

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.fccdofgc.com
On the website, you can view the [church video](#) made to help with the search process,
a [calendar](#) featuring upcoming events,
and [copies](#) 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

| FCC ATTENDANCE | SUNDAY WEEK | | | | | AVG |
|----------------|-------------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 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 |
| AVG | 51.1 | 41.9 | 49.0 | 44.2 | 54.0 | |