

NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

January 3 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Quay King, Hal Guyon, Family of Josie Colon, Judee Mitchell, Earnestine Goggans, Shan, Dee Long, Sabrina Hall,, Jacki Weeks, Red, Shirley Abney, Stephen Dry, Susy Sadowski, Barbara Kring, Laura Kraft, for those grieving during the holidays.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

Eliza Husser Cave, Sally Clayton, Pastor Keith Weekley, Clara Benfield, Millie Clarke, Roger Ozmet, Selma Devich, Dr. Walter Allen, Neal Mitchell, Bill Carroll, Pam Owen, Anna Weekley, Connie Santee, Jewel Jones, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Wanda Doleshall, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Ray Cook, Sabrina, Connie Moomjy, those in public service, military service, and those traveling.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR IRENE

Happy New Year to each of you! Your participation in Advent and Christmas worship helped us start the new Christian year off well as we brought the calendar year of 2018 to a close. Many of you have commented about what the Christmas Eve service meant to you. I loved every minute of that service – seeing your smiling, worshipful, friendly faces and also welcoming the dozen or so guests that you brought – God is good, and it was truly a rich experience to complete our Advent journey and welcome afresh the birth of Christ together as a congregation. We missed many of our regular members, and yet the awareness of their physical absence while being mindful of their spiritual presence added to the fullness of the evening. We complete the Christmas worship this Sunday as we celebrate Epiphany. Please bring a can of soup to the church service with you – our Wise Ones will be collecting them as we celebrate the gifts given to the Holy Child.

As we move into the new calendar year, we welcome new Deacons, a new Elder, and new committee chair persons. Thank you to the ones taking on new responsibilities. Also thank you to the ones who have (temporarily) fulfilled their positions. Their work has made this church a better church home for all of us! As we move into the new year, please remember to invite a friend to come with you. Engaged members who are willing to spread the word and invite others are the best “advertisement” for helping any church grow in depth and in size. First Christian Church certainly has engaged and welcoming members! May this new year be a time of growth in our being Disciples of and for Christ in our lives, our congregation and in our community!

Pastor Irene

CHILI CARRY IN

Sunday January 13 will be our Chili Carry in. Bring anything and everything that goes with chili. The chili will be provided by Paul Wilson.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The proof of the directory will be emailed to the Church office on January 7th. Once it is reviewed and corrected the printing process will take 2 weeks. We are hopeful we will have our new directories by February.

CRAFTING CLASS CHANGES

The crafting class resumes on January 7th. We will be making lots of exciting things this month including a traveler's notebook and valentine bookmark. We are requesting a \$2 materials fee per class.

UN-DECORATING

We will be meeting at 8 am, Saturday January 12 to remove and repack the Christmas decorations. There will be a light snack provided, but not a full meal. The process usually takes a little over an hour.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

The Choir meets every Thursday from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. The choir provides special music during the worship service and leadership during the hymns. We learn to sing from Natalie who is a wonderful instructor and musician. You do not need to read music; you just need a willing heart and voice.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3 DWF 10:00 am Fellowship Hall
January 6 Epiphany Sunday: ***BRING SOUP***
January 8 Board Meeting 6:00 Fellowship Hall
January 12 Taking Decorations Down. 8am in Fellowship Hall
January 13 Chili Carry-In, following Worship Service
January 19 Trash & Treasures Sale, Classroom 3 from 9-2

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Crafting, Mondays 12:00 to 1:30 in the Library
Tai Chi Beginning Thursdays 3:00 Fellowship Hall
Tai Chi Advance Thursdays 5:30 Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice, Thursdays at 4 pm in the Sanctuary

ACTS donation for the month of January is Soup
Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEERS

Deacons are Shan and Paula
Elders are Lisa and Buzzy