



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
June Newsletter

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NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
June 1, 2023

Pastor's Note

One of the highlights of summer for me is the return of garden-fresh tomatoes, peaches, and watermelon. I recently moved two tomato plants from one side of my garden to the other side. I didn't think it mattered because they were planted in pots. However, when I moved the pots, I saw that the plants had extended their root system into the garden soil below the pots. Shortly after the move, I noticed some yellowing of the leaves at the bottom and looked online to get information to diagnose my plant problem. The first three options included over-watering, under-watering and root trauma when well established roots are disturbed and the plants can't get the oxygen they need. As I reflected on it, I thought about us as a church "garden"- and some of the root-moving events many of you have gone through lately especially in facing health issues. Our spiritual health is similar in that we can under-water our souls and also we can experience root trauma of our spiritual roots when events of life uproots our status quo. I pray for each of us as we remember to water our spiritual life through personal Bible study and prayer time, and that we also help 'water' others by reaching out to each other in worship, community and service.

Looking ahead for June: Save these dates

Saturday, June 10th - Robin Brooks and Brian Myers wedding and reception 1:00



Sunday, June 11th - Honoring our Graduates - we will honor High School Graduate Lucy Jones and college graduates Isaac McNamee and CarlieBeth Wilson.

Tuesday, June 13th - Church Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 17th - DWF Trash to Treasure Sale 9:00-1:00

Sunday, June 18th - Father's Day

DISCIPLE MISSION FUND PENTECOST OFFERING
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

Thank you to those who participated in this special offering of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. The total amount of the offering was \$357.00. This money will be used in efforts to support new Christian Churches (DOC) in our state, the United States and Canada.

Looking for additional ways to serve?

1. **The DWF** sponsored monthly Trash to Treasure sale is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers are appreciated to help staff the sale and/or to help keep Room 3 clean and ready with new donations. Please check with Ida or Judee on ways you are able to help out. The monthly sale proceeds go directly to support various local charities whose missions we support.
2. **ACTS** relies on volunteers to help them bring their mission to action. A current listing of volunteer needs can be found on their website www.actsofaiken.org by clicking the "Volunteer" link or call 803-649-3800.
3. **Walking Tall Ministries** serves the homeless population in the Gloverville area. They rely on volunteers to prepare food and lunch packs as well as other tasks. Their number is 803-226-6579 and their website is www.walkingtallministries.unaux.com.
4. **Walking Tall** supplies about 280 sandwiches a week through their meal distribution program. These sandwiches are provided by volunteers. We would like to host a "sandwich making party" at the church for anyone who would like a good time making sandwiches. At this point we are soliciting interest – if you'd like to participate, please let Irene or June know. Once we have determined level of interest, we can schedule the date and organize the experience.

DWF News

June 17 – Trash to Treasure

Creation of New Church Directory

The Church directory is still a work in progress. Hopefully, we will have an update in the near future.

Choir Practice Returns

You are invited to join the choir! If interested, please join Isaac and other singers for rehearsal Sunday after church in the Sanctuary.

Missions Opportunity

To make it easier to donate to **ACTS** and **Walking Tall Ministries**, we will be placing a basket for each ministry in the Sanctuary. These baskets will also be gentle reminders of our on-going commitment and connection to these two local ministries. We also have Walking Tall donation jar for weekly bread and bottled water.

ACTs donation for June: Pasta sauce

Walking Tall donation for June: Vienna Sausages; chips/snacks; also an on-going need for 39 gallon trash bags



Happy Birthday to:

Linda Cheadle - June 10

Wanda Doleshall - June 17

Emma Grace Maroni - June 27

Prepare now - Coming in July 2023

**KINDOM
OF GOD
WITHIN US
AMONG US**

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville

General Assembly 2023: Save the Date Social Media Copy

Edited: May 25, 2022 Theme: Kindom of God: Within Us, Among Us Scripture(s): Genesis 11:1-9; Luke 17:20-21; Peter 1:3

Campaign Summary

The theme for the General Assembly of the Christian Church for July 2023 is based on Luke 17:20-21, Genesis 11:1-9 and 2 Peter 1:3. The focus of the theme is “Kindom of God within us, among us.” This theme is a call for Disciples to strengthen their relationship to God in both individual and communal ways through an expansive in person and digital gathering of the church in Louisville.

Coming in September - Mark your Calendars

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are eagerly preparing for the 20th South Carolina Regional Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to be held at Antioch Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) Varnville, South Carolina. It will be hosted by Pastor Ricky Syndab and the Congregation The theme for this occasion, taken from John 17:21, exclaims “Lord Make us One”!

The opening session will convene on Thursday September 28th the closing session will occur on Saturday afternoon, September 30th ,2023 As you return home, all churches of the Region are asked to continue in worship, making sure to focus on the conference theme.

We solicit your prayers and support for the success of the 20th South Carolina Regional Conference. Your presence, prayers, and participation will help make this conference a time of spiritual revival, renewal, and a blessed experience for God’s people. We look forward to seeing you and fellowshiping with you, in His name.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Family of Paul Owen, the Family of Julie Summers, Lee Hall and Carolyn Jones(Woody’s cousins), Marilyn Blanchard, Pizta and Murray Stellar, our graduates Isaac McNamee, Carlie Beth Wilson and Lucy Jones, those impacted by gun violence, for the Ukraine, those experiencing effects of tornadoes, winter storms and other natural disasters.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: *Bryan Malone, Susan Poster Ullmann, Pastor Irene, Millie Clarke, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, Linda Cheadle, Tom and Connie Moomjy, Wanda & Jerry Doleshall, Robin Brooks, Sabrina, Eliza Husser Cave, Dr. Walter Allen, Elsie Smith, Connie Santee, Austin and Sharon Moede, Tatyana Yatsenko, Ella Shakibatabar our Regional Church, those in public service, military service and for our Country.*

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