

# The Christian Visitor July 2018



*We are called to share our Christian Faith and Christ's Love with all people.*

## Our Life Together in July

### Pastor Jim Says Goodbye

As I bid you farewell, let me say it has been a pleasure serving as your interim pastor, and I wish you all the best. I'm hoping soon to begin hearing wonderful things about your ministry under new pastoral leadership.

I have the impression that there is a strong desire in the congregation for a pastor who will be primarily a spiritual leader, and I feel certain that such a desire will be especially welcomed by any future pastor who serves you!

You are a church community that has much to offer. Your long-standing commitment to generous outreach giving and service to the community, your intense desire to have a ministry that will meet the needs of young and old, with special emphasis on the youth and children, the know-how and creativity of so many in your leadership -- all these speak well for the future of this congregation.

Above all, I pray that the rich treasures of love in Christ Jesus that have so long guided and undergirded you will continue to be your comfort and your strongest inspiration.

In the love of Christ,  
Jim Boswell

### Special Worship Service Sunday, July 15th

Let's work together, pray together, and eat together as we work to get our church ready for the future! There will be tasks available for ALL ability levels, whether spiritual or physical! We will begin Spiritual and Physical work at 10:00 (note time change) followed by a short worship service and a dedication to the cross that is being permanently installed on the East side of the church. We will then join together for food and fellowship. Keep posted for updates as we continue to plan this special event! If you have any questions or suggestions, contact event coordinators Lori Kristensen or Cheryl Elder.

### Thanks to Jim Boswell

Sunday, July 1 is Pastor Boswell's last Sunday as our Interim Minister. The Men's Group is hosting a Fellowship Recognition following worship on Sunday. We look forward to all of you worshipping with us on Sunday and staying for the Fellowship afterwards to recognize Pastor Boswell's service to our congregation. It has been a longer period of interim service than any of us anticipated and we greatly appreciate Jim's service and support for the last year and a half. Pastor Jim enhanced our knowledge of scripture and the Biblical history of scripture. He also impressed upon us the central role of Communion in our worship service and emphasized that the bread and the cup was handed down directly from Jesus to us -- passing through to us from generation to generation. Many of our members greatly appreciated Jim's effort to call on us when we were sick, hospitalized, or going through difficult times.

Thank you, Jim.

### Filling the Pulpit in July & August

July 1st: Jim Boswell

July 8th: Herb Knudsen

July 15th: Special Worship Service

July 22nd: Herb Knudsen

July 29th: Teresa Dulyea-Parker

August 5th: Herb Knudsen

August 12th: Scott Woolridge

August 19th: Herb Knudsen

August 26th: Teresa Dulyea-Parker

# More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

## July Serving Schedule

**Communion Bread Baker—Carol Hutchcraft**

### Sunday, July 1st

**Greeters:**

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

**Deacons:** *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard  
Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen*

**Worship Leader:** *Noel Hutchcraft*

**Communion Preparation:** *Beth Tabor*

**Home Communion:** *David Hagan and Beth Tabor*

### Sunday, July 8th

**Greeters:**

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

**Deacons:** *Tim Ricks, David McClure, Katy Neal  
David DeWall, Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder*

**Worship Leader:**

**Communion Preparation:** *Tim Ricks*

**Home Communion:** *Sharon Higgins and Tim Ricks*

### Sunday, July 15th

**Greeters:**

**Elders:** *Barb Meyer, Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes*

**Deacons:** *Mike Finis, Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson  
Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

**Worship Leader:**

**Communion Preparation:** *Mike Finis*

**Home Communion:** *Barb Meyer and Mike Finis*

### Sunday, July 22nd

**Greeters:**

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

**Deacons:** *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard  
Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen*

**Worship Leader:**

**Communion Preparation:** *Lori Rinehart*

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

### Sunday, July 29th

**Greeters:**

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

**Deacons:** *Tim Ricks, David McClure, Katy Neal  
David DeWall, Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder*

**Worship Leader:**

**Communion Preparation:** *Jeff Elder*

**Home Communion:** *Melanie Warfield and Jeff Elder*

## Poured Out Church August 25 & 26, 2018

This year's Community Service Weekend will be held on August 25 & 26. Each congregation will have their regular service, meet at North Park for lunch at 12, and then "Pour Out" into the community in a variety of activities. The Iversons will be out of town for the Community Service Weekend this year, so we are looking for at least one more person from our church to help with planning. Contact Ryan or Janet Iverson if interested

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated food and helped with our first summer youth group fun night! There were 14 youth, 3 high school assistants, and 5 adults in attendance. It was a great time of talking about our faith, working on service projects, roasting hot dogs and making s'mores around the campfire, and even listening to some guitar music! All 3rd-8th graders are encouraged to mark their calendars for the next two fun nights on July 8 and August 5 from 6-8pm. Be sure to wear old clothes and be prepared to get wet again!

## Offering Envelopes

Boxes of offering envelopes for the new church year, beginning July 1st, 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.

## Outreach

**Food Pantry:** 23 items were received in June for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2018 year to date: 197 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: July 1

## Church Board

The Church Board will meet on July 10th at 6:30 pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please send them to the church office.

**Office Hours:**  
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm  
 Church Phone: 217-784-5460  
 gcfcdoc@yahoo.com

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Prayer	<b>4</b> 4th of July Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00 AM City Recycling
<b>8</b> 10:15 AM Worship Herb Knudsen 6:00 PM Summer Youth Group	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Church Board	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry
<b>15</b> 10:15 AM Worship Special Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Prayer	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00 AM City Recycling
<b>22</b> 10:15 AM Worship Herb Knudsen	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Prayer	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry
<b>29</b> 10:15 AM Worship Teresa Dulyea-Parker	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Prayer				

**LOCAL  
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES  
July 2018**

- 1 Chester Goodrich  
Dennis & Sharon Higgins '06
- 2 Carol Hutchcraft
- 3 Matt Poe  
Tyler Mott  
Jerry Wahls
- 7 Janet Hoffman
- 11 Beth Bridgwater
- 15 Griffin Johnson
- 18 Margaret Meers
- 20 Ralph Poe
- 21 Wyatt Higgins  
Peter & Kate Provin '12
- 26 Jim & Sue McClard '58



To be as consistent as possible, we list only birthdays and anniversaries of members and friends who are local and/or active in the life and witness of First Christian Church.

**Shepherd's Closet  
Hanley School Supply**

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
- Yellow chisel tip highlighters
- 4 ct. assorted highlighters
- 2 pk. Black Expo dry erase markers
- 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
- Pink Pearl Erasers
- #2 Pencils
- Adult Scissors
- Trapper Keeper

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.

**Interim Pastor** - Jim Boswell  
**Administrative Assistant** - Jennifer Hagan  
**Choir Director** - Tim Ricks  
**Church Pianist** - Joan Ricks  
**Custodians** - Jeff and Cheryl Elder

Sunday School Resumes in September  
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
 Church Phone 784-5460  
 Email address: gfcdoc@yahoo.com

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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED