

Weekly Update

July 3, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

This week's guest minister will be Herb Knudsen.
He will be preaching on II Corinthians 12:5b-10.

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.

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

Summer youth group will meet again this Sunday from 6-8pm.
All youth entering grades 3-8 are encouraged to attend.
This week's activities will include a movie (bring a pillow so you can get comfy!)
with popcorn and candy and outdoor games.
Be sure to wear old clothes and prepare to get wet!

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 is at home, but is still having difficulty speaking
Evelyn Fawver

We also continue to pray for the Search Committee
and the Recruitment Committee

SERVING SUNDAY JULY 8th

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

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

David DeWall, Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder

Worship Leader: *Ron Warfield*

Communion Preparation: *Tim Ricks*

Home Communion: *Sharon Higgins and Tim Ricks*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

(July 4-July 10, 2018)

July 7 Janet Hoffman

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

CHURCH BOARD

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, July 10th at 6:30pm.

If you have any items that need to be added to the Board agenda, please send them to the office.

LET'S GET PREPARED FOR A FANTASTIC FUTURE SUNDAY, JULY 15TH

Come in comfortable clothes, ready to do some work within and around the church both physically and spiritually!! Join in on the fun, food, and fellowship this day has to offer.

Activities for all ages and ability levels!

10:00am – Gather in sanctuary for Prayer and Work Preparation

Suggested work and spiritual activities available:

- Praying: prayer stations in Sanctuary, Classrooms, Church Office, Fellowship hall, Chapel, and Church Grounds
- Complete work on Cross Installment
- Construction on fire pit
- Weeding
- Washing Windows
- Cleaning church pew cushions
- Dusting – Library, Pulpit area
- Help with lunch preparations

11:30am – Short Worship Service –Followed by Shared Meal

-Lunch Provided – TACO BAR – Chicken and Beef Tacos with all the trimmings, drinks, and dessert!!!

-Free Will Offering will be accepted to help offset cost of the meal

SERVING SCHEDULES

Elders and Deacons serving schedules for the new year are on the table in the narthex.

Please pick up the schedule with your name on it.

Any schedules not picked up by July 9th will be mailed.

WEBSITE

The church's website is now live and can be found at fccdocgc.com.

DWM

The DWM met June 17th for their annual salad supper and installation of officers for the new church year. Delicious food and fun fellowship.

Each year as we close our business meeting we look at the remaining balance in our checking account and make suggestions and decisions of how we want to use these funds. Thank you to all of you who have helped to support the missions and services of the DWM. Because of your generosity we have been able to give monetary gifts to the following person, project and an extra church expense.

Mission work is a very important part in Katie Ricks' life. Since graduating from college, she has worked with Americore and Habitat for Humanity. In support and appreciation of Katie's dedication to helping those in need, the DWM has given her \$200.00. May God bless Katie as she returns to college for her post graduate education.

Donating school supplies has been an important service project of our church for several years. For our second special gift, we gave the Shepherds Closet \$400.00 to help purchase those items.

In addition we gave \$500.00 to the church to be used toward the expense of the recruiting company that is helping our search committee and church to find a new pastor.

MENTAL HEALTH EVENT

There will be a showing of "Suicide the Ripple Effect" at Savoy 16 Theatre on July 25th at 7:30pm. This movie is a documentary by Kevin Hines about his suicide attempt, struggle with mental illness, and the impact it's had on those he loves and also impact of suicide on people in general. Tickets must be purchased in advance and at least 66 tickets need to be sold by July 12th for the screening to take place. For more information, you can visit the Facebook page "Suicide the Ripple Effect at Savoy 16" or contact Sara Williamson at sara_williamson@gibsonhospital.org.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxes of offering envelopes for the new church year, beginning in July, are available for pick up in the narthex.

Please put your name on the sign-up sheet by the number corresponding to your box of envelopes.

IMPORTANT!!!

A REQUEST FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As we now have several of our youth in middle school, we will be in need of **AT LEAST one more Sunday School teacher** starting in the Fall of 2018 in order to better meet the needs of the age ranges of our youth.

Lori and Janet can attest that "they don't bite", so please consider how you can contribute to our future efforts for our youth programs. Reach out to

Janet or Lori with your interest!

“POURED OUT CHURCH”
COMMUNITY SERVICE 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					46
AVG		51.1	42.0	50.2	44.2	54.0	