



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
August 2022 Newsletter

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The Church in Prayer:

Current Requests:

Barbara Williams and family in death of her son, Nicholas Mazyck, The Cheadle family and family of Jessica Maes, Pastor Irene, Ed & Joey Albritton, the Brown Family, Mary Anne Turner, Brian Malone, Tatyana Yatsenko, Ella Shakibatabar, Chuck Spearman, Alyssa McDonal, Austin and Sharon Moede, Karen Porter, the Regional Church and upcoming Annual conference, for those impacted by gun violence, for the Ukraine and for those experiencing earthquakes.

Continuing Prayer requests:

Paul & Pam Owen, Wanda & Jerry Doleshall, Elsie Smith, Eliza Husser Cave, Millie Clarke, Dan McAvoy, Kenneth Chatto, Linda Cheadle, Susan Poster Ullmann, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, Connie Moomjy, Robin Brooks, Sabrina, Dr. Walter Allen, Connie Santee, our Regional Church, those in public service, military service for our Country and all victims of the corona virus.

Pastor's Note:

Thank you for your continued prayer support. I continue to do very well! I am looking forward to being back with you soon, and am available by phone, text or email now. I have also enjoyed worshipping each week with you via Facebook and my heart is warmed by the energy and enthusiasm present in the service. Thanks be to God for our church and the connections in ministry we share.

Visiting Minister Schedule for August:

August 7th: Chaplain Sam Boone

August 14th: Pastor Karen Diefendorf

August 21st: Pastor Karen Diefendorf

August 28th: Chaplain Sam Boone

ACTS donation for August: dried beans

Church Calendar:

Saturday, August 6th 11:00 am DWF Meeting - Fellowship Hall (open to all the women of the church)

Tuesday, August 9th 6:00 pm Board Meeting Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 20th 9:00 am – 12n Trash to Treasure Sale

Welcome, Isaac!!

Last Sunday, July 31, was an important day in the life of our church – we welcomed Isaac McMaMamee as our new pianist and music director. Please welcome Isaac as he adds his musical talents to our worship team.

Annual SC Regional Church Conference:

This year's annual conference will be held at First Christian in Columbia **Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st**. The proximity of Columbia to Aiken makes it very convenient and accessible for members of FCC Aiken to participate. If you haven't been to a church conference before this is a great time to begin! Registration forms are in the Fellowship Hall.

From the Regional Newsletter: Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ: We are eagerly preparing for the 19th South Carolina Regional Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to be held at First Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) Columbia, South Carolina. It will also be Co-hosted by Agape and Path of Life Christian Church. The theme for this occasion, taken from **Romans 8:28** exclaims ***“Uniting together to Build Kingdom Ministry”!***

The opening session will convene on Friday September 30th and the closing session will occur on Saturday afternoon, October 1st, 2022. As you return home, all churches of the Region are asked to continue in worship, making sure to focus on the conference theme. ***“Uniting together to Build Kingdom Ministry”! The Scriptural text is Romans 8:28.*** General Minister and President of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada Rev. Dr. Terri Horde Owen, will be our keynote Preacher ***“See Where the Lord Has Brought Us From”***.

We solicit your prayers and support for the success of the 19th South Carolina Regional Conference. Your presence, prayers, and participation will help make this conference a time of spiritual revival, renewal, and a blessed experience for God's people. We look forward to seeing you and fellowshiping with you, in His name!

Accommodations are available at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbia Northeast 120 Blarney Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29223. When calling the hotel, please request the reduced rate for the Disciples of Christ. The number to call for reservations is (803-760-1700) **Last date to register at this rate is Friday, September 9, 2022, Room rates are \$149.00 nightly this rate applies only for Thursday September 29 and Friday September 30, 2022.** (Note: Lisa's motel in Columbia is also convenient to First Christian, so you can also check with Lisa at Extended Stay America, 5430 Forest Drive, Columbia, 803-782-2025 for her current rate.)

Words of Appreciation:

June Wilson for filling the pulpit each week with wonderful guest ministers
Mike Wilson for managing the camera for weekly Facebook worship broadcast, and for keeping the worship services on the church website
Judee Mitchell for adding to our worship with her gift of liturgical dance
San Cave Riley for her spirit led solo on the day we had no pianist
Caroline Hale, Don Pruett, Buzzy Cheadle, Mike Wilson for managing the church office functions during our secretary absence
Ida Bassi for organizing room 3 and getting it ready to resume Trash to Treasure sales
Paul Wilson for organizing the Bingo/Ice Cream Social – and to all who participated
for those who serve in worship each week as Deacon, Elders, scripture readers
for each of you who make us the “church with Jesus at heart” by living your life with you love for Christ showing through!