



NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

June 3, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR *Family of Dr. Lyons, Roy Walden, Jane Williams, Dannie Annan, Whitney, Sydney and Jackson, Martha Albritton, Michelle King Family, DeMorris Gbadebo,, and those affected by violence, and natural disasters.*

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

Linda Cheadle, Wanda Doleshall, Connie Moomjy Clara Benfield, Jewel Jones, Millie Clarke, Dan McElvoy, Sally Clayton, Hal Guyon, Pastor Juan Rodiquez, 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, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Sabrina, Connie Moomjy, those in public service, military service and for our Country.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR IRENE

Greetings from the road! I am writing this from a campground in Castle Rock, WA at the start of the scenic drive leading up 46 miles to the Johnson Observatory of Mt. St. Helens. Yesterday we visited the Observatory which is part of the Mt. St. Helens National Monument. We saw two films at the visitor's center – one from a geological perspective and one from a biological perspective. One theme that both films had in common was the rich combination of destruction and creation. Scientists have studied the aftermath of the 1980 eruption that destroyed a mountain side and all life on it – and have watched as creation has risen out of that destruction richer and more diverse than before. Remnants of trees mowed down in the 1980 eruption now stand like grave markers next to new trees that have sprouted up in the years since. It all reminded me of the Easter theme of death, burial, resurrection all being played out over time in nature – and in our personal lives. I am aware of times in my own life where at first I only felt the destruction and later began to see signs of new life richer than before.

Join me in celebrating the cycle of life that includes both sorrow and joy as all part of the larger evolving picture of abundant life!

Looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

JEWEL ON YOUTUBE

For those who follow Jewel and her recovery, Lisa Wahlmeier let us know that she has a Youtube channel where she recently posted makeup advice. For those receiving the newsletter via email the link is below.

<https://youtu.be/-08x0TtEOtM>

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS



Pictured are graduates, Emily Cheadle, Melissa Cheadle, and CarlieBeth Wilson receiving bibles engraved with their names. Pedro Diaz will also receive a bible.

We wish them well in all their future endeavors.

“FROM TINY SEEDS GROW MIGHTY TREES”

2019 Pentecost Offering
Sunday, June 2, 2019

We had the opportunity to participate in this Disciples Mission Fund special offer on June 2nd. The offering collected will be used to help establish new Disciple Churches across the U. S. and Canada. Through this work, our “church planters are committed to answering God’s call...to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel and make Disciples.”

Our Interim Regional Minister for Discernment, Rev. Juan Rodriguez, has sent a personal message calling upon our regional congregations “to open their hearts to the fire and wind of the Holy Spirit and give generously to our Pentecost Offering.” This Pentecost Offering helps the new church movement to continue its’ work in the U. S. and Canada. Half of the total offering will remain with the Regional Church here in South Carolina where it’s collected to start and uphold new congregations.

If you were unable to give to this special offering on June 2nd, any monies collected subsequently on June 9th will be accepted. Thank you for your consideration.

CHURCH INDOOR PICNIC

Friday, June 21, 2019

Fellowship Hall 5 PM

Everyone is invited to attend an indoor picnic at the Church for the purpose of enjoying good food and fellowship. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be furnished along with the needed condiments and drinks. Bring your favorite picnic food to share. We look forward to events such as this in order to be able to get to know one another better and have fun. Please let Paul Wilson know if you are planning to attend. His phone number is 803-642-1960. Hope to see you on the 21st.

WOMEN’S EXPOSURE EXPERIENCE CONFERENCE

Zion Pilgrim Christian Church is hosting the Women’s Conference June 20-22 in Ridgeville, South Carolina. Speakers include Pastor Jackie Montgomery and Evangelist Linde Boodle, there will also be workshops on becoming financially and spiritually fit. A flyer is in the fellowship hall or you may call 843 875 4340 for more information. Registration is free, but the deadline is June 10th.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUEST

Many of you may know or have worked with Barbara Williams our Regional Office Secretary. The Regional office asks that you keep her in your prayers , she underwent surgery on May 31st, 2019. You are welcome to send her a get-well card or a note with words of encouragement at the address below

Barbara E. Williams
429 Santos Lane
Moncks Corner SC

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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

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.

There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for those who are interested.

SEASON OF DISCERNMENT: SETTING DIRECTION PUSHING TO PURPOSE

As part of the Season Discernment the following statement was sent to all the Regional Churches. We are not required to sign, but we have been asked to so as an act of faith and solidarity. There will be a Congregational Meeting at the end of June to vote on signing the affirmation.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISCIPLES REGIONAL CHURCH

Setting Direction ... Pushing to Purpose

The _____ of _____
name of congregation city/town

joins our sister Disciples congregations in making the following declarations.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE:

- that our baptism is our “yes” to God’s act of love to save humanity through Jesus the Christ and that it puts us in covenant relationship with each other.
- that we, as Regional Church in South Carolina, are self-governing Disciples congregations in covenant relationship.
- that in its origins, *Regional Church* was created by congregations who valued their covenant relationship in Christ and shared a vision for mission_ AND that we as congregations in covenant relationship here and now, can re-create *Regional Church* so that it will serve our current shared vision.
- that if we are willing, and want to be healed, we can forgive each other and reach for what lies ahead renewed by the grace of God.
- that we are not prisoners of the past and that we seek in Jesus Name to free our relationships, our structures and the ways we think about each other from the evil of racism.

WE AFFIRM the following identity, vision, mission statement-

We are Disciples of Christ in South Carolina committed to the strengthening and development of our congregations so that we may serve our neighbors - here...and everywhere. –Mat. 22:36-40

WE AGREE: that we will use the identity, vision, mission statement above as a guide in our work as co-creators of “*the new regional church*” we need to become.

- to pursue Courageous Covenant Conversation so that we may grow as Regional Church partners in Continuous Consultation and Collaboration.
- to seek a shared understanding of our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) approach to ministry as we reach for Regional Church transformation.

Congregational Leader Date

Minister/Pastor Date

WORD OF THANKS

To Mary Losey, Chaplain Sam Boone, and Corwin Scriven for filling in during vacation time.

ACTS DONATION for the month of June is Mac and Cheese.

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

THIS MONTH IN SERVICE

Deacons are Shan Boening and Paula Jones

Elders are Buzzy Cheadle and Lisa Wahlmeirer

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2 Pentecost Offering

June 6 DWF 10:00 AM Fellowship Hall

June 8 DMF 8:00 AM Fellowship Hall

June 9 Pentecost

Carry-In, following Worship Service

Pie Auction

June 11 Board Meeting

June 15 Trash & Treasures Sale, 9:00 AM Classroom 3

June 21 Picnic 5:00 PM Fellowship Hall

June 23 Pastor Irene returns

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

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