



**NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)**  
**December 1, 2020**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*Sharon Moede, Doretha Goggans, Peyton Craig, Jerry Doleshall, Martha Albritton, Elsie Smith, Kyle, Nancy, Karen Porter, Carol Kettel, for the creation of a vaccine and for God's peace.*

**CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:**

*Wanda Doleshall, Sabrina, Susan Poster Ullmann, Linda Cheadle, Paul & Pam Owen, Millie Clarke, Eliza Husser Cave, Sally Clayton, Dan McAvoy, Connie Moomjy, Robin Brooks, our Regional Church, Dr. Walter Allen, Connie Santee, Kenneth Chatto, those in public service, military service and for our Country and all victims of the corona virus.*

**PASTOR'S NOTES:**

Last Christmas Eve, Ed and I hosted a reception before the candlelight service. I had so much fun making the food and decorating the fellowship hall - it was my gift back to a church who has and continues to gift me in so many ways. At the time, especially later that evening, watching the room fill up and people enjoy themselves, I could already picture repeating it this year as an annual tradition. Well, as we all know, COVID has changed so much of what we took for granted! While we are still planning for a Christmas Eve Candlelight service, it does not seem wise to plan for the same reception as last year. Know you are in my heart, and hopefully by next Christmas we will be fortunate enough to congregate and socialize freely once again. I hope each of you have a hopeful Advent and a meaningful Christmas One thing Covid cannot take away is the joy of the newborn King!

## **BLUE CHRISTMAS**

A “Blue Christmas” service during Advent is designed to name the grief and sadness that can accompany a holiday – either after the death of a loved one or any of the other losses that make holidays difficult. We are having our first Blue Christmas service on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Please invite anyone you know who might benefit from this type of worship service.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

We will also be holding our traditional Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 5:30 pm.

**HOME COMMUNION REFILL KITS:** If you need a refill for your home communion kit, please let Irene or the church office know and we will make arrangements to deliver it to you. As the COVID numbers continue to climb, we will broadcast all services over Facebook live to give our church family of ways to stay connected. If you worship over Facebook, whether on Sunday morning or at other times during the week, please let us know of your “attendance” by either doing a “like” or making a comment. Thank you.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER:** Mike Wilson joined the church in October and was baptized on November 8<sup>th</sup>. He went right to work putting his experience and talents to good use and is now serving as our Church Treasurer.



Congratulations to Joey Albritton for winning the most valuable offensive back for the Providence Athletic Club Homeschool JV Football team.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER  
AND CONFERENCE CALL PHONE NUMBER**

The Sunday School Class has been blessed that Dr. Bryan Riley has agreed to become our permanent Sunday School teacher. Thank you Bryan, it is our pleasure and honor to have you in this position.

We meet each Sunday by Conference Call at 9:30 AM. Our new number is:  
1-971-224-6619 with a code of 203424

Once you have called the number, you will be asked to enter the code. It will sound as though you are the only one entered until the teacher has joined the class and then everyone will be together on the call.

If you are new and want to join us, please call Caroline Hale (803-642-6363) the week before to find out which Bible scripture we will be studying that Sunday. Hope to hear from you.

**2020 THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS  
DISCIPLE MISSION FUND SPECIAL DAY OFFERINGS**

Thank you for your support of our Thanksgiving Offering. We have collected \$411.00 to date, with another \$50.00 promised. This offering will be used by the higher institutions of learning of the Christian Church (DOC).

On Sunday, December 22, 2020, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Christmas Special Day Offering. Your gift will support the ministerial work of our Regional Church, here in South Carolina. There are 32 Regions of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, across the United States. Our Regional Office is located in the Charleston area and supports all of the Christian Churches (DOC) located in the state of South Carolina.

The work that is done at the regional level includes connecting the congregations within the state, interpreting the global mission of the Church, assisting churches in calling new ministers, leading the Church to address racism, inspiring leaders to experiment and create, witnessing to the power of God and representing the Church in ecumenical gatherings.

Donations for this Christmas Offering will support the region in which the donation was made and the work they do to help the churches within that region. In other words, our region will be supported by your donation. Thank you.

## **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS COMING**

2020 has been a very challenging year for all of us. We have experienced many new “first” in our lives. This has been especially true for our Pastor, Church Secretary and Music Director. We have recognized the need to update our Church Directory and we are hoping to do so soon into 2021. Please be thinking about your information that you want to share with the Congregation which hopefully will include name, mailing address, home and cell phone numbers, email address and month and day of your birthday and wedding anniversary. We will be in touch.

## **WORD OF THANKS**

Buzzy Cheadle – for the carry out Thanksgiving meal he arranged and was enjoyed by all who participated. Also for his efforts to help maintain our property issues as they arise.

Those who decorated our Sanctuary beautifully for Christmas Frances Finfrock, June Wilson, Natalie Lawrence and Pastor Irene.

April Virge and Ed Albritton for their Deacon duties during our services, on a weekly basis.

Don Pruett who has been taking out and retrieving our trash cans weekly.

Frances Finfrock for the use of the bell for the All Saints Day Service.

To Pat and Paul Wilson for extending church to the football field.



## **ACTS DONATION FOR DECEMBER IS:**

Cleaning Products: 409, Glass Cleaner, Pinesol etc.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 5	DWF	11:00 am Fellowship
December 6	Blue Christmas	3:30 Sanctuary
December 8	Board Meeting	6:00pm Fellowship/Zoom
December 12	DMF	8:00 am Fellowship
December 19	Trash & Treasures Sale	9:00 am Room 3
December 24	Christmas Eve Service	5:30 Sanctuary
December 25	Merry Christmas	

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