



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Newsletter

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Pastor's Notes: Hymns are such an important part of our worship as well as our theology. Familiar hymns are often ingrained in our being, to the point hearing or singing them rekindles a part of our history and identity as a Christian. During August, we will be focusing on the older, more familiar hymns that touch us in those special places. If you have a special familiar hymn, please let me or Micah know so we can include it at some point during the month.

VBS Reunion – RESCHEDULED – Wednesday, August 21~

The VBS program originally scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th has been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 21. The time will be the same - 10:30 - 2:30. Our day together will include sharing VBS memories, an “Assembly” with VBS pledges (Bible, Christian Flag and American Flag); a Bible study project on I Corinthians 13 titled “Remembering and Being a Warrior of Love”; a related missions activity and a craft activity and a fun hymn sing music activity. Lunch will also be provided and enjoyed together. We will do a new sign up – so even if you signed up for July 30th, please re-register for August 21. And invite a friend!!

Prayer List changes

The prayer list format and content was reviewed by the Elders at their July monthly meeting. The new format is included in this Newsletter. We hope it will make the prayer list more “user” friendly and also easier to maintain in a helpful, current way. In the medical world, they use “acute” and “chronic” to differentiate between the immediate and the on-going. While not using those words, our New or immediate prayer list is for specific, new and usually time-sensitive needs. The on-going section is for the “chronic” – the ongoing medical treatments or life situations that need our prayer attention. Also we are identifying the church member most related to any names on the

prayer list of people who do not worship with us. This will help us stay current and also help us know the connection as we pray. And when you ask for prayer for yourself and/or a friend or family member, please let me or the Elders know if there are ways we can show support to them in addition to our prayer support. Thank you for your part in making our prayer ministry vibrant.

A Huge Carry- In Success!!

The “4th of July Indoor Picnic” that was rescheduled for July 21st was a wonderful success!! We had 31 people in attendance and wonderful food and fellowship! Thank you to all who attended, brought food, helped with the set-up and the clean up – and also thank you for the relaxed pace of the day. Carry in is a time for relationship building as well as eating good food – it is not a race! In the past, the tradition included having people leave worship to get the food ready immediately when worship ended. Pastor Irene’s preference is that we keep our primary focus on the worship service and then have patience to anticipate and wait for carry in to begin AFTER church is over. We are a small congregation and when people leave worship early, it is noticed and affects everyone. Plus, carry in is good enough to wait for!!! So, let’s plan the next one soon.

Bible Readers for August

August 4 – Eliza Husser Cave
August 11 – Paula Jones
August 18 – Laura Kraft
August 25 – Judee Mitchell

COMING UP IN AUGUST

Deacon’s Meeting – Sunday, August 11 after worship service.

Trash and Treasure – Saturday, August 17 9am to 1pm

Saturday, August 17th **DWF** will restart at 11 am in the Library. This will be a planning meeting. Hope to see lots of you there.

Wednesday, August 21 – VBS 10:30 to 2:30 (see above) please re register.

Sunday, August 25 – Elders Meeting after worship service.

IMPORTANT ITEMS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Fellowship Hall, to the left of the glass doors, you will see hanging on the wall, a white, small, glass front cabinet. It is labeled "AED" which stands for Automated External Defibrillator. On top of the cabinet there is a First Aid box and inside the cabinet we have added a red pouch containing an apparatus which is used in choking emergencies.

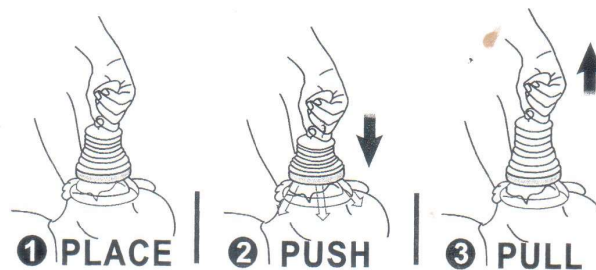
If a person has collapsed and is not breathing and has no pulse, the AED is what you would use in order to shock the heart. Once the AED box is opened and started, it will give you step by step verbal instructions as to its' use.

The First Aid box contains bandages and other items which can be used for wound care.

The red pouch contains a plunger looking piece with attachable mouth pieces of two sizes. This would be used if the Heimlich method has failed and/or the particle is stuck in the throat. Instructions for its' use are also in the red pouch.

If you care to know more information, please contact Pat Wilson or Caroline Hale.

Easy to Use in a Choking Emergency



1 PLACE

Place the mask over the victim's nose and mouth. Hold the mask with your weak hand to make a good all-around seal on the victim's face.

2 PUSH

Push the plunger down with your strong hand, all air will escape out of the one-way valve system preventing an obstruction from being pushed further into the victim.

3 PULL

Pull back on the plunger while holding the mask in place. This will create suction. If the obstruction does not come out on the first pull, continue to push, and pull the plunger without removing the device from the victim's face.

ACTs donation for August: canned fruit

Walking Tall donation for August: 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:

Curtis Beard - August 1

Don Pruett - August 10

Donna Rader - August 10

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.scemd.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.

New / Immediate Prayer Requests: *Ida Bassi (hospitalization); Lisa Wahlmeier – job search; John Finn – hospitalization (A. Virge); Darrell Hale – hospitalization (C. Hale); Felisha – recent surgery (J. Wilson); Janet Stearns – hospitalization (W. Malone); Charlotte & Ken Chatto-travel; Tropical Storm/Hurricane Debby*

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: Church members: *Ed Albritton; Pastor Irene; Ida Bassi; Shelvia Beard; Robin Brooks; Eliza Husser Cave; Linda Cheadle; Jerry Doleshall; Elaine Johnston; Carol Kettle; Pam Owen; Vicki Rishel; Connie Santee; Elsie Smith; Susan Poster Ullmann; Paul Wilson* **Friends and Family:** *Martha Albritton (E. Albritton); Dr. Walter Allen (E. Cave); Ken Chatto (C. Chatto); Jennifer Chatto-McCoskey (C. Chatto); Chuck Johnston (E. Johnston); Laurie Greene (J. Mitchell); Bryan Malone (W. Malone); Austin Moede (C. Hale); Connie Moomjy (J. Mitchell); Sabrina (E. Smith); Mike Seymour (J. Wilson); Eileen Snow (P. Jones); Murray & Pitza Stellar (C. Hale); Jesse Vega (P. Wilson); Our church; ACTs of Aiken; Walking Tall; USA and the world*

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