



The Chalice

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Dear Folks,

This is just a short letter to thank everyone for all you have done to help the church lately.

As you know, attending church and inviting others to services are important parts of the future of our church. It is not an overnight process but if we are patient and consistent, we will see the changes.

We are very fortunate now to have Interim Minister Rev. Alan Cloar and Music Minister Josh Wagner leading our church at the present time. Make sure you let them know that they appreciated it.

If you need me for anything, please don't hesitate to call me.

Ann Smith
Board Chairman

Liturgy for September

Sept. 3

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Sept. 10

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 17

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 24

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6,37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September Calendar

Sunday, September 3

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Alan Cloar
Elder: Bill Hunt

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day

Office Closed
NO CMF Meal and Meeting

Wednesday, September 6

5:30 PM – Meal Ministry
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 10

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Alan Cloar
Elder: Mary Lillie Watson

Monday, September 11

10:30 AM – Coffee Chat
6:30 PM – Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

5:30 PM – Meal Ministry
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 17

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Alan Cloar
Elder: Cathy Moorehead

Wednesday, September 20

5:30 PM – Meal Ministry
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 24

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship – Rev. Alan Cloar
Elder: Ann Smith
2:00 PM – Twin Run Flower Workshop
Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 25

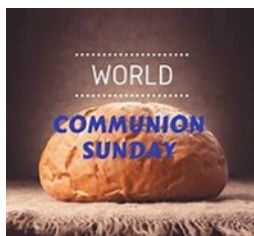
10:30 AM – Coffee Chat
6:30 PM – Disciple Women's Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

5:30 PM – Meal Ministry
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

The Worship Committee met on August 23.

World Communion Sunday is October 1.



Reconciliation Offering will also be collected on October 1.



Change for Change will be collected on October 29 for Food for Kids.

We will once again host Trunk or Treat in our front parking lot on October 31. Please plan to decorate your vehicles and donate candy for this event.



Josh is preparing material for the choir for various Christmas presentations.

Changes to the worship hour are ongoing and are being sorted out to find a good balance.

We will be accepting donations to purchase flowers from Twin Run Flower Farm to have in the sanctuary each Sunday.



Disciples Women Report August 2023

The Disciples Women met on July 24, 2023, with 12 Members present. The July Project was to collect bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths for ACTS and was a great success. Thank all of you who donated towels and/or money to make the ACTS Project such a success.

With assistance from Barbara Powell, who donates her time and cooking talents to the WFCC Meals Ministry, some of the Disciples Women gathered in the Fellowship Kitchen to reorganize cooking necessities and to label the cabinets.

The Disciples Women also decorated the Fellowship Hall the Saturday before WFCC Homecoming. Kathy Reising donated flowers from which she, Amber Davis and Jennie Owens made beautiful arrangements for the Fellowship Hall. Kathy also donated the large, beautiful flower arrangement placed in the Sanctuary for Homecoming Sunday.

Financial Report July 2023

By Kathy Reising for Gina Hansford, Treasurer

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS	2023 YTD CONTRIBUTIONS	2023 BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS
\$11,268	\$73,478	\$116,458
JULY EXPENSES	2023 YTD EXPENSES	2023 BUDGETED EXPENSES
\$13,610	\$95,448	\$111,675

2023 YTD CONTRIBUTIONS MINUS EXPENSES \$ -21,970

2023 CONTRIBUTIONS VS BUDGET	\$ -42,980 (UNDER)
2023 EXPENSES VS BUDGET	\$ -16,228 (UNDER)



	YEAR TO DATE (31 SUNDAYS)
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS BUDGET	\$3,757
AVERAGE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS ACTUAL	<u>\$2,370</u>
AVERAGE WEEKLY SHORTAGE PER BUDGET	\$(1387)

	JULY 31, 2023	DEC 31, 2022	CHANGE IN ACCOUNT
GENERAL FUNDS	\$5,796	\$30,680	\$ -24,884 (81%)
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$38,501	\$47,179	\$ - 8,679(18%)
STATEMENTS, AS OF	JUNE 30, 2023	DEC 31, 2022	
SAVINGS GENERAL FUNDS	\$237,642	\$204,534	\$ 33,108 16%
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$195,194	\$174,431	\$ 20,763 12%

WFCC Board Meeting – July 10, 2023

Members Present: Ann Smith, Rosa Hall, Pam Crawford, Roger Smith, Michelle Greenwall, Wayne McTyre, Steve Hansford, Tommy Branch, Cathy Moorehead, Joan Taylor, Mary Lillie Watson, Ray Watson, Bill Hunt and Gina Hansford.

Call to Order: Chair Ann Smith called the meeting to order.

Prayer Concerns: Prayer concerns were shared and uplifted in prayer.

Opening Prayer: Chair Ann Smith provided an opening prayer.

Devotion and Communion: Bill Hunt provided a devotion and Communion.

Minutes: On motion by Wayne McTyre and second by Ray Watson, Minutes of the June 12 and June 22, 2023 meetings were approved.

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Bill Hunt and second by Wayne McTyre, the June 30, 2023 Financial Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Cathy Moorehead said Father's Day gifts were given out last month.

OUTREACH – Pam Crawford reported our next host week for Family Promise is July 16 -23, 2023. Michelle Greenwall will be staying overnight on July 21st. The Outreach committee will provide an evening meal on July 17th. The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 12th.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE – Wayne McTyre thanked Nick Hammonds for pressure washing and Junior Gampos for refinishing the front doors of the Church. Research is ongoing regarding defibulators for the Church.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE – Roger Smith reported Memorial Funds have been redesignated. He anticipates transferring funds from savings to pay for our insurance coming due next month.

WORSHIP – Mary Lillie Watson noted Homecoming is scheduled for Sunday, August 13, 2023.

ELDERS – Bill Hunt said the Elders will be meeting next week.

DISCIPLE WOMEN – Joan Taylor reported the Disciple Women met on June 26th. Their July project will be to collect bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths for ACTS. A letter was received from Sheila Jackson stating she was moving and will no longer be with the Oconee Save our Seniors (SOS) program. The Disciple Women have Bingo Prizes that can be given to the SOS Program.

CMF – Steve Hansford said the CMF did not meet this month.

Old Business: Chair Ann Smith uplifted our new Interim Minister Alan Cloar and our new Music Minister Josh Wagner.

The Wednesday Night Meal Ministry will start back on August 16th.

Rosa Hall requested information for The Chalice by July 28th.

New Business: Cathy Moorehead said volunteers are meeting at 10:00 on July 17th to clean out and reorganize closets at the Church.

Adjournment: Chair Ann Smith delivered a Closing Prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Gina L. Hansford, Board Secretary

REGISTRATION OPEN for October 7 Elders & Deacons Retreat

The Georgia Regional Elders will host a one-day retreat at Camp Christian on October 7, 2023, from 10 am to 3:30 pm, to educate, encourage, and inspire local church elders, deacons, and pastors. The needs, concerns, commitments, and contributions of congregations and our communities shifted during the pandemic. This work will help elders and deacons to reset.

Keynote speaker will be Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning, Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Virginia. Separate elder and deacon tracks will be led by Rev. Byron Wells, Senior Pastor of Chestnut Ridge Christian Church, Marietta, and Rev. Charles Marshall, Senior Pastor of Fountain of Hope Christian Church, Atlanta. Worship leader will be Rev. Dr. Glorious McCall, current Regional Elder and retired Minister to Children at Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur. [Download this flier](#) to print, share by email, or post on social media. *If you plan on attending virtually, please indicate on the registration form.*