Weekly Update

July 25, 2018

**THIS SUNDAY**

This week’s guest minister will be Teresa Dulyea-Parker

She will be preaching on Ephesians 3:14-21.

Teresa is the Regional Minister and President for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin. In over 35 years of ordained ministry, she has served congregations in Indiana, Oregon, Michigan, and Ohio and the last seven years as Regional Minister. Teresa is chief “story-teller” for our region and has a passion for congregational life. She believes “it is in the church as a graceful community that lifelong transformation occurs.” Teresa lives in Bloomington, is married to the Rev. Canon Albert J. Keeney and the have four adult sons Jeff and Travis Dulyea-Parker and Andrew (Christi) and Ryan (Allison) Keeney. Teresa and Al are newlyweds having met in Paris on a Shalem pilgrimage in 2015. Teresa enjoys science, nature, walking, swimming, and travel.

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Biographical Sketch

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Muskegon, MI. She was ordained by the congregation and the

Christian Church Michigan Region, 12/19/1982. In over 35

years of ordained ministry she has served congregations in

Indiana, Oregon, Michigan and Ohio. The last seven years as Regional Minister in

Illinois and Wisconsin.

She earned her undergraduate degree in Economics from Western Michigan University,

and her Master of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

She also has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Ecumenical Theological Seminary in

Detroit, with an emphasis on “Spirituality in Community.”

She currently serves on the Administrative Committee of the General Board for the

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S and Canada. She is also ex-officio

Trustee for the Disciples Divinity House of UChicago; Board member of the Christian

Church Foundation. She just completed a term of service for the Central Pastoral Office

for Hispanic Ministries Pastoral Commission.

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occurs. We become caring communities: exhibiting hospitality, encouraging quests,

reflecting on scripture, discerning gifts, struggling with trust, healing souls, and providing

opportunities for service. Through these experiences we grow more deeply in our

connection to God and to one another, so that we are prepared to confront the some-

times brutal realities that plague our world. We are here to represent a different way of

being in the world, and in this way fulfill God’s healing/salvific purposes.”

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**FOOD PANTRY**

First Christian Church is in charge of volunteers for the food pantry on July 27th and July 28th. Friday night volunteers should arrive at 6:30pm and Saturday morning volunteers by 8:30am. Food Pantry volunteers are asked to park in the Northeast corner of County Market’s parking lot to allow more parking space for the clients.

**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**

**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

**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to Chet Goodrich and family upon the death of his wife, Mary Goodrich, who passed away on Wednesday, July 18th. A memorial service will be held September 1st.

**SERVING SUNDAY JULY 29th**

 **Elders:** *Sharon Higgins, Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder*

 **Deacons:** *Tim Ricks, Katy Neal, David DeWall*

 *Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder*

 **Worship Leader:** *Melanie Warfield*

 **Communion Preparation:** *Jeff Elder*

 **Home Communion:** *Sharon Higgins and Jeff Elder*

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(July 25-July 31, 2018)

July 26 Jim & Sue McClard ‘58

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

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**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.**

**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**

The final summer youth group meeting for 3rd-8th graders will be a "Back to School Bash" on Sunday, August 5 from 6-8:00 pm. We will begin with a blessing for the upcoming school year around the flag poles at school. Third through fifth graders should be dropped off at the Elementary School and sixth through eighth graders should be dropped off at the Middle School. After we have prayed for God to bless the upcoming school year, we will walk to the church to cookout over our new fire pit and play some outdoor games. Be sure to bring a friend! All are welcome!

**“POURED OUT CHURCH”**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEEKEND 2018**

The date for this year’s event is 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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| 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 |
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