



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Newsletter

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**October 2024**

**Pastor's Note:** One of my favorite things to do in the fall is to attend the South Carolina State Fair. Even though I am too old to ride a lot of the rides that I used to enjoy, there is still something about walking through that section of the fair and watching as those younger than me enjoy the rides with shouts of delight. The other section that I love is the exhibits of items people have sent in to hopefully win a ribbon. These submissions range from art, photography, all kinds of crafts, gardening and cooking. Every year, I think "I'm going to submit something next year", and of course I never do. Sharing our faith is like that - we all have something to share with others about what Christ has done in our lives. We don't share it to win a ribbon, yet we do share it to give the ribbon of hope or comfort or of church involvement to others. Our sermons for September have been based on the book of James - the "how to" book giving real examples of how to make our faith evident to others. Use October to make your faith more visible to those around you - and invite a friend to church!

**World Communion Day, Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

The first Sunday in October each year is World Communion Sunday. We join with other Christian churches around the world to celebrate communion with a broader sense of connection.

**Soup Carry-In, Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

We had hoped to share a soup meal in conjunction with World Communion Day, but with all the storm related issues lately, we have postponed the soup lunch until Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a very simple soup & bread (and probably a dessert or two!) carry-in to continue our celebration beyond worship. A sign up

sheet will be available Sunday for food. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up.

### Bible Readers for October

October 6 - Shelvia Beard  
October 13 - Judee Mitchell  
October 20 - Laura Kraft  
October 27 - Lynn Malone

### COMING UP IN October

**Sunday, October 6 - World Communion Day**

**Tuesday, October 8- Board Meeting at 6pm - Fellowship Hall**

**Friday, October 18 - Game Night - save the date, details to follow**

**Saturday, October 19 - 9am to 2 Trash to Treasure**

**Saturday, October 19 - 11am - 1 pm Room #1 DWF meeting**

**Sunday, October 20, Carry-in , soup and bread after worship**

**Saturday, October 26 - Game Day with Susan 1:30 pm**

**Sunday, October 27 - Elder's Meeting - after worship in the Pastor's office**

### NOVEMBER Dates to remember

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - All Saints Day Remembrance \***

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - End of Daylight Savings Time**

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Carry-in More info in November Newsletter**

**Election Day - Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** - Please make sure you make your voice count. As you prepare for Election Day, and also as we pray for our nation during this time, here is a prayer adapted from Chalice Worship for you to use in your daily meditation / prayer time.

## **A Prayer for a Public Election (adapted from Chalice Worship Guide #421)**

*All-knowing God, I pray for your guidance as it approaches the time to elect those who will serve our community and our nation in public office. Enlighten my mind with understanding and perception that I may continue to discover your truth. Endow my will with the strength to strive for justice. Fill my heart with love for the peace You alone give, that I may be at peace with those around me. May I live my life in a way that promotes the good of all the people of my community and this land, and beyond its shores. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **BLESSING**

We were recently blessed with an endowment from which the Church will be tithing. We need your suggestions for a charitable donation. It is a substantial sum and we may give to more than one non-profit charitable organization. Any suggestions that you may have please, put in the communion plate. All suggestions will be considered and voted on by the Board, an announcement will be made.

**ACTs donation for October: Cereal, oatmeal, grits, etc**

**Walking Tall donation for October: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.walkingtallministries.unaux.com).



**Happy Birthday to:**

Ai, Rongshan (Shan) Boening - October 2  
Lisa Wahlmeier - October 14  
Christian Boening - October 29  
Elsie Smith - October 30

## **Public Service Announcement for Storm Preparedness**

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

### **Important Hurricane Resources**

#### **South Carolina Emergency Management Division**

[www.scemd.org](http://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), The people of South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina who are weathering the after effects of Helene.*

***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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