



NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
October 1 2021

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

English Family, Family of Mrs. Little, Alzenia Smith, Cindy and John Ellison, Al Budnick, Clark, Margaret Hehir, Ai Ling Ling, Penny Slayton, Davidson Family, Jim Marsh, Christine Roule, Irene's grandchildren, Earl Edwards, Joey Di Palmero, April Virge, Karen Apple, Austin Moede, Piza Stiller, Our Regional Church, and for those facing natural disasters of flooding and fire, for those in the medical profession.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

Dan McAvoy, Carlie Beth, Jean Arnold, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, Sally Clayton, Susan Poster Ullmann, Linda Cheadle, Millie Clarke, Connie Moomjy, Wanda Doleshall, Dan McAvoy, Paul & Pam Owen, Robin Brooks, Sabrina, Eliza Husser Cave, 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 Note:

This month's newsletter is filled with important information about the life and function of our church. Please take the time to read about the Elder info, the emergency contact sheet updates, and All Saints Day. An informed church is a vibrant church - and exciting things are happening within our congregation. Thank you for continuing to allow me to serve as your Pastor. It is an honor!

ELDER FLOCK INFO:

In the Disciples of Christ church structure, the pastoral care of the congregation is shared by the Pastor, the Elders and the Deacons. The Elders and Deacons have resumed monthly meetings to serve the congregation better. The congregation has been assigned to a “flock” grouping with a lead Elder group. You will be getting a call, card or email from your Elder letting you know how to contact them. This is a partnership of care to increase your support!

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING **SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 2021**

You will have the opportunity to support this special offering on October 3rd. The theme is “Revealing God's Justice; The time is always ripe to do what is right.”

This offering is used to fund our Church’s mission imperative to becoming 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. Prayfully consider your participation in this special offering. Thank you.



NEW ROOF

The new roof on the office and Disciples house has been completed.

OCTOBER 16 BOARD MEETING

During the September board meeting there was a discussion regarding the property and projects we may wish to do. To get a clear idea of where things stand the board scheduled a special meeting on Saturday October 16 at 3:00 pm. We will take a look

at the grounds, Disciple house, offices, classrooms, Sanctuary building, etc. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you cannot attend, but would like to have a project included, please let Frances know and she will add it to the list.

The regular board meeting will take place immediately following the walk through.

NOMINATIONS

If there is an area of the church where you might have an interest in serving, please let Frances or Caroline know. Most volunteers have served extended terms and many would welcome assistance. We will present the nominations list to the board at the October meeting and the congregation will vote at the annual meeting in November.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Our church will observe our annual All Saints Day remembrance on Sunday, November 7th. If you have the name of a loved one or significant friend who passed in the twelve months between November 1, 2020 to date, please send it in to Frances or to Pastor Irene before Tuesday, November 2nd.

DWF

DWF is now meeting on the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 am in the Fellowship hall.

NEWEST MEMBER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL



This is Angel, the newest member of the Sunday School. Angel has been a regular attendee for about a month or more. She has a snack, but often stays for most of the lesson

We are in contact with *Community Cats*. This agency traps, treats, then spays feral cats. Their services are popular and it may take some time before a veterinarian is available.

When the time comes we will make an announcement and ask people to stop feeding so that she will enter the trap.

Treated animals have a small notch in the ear, and you can look for this in any area with feral cats.

In the meantime, if you should decide to feed Angel, remember to place the food inside one of the pie pans available. A small moat of water around the can or plate will prevent ants from visiting us as well.

For a feral animal Angel is unusually interested in what people are doing. The more she is around people, the more likely it becomes that she may find a forever home. Feel free to talk to her, or hang out, but do not expect to get very close.

MONTHLY VESPER SERVICE

The last Vesper service of the year will be October 28 at 6:00 pm.

WORD OF THANKS

Those who gave to the DWF Tool and Blanket Drive



Scott, June and Lisa for maintaining our facebook worship

Those who help bring Eliza to the services
June for the new entry plantings

**OUR ACTS DONATION FOR
OCTOBER IS:** Peanut Butter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2 DWF
 11:00 am Fellowship
 Regional Meeting
9:00 am Classroom 3
3:00 pm Fellowship/Walk through
12:15 pm Fellowship
12:15 pm Fellowship
6:00 pm Sanctuary

October 16 Trash and Treasure
 Board Meeting
October 17 Deacon Meeting
October 24 Elder Meeting
October 28 Vespers

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