



## **NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)**

**January 2, 2020**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*Jan Swain, Daniel, Nadia Decker, Chad Hogg and Brenda Wilson, Tijuana Harrison's mother Dorothy, Octavia Valentine, Pierre and Charlene, Bobby Kastet, Richard Barnes, Juma Smith, Jordan McGee, Jean Arnold, Linda Davis, Susan Kantor, Lucy and Paula Jones, Curtis and Shelvia Beard, Juma Smith, Greg Calhoun, DeMorris, Earnestine Goggans, those impacted by the flooding in Kenya, the Jewish community of New York, victims of violence and religious persecution.*

**CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:** *Wanda Doleshall, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Eliza Husser Cave, Susan Poster Ullmann, Linda Cheadle, Selma Devich, Millie Clarke, Robin Brooks, Connie Moomjy, Dan McElvoy, Sally Clayton, our Regional Church, Dr. Walter Allen, Neal Mitchell, Pam Owen, Connie Santee, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Sabrina, those in public service, military service and for our Country.*

### **MESSAGE FROM PASTOR IRENE**

From about 2002 till 2011, it was common to see a Verizon cell phone commercial in which the question "Can you hear me now?" was asked several times as the person tried to show connectivity and access with the person on the other end. I want to ask you the same question, "Can you hear me now?" regarding my speaking during church. I sadly learned recently that for several weeks, people could not hear me – but even more sadly, no one told me until the week before Christmas when three brave people spoke up and let me know the problem. Once I shared it with Scott, he adjusted the mic volume and voila...I was heard again! I was not blessed with a loud voice, so I depend on two things – a good microphone and people on the other end letting me know when there is a problem. So, please don't hesitate to speak up if you can't hear me – either let me know or let Scott know, and we can fix it!

### **MESSAGE FROM PASTOR IRENE (continued)**

Many thanks to the choir, the Advent readers, the Scripture readers and all who attended our various Advent and Christmas services. Also thanks to the ones who came to the Advent book study. You are a wonderful church – and I enjoy having the privilege of being your pastor. Happy New Year to all of us, and in the words of Tiny Tim, “God bless us, every one!”.

### **EPIPHANY REMINDER**

This Sunday (Jan 5<sup>th</sup>) we will celebrate Epiphany and we will again be visited by royalty. Epiphany is when the Magi come to see Jesus bringing gifts. We also bring our gifts for ACTS.

We will be having a “Sweet Gifts for the King” special offering during the singing of We Three Kings. This month our assigned food is peanut butter, but peanut butter sandwiches are tastier with jelly (which is cheap at Aldi’s) and pancakes are better with syrup. All donations will go to ACTS to help fill a special need within their food pantry.

### **TRI DEVELOPMENT PARTY**



Pictured here the dulcimer group plays for Tri-Development and Santa’s elves. Thank you to DWF and all who participated in this wonderful event.

## **SPECIAL SATURDAY CHURCH EVNTS**

On Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> we will be combining several events. The DMF will prepare breakfast at 8:00.

After breakfast we will be un-decorating the church and putting away the Christmas things until 9:30. At that time the Elders and Deacons will meet together to discuss the coming year, address any concerns, and review the schedule.

At 10:15 the Deacons will begin their training session.

## **FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE:**

Family Promise of Aiken County recently celebrated signing the first of 13 needed "Host Congregations". The Fund raising committee participated in an online training for grant writing and other fund raising opportunities for non-profit organizations. A big thank you to Marya Moultrie and San Cave-Riley for participating in that training. The Host recruitment committee is busy making presentations to other congregations in Aiken who are very near to committing to becoming a Host Congregation. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at First Christian. A newcomer's information session will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the Community Meeting at 7:00pm. Please come and learn more about this wonderful and much needed ministry in Aiken County.

## **WORD OF THANKS**

For all those who participated in the Christmas Service and made it happen.

For the Disciple Men's Fellowship for cooking breakfast for the church decorating.

For all those who helped make the Tri-Development Party a success.

Paula Jones for extra Deacon shifts.

Don Pruett for preparing Communion each Sunday.

Buzzy Cheadle for all he does to maintain our property.

Judee and Jim Mitchell for all they have done for our church.

Paul and Pam Owen for all they have done for our church.

Natalie Lawrence, for her beautiful music and choir leadership.

**ACTS DONATION** for the month of January is Peanut Butter  
Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!

**THIS MONTH IN SERVICE**

Our Elders are Jim Mitchell and Don Pruett

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

January 4	DWF 10:00 am Fellowship Hall
January 5	The visit of the Three Kings
January 11	Breakfast 8:00am Fellowship Hall
	Undecorating: 9:00-9:30 Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
	All Elder/Deacon meeting 9:30-10:15 Fellowship Hall
	All Deacon Training 10:15 Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary
January 12	Carry-In, following Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
January 14	Board Meeting 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
January 18	Trash & Treasures Sale 9:00 am Room 3

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Monday	Crafting	12:30 pm 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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# Donations for Acts 2020

January:	Peanut Butter
February:	Shaving Cream/Razors
March:	Pasta Sauce
April:	Canned Tuna/Salmon
May:	Jelly
June:	Rice
July:	Peanut Butter
August:	Mac and Cheese
September:	Canned Vegetables
October:	Canned Tuna Salmon
November:	Beef Stew, Canned Meat, Complete meal
December:	Cleaning Products ex. 409, Glass Cleaner, Pine sol