



NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
September 1, 2020

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Paul Wilson, Patricia Lary, Paul Owen, Teri Devich, Jenny, Marcia Jones, Don and Claire Michelinie, Barbara Curry and Family, Karen Porter, Carol Kettel, those suffering because of natural disasters, all the dreamers whose business dreams are so hard.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

Paul & Pam Owen, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Wanda Doleshall, Sabrina, Millie Clarke, Eliza Husser Cave, Joann Caldwell, Sally Clayton, Dan McAvoy, Connie Moomjy, Susan Poster Ullmann, Linda Cheadle, Robin Brooks, our Regional Church, Dr. Walter Allen, Connie Santee, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, those in public service, military service and for our Country and all victims of the corona virus.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

SERMON SERIES IN SEPTEMBER – “THROUGH THE WINDOWS”

If you have been in the sanctuary lately, have you noticed our beautiful stained glass windows? These windows were donated by current and former church members during the sanctuary renovation in 2010. Most of the windows have dedication plaques on them that shares a piece of their history – and the history of our church. In the original bulletin from the dedication service, the windows were titled and their donors listed. While our church membership has changed since that time, there are still four windows donated by current members. We will take a break from the Lectionary for September and instead will use these four windows as our basis for meditation and exploring God’s word by looking at the Gospel “Through the Windows”:

September 6 – The Good Shepherd (John 10: 11-18) Don (& Billie Rhea) Pruet

September 13 – Blessing the Children (Matthew 19: 13-14 Eliza Husser Cave

September 20 – Jesus Knocking (Revelation 3:20) Chuck and Ida Bassi

September 27 – Walking on Water (John 6: 16-21) Judee (& Jim) Mitchell



WORD OF THANKS

For the painting of the steeple.

For the tree planted in Memory of Jim Mitchell.

For those caring for the tree while it adapts to its new home.

For the Vesper Service.

For Natalie and the soloists.

For the DWF and the money they raise for missions.

RUSSEL DALE PHALEON TRUST

First Christian Church has been blessed with a bequeathment from the Russell Dale Phelon Irrevocable Trust. The first payment was received in the amount of \$51,724.14. A second payment of \$34,483.00 was received on August 19, 2020.

Dale Phelon attended our Church for a brief time prior to his death on March 19, 2012. He was the president and CEO of the R. E. Phelon Company of Aiken, SC (formerly of East Longmeadow, MA). As his obituary states, "Dale was an enthusiastic patriot and entrepreneur...whose passions included sailing, racing cars, and championing conservative causes." On a personal level, he has been described as having a "terrific sense of humor and humanity" and a man who understood the importance of making a company feel like a family."

Our Church Board voted at their last meeting (8-11-20) that a tithe of \$5,172.41 be directed to ACTS (Area Church Together Service) to help with their food program during this time of great need.

As a Church, we feel extremely blessed and thankful and will act to be good stewards of these gifts.

SOUTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) REGIONAL CONFERENCE INFO

Registration Information for this year's virtual conference Saturday October 3rd is attached to this newsletter in a separate folder. This is a great opportunity for you to experience a Regional Conference without leaving home! The special focus this year will be the installation of our new Regional Minister, Rev. Dr. Dara Cobb Lewis.

SEPTEMBER GARDEN VESPER SERVICE -

Thursday, September 24th 6:00 pm

Have you been to one of our outdoor monthly vesper services? If so, thank you! And if not, you still have two more chances before they end for the year. Bring a lawn chair (or if you don't have one, we will bring out some chairs from the Fellowship hall). The service allows us to enjoy our beautiful side yard while also spending some time in person with each other in the safety of social distancing and being outdoors. We also get a chance to worship God in the beauty of God's creation. The service lasts between twenty and thirty minutes.

RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

You will have the opportunity to support this special offering on September 27th. This offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to becoming a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities. Prayfully consider your participation in this special offering. Thank you.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES 2020

A Nominating Committee was appointed by Buzzy Cheadle, our Board Chairperson, at the August 11th Board Meeting. The committee consist of Don Pruett, Frances Finrock, San Riley and Caroline Hale. It is the responsibility of this committee to present a proposed slate of Officers for the General Board, for 2021, to the existing Board, for their approval. Once approved, the slate will be voted on at a Congregational Meeting the first Sunday of November. We are sharing with you a description of the Officers of the General Board. If you are interested in serving in one or more of the positions described, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members. They are also available to answer any questions. We hope to have the slate for 2021, completed by the end of September.

Officers of the General Board

The following officers shall be elected by the church at its annual business meeting for a term as designated for each, or until such time as a successor is elected or appointed by the Chairperson of the General Board, with approval of the General Board and assumes office:

Chairperson of Congregation and General Board: for a term of one year but not to serve more than three successive terms.

Vice-Chairperson of Congregation and the General Board: for a term of one year but not to serve more than three successive terms.

Secretary of Congregation and the General Board: for a term of one year but not to serve more than three successive terms.

Active Elders: not to exceed 6 in number, one-third of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

Active Diaconate: not to exceed 18 in number, one-third of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

Trustees: not to exceed 3 in number, one-third of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

Church Clerk: for a term of one year, or to continue at the will of the General Board.

Treasurer: for a term of one year, or to continue at the will of the General Board.

Financial Secretary: for a term of one year, or to continue at the will of the General Board.

Superintendent of the Sunday school: for a term of one year.

Duties of Officers

The Chairperson shall fulfill the usual duties of such an officer, call and shall preside at all regular or special business meetings of the congregation, and serve as Chairperson of the General Board.

The Vice-Chairperson shall fulfill the usual duties of such an officer; call and preside over regular or special business meetings of the church in the absence of the Chairperson, serve as Vice-Chairperson of the general board, and such special service of ministry work as required by the Chairperson.

The General Board Secretary shall keep minutes of all regular or special business meetings of the church, serve as Secretary of the General Board, keep a record of all its regular or called meetings, and perform such other duties as may be assigned.

The Elders, in cooperation with the functional ministries, shall promote the growth and welfare of the church, give spiritual oversight to the members with respect to regular attendance at the Lord's Supper, visitation of the sick and concern for the morally delinquent and spiritually indifferent; give thoughtful consideration to policies of the church that will enable it to fulfill its complete mission; encourage by example and word the missionary, evangelistic, educational and stewardship responsibilities of the church; serve at the Lord's Table; and perform such other duties as may be assigned.

The Diaconates, in cooperation with the functional ministries, shall cooperate with the Elders in promoting the growth and welfare of the church; assist in the greeting and ushering of the worshippers, distribute the Lord's Supper and receive the offerings, assist in financial canvasses, visitation projects and preparation of candidates for baptism; give counsel and service in the business affairs and program activities of the church; cooperate in ministering to the needy; take responsibility for the preparation and care of the communion service; minister to families in time of sickness or bereavement; and perform such other duties as may be assigned.

The Trustees shall act as legal agents of the church in all business matters, under the direction of the General Board; hold legal title to all church property and handle all business transactions related thereto; keeping properties adequately insured against possible loss or damage; have supervision over all endowment and trust funds; and perform such duties as are required by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

The Church Clerk shall keep a complete record of the church membership and such vital statistics as births, deaths, baptisms and weddings; process all requests for transfer of membership and issue transfers under authority delegated by the General Board.

The Church Treasurer shall receive all income of the congregation from the Financial Secretary, pay all accounts of the congregation as authorized by the budget or special action of the General Board when such items are not in the budget, provide accurate records of all expenditures, make regular written reports to the General Board, and provide for an annual audit of both income and expenditures for action by the General Board. The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Stewardship Ministry. Expenditures of \$100.00 per month or more, not covered in the approved budget, must have previous approval of the General Board.

The Financial Secretary shall receive all income of the congregation, keep accurate records of the source and amount of such income, deposit such income to its proper accounts, provide the Church Treasurer with copies of all deposit receipts, provide annual statements of giving to the members of the congregation, and shall serve as a member of the Stewardship Ministry.

The Superintendent of the Sunday school shall have general supervision of the Sunday school activities; assist in securing and training teachers; order necessary materials and equipment; present to the Sunday school assembly any request for special donations as directed by the General Board; keep a record of the church school enrollment and attendance (this may be done by the superintendent or he may appoint a secretary for these duties); serve on the Christian Education Ministry; work with the Christian Education Ministry to prepare programs for special occasions. The Superintendent shall have the authority to incur expenses necessary to carry out the church school program, not to exceed \$100.00. Invoices shall be approved by the Superintendent and be submitted to the Church Treasurer for payment.

ACTS DONATION for the month of September is Canned Vegetables.

CANCELLATIONS:

Until further notice the following are canceled: Monday Crafting, Thursday Choir and Carry In

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5	11:00 DWF Fellowship Hall
September 8	Board Meeting 6:00 pm phone conference
September 13	Blessing of Gifts
September 19	Trash & Treasures Sale 9:00 am Room 3
September 24	Vesper Service 6:00 PM Garden/Facebook
September 27	Reconciliation Offering

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