



NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

May 2, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR *Julia Dyer, Family of Catherine Thompkins, Michelle King Family, June Wilson, Jerry and Sheri Corley, Susan Poster Ullmann, Troy Cheadle, Ralph and Nancy Hale, Charlotte's Sisters family, Maxine's family in Illinois, Roy Walden, DeMorris Gbadebo, the churches of Sri Lanka, those affected by violence, and natural disasters.*

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: *Millie Clarke, Clara Benfield, Jewel Jones, Dan McElvoy, Sally Clayton, Hal Guyon, Linda Cheadle, Pastor Juan Rodriquez, our Regional Church, Francisco Catlan, Pastor Keith Weekley, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Eliza Husser Cave, Selma Devich, Dr. Walter Allen, Neal Mitchell, Pam Owen, Anna Weekley, Connie Santee, Wanda Doleshall, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Sabrina, Connie Moomjy, those in public service, military service and for our Country.*

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR IRENE

Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed! These words from Easter continue to fill my heart as we enter into this new season of Eastertide – the time between Easter and Pentecost. And just as the risen Christ surprised his disciples at different times and places, I pray each of us will be surprised by the presence of the living Christ in new ways during this Eastertide season.

Ed, Joey and I will be away the last two Sundays in May (and the first three Sundays in June) as we take our long awaited road trip to the Pacific Northwest. I will be in touch with Frances, Buzzy and the Elders frequently, and will send postcards and emails along the way so that you can share in the trip with us. I will pray for you daily – and ask that you do the same for us. And don't hesitate to call, text or email me as needed. Being your pastor is such a wonderful gift, and I give God thanks for this opportunity every day!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 12th, which is Mother's Day, we will be celebrating our high school graduates. Please be sure to be in attendance during Worship Service, as we recognize these young people for their accomplishments.

NEW BOOK STUDY COMING THIS SUMMER

Would you like to learn more about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as a faith movement turned denomination? The Pastor will be leading an 8 session book study / discussion group beginning June 30th and ending August 25th. (The group will not meet on July 21 due to General Assembly.) We will be studying *A Handbook for Today's Disciples* by D. Duane Cummins. If you are new to the Disciples and want to learn more about our history and beliefs / traditions, or if you want a refresher course – please make plans now to join the group. We will either hold the class as an additional class during the 9:30 Sunday School time, or 2pm on Thursdays in the Library. If you want to be a part of the group, please let Frances or Irene know which time you prefer. If there is enough interest, we will hold the class at both days/times. Also if you are buying the book new, buy the 5th edition. If you already have a previous edition, that will work fine.

SEASON OF DISCERNMENT: SETTING DIRECTION PUSHING TO PURPOSE

There will be a Regional meeting May 11, 10:00 am-3:00 pm at First Christian Church, 1293 Orange Grove Ro, Charleston. The meeting is part of the Season of Discernment as we work to grow our congregations throughout the Region.

WHAT IS REGIONAL CHURCH? (From the invitation letter)

Regional Church is nothing more and nothing less than a relationship between self-governing Disciples congregations in covenant relationship.

Sadly, *Regional Church* is viewed by many congregations as a separate structure that hinders their autonomy and drains congregational resources.

Regional Church should be understood as an extension and strengthening of the ministry of Local Church. *Regional Church* exists to support congregations. In its origins, *Regional Church* was created by congregations who valued their covenant relationship in Christ and shared a vision for mission.

In this **Season of Discernment and Direction Setting**, we as South Carolina Disciples of Christ congregations need to:

- learn, and learn again, WHO WE ARE (*IDENTITY*),
- affirm our CONNECTION TO EACH OTHER (*RELATIONSHIP*),
- see OUR FUTURE TOGETHER (*SHARED VISION*) and
- set direction for THE WORK WE ARE CALLED TO DO (*MISSION*).

EASTER IN PHOTOS

THE GARDEN SERVICE



THE FLOWER CROSS





DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Robin Brooks street name is Fairfield, not Fairfiled.

Don Pruett's home phone is no longer in service. He can only be reached on his cell phone.

Jesse and Selena Cheadle's Anniversary is 12/19.

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to Caroline Hale and Don Pruett for putting out the cross and keeping the correct color cloth on it.

Thank you to the DWF for providing the Easter Brunch. It was delicious.

Ed Albritton, Joey Albritton, Buzzy Cheadle, Don Pruett, Jim Mitchell and all those who helped set up and take down the Garden Service worship area.

Thank you to Paulette Haffner for her calligraphy work and Paul Own for continued repairs.

ACTS DONATION for the month of May is Pasta Sauce.

Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!

THIS MONTH IN SERVICE

Deacons are Scott and Frances Finfrock

Elders are Don Pruett and Jim Mitchell

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2 DWF 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall

May 5 Carry-In, following Worship Service

May 11 DMF 8:00 AM Fellowship Hall
Regional Discernment Meeting

May 12 Graduate Recognition Sunday
Elders meeting

May 14 Board Meeting 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall

May 17 Mexican Train 1-5 Fellowship Hall

May 18 Trash & Treasures Sale, 9:00 AM Classroom 3

May 27 Office closed for Memorial Day

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays:	Crafting,	12:30 to 1:30 in the Library
Thursday:	Choir Practice	4:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Sunday:	Sunday School	9:30 in the Fellowship Hall
	Worship Service:	11:00 in the Sanctuary

OFFICE HOURS

Frances will be out of the office May 15- May 21, bulletin and announcement information is still due to the office on the Monday prior to publication.

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