



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Newsletter

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Pastor's Note: I don't know about how it is for you, but for me time seems to be passing by at a much faster rate than when I was younger. One way I notice this is how often I hear Lynn announce to the congregation "Newsletter information for next month's newsletter is due by Wednesday." It always catches me off guard because it seems like we just worked on a newsletter the previous week! The good news is that we've all made it to another month! The down side is that time might be passing so quickly that it has control of us rather than us being able to manage it and make time for the things that give our life and our faith meaning. As you read this September newsletter, my prayer for you and for me is that we take a minute to pause. In that pause, first give thanks for the opportunity of facing another month, and then in the stillness of the pause, imagine your plans and goals for the month - especially as they relate to your faith development and your church involvement. Our connections with God and with each other are an important part of our health - not only spiritual but physical and mental as well. Happy September!

Bible Readers for September

September 1 - Ed Albritton
September 8 - Lynn Malone
September 15 - Robin Brooks-Myer
September 22 - Ed Albritton
September 29 - Judee Mitchell

COMING UP IN September

Board Meeting - September 10 at 6pm - Fellowship Hall

Trash and Treasure - Saturday, September 21 - 9am to 1pm

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

It is said; “Many hands make light work”. The Deacons would like to invite everyone to join us for breakfast (courtesy of the Men’s group) at 9 am with the work beginning at 9:30 am. Prior to the work day there will be a list of identified tasks available in the Fellowship Hall that you can sign up for. You may have noticed something around the Church that you think needs attention. Feel free to add that item to the list. **Come that morning and be part of the success of the day and enjoy good fellowship, too!**

Some cleaning solutions and other cleaning items will be available or you may bring your own if you prefer.

Call Caroline Hale with any questions you may have. (H) 803-642-6363 or (C) 571-239-3449.

Monthly Elder’s Meeting: 4th Sunday of the Month – September 22nd after church

Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering – Sunday, September 29, 2024

“The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year in congregations on the last Sunday of September... 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 to 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.”

Please prayerfully consider your financial gift to the Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Thanking you in advance for your support.

ACTs donation for September: Canned meats (chunky soups, stew, spaghetti etc.)

Walking Tall donation for September: 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:

Brian Myers - September 1
Shelvia Beard - September 2
Ed Albritton - September 8
Ryan Brittany Riley - September 14
Charlotte Chatto - September 17

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>

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: John Finn – hospitalization (A. Virge); Tish Glasco stage 4 cancer (C.Hale)

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 Kettel; 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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