

NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

October 28, 2015

PRAYER REQUEST

Ida and Chuck Bassi, Carol Sue Roberts, Selma Devich (Millie's sister), Pastor Larry Smith, Tanya & Abram Hillman (granddaughter & great-grandson of Wanda Doleshall), Pat Bailey, Danny Hayes, Skip Gardiner, Kevin Dunphy, Denise Peters (Paul Wilson's sister), Brittany Riley (Eliza's granddaughter in Abu Dhabi), Ray Cook, Nichole Brackett (Ray Cook's granddaughter-in-law), Jean Hunt, Clara Benfield and her daughter Vickie Rishel, Leslie Sandefur, Dot Rucker, Wanda Doleshall, Sally Clayton, Jamie Brame, Jill Malone, Sean Patrick Cheadle (Job Corps Trainee), Lynn Robinson, Joan Stuckart, Dottie Nicewarner, Richard Rainwater, Richard Penix, Roger Robbins, Mike Kler, Zack and Paige Herron (Campus Ministries in Philippines), Jennifer Collins, Bob Patchan, Susan and Michael Wargo, Connie Moomjy, Glover Grove Phoenix Project and always remember to pray for your Church Family, Pastor Sotello and Dee Long, our Christian brothers and sisters who are traveling, all those in our public safety services, military services and our country's leaders.

Pastor's Thanks and Prayer!

We are "The Loving Church with JESUS at Heart!" God's love has been seen in so many ways! Dee and I thank you for the blessings of kind cards, prayers and thoughts shared during the month of October for Minister's Appreciation. Know that you are special to us and prayed for with a heart of compassion and love!

I offer this prayer for you from the writing of the Apostle Paul: I pray before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its' name. "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may **strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being**, so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**. *And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*" (Ephesians 3:14-19)

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Please turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31st (Halloween) as Eastern Standard Time will be in effect on Sunday, November 1st.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November, 1st

Following the Worship Service on November 1st, there will be a Congregational Meeting to vote on the Slate of Officers for 2016, and to adopt the Proposed Budget for 2016. Please plan to attend.

Chaplain Karen Diefendorf

Chaplain Diefendorf will be preaching and leading the Sunday School Class on Sunday, November 29th. Karen began working with Hospice Care of South Carolina as a Chaplain in 2014, and continues to the present. She also serves as a part-time Chaplain with Tyson Foods, Inc. She wants to introduce our Congregation to Angelite (A Ministry of Hospice Care of South Carolina). Karen is a true blessing and will connect with your heart and soul within minutes of meeting her. Please plan to attend both Sunday School (9:30-10:30 AM) and Worship on the 29th.

One Table Donations

One Table, Aiken's annual free community Thanksgiving Dinner, will gladly be accepting donations of prepared desserts. Judee Mitchell has volunteered to transport these desserts to Newberry Hall if you have them to the Church at 4 PM on Wednesday, November 25th. Judee Mitchell will be waiting in the parking lot to receive the desserts.

The Holidays Are Fast Approaching

On Saturday, November 28th, at 8 AM, the Worship Committee invites everyone for breakfast, served by the DMF, in the Fellowship Hall. Following the meal, we will decorate the Church for Christmas. Please plan to attend and help with this as it is always good to fellowship and work together.

Our November Carry In will be our Church Family Thanksgiving Celebration. The date will be November 22nd, following the Worship Service. The Church will furnish the turkey and everyone is invited to bring side dishes and/or dessert.

Christmount's Appalachian Advent, December 1-4, will feature a concert by Appalachian folk artist **Laura Boosinger**, **Rev. Joanne VerBerg** leading daily devotions, poet **Debbie Parvin** and husband/storyteller **Rev. Bob Parvin** sharing their talents. There will be time for sight-seeing and Christmas craft-making. Contact Margaret Logan for more information.

Reminders

Remember to pray for our Church daily at whatever time works for you.

The DWF will be meeting on November 5th at 11:30 AM at Mellow Mushroom Restaurant, in downtown Aiken.

Remember that the Belk Charity Sale is November 7th from 6 AM to 10 AM for the lowest prices. You must have a ticket to enter during these hours. You can also preselect, during the first part of that week, items you want to purchase during the Charity Sale and they will be held for you until the sale event. Proceeds from ticket sales go to our DWF. Contact Judee Mitchell if you still need a ticket.

Joshua Messick's Hammered Dulcimer Christmas Show will be November 20th at Aiken Community Playhouse, from 7:30-9 PM. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. He is a National Hammered Dulcimer Champion. Margaret Logan has heard him perform and describes his music as very relaxing and absolutely beautiful. His website is www.joshua@joshua.messick.com.

Dates To Remember

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 1, following the Worship Service

DWF Thursday, November 5, at 11:30 AM at Mellow Mushroom Restaurant

Regional Retreat, Saturday, November 7th at 9 AM to 12 PM at Greater Cherry Grove CC, Brunson, SC

Board Meeting Tuesday, November 10, at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

Carry-In Thanksgiving Meal on Sunday, November 22nd, following the Worship Service

Breakfast Saturday, November 28th at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall followed by decorating of the Church for Christmas

Choir Practice at 3 PM in Sanctuary on Thursdays

Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall on Mondays and Fridays 9 - 10 AM and Thursdays at 5:30-6:30 PM

ACTS is requesting donations of pasta for the month of November. Please leave your donation in the Church Office. Thank you for your support.