Weekly Update

August 1, 2018

**THIS SUNDAY**

This week’s guest minister will be Herb Knudsen.

He will be preaching on Ephesians 4:25-5:2.

We welcome back Herb again this Sunday as he is filling in as guest minister every other Sunday during July and August. Herb was 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; WELCOME Herb!!

Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Regional Minister and President for the

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin

Biographical Sketch

Teresa grew up in First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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.

Teresa is chief “story-teller” for our region. She has a passion for congregational life.

She believes “it is in the church as a graceful community that lifelong transformation

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.”

Teresa lives in Bloomington, Illinois, is married to the Rev.

Canon Albert J. Keeney and they 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

**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!

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The search committee met with Brian Dunks over the phone on Wednesday, July 25th to get an update on the search. There have been 55 submissions to the position and over 100 views of the church video. Vanderbloemen keeps a ranking of each potential candidate. At this time, five are highly ranked after reviewing their application and a phone interview. These will be getting in-person interviews this week. Five to six candidates are in the mid-range after reviewing their application, but may move up or down once given a phone interview. Nine potential candidates have not yet been ranked. A majority of applicants are male with a few women mixed in, 35-50 years old, most are married, and none are approaching retirement age. The search committee will meet with Brian again in person to go over applicants and view sermons, with hopefully five or more candidates. This meeting will take place sometime in late August, possibly Wednesday, August 22nd or Monday, August 27th, depending on schedules.

**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

**SERVING SUNDAY AUGUST 5th**

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

 **Deacons:** *Mike Finis, Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson*

 *Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

 **Worship Leader:** *Sue Walker*

 **Communion Preparation:** *Ryan Iverson*

 **Home Communion:** *Sue Walker and Ryan Iverson*

**Greeters:** *Jerry & Ida Wahls*

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(August 1-7, 2018)

 August 1 Marilyn Tjardes

 Ron & Marti Wiebers ‘99

 4 Ryan & Janet Iverson ‘01

 5 Patty Benz

 7 Ron Wiebers

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

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM AND SUE MCCLARD**

Jim and Sue McClard celebrated 60 years of marriage last week. Because of the surprise party that Jim and Sue’s children planed for them we delayed by one week putting in this notice. WOW! 60 YEARS!

**OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY OF JUNE MOLL**

June Moll was our interim minister on two different occasions. June passed away last week at the age of 90. Our congregation considers June to be one of our own, and celebrate the times that she ministered to us.

**GREETINGS FROM HUGH REYNOLDS**

Carol and Noel Hutchcraft bring greetings from Hugh after visiting with him last week. Hugh is currently in a retirement facility in Northern Kentucky.

**CHURCH BOARD**

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30pm.

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

**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.**

**“POURED OUT CHURCH”**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEEKEND 2018**

This year’s “*Poured Out Church*” is combining with community organizations for a shared community outreach weekend. We will have our normal worship service at the church at 10:15 AM. At noon, everyone will meet at the park for lunch before ‘pouring out’ into the community to participate in a variety of outreach activities.

**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 |
| 2018 | JULY | 46 |  41  | 42 | 40 | 30 | 40 |
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