

The Christian Visitor August 2018



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

Our Life Together in August

Church Work Day Update



In a March congregational brainstorming session several members challenged FCC to experiment with a “different kind of worship service.” Cheryl Elder and Lori Kristensen volunteered to lead the effort. They recruited numerous members to outline work activities that would enhance the physical

appearance of the church; worship service to deepen our spiritual understanding; and opportunities for great fellowship while we were working, worshipping, and eating. On July 15, forty members of the congregation spent the morning permanently installing the cross in the church lawn, building a fire pit, cleaning the pews, washing windows, and preparing a meal for fellowship. Thank you to everyone who helped organize this work day and to all who showed up ready to work. It was a great morning of work, prayer, and fellowship as we helped prepare our church for the future.

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!

Poured Out Church Community Outreach Weekend August 25 & 26, 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 opportunities, including:

- Bagging groceries at County Market
- Washing car windows at the gas stations
- Cleaning yards throughout town
- Praying throughout the community
- Singing at the Nursing Homes and Hollybrook
- Delivering Cookies
- Making cards

Search Committee Update

The search committee met with Brian Dunks from Vanderbloemen 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 move forward to in-person interviews. 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 in late August to go over applicants and view sermons, with hopefully five or more candidates.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

August Serving Schedule

Communion Bread Baker—Jennifer Hagan

Sunday, August 5th

Greeters: *Jerry & Ida Wahls*
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*

Sunday, August 12th

Greeters:
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*

Sunday, August 19th

Greeters:
Elders: *Sharon Higgins, Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder*
Deacons: *Tim Ricks, Katy Neal, David DeWall*
Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder
Worship Leader: *Carol Hutchcraft*
Communion Preparation: *Kristine Medler*
Home Communion: *Cheryl Elder and Kristine Medler*

Sunday, August 26th

Greeters:
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*

Nursing Home Worship Sunday, August 26th

First Christian Church is in charge of leading worship at both the Gibson Area Hospital Annex and Heritage Health Care.

Come and join residents in worship.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Chet Goodrich and family upon the death of his wife, Mary Goodrich, on Wednesday, July 18th. A memorial service will be held September 1st.

Outreach

Food Pantry: 63 items were received in July for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2018 year to date: 260 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: August 5

Filling the Pulpit in August

August 5th: Herb Knudsen
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
"Imitators of God"

August 12th: Scott Woolridge

August 19th: Herb Knudsen
Ephesians 5:15-30
"Be Careful How You Walk"

August 26th: Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on August 14th at 6:30 pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please send them to the church office.

ATTEND- ANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
		1	2	3	4	5	
2018	JAN	40	56	53	45		49
2018	FEB	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	40	30	40
	AVG	51.1	41.9	49.0	43.6	42.0	

**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
*August 2018***

- 1 Marilyn Tjardes
Ron & Marti Wiebers '99
- 4 Ryan & Janet Iverson '01
- 5 Patty Benz
- 7 Ron Wiebers
- 9 Margaret Gambill
- 10 Evelyn Fawver
Ed & Marilyn Hopkey '68
- 11 Adam & Kristy Elder '07
Tim Ricks
- 13 Cathy Hagan
- 18 Jerry Schutte
Ruth Neal
- 20 Peter Provin
- 21 Elliott McClure
- 22 Robert Provin
- 23 David Hagan
- 25 Bob & Linda Provin
- 28 Sarah Higgins
- 30 Clyde & Mary Alice McRae '64



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.

Annual Hymn Festival



Love singing and learning the story behind hymns? Join us for the 2018 annual Hymn Festival!

This annual event, sponsored by the Gibson Area Music Foundation, will be held on August 12th at 3:00pm at the United Methodist Church. This year's festival will be directed by Janet Watkins and will contain historic pipe organ and piano accompaniment.

Church Website and Facebook

The church's website is now live and can be found at www.fccdocg.com. The site includes the church video made to help with the search process, a calendar of upcoming events, copies of the Weekly Update and Christian Visitors, and pictures of our church in action.

The church's Facebook page is also being kept up-to-date with notices for upcoming activities and pictures of past events. This page can be found at www.facebook.com/fccdocg.

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
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