



NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
November 1 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Family of Jewel Jones, Family of Margaret Foody, Greg Calhoun John Strode, Suzie Sudauski, Christian Boening, Charlotte Chatto, Brenda Wilson and Family, Davidson Family, Rob Johnson and Family, Laura Riley, Charles, Paula Jones, Eileen Snow, Nora Williams, Demorris, Earnestine Goggans, those impacted by natural and manmade disasters, those recovering from surgery, China and the Ukraine.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

Chuck & Ida Bassi, Eliza Husser Cave, Susan Poster Ullmann, Wanda Doleshall, Linda Cheadle, Selma Devich, Millie Clarke, Robin Brooks, Connie Moomjy, Dan McElvoy, Sally Clayton, Pastor Juan Rodiguez, our Regional Church, Dr. Walter Allen, Neal Mitchell, Pam Owen, Connie Santee, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Sabrina, those in public service, military service and for our Country.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR IRENE

Sunday's are always special days and for the rest of the year, each Sunday will be even more special. In November, we begin with our All Saint's Day service (11/4), then have Veteran's recognition Sunday (11/10), Joey's baptism (11/17) and Thanksgiving worship (11/24). Add in carry-in and a congregational meeting along with our regular church activities (DWF, Men's Breakfast, crafting, choir, Sunday School, etc), it has the makings of a meaningful month. This will be followed by the four weeks of Advent beginning December 1st. It will be an exciting time at First Christian Church Aiken! I hope you will participate in any and all activities and services as we worship together and grow in our own faith as Disciples of Christ.



PICTURED HERE: Eliza Husser Cave receives a Thank You basket from the Region for bringing the Ministers Wives and Husbands Fellowship to South Carolina.

FAMILY PROMISE OF AIKEN COUNTY UPDATE

The Family Promise of Aiken County took another major step forward in becoming an Affiliate of Family Promise by receiving our 501©3 paperwork back sooner than expected! This will allow the forming Affiliate to begin fund-raising to raise funds for operating costs. Work is underway to recruit churches to serve as Host Congregations. Once 13 host congregations have signed on to the program, the next step will be to hire a Director/Social worker and begin accepting families into the program. The goal is to be operational by Fall 2020. Please continue to pray for this important ministry as it seeks to serve children and their families experiencing temporary homelessness in Aiken County.



WORD OF THANKS

Pictured here is Paul Owen installing the Little Library which he built for the DWF.. It has been officially registered with Little Library and appears on their world wide map. Thanks also to Pam Owen for doing all the paperwork, and to Judee Mitchell for adding the books

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Pastor Irene will be leading a four week Advent book study using *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. It will be a combination book and Bible study, complete with invitations to reflection the Advent journey toward a meaningful Christmas. The group will meet at 4:30 pm the first four Sundays in December. You can use any copy of A Christmas Carol, or you can sign up to purchase one of the Advent study guide copies (\$7.00).

From the description of the study guide:

The classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is a cherished symbol of Christmas and a wonderful story of redemption and hope - perfect for a study in Advent. Contained in one spiral-bound volume are both the full original text of Dickens' A Christmas Carol as well as a four-part discussion guide that coincides with the four weeks of Advent. The discussion guide incorporates the story itself with study of Scripture, engaging activities, and thought-provoking discussion starters.

2019 SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

You will have the opportunity to donate to the Christian Church Disciples Mission Fund on Sunday, November 17th. Your donation, along with donations from Disciples churches across the US and Canada, will go to support “Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 15 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Currently over 52,000 students attend our fifteen Disciples related colleges and universities or seven seminaries and divinity houses...with over 12,000 students having graduated from these schools” in the past twelve months.

“Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church.”

WORD OF THANKS

Caroline Hale and Paul Wilson saw to the installation of a new mail box.

The new church sign is up and now shows our Sunday Worship times. There is also an area where we can add special Events.

Thanks to Paul Wilson and crew for the movie and chili night.

Thanks to Don Pruett for planting the Confederate Rose which was taken from a cutting of the one owned by Ray Cook.

PICTURED HERE:

Don Pruett receiving a peace lily during his recent housewarming.



DON'T FORGET

Sunday, November 3, is the end of daylight savings. Time to fall back one hour.

ACTS DONATIONS for the month of November are Beef Stew, Canned Meat or a Complete Meal. Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!

THIS MONTH IN SERVICE

Our Deacons this month are Paul Owen and Robin Brooks

Our Elders are Don Pruett and Lisa Wahlmeier

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7	DWF 10:00am, Fellowship Hall
November 9	DMF 8:00am Fellowship Hall
November 10	Veteran's Recognition Sunday
November 12	Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall NO Elders Meeting
November 16	Trash & Treasures Sale, 9:00 am Room 3
November 17	Carry-In, following Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
November 24	Elders Meeting, 8:30 am Pastor's Office Congregational Meeting following the service in the Sanctuary

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday	Crafting	12:30 pm in the Library
Thursday:	Choir Practice	4:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Sunday:	Sunday School	9:30 in the Fellowship Hall
	Worship Service:	11:00 in the Sanctuary

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