Weekly Update

July 18, 2018

**THIS SUNDAY**

This week’s guest minister will be Herb Knudsen.

He will be preaching on Mark 6:30-34.

Many will likely remember Herb as our former CCIW Regional Minister and President, serving

from 1998-2007. He has also served pastorates at First CC, Bloomington; First CC, Downers

Grove, IL; First CC, Alexandria, VA; and in an experimental shared ministry at Davis Memorial

CC in Taylorville and the CC in Edinburg, IL. His last five years of full-time ministry were as an

Intentional Interim Minister with three different congregations. Herb and his wife Duff are now

retired and live in Normal, IL. They are the parents of two grown sons and the very proud

grandparents of four. In retirement, they have enjoyed taking several major trips together, caring

for their gardens, being involved in community events, and experiencing life at a much more leisurely pace.

**WEBSITE**

**The church’s website is now live and can be found at** [**www.fccdocgc.com**](http://www.fccdocgc.com)

**On the website, you can view the** [**church video**](https://fccdocgc.com/our-mission/) **made to help with the search process,**

**a** [**calendar**](https://fccdocgc.com/calendar/) **featuring upcoming events,**

**and** [**copies**](https://fccdocgc.com/news/) **of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.**

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who helped organize last Sunday’s church work day and to all who showed up ready to work. It was a great morning of work, prayer, and fellowship as we helped get our church ready for the future.

**“Different kind of Worship Service”**

**HUGE SUCCESS!!**

In a March congregational brainstorming session several members challenged FCC to experiment with a “different kind of worship service.”

Cheryl Elder and Lori Kristensen volunteered to lead the effort. They recruited numerous members to outline work activities that would enhance the physical appearance of the church; worship service to deepen our spiritual understanding; and opportunities for great fellowship while we were working, worshipping, and eating.

Forty members of the congregation left Sunday morning feeling uplifted and optimistic about the future of FCC.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Rosella Jesse –**Hollybrook **Apt 42**

**Bill and Jean Kerchenfaut – new address**

6235 Hoffman St #201

North Port, Florida  34287-2285

**Harold Stimmel**— Hollybrook **Apt 34**

**John Revell**

**Sandra Goin**

**Harriet Farney**

**Margaret Meers**

**Patty Benz**

**Margaret Gambill**

**Carol Hutchcraft**

**Jim McClard –** waiting for an important procedure

**Jessica Moore**

**John Weller**

**Lila Parsons**

**Evelyn Fawver**

**Barb Bennett**

**Irene Schaefer**

We also continue to pray for the Search Committee

and the Recruitment Committee

**SERVING SUNDAY JULY 22nd**

 **Elders:** *David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly*

 **Deacons:** *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard*

 *Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen*

 **Worship Leader:** *David Hagan*

 **Communion Preparation:** *Lori Rinehart*

 **Home Communion:** *Arlen DeWall and Lori Rinehart*

**Greeters:** *Noel & Carol Hutchcraft*

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(July 18-July 24, 2018)

 July 18 Margaret Meers

 20 Ralph Poe

 21 Wyatt Higgins

 Peter & Kate Provin ‘12

Please send us (gcfccdoc@yahoo.com) additions or corrections of birthdays,

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**SHEPHERD’S CLOSET HANLEY SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Shepherd’s Closet will once again be collecting school supplies to distribute to area children

without the means to purchase needed supplies. Bags for each grade with a list of supplies

needed are available for pick up at Closet, Too (112 N Sangamon). Supplies may also be

purchased individually for those who don’t wish to fill a bag. General supplies needed are listed below.

-12 or 24 ct. Crayola colored pencils

-Pink Pearl Erasers

-Yellow chisel tip highlighters

- #2 Pencils

-4 ct. assorted highlighters

-Adult Scissors

-2 pk. Black Expo dry erase markers

-Trapper Keeper

-4 pk. Asst. Expo dry erase markers

-Fine tip black sharpie markers

-Small or large Elmer’s glue sticks

-3 Subject Notebooks

-70 ct. Spiral Notebook

-Composition Books

-Binders-1”,1.5”,2”,3”

-Loose leaf paper - wide ruled

-2 pkt. Folder without prongs in asst. colors

Bags and supplies will need to be returned to Shepherds Closet or Closet, Too by Saturday, July 28th. Monetary donations with checks payable to Hanley School Supply fund may also be dropped off at Shepherds Closet or Closet, Too.

**SUMMER YOUTH GROUP**

Mark your calendar for our final summer youth group fun night on Sunday, August 5 from 6-8:00 pm.

Be sure to bring a friend!

**“POURED OUT CHURCH”**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEEKEND 2018**

The date for this year has been set for the weekend of **August 25 and 26,** 2018.

**As the Iversons** **will be out of town for the Community Service Weekend this year,**

**we** **REALLY are asking for at least one more member of the congregation**

**to serve on this committee for planning purposes. Please reach out to**

**Ryan and Janet with your interest ASAP so connections can be made.**

**It takes a village!**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

We continue to hold a **coffee fellowship** in the narthex **before church**

(beginning around 9:45am).

Gather to **converse** and **have fellowship** prior to our worship service!

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**

Large print bulletins are now available for Sunday morning worship.

**PARKING ASSISTANCE**

If you would like someone to **park your car** to shorten the walk into the building,

drive into the circle and stop in front of the doors.

**A willing and capable assistant will park your car for you.**

**ATTENDANCE**

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| FCC ATTENDANCE  | SUNDAY WEEK |   |
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| 2018 | JANUARY | 40 | 56 | 53 | 45 |   | 49 |
| 2018 | FEBRUARY | 45 | 22 | 43 | 42 |   | 38 |
| 2018 | MARCH | 54 | 41 | 46 | 39 |   | 45 |
| 2018 | APRIL | 78 | 53 | 51 | 49 | 54 | 57 |
| 2018 | MAY | 38 | 56 | 57 | 44 |   | 49 |
| 2018 | JUNE | 57 | 24 | 51 | 46 |   | 45 |
| 2018 | JULY | 46 |  41  | 42 |   |   | 43 |
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