Weekly Update

August 8, 2018

**THIS SUNDAY**

This week’s guest minister will be Scott Woolridge.

He will be preaching on John 9:1-11.

Scott is the Associate Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin. He is a life-long member of the Disciples church and attended Eureka College before serving there as a teacher for ten years. He also served as a parish minister and computer consultant before he moved to full-time Regional ministry in early 1992. His primary duties include working with congregations on visioning and planning and serving as a resource person to about 45 congregations. Scott currently lives in Decatur, is married to Vicky Logan Woolridge, has two daughters, Allison and Shalon, and is the proud grandparent of Harrison James Hyde. Scott enjoys baking, reading, building furniture, working on his old house, and helping others with their home improvements.

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 event was held on Sunday, August 5 on the church lawn. 13 elementary school youth and 6 middle school youth met at their respective schools to say prayers and blessings for the coming school year. They also enjoyed an evening of fellowship, games, and a cookout over the new fire pit. A big thanks to all who donated food for the three summer youth events and to Tyler Ricks, Alayna Stalter, Cullen Neal, Avery Warfield, Avalon Warfield and Hayden Warfield for assisting with leading the church lawn games – especially with the water games and enduring getting wet! --Janet Iverson, Lori Kristensen, Joan Ricks

And thank you to Janet, Lori, and Joan for organizing these youth meetings throughout the summer!

**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.

**“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.

**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.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Ed & Marilyn Hopkey are celebrating 50 years of marriage on August 10. Congratulations and best wishes to Ed and Marilyn.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(August 8-14, 2018)

 August 9 Margaret Gambill

 10 Evelyn Fawver

 Ed & Marilyn Hopkey ‘68

 11 Adam & Kristy Elder ‘07

 Tim Ricks

 13 Cathy Hagan

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 12th**

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

 **Deacons:** *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard*

 *Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen*

 **Worship Leader:** *Sharon Higgins*

 **Communion Preparation:** *Sue McClard*

 **Home Communion:** *Don Eberly and Sue McClard*

**Greeters:** *Ron & Melanie Warfield*

**ATTENDANCE**

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| 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 |   |   |   |   | 48 |
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