



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
October Newsletter

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**NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)**  
**October 1, 2022**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*The family of Glenda Faye McIlwain, Marti Healy, Fran Richards, Arlen Cooper, Jeffrey Scotten & the family of Joann Nelson, Debbie Wood and the family of Tony Hair, Donald Yacovetta, Maxine Pemberton, Donna Shane, Vicki Rishel, Elaine Johnston, Buzzy Cheadle, Pastor Irene, Ed & Joey, the Brown family, Mary Anne Turner, Bryan Malone, Tatyana Yatsenko, Ella Shakibatabar, Chuck Spearman, Austin and Sharon Moede, Karen Porter, the Regional Church and upcoming Annual conference, for the USA, Ukraine and the World.*

**CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:**

*Paul & Pam Owen, Wanda & Jerry Doleshall, Elsie Smith, Eliza Husser Cave, Millie Clark, 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 & military service, for our Country and all victims of natural disasters.*

**A Letter from Pastor Irene**

My extended medical leave has come to an end and I look forward to returning to serve in person as your pastor on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am very grateful to the Board for extending me such a lengthy leave of absence, and for June's hard work in securing pastoral leadership during those months. Pastor Karen and Chaplain Sam both did a wonderful job, and with their faithful leadership and the help of the Board, Elders, Deacons and camera/sound workers, the church thrived! My medical team is very pleased at my healing progress, and I am thankful to God for the opportunity to return to serve God and this church. Ed and I are grateful for the love and prayer support during this year! It is such a privilege to serve as your pastor. Thanks be to God!

## **Upcoming Dates:**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – World Communion Sunday and Reconciliation Sunday\*\*

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** – Disciples Men Fellowship breakfast – 8am – Fellowship Hall

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** - Disciples Women Fellowship monthly meeting – 11am – Fellowship Hall

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** - Mission Moment during worship service; Felicia and Zack from Walking Tall Ministries will share some of the work of their ministry.

After worship, they will join us as we enjoy our first carry-in in quite a while! Bring food to share, and a good appetite.

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Board Meeting 6pm Fellowship Hall

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** – DWF Trash to Treasure Sale

**\*\* Special Reconciliation Offering** –“Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide grants to ministries and congregations actively developing and implementing programs that promote our Church's Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racist identity. These programs and efforts seek to reveal, re-educate, and remove systemic and structural barriers in our communities that serve to deny the image of God and human thriving based on race.” Your gift and participation will be a testimony to God's unending love for all of humanity. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Looking Ahead: All Saint's Day Remembrance**

We will celebrate All Saints Day on the first Sunday of November, November 7<sup>th</sup>, as we remember our church and family members who died during the past year (November 1, 2021 - October 2022). To help with the planning process, please send to the church office the name of any family members or dear friends you would like included. See the list below:

Jean Arnold, Hal Bass, Melanie Blunk (sister of Elaine Johnson), Sally Ann Clayton, Louie Crouch, Sue Ellis (mother-in-law of Paula Jones), Charles Heath (brother of Shelvia Beard), Pauline Henderson (mother of Donna Shane), Priscilla Kelley (grandmother of Peter Caldwell), Earl Edwards (brother of Ida Bassi), Jessica Maes (niece of Buzzy Cheadle), Glenda Faye McIlwain (sister of Paulette Haffner), Joann Nelson (mother of Jeffrey Scotten), Zane Spitzer (brother of Janet Morris).

## **DWF**

The proceeds from Trash & Treasure Sale and Dessert Sales will go to:  
October - Samaritan's Purse  
November - St. Jude and World Vision  
December - Tri-Development Christmas Party

## **We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:**

Shan Boening - October 2  
Lisa Wahlmeier - October 14  
Christian Boening - October 29  
Elsie Smith - October 30

## **VIDEOS**

For those of you with computer access Cheryl Ruggles of the North Augusta Service Network sent out these links on hurricane preparedness created by another church. They are surprisingly good. We are still in hurricane season but these are still relevant for any storm.

Hurricane Prep - <https://youtu.be/rOn5qikO2dY>  
Water Storage - <https://youtu.be/rhUdGwEKt2o>  
Surviving without Power - <https://youtu.be/Cz9Edbe1UIE>

**OUR ACTS DONATION FOR OCTOBER:** Rice 1 pound.

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