

NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
OCTOBER 1, 2018

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Anna Weekley, Diane Warren, Jane Williams, Bassi Family, Paul and Pat Wilson, Michelle King, Mitzi Brownlee, Pam Jones, Forrest Roberts, Tijuana Harrison, Dennis Dillinger, Connie Santee, Brenda Wilson, Bob Peters, Linda, Freddie Jones, Richard O’Krosky, Jack Burke, Cato Family, Ralph and Nancy Hale, Roger Ozmet, Tasha, Family of John McCain, Al & Maxine Wilson, Sarah Moyer, Diane’s sister, Dara Cobb Lewis, Kim, Ruby Hurt, Carter Family, Family of Don Boyer, Diane and Burt Schumacher Family, Toole Family, Lisa Wahlmeier, Bassi Family, Jane Williams, those affected by natural disasters, and encouragement for those in need.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: Selma Devich, Brad Kerr, Dr. Walter Allen, Jewel Jones, Neal Mitchell, Wanda Doleshall, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Sandy Gullickson, Millie Clarke, Connie Santee, Eliza Husser Cave, Bill Carroll, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Connie Moomjy, Clara Benfield, Sally Clayton, Pastor Keith Weekley, Pam Owen, Ryan O’Rourke, Sabrina, Anna Weekley, Ray Cook, those seeking employment, our public safety services, military services, our country’s leaders, and those who are traveling.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR IRENE

I am very excited to be writing this “hello” for the newsletter as your new interim Pastor! I have felt a deep kinship with this congregation for over five years, from the first time I worshipped with you as a supply preacher. Filling the pulpit for Pastor Long occasionally over the years allowed that kinship to grow as I got to know you better and you got to know me and my family. I feel very strongly that us walking this journey together now at this point in my life is definitely God’s plan and I pray also in yours. I look forward to moving from being a guest preacher to being in a pastoral role with this very talented congregation. As a former hospital chaplain, pastoral care is a part of this job that I am most excited about. I find it an honor to walk beside people on their life’s path – and hope you will let me know your pastoral care needs as they arise.

Blessings,

Pastor Irene

PLANS FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Church Office has been in touch with Lifetouch, a company we have used twice before, for the creation of a new First Christian Church Directory. The date we have selected for the taking of photographs is Saturday, October 27th. Please mark your calendars and save this date.

Everyone who attends our Church is encouraged to participate. You do not have to be a member. Appointments will be set up for each family unit to have their photographs taken on October 27th. For your participation, each family unit will receive a FREE 8x11 portrait and a printed directory, simply for showing up and smiling. The directories will generally be available six weeks after the event. The day your picture is taken, you will have the opportunity to select the pose you prefer and you may buy additional copies of your selected photograph. But, you are under no obligation to make any additional purchases.

We hope everyone will participate. The directories are very useful in getting to know those who you will meet at our Church.

If you have any questions during this project, please feel free to contact Frances Finfrock or Caroline Hale. Thank you.

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

You will have the opportunity to support this special offering on September 30th. This offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities. Prayerfully consider your participation in this special offering. Thank you

15TH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND LIVING LEGENDS BANQUET

The Living Legends Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 4th at Holley Hill Christian Church. The Regional Conference will be held on October 5th – 6th at New Hope Christian Church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, November 4th, we will hold a Congregational Meeting after our worship service to vote on our 2019 budget and officers for 2019. Please be advised that only members may vote. Also, please note that Daylight Savings Time ends this day so set your clocks back an hour.

TRASH & TREASURES BOUTIQUE

Our September sale netted \$170. Our next sale will be our Annual Trash & Treasures Boutique on Saturday, October 20th from 9am-2pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DWF Meeting, Thursday, October 4th at 10 am in Fellowship Hall
Elders Meeting, Tuesday, October 9th at 5pm at church
Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 9th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
DMF Meeting, Saturday, October 13th at 8am in Fellowship Hall
Carry-In, Sunday, October 14th following Worship Service
DWF Regional Retreat October 19-20
Trash & Treasures Sale, Saturday, October 20th from 9-2
Crafting Group: Monday 12:30 in the Library
Choir Practice, Thursdays at 4 pm in the Sanctuary
Tai Chi, Thursdays, beginners class 3pm and advanced class 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

ACTS donation for the month of October is Grits, Oatmeal, and Cereal.
Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!