, the promise, and the hope of Advent warm your hearts as we experience again being children amazed by the coming of the Christ Child. Have a happy and expectant Advent season!

PASTOR WEEKLEY'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Weekley's Church Office Hours are Monday from 9am to 12pm. He will be out of the office on December 11th. If you need to talk with him or meet him at another time, please feel free to contact him.

CHURCH SECRETARY JOB OPENING

If you would like to submit an application form, or know someone who may be interested, please contact the Church Office. This position is for eight hours per week and the applicant should know Microsoft Word. A salary is being offered.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SC DISCIPLE OF THE YEAR

The Disciple of the Year for SC is Susan Poster Ullmann. Susan was nominated and won this honor for her outstanding work in the Church and the community. At church she is Secretary of the Board, Treasurer of DWF, Pastoral Assistant, member of the choir and assists in writing the monthly newsletter. She's an active member of the community, serving as a Guardian *ad Litem* for abused or neglected children, volunteering at the SPCA as a foster parent and in their thrift shop, is a Girl Scout leader, and helps other children and adults with special needs. She is also an eleven year cancer survivor of a glioblastoma multiforme (GBM).

TRI-DEVELOPMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Tri-Development Christmas Party, hosted by the DWF, will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 11am in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Judee Mitchell. This event is always enjoyed by the crews that take care of cleaning our facilities and grounds.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

There are white plastic baskets in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. You are encouraged to leave food in these baskets which will fill Christmas Baskets the DWF will give to needy individuals. Please donate by December 21st.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

You will have the opportunity to donate to the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Christmas Offering on December 17th during the Worship Service. The proceeds from this offering are designated to support our South Carolina Regional Ministries of the Christian Church. Cathy Meyers-Wirt, President to the College of Regional Ministers says, "Regional Church ministries may not be your first thought when you ponder Advent and Christmas giving. After all, this is the season of miracles – not fundraising season for an administrative ministry. What if I told you that I believe, every day, that Regional Ministry is a miracle?" Your donation will celebrate the miracle of regional ministry.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH WORSHIP SERVICE

Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will NOT be having an evening Christmas Eve Service. We only will be having the 11am Worship Service.

THANK YOU NOTES

We want to thank Charlie who repainted the porch of the Disciple House and Lester who painted the windows.

A thank you to Linda Honeycutt, who has been faithful in her preparation of the weekly Church Bulletin.

Robin Brooks and Susan Poster Ullmann are to be thanked for their work in seeing that we have a monthly newsletter.

Frances Finfrock has helped in the Church Office in so many capacities, always seeing that the jobs got done.

We appreciated Judee Mitchell taking the lead, on our behalf, in the preparations that occurred for the wedding of Longer Xu and Chian Zhang. It was a beautiful ceremony.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DWF Meeting, Thursday, December 7th at 10am in Fellowship Hall

DMF Meeting, Saturday December 9th at 8am in Fellowship Hall

Carry-In, Sunday December 10th following Worship Service

Elder's Meeting, Tuesday December 12th at 5pm at the church

Board Meeting, Tuesday December 12th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall

Tri-Development Christmas Party, Thursday December 14th 11am in Fellowship Hall

DMF Meeting, Saturday, November 11th, at 8am in Fellowship Hall

Crafting Group meets every Thursday at 10am in Classroom 1

Choir Practice, Thursdays at 4 pm in Sanctuary

Tai Chi, Thursdays, beginners class 3pm and advanced class 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

ACTS donation for the month of December is dish soap, bath soap or laundry detergent.

Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!