



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

**February 2, 2021**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*Brenda Wilson, Everett Hogg, Jordan Burke, JoJo England, Carol, Jerry Doleshall, Paula Jones, Pat Wilson, Larry and Norma Frelin, Roy Walden, Ida Bassi, Kathy Greeves Klein, Nancy Schiele, Dave and Connie Beveridges, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, for those in law enforcement, for distribution of the vaccine and for God's peace and healing.*

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:**

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

### **Pastor's Note:**

Pastor's Note: The Coronavirus has made each of us learn to make personal decisions about the levels of risk we can afford to take on levels of social interaction. For example, some people are comfortable eating out, others aren't; some are comfortable with in-person worship, others aren't. Each person has to make the decision that takes into account their own factors such as health, age, etc. Our return to offering in-person worship opportunities is not meant to make anyone feel like they "HAVE" to attend. We will still offer the Facebook option as well as the teleconference service for as long as there is a need. We have learned a lot about how to use the resources we have to stay connected as First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Aiken SC - the loving church with Jesus at heart! Please make the decision that is right for YOU!

### **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

Ash Wednesday is February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will hold our Ash Wednesday service at 11:30am that will include the imposition of ashes. The service will be in-person and will also be shown on Facebook live. The imposition of ashes will also be available by drive-up from 12:30 – 1:30 after the service for people not comfortable with in-person worship. A brief teleconference worship (without ashes) will be offered at 1:30pm.

### **ZOOM LENTEN STUDY**

Pastor Irene will lead a three-session Zoom Lenten Bible study on alternate Wednesday afternoons during Lent. These sessions will be held at 3pm on February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme of Confession-Forgiveness-Renewal will be explored using Psalms 25, 32 & 30. You can access Zoom as a video or audio conference call through your computer or tablet. You can also access the audio portion only through the telephone. (Note this NOT the same phone number used for Sunday School or Sunday Worship). If you are interested in participating, please email Pastor Irene ([pastorirenefcca@gmail.com](mailto:pastorirenefcca@gmail.com)) or call / text her at 803-394-6282.



### **“LET LOVE FLOW”**

#### **Week of Compassion Offering, 2021**

Hopefully you received via USPS mail, a letter sent from Caroline Hale regarding this year's Disciple Mission Fund Special Offering for the Week of Compassion. If you have not received such a mailing, please let Caroline know.

This offering is our personal opportunity to recognize blessings which have been sent our way and an opportunity to, by giving, send our blessings on to others in need. Isaiah 49:10 reads:

Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty, shade from the sun,  
shelter from the wind. For the Compassionate One  
guides them, takes them to the best springs.

Please seriously consider your giving to this offering at a time there is so much need within our country and the entire world. Your blessing box can be delivered to the Church parking lot on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, between 1-3 PM. Thank you.

### **DWF SPRING WORKSHOP**

The Annual DWF Spring Workshop will be held virtually on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:00 am via ZOOM. The theme is “Regroup, Renew and Rejoice” and the cost is \$20.00. You can register through the Regional Office or contact the church office and we will forward a copy of the form.

## **REGIONAL CHURCH INFO AND INVITATION:**

The Regional Church office of the Christian Church (DOC) in SC is wanting to be more connected with individual church members of Disciples churches within the Region. If you would like to receive emails from them (weekly devotions and other information), please send your email information to [roccsc@aol.com](mailto:roccsc@aol.com).

## **VITA TAX ASSISTANCE**

Tax assistance will be available at Odell Week February 15-14. To be eligible you must pick up a registration packet at Odell Weeks and call to register. Packets will be available beginning February 8. VITA also recommends the free websites: [ww.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and the United Way site [www.myfreetaxes.org](http://www.myfreetaxes.org).

## **CAREGIVER TRAINING**

Lower Savannah Council of Governments will be hosting a class via Zoom (a video conferencing platform) each Tuesday from Feb. 16 through Mar. 30. The classes will be from 2-3:30 p.m. It is free! If you would like more information or would like to sign up for the class, you can call Alanna Berrie at 803-508-7098 or email at [aberrie@lscog.org](mailto:aberrie@lscog.org). Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a friend or relative. Whether you provide care for a spouse, partner, parent, friend, or a child with special needs; at home or in a care facility; whether down the block or miles away, yours is an important role. This course is for family caregivers like you!

## **ACTS DONATION FOR FEBRUARY IS:** Soup

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 6	DWF	11:00 am Fellowship
February 9	Board Meeting	6:00 pm Zoom
February 17	Ash Wednesday	11:30 Sanctuary 12:30 -1:30 Drive Up Imposition of Ashes
February 20	Trash & Treasures Sale	9:00 am Room 3
February 28	Week of Compassion Offering	1-3 Drive Up

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# ACTS List 2021

January	Canned Tuna/Salmon
February	Soup
March	Mac and Cheese
April	Canned Fruit
May	Cereal
June	Dry Beans
July	Canned Vegetables
August	Rice 1lb
September	Canned Beans
October	Peanut Butter
November	Jelly
December	Pasta Sauce

## ACTS Donations: anytime

Priority	Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Vegetables, Mac and Cheese,
Important	Canned Tuna/Salmon, Beef Stew, Canned Meat or Complete meal. Canned Fruit, Canned Beans, Pork and Beans, Rice 1lb, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Soup
Useful	Shaving Cream/Razors, Soap: bath, laundry, dish, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste/Tooth brush, Cleaning Products ex: 409, Glass Cleaner, Pinesol