Weekly Update

August 22, 2018

**THIS SUNDAY**

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

She will be preaching on Ephesians 6:10-20.

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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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.

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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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**THIS WEEKEND!!!**

**“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 on Sunday morning 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 projects. A wide range of activities will be taking place throughout the weekend including:

* Greeting card crafting
* Caroling for Christ
* Cookie Brigade/Cookie Delivery
* Golf Carts & Drivers
* Prayer Teams at North and South Parks
* Window Washing at both Caseys and FS
* Home Repairs/Clean-Up
* County Market Grocery Bagging
* Gibson City Food Pantry Helpers
* LUNCH! 12PM Sunday at the North Park Pavilion

Sign-ups for all events this year are being done online at the following location: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

Once on the website, click on the search icon (magnifying glass in the upper right corner). Under ‘search for a sign-up’ type in the email address mammyd2@gmail.com. This should bring up all the sign-up sheets with times for the events listed on each sheet.

**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.**

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(August 22-28, 2018)

 August 22 Robert Provin

 23 David Hagan

 25 Bob & Linda Provin

 28 Sarah Higgins

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

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**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 26th**

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

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

 *Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

 **Worship Leader:** *Angie Barnard*

 **Communion Preparation:** *Mary Alice McRae*

 **Home Communion:** *Marilyn Tjardes and Mary Alice McRae*

**ATTENDANCE**

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| 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 | 41 | 30 | 40 |
| 2018 | AUGUST | 48 | 42 | 42 |   |   | 44 |
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