



NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

March 2, 2020

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ray Sanders, Kerry Craig, Ada Britt, Dr. Hal Bass, Denise Peters, Greg, Joanne Olgesby and Penny Pinney June Wilson, Jensen Boulle', Carol Kettel, Susan Kantor, Greg Calhoun, DeMorris and victims of the corona virus.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: *Chuck & Ida Bassi, Dan McElvoy, Sally Clayton, Wanda Doleshall, Eliza Husser Cave, Susan Poster Ullmann, Linda Cheadle, Selma Devich, Millie Clarke, Robin Brooks, Connie Moomjy, , 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

Many of you have asked wonderful questions about Lent! Lent is set aside as a time (40 days) of reflection and personal sacrifice. In many traditions, people "give up" something for Lent that brings them pleasure (i.e. coffee, sweets, chocolate, etc) in order to have a personal understanding of sacrifice. In recent years, people have been "giving up" something tangible, such as one material possession each day, in order to simplify their lives and to also help those less fortunate. Some people chose to "give up" habits, such as smoking or Facebook or anything that detracts them from being attentive to God and God's calling on their lives. Studying God's word, opening your heart to an honest assessment of your own sins, being mindful of the path Jesus took to the cross while being aware of our own calling to take up the cross and follow Him, are all Lenten practices that can draw us closer to Christ. Whatever path you choose for Lent this year, I pray it will be meaningful to you!

LENT STUDY SERIES

Our three-part Lent study series got off to a great start yesterday with 13 of us gathered in the fellowship hall! Thanks to all who came and participated. If you were not able to make the first one, please don't let that stop you from coming the remaining two sessions – March 15 and March 29th. We will meet from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, studying how Jesus' approach to his own death can teach us healthy ways for us to approach death in general, and our own death and people closest to us in particular. Come to the study and also invite a friend!

Holy Week Worship (more info next month)

Sunday, April 5th - Palm Sunday Service 11:00 am

Thursday, April 9th – Maundy Thursday Communion Service 6:00 pm

Friday, April 10th – Friday Noon Service 12n

Sunday, April 12th – Easter Garden Service 8am

Easter Service 11:00 am

2020 WEEK OF COMPASSION

“Week of Compassion is more than a week. It is a ministry of the whole Church, reaching those in need 'around the world, around the year.' Any time we respond to a need in the world, we bear witness to the unity of our table, faithfully sharing the gifts that we have as an expression of Christ's love. In working together with partners, we represent the Disciples of Christ commitment to unity, making our resources reach farther and growing our impact on a global scale.”

DEACONS MEETING

Calling all current deacons – a reminder of the quarterly Deacon's meeting to be held after church on Sunday, March 15th. We will meet in the Library at 12:15. The meeting will conclude no later than 1:15 so please help us start on time. We will be discussing Chapter 3 (The Heart of a Deacon) and Chapter 4 (Discerning our Gifts as Deacons) in your book *Your Calling as a Deacon*. Please read the chapters in preparation for the meeting. Also if you have agenda items, please let Irene know.

BINGO AND DESSERT

We will have a Bingo and Dessert night, Friday March 13 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dessert of your choosing.

CRAFTING CLASS

We will be working on Easter cards and projects from March through the beginning of April. Playing with paper, stamps and colors is lots of fun, come join us any Monday at 12:30.



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

The next Family Promise of Aiken County meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th. The location is still being confirmed, and will be announced as soon as available. The newcomer session will be at 6:30, followed by the general community meeting at 7:00 pm. Family Promise of Aiken County now has FOUR committed Host Congregations – UU of Aiken, Aiken First Baptist, First Presbyterian and St. Mark's Lutheran. Our goal is to be operational by August – we need at least seven more congregations to agree to be host congregations. Support congregations will assist the host congregations in providing meals, volunteer support and prayer support. More to follow!!

WORD OF THANKS

For Shelvia Beard for taking over advertising
For those who made the spaghetti dinner a success
For Elise, Eliza and Susan for their DWF work
For Don and Caroline for all they do.

ACTS DONATION for the month of March is Pasta Sauce

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

THIS MONTH IN SERVICE

Our Deacons this month are Judee Mitchell and April Virge
Our Elders are Don Pruett and Lisa Wahlmeier

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1	Lenten Study 3:30 Fellowship Hall
March 7	DWF 10:00 am Fellowship Hall
March 8	Carry-In, following Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
March 10	Board Meeting 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
March 13	Bingo and Dessert 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
March 14	DMF 8:00 am Fellowship Hall
March 15	Deacon Meeting, following the service Lenten Study 3:30 Fellowship Hall
March 21	Trash & Treasures Sale 9:00 am Room 3
March 29	Lenten Study 3:30 Fellowship Hall

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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