

# NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC) November 1 2021

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Ellis, Elsie Smith, Al Budnik, Penny Slayton, Earl Edwards, Karen Apple, Austin Moede, Pitza Steller, Our Regional Church, and for those facing natural disasters of flooding and fire, for those in the medical profession.

#### **CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:**

Jean Arnold, Dan McAvoy, Millie Clarke, Carlie Beth, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, Sally Clayton, Susan Poster Ullmann, Linda Cheadle, 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:**

A few years ago, Joey and I discovered a program by the South Carolina Department of Natural resources designed to teach children to fish and hunt. The program was titled "Take One, Make One" or TOMO, built on the premise that if you took a child fishing or hunting, they would have the opportunity to develop that skill for life. While we did not participate in the program, the title of it has always stuck with me. "Take One, Make One." We are at a pivotal point in our church life where, even as wonderful as we are, it is up to us to grow the church for the future. I invite you to consider borrowing that concept, and "Bring One, Make One" regarding church involvement and discipleship. Invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker or family member to join you at church, either in person or via the Facebook link.

#### **ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE:**

We will hold our All Saints Remembrance during our regular worship service on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. This allows us to remember both in our hearts and in worship the names of those we have loved who have died since last November. If you have the name(s) of family members or dear friends who have died this year and you would like them remembered during the service, please let Frances know by Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, since the service will be shown on Facebook, please invite any other family members or friends to worship with us either in person or via Facebook.

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION: Our church is blessed to have many military Veteran's among our church family. We will recognize all Veterans during the worship service on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Natalie will also be playing the National hymn, "God of Our Fathers" as the special music. If you are a military Veteran, or receive Veteran's benefits as the spouse of a Veteran, please make sure Frances has your name by November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for serving our great country.

# DISCIPLE MISSION FUND THANKSGIVING OFFERING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Our Congregation will have the opportunity to support the Disciple Mission Fund's Thanksgiving Offering on November 21<sup>st</sup>. This offering is designated to support the Christian Church's Colleges, Universities, Seminaries and Divinity Houses. "Higher education has been an important focus for the Disciples since the very beginning of the movement."

"As our country and world continue to struggle with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our higher education institutions continue to face unprecedented challenges and they need our support now, more than ever...While there is much to be thankful for as our schools continue to meet the needs of students, there is also much work still to be done to ensure they remain financially viable."

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

## **ADVENT IS COMING!!**

Advent, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, begins on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. This is such a special time of the church year as we anticipate afresh the coming of the Messiah. In addition to our regular Sunday Advent services, we will hold the Blue Christmas Service on Sunday afternoon, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. This service is geared to address in worship the grief that is part of life and also part of the holiday season following a significant loss. It is also a good opportunity to reach out to your neighbors and invite them to the service if you know this holiday season may be more painful to them.

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have the annual Congregational meeting following the service on November 7 2021. Attached at the end of the newsletter is a list of the officers etc. being elected.

Attached to the newsletter in a PDF is the finance report and proposed budget. Copies are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

### **THANK YOU FROM PASTOR IRENE**

Thank you for the generous gifts, cards and kind words given to me for Pastor Appreciation Day. I am honored to be your pastor, and appreciate your ongoing support. The camellia has been planted in our yard and will be an ongoing reminder of our connection! Also, thank you for the calls and text support and prayers during Bella's hospitalization. That was a scary time for our family, but your love made it feel safer.

## **RECONCILIATION OFFERING**

## **COLLECTED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021**

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped with a total offering of \$355.00 for our Christian Church (Disciple of Christ)'s Reconciliation Offering. Your support was GREATLY APPRECIATED.

## **OUR ACTS DONATION FOR NOVEMBER IS:** Jelly

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 6	DWF	11:00 am Fellowship
November 7	Daylight Savings Ends	
	All Saints Sunday	
	Congregational Meeting	12:15 Sanctuary
November 9	Board Meeting	6:00 pm Fellowship/Walk through
November 14	Deacon Meeting	12:15 pm Fellowship
November 20	Trash and Treasure	9:00 am Classroom 3
November 21	<b>DWF</b> Dessert Auction	
November 28	Elder Meeting	12:15 pm Fellowship

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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 2022

Members of the Nominating Committee: Frances Finfrock and Caroline

Hale

Position New and Continuing Service Slate

**Chairperson of Congregation Buzzy Cheadle** 

and General Board

Vice-Chairperson of Cong.

and General Board

**Scott Finfrock** 

**Secretary of Congregation** 

and General Board

**Susan Poster Ullmann** 

Elders Ida Bassi

Lisa Wahlmeier San Cave Riley Buzzy Cheadle Don Pruett

\*\*\* Ed Albritton

Deacons Laura Kraft (2021-23) April Virge (2020-22)

Elsie Smith (2021-23) Robin Brooks(2020-22)
\*\*\* Caroline Hale (2022-24) Judee Mitchell(2020-22)

\*\*\* Paula Jones (2022-24)

Trustees Scott Finfrock Buzzy Cheadle

**Don Pruett** 

Church Clerk Frances Finfrock

Treasurer Mike Wilson

Financial Secretary Caroline Hale

Committee Chairpersons willing to continue to serve:

Membership – Paul Wilson Publicity – Shelvia Beard Worship June Wilson