



## **NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)** **May 1, 2020**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*Ray and Ann Carter, Jim Mitchell, San Cave-Riley, Rev Sotello and Dee Long, Kathy Campbell, Amy and Cindy Whaley, Barbara Williams, Israel Hughee, Martha Capers, Mary Jane, Pia Infante, Maria, Ernie and Allison Sizemore, Carol Kettel, for high school seniors, for Hartford Baptist Church, for healthcare workers, for daily service workers, for the unemployed, for the people of Detroit, for our political leaders, for the US, the world, and all victims of the corona virus.*

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:**

*Sally Clayton, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Dan McElvoy, 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**

To say I miss each of you is an understatement! We have tried to provide opportunities for everyone to be involved in worship - either by watching the video that is made each Sunday morning at 11am from the sanctuary, or by participating in the teleconference call each Sunday at 12:15. The video can either be watched "live" (as it is happening) on the church Facebook page, or it can be watched later from the Facebook page or from the church website under 'recent sermons'. If you are having any difficulties participating in either of those options, please call me and I can help find a solution. As we are all supporting the "social distancing" and the Governor's "stay at home and work" order to keep ourselves and other safe, it is equally important to stay connected via phone, email, cards and "live" videos. Those connections with each other are nourishment for our souls! I pray for each one of you and for our church as a whole, and look forward to the time when we can all worship in the same place at the same time! Until then, stay safe and stay connected to God and to each other - and to me!

## **TELECONFERENCE WORSHIP UPDATE**

I learned that our problems last Sunday were due primarily because we changed our time to noon from 12:15. Apparently we aren't the only church relying on conference calling to share worship with members who do not have or use internet! They suggested avoiding on the hour or half hour call times, so we will return this Sunday to our 12:15 time. They also said to hang up and try again if you get a message saying the conference call is full. Our limit is 25, so we are safely within that number! Thank you for your patience and your tenacity!



## **COMMUNION KIT REFILLS**

Communion Refill kits are available from 1-3 on the last Sunday of the month. If you do not want to receive a communion packet refill, or if you will need delivery please let me know.

## **REMINDERS DURING THIS TIME**

We regularly check the office phone and emails. Offerings may be sent directly to Caroline our financial secretary. Her address is in the directory. And finally services are offered live via Facebook, but may be viewed at anytime following the post. You do not

need to have a Facebook account to see the service. The teleconference service is offered at 12:15.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020**

### **DISCIPLES MISSION FUND SPECIAL OFFERING**

“Planting churches can help change the world”

Planting a church can make a huge and lasting impression in the community “by empowering the oppressed, praying for the disenfranchised, caring for the poor and promoting hope in a fragmented world, the church can literally help change the world.”

On Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>, you will have the opportunity to give to the Pentacost Offering. Each year, half of the Pentecost Offering is designated to the local Christian Disciples Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

“Our church planters remain committed to answer God's call...to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more disciples.”

Your help is needed for the new church movement to continue to “take root, bear fruit...and grow more Disciples everyday.”

### **CDC RECIPES**

The Center for Disease control has this website for how to clean and disinfect your home: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html)

Among the useful instructions is the use of household bleach for appropriate surfaces. The bleach should be plain, not the type with stain guard. To disinfect use 1/3 of a cup or 5 tablespoons per gallon of water, or 4 teaspoons per quart of water. Alcohol solutions for surfaces should be at minimum 70%, for hand sanitizer 60% alcohol is enough. Never mix bleach with alcohol or ammonia, either of these combinations will create a harmful gas.

### **FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE:**

Family Promise of Aiken County is taking a purposeful break from regular meetings and also from continued fund raising as a way of supporting the agencies that are already functioning during this time. At our last meeting in March, we had a signing ceremony for the four congregations who have signed on to become “host congregations” when the program is up and running. These are First Presbyterian, Aiken First Baptist, St. Paul’s Lutheran and Unitarian Universalist of Aiken. Several other congregations are in various

stages of making the commitment to become host sites. Several of our Board Members are using this time to participate in webinars and video classes related to Family Promise.



### **WORD OF THANKS**

To Pastor Irene and Ed for giving us the traditional Easter flower Cross.

To Natalie for her wonderful music.

**ACTS DONATION** for the month of May is Jelly. ACTS is providing services at this time. Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!

### **Cancellations:**

Until further notice the following are canceled:

Monday Crafting

Thursday Choir

DWF main meeting

DMF main meeting

Trash and Treasure Sales

Carry In

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 2	canceled: DWF 10:00 am
May 9	canceled DMF 8:00 am
May 10	canceled: Carry In
May 12	pending: Board Meeting 6:00 pm phone conference
May 16	canceled Trash & Treasures Sale 9:00 am Room 3
May 17	canceled: Joint Elders and Deacon meeting

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