



# The Illuminator

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**Fantastic Fall Edition**

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There is something fishy about the Senior Pastor. Quite literally as I am now the recipient of seven fish skin grafts applied to an open wound on my leg. Come to find out the cells of Atlantic codfish skin closely resemble the cells of human skin. When the fish cells dissolve into a human's body, they provide a structure upon which human cells can grow. Who knew? How amazing is this?

The donated fish skin grafts I received are working. The bed of my wound is nearly filled with what the doctor calls granular tissue. My repaired Achilles tendon that was once exposed because the incision opened, is now nearly covered with tissue. Wow! Woohoo! Wonderful!

I am having to dig deep for patience though as a very slow part of the process is for skin to grow and close the wound. I still cannot put any weight on my right foot nor get it wet. At my last visit with the wound doctor, he shared his ongoing confidence that skin will grow, the wound will heal, physical therapy will come, and I will walk again. He explained that there are no specific timelines for this kind of healing. Every person's body heals at its own pace and mine is very slow.

This journey reminds me how grateful I am for the gift of relationship. I pray I am a life-giving partner in relationship with ...

Charles who is my driver, knee scooter repair person, nurse, and soul mate.

God who regardless of any timeline, offers comfort and strength.

Jesus who came to teach and live God's extravagant love for the world.

A family of faith who shares life in all its fullness and gives gifts because they are inspired, not required, to offer mutual care.

Family members and friends who love. Period.

Doctors, nurses, and healthcare providers, who use their knowledge and skills for the wellbeing of God's people.

Creation, the earth, animals, birds of the air, and, of course, fish of the sea.



November 09 - 1:30 Elders  
November 19 - 11:00 Sr. Food Distribution  
November 24 - Community Thanksgiving Meal  
November 19 - 10:00 Executive Committee  
November 20 - Congregational Meeting  
November 27 - Advent Begins



An update to the information in our church directory is now available! Please let Diana know if you'd like a hard copy or have it sent to you electronically!

**FREE  
thanksgiving  
DINNER**

Please contact Susan Miller if you're interested in volunteering to help prepare or serve the free community meal the church is hosting on Thanksgiving Day.



This Fall, our church family has taken time to celebrate the legacy and learn more about the rich culture of those indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the land where our church structure is located. SGLCC(DOC) is located within the boundaries of the Cherokee Nation. The state of Oklahoma is home to 39 distinct Native American tribes. Their stories are told through a series of beautiful exhibits in the new First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. On October 17<sup>th</sup> members of our congregation joined with members of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Claremore to tour the facility which is designed in collaboration with the tribes of Oklahoma and the Smithsonian Museum. Our day began with a tasty brunch in the museum's restaurant. The Native American menu featured indigenous recipes made with ingredients native to Oklahoma. We sampled bison burgers and blue corn pancakes with agave syrup. Our tour of the galleries was led by a retired professor from the University of Oklahoma.



## Disciples Women Fall Retreat



## ThanksLIVING in November & always, in all ways!



November is a season of thankfulness. Pastor Gina suggested that we post what we are thankful for on this lovely tree painted by Teena Momper in the church lobby. If you can't pin a leaf in person, you can post your gratitude on the SGLCC Live facebook page. We are also invited by Gina to list 5 details about WHY you feel grateful.







Shane Ailey, Michael Ailey, Rick Atkinson, John Baird, Fred Blythe, David Booker, Jill Brausuell, Karen Brittain, Mary Claiborne, Louise Compston, Ted Coombes, Calvin Cross, Bryan Cyphers, Dianne Farmer, Cindy Fest, Gary Fest, Christie Goldy, Karen Hendrix, Jennifer Hinson, Leroy Hughes, Gina Jackson, Bob Latimer, Dan Miller, Brigitte Ratzlaff, Jim Rogers, Sue Ryan, Jim Shelton, Susan Stanifer, Alena Thibert, Chris Tribble, Patty Wolfe, Jeanne Woods, Mike Yancy, caregivers, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, those affected by acts of violence, addiction, mental illness and natural disasters.



#### OCTOBER

06 Jim Owens  
06 Phil Wood  
07 Shari Baird  
12 Kathy Latimer  
14 Harold Treat  
18 Carla Davis  
27 Ellen Wolfe  
29 Lois Weitzel

#### NOVEMBER

02 Joyce Lewis  
11 Annabelle Russell  
11 Melanie Martin  
13 David Turner  
14 Gail Young  
15 Barbara Hamilton  
18 Karen O'Neal



October 9<sup>th</sup> – Matt & Jennifer Hinson  
October 15<sup>th</sup> – Ronnie & Shirley Hardin  
October 27<sup>th</sup> – Bill & Joyce Wilson



The Prayer Parlor located at the back of the sanctuary is available each Sunday morning for anyone who would like a quiet space for prayer and reflection before the service. At 9:50 you will be joined by the Elders and members of Diaconate as they gather in the space to pray.

Those of you who shop on Amazon can designate SGLCC(DOC) as the recipient of your amazon smile charitable donations. Your support of our church in this way is greatly appreciated!



General Fund Offerings: September \$ 11,670.76 Designated Gifts: \$200  
October \$ 13,192.90 \$550

Blessing Quarters: September & October \$120.51  
Year To Date: \$981.91

October Attendance				
Date	Members	Visitors	in Person	Online Views
10-02	32	9	41	101
10-09	32	11	43	120
10-16	34	18	52	111
10-23	21	14	35	87
10-30	24	7	31	75

## **Nominations for SGLCC(DOC) 2023**

The Nominating Committee announces this list of nominees for 2023.

These names will appear on the ballot at the November 20 Congregational Meeting.

Additional nominations may be made at the Congregational Meeting.

This list does not include Trustees, Elders & Deacons who will remain on the General Board as they continue serving the three-year term for which they have already been elected.

### **OFFICERS**

<b>Board Chairman</b>	Jim Owens
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Teena Momper
<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Shell
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carla Davis
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	Dave Momper
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Jo Smith
<b>Asst. Fin. Sec.</b>	Susan Miller

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<b>Stewardship &amp; Finance</b>	Jim Sellers
<b>Pastoral Relations</b>	Teena Momper
<b>Property</b>	Ronnie Hardin
<b>Worship</b>	Joyce Wilson
<b>Nomination</b>	Beverly Wall
<b>Social</b>	Diana Sellers
<b>Membership &amp; Evan.</b>	Marcy Munkirs
<b>Outreach</b>	Susan Miller
<b>Christian Education</b>	Mary Shell
<b>Community Hall</b>	Jim Sellers
<b>Kitchen Coordinator</b>	Lynne Kennedy
<b>Historian</b>	Shirley Hardin
<b>Disciples of Christ Rep</b>	Bob Shell

<b><u>TRUSTEES</u></b>	Dave Momper, Jim Sellers
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<b><u>ELDERS</u></b>	John Baird, Shari Baird, Jennifer Hinson, Matt Hinson
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<b><u>DIACONATE</u></b>	Dianne Farmer, Barbara Hamilton Dave Momper, Teena Momper, Ellen Wolfe
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<b><u>JUNIOR DIACONATE</u></b>	Landon Wilson
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