



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Newsletter

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Pastor's Note: Thank you to each of you who so warmly welcomed my stem cell donor from my Bone Marrow Transplant, Cody Landers and his mom, AJ Landers, during their visit with us on June 23rd. They loved being with us in worship and for the cake fellowship - and I loved seeing them get an opportunity to meet and interact with you. It was indeed a very special occasion for all involved! The following day, Cody, AJ, Ed and I met with the Bone Marrow Transplant Coordinators at MUSC and were interviewed for a video. Once that gets published, we will make it available for you to see. It promotes the importance of the Bone Marrow Donor Registry, and the impact one person's gift of stem cells can have on a blood cancer patient in need of a transplant. If you were not able to worship with us that day, the video of the service, and all other Sunday services, can be found on the church website under "recent sermons". Each service is recorded in its entirety, so any time you miss worship and have internet access, you can view it from the church website link without having to have a personal Facebook account. If you are on Facebook, you can access it from the church FB page, either live or any time after the service has concluded. These recordings are great ways to stay connected in worship during absences, or to revisit a service in your personal worship/reflection time at home.

July 7th carry-in - reminder of our indoor "4th" Picnic Sunday, July 7th after church. Wear your red-white-blue and celebrate our nation's birthday with worship and a relaxed lunch together. Fried chicken and ham, tea and lemonade are provided - we will all share in the rest of our favorite picnic sides and desserts.

Millie Clarke's memorial service will be held Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 1 pm. Please come and celebrate Millie Clarke's life and her importance to our church family as her other family honors Millie at her beloved home church. After the service, please stay and visit with her family, enjoy photos of Millie's life and career, and share stories with each other.

VBS Remembered! Do you have Vacation Bible School (VBS) memories as a child, or as an adult, or both? You are invited to a "VBS Reunion" on Tuesday, July 30th from 10:30 - 2:30 at the church. This will include the fun parts of VBS - crafts, music, Bible study, and a light lunch together; more info to come - but, for now save the date - start remembering your favorite VBS memories. Invite a friend!

Bible Readers for July

July 7 - Laura Kraft

July 14 - Lynn Malone

July 21 - Judee Mitchell

July 28 - Laura Kraft

DWF – Trash & Treasure - Saturday, July 20th, 9 am to 1 pm.

Elder Meeting – Sunday, July 28th after the Worship Service

ACTs donation for July: 1 pound bags of rice

Walking Tall donation for July: There is a donation jar for bread and water in the Fellowship Hall and narthex. Vienna Sausages and an on-going need for 39 gallon trash bags, anything you can add to a bag lunch i.e. small bag of chips.

Looking for additional ways to serve?

1. **The DWF** sponsored monthly Trash to Treasure sale is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers are appreciated to help staff the sale and/or to help keep Room 3 clean and ready with new donations. Please check with Ida or Judee on ways you are able to help out. The monthly sale proceeds go directly to support various local charities whose missions we support.

2. **ACTS** relies on volunteers to help them bring their mission to action. A current listing of volunteer needs can be found on their website www.actsofaiken.org by clicking the "Volunteer" link or call 803-649-3800.
3. **Walking Tall Ministries** serves the homeless population in the Gloverville area. They rely on volunteers to prepare food and lunch packs as well as other tasks. Their number is 803-226-6579 and their website is www.walkingtallministries.unaux.com.



Happy Birthday to:

Micah McNamee - July 9
Pam Owen - July 12
Marya Moultrie - July 19
Pat Wilson - July 29

SAVE ROOM in OCTOBER for: the 21st South Carolina Regional Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Zion Pilgrim Christian Church will host the Regional Conference.

The opening session will convene on Thursday Afternoon October 3rd and the closing session will occur on Saturday afternoon, October 5th, 2024. As you return home, all churches of the Region are asked to continue in worship, making sure to focus on the conference theme. The conference will open with a Pre- Conference luncheon sponsored by The Disciples Women & Men Fellowship Ministry.

Accommodation is available at the **Cambria Hotel Summerville**, 405 Sigma Drive, Summerville, SC. 29486 When calling the hotel, please request the reduced rate for the **Christian Church in South Carolina, Group # SZ39D0** The number to call for reservations is **(854) 888 2800** Last date to register at this rate is **September 15, 2024**, Room rates are \$139.40 for double queen, or king bed. You may also use this Link to make your hotel lodging arrangement: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SZ39D0>

I'll have more info next month.

Public Service Announcement for Storm Preparedness

Hurricane season actually began June 1st and goes until November 1st. I have included some important resources for you to have at your fingertips

Important Hurricane Resources

South Carolina Emergency Management Division

www.scmd.org

South Carolina Hurricane Guide

<https://hurricane.sc> **Report a Power Outage**

Aiken County Office of Emergency Management	803-642-1623
Barnwell County Emergency Management Agency	803-541-1001
Lexington County Emergency Management Division	803-785-8359
Orangeburg County Office of Emergency Services	803-533-6265
Richland County Emergency Services	803-576-3400

REMEMBER T.I.P.S.

- 1. Terms:** A “watch” is a notification for residents to be on alert of a potential storm, and a “warning” indicates that a hurricane is expected in your area. Review the South Carolina Hurricane Guide for more information.
- 2. Insurance and important information:** Review your insurance plans and have copies of important documents, such as driver’s licenses, medical information, and insurance cards.
- 3. Plan ahead:** Create a family plan in the event that an evacuation is necessary and keep emergency contact information handy. Don’t forget to consider your pets when planning for a possible evacuation.
- 4. Supplies:** Plan ahead by creating emergency kits filled with survival necessities such as bottled water, non-perishable snacks, medication, batteries, blankets, crank radios, personal hygiene items, and flashlights.

DURING A STORM do the following

- 1. Listen:** Listen to local radio and television broadcasts for current conditions and recommended actions. You can also sign up to receive emergency alerts on your mobile device.
- 2. Evacuate:** When directed by local authorities, you may be required to evacuate. Know your designated evacuation route in advance.
- 3. Shelter:** If you are unable to evacuate, seek shelter in an interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level.

AFTER A STORM:

- 1. Be aware of dangers:** Be cautious of potential dangers, such as downed power lines, contaminated water, or possible gas leaks.
- 2. Document damage:** If possible, take photos of the damage on your property or residence, in addition to making written notes.
- 3. Seek assistance:** Contact the South Carolina Emergency Management Division at (803) 737-8500 to see what relief or recovery programs may be available for your area.
- 4. Be cautious of scams:** Be alert to possible disaster-related scams such as fraudulent phone calls or price gouging. Do not give any personal information, including credit card and bank account information to unverified callers.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *The Family of Millie Clarke as they travel to Aiken for her Memorial Service, Lisa Wahlmeier (on her job interviews), Eileen Snow (Paula's mother), Jim Johnson, Roy Walden and Gail as he enters hospice care, Laura's friend has brain cancer, Jennifer Chatto-McCoskey (Charlotte's sister, on her recent surgery), Lee Rand, and Liz Unzicker, Curtis & Shelvia Beard, natural disasters, USA, the world.*
CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: *Mike Seymour, Jerry Doleshall, Bonnie Carson & family, Kay Malone, Laurie Greene, Justin Malone, Steve Wahler, Sandy Lenihan, Jesse Vega, Ida Bassi, Jennifer Chatto-McCoskey (Charlotte's sister), Ken Chatto, Pam Owen, Bryan Malone, Susan Poster Ullmann, Chuck & Elaine Johnston, Pastor Irene, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, Linda Cheadle, Connie Moomjy, Robin Brooks, Sabrina, Eliza Husser Cave, Dr. Walter Allen, Elsie Smith, Austin Moede, Murray & Pitza Steller, Tatyana Yatsenko, Ella Shakibatabar our Regional Church, those in public service, military service and for our Country.*

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