

The Christian Visitor September 2018



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

Our Life Together in September



Reconciliation Offering September 30th & October 7th

The Reconciliation Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Volunteer Secretaries

The church secretary will be on vacation the week of September 24th-28th. Volunteers will be arranged to fill in the office during that time. If you are interested in volunteering for a morning that week, contact the church office.

Filling the Pulpit in September

September 2nd: David Hagan

September 9th: Herb Knudsen
James 2:1-10, 14-17
"What Good Is Your Faith, If...?"

September 16th: TBA

September 23rd: Herb Knudsen
Mark 8:27-35
"A Faith That Works"

September 30th: TBA

Sunday School Kickoff 2018-2019!

We will begin our Sunday School classes on Sunday, September 9, 2018. The Christian Education Committee is going to try something new this year with our youth: we will be moving the youth Sunday School meeting time from 9 am to during the church service, immediately following the "Children's Moment". Looking forward to seeing everyone in church (and Sunday School) on September 9!

Eagles are Soaring at FCC

FCC has operated without a pastor for 2 years now. Some of us have gone from a casual, "we should have a new pastor in 6-12 months;" To a more animated, "what the heck is taking so long;" To a very impatient, "we need a new pastor NOW!" To a more faithful, "we will find a pastor that is a match for Gibson City First Christian Church."

But throughout the long process of finding the pastor that is a fit for FCC, there has emerged or re-emerged a growing number of eagles that are answering their call to share our Christian faith and Christ's love with all people.

You can see it in the over-the-top successful Summer Youth Program. It is great to hear the kids exclaim, "can we continue this program into the fall?" You can see it in the redesigned focus of "the old rugged cross" in our landscape and in our soul. You can hear it in the voices of those serving in all capacities in the church with the, "sure I can help with that" attitude.

Yes eagles are soaring at FCC and there is some lucky pastor out there that will see those eagles and want to fly with them!

Isaiah 40:31

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

September Serving Schedule

Communion Bread Baker—Sue McClard

Sunday, September 2nd

Greeter: *Arlen DeWall*

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

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

Worship Leader: *Sue McClard*

Communion Preparation: *Leah McClure*

Home Communion: *David Hagan and Leah McClure*

Sunday, September 9th

Greeters:

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

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

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Katy Neal*

Home Communion: *Sharon Higgins and Katy Neal*

Sunday, September 16th

Greeters:

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

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

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Ed Hopkey*

Home Communion: *Barb Meyer and Ed Hopkey*

Sunday, September 23rd

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: *Adam Kincaid*

Home Communion: *Arlen DeWall and Adam Kincaid*

Sunday, September 30th

Greeters:

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

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

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *David DeWall*

Home Communion: *Melanie Warfield and David DeWall*

Disciples Women's Ministry

Tuesday, September 18th 7:00 pm

Hostess: Marti Wiebers

Location: Church

Study Leader: Margaret Gambill

Elder's Breakfast

September 9th

Host: Cheryl Elder

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on September 11th at 6:30 pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please send them to the church office.

Greeters / Worship Leaders

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in September.

A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

Outreach

Food Pantry: 31 items were received in August for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2018 year to date: 291 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: September 2nd

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
2018	AUG	48	42	42	45		44
	AVG	50.8	41.9	48.1	43.9	42.0	

Office Hours:
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
 Church Phone: 217-784-5460
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 fccdocg.com

September 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							1 8:00 AM City Recycling Fellowship Hall Reserved
2 10:15 AM Worship	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4 9:00 AM Prayer	5	6 Preschool Screening	7	8 9:00 AM Food Pantry	
9 8:00 AM Elders Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Herb Knudsen	10	11 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Church Board	12	13	14	15 8:00 AM City Recycling	
16 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	17	18 9:00 AM Prayer 7:00 PM DWM	19	20	21	22 9:00 AM Food Pantry	
23 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Herb Knudsen	24	25 9:00 AM Prayer	26	27	28	29	
30 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship							

**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
September 2018**

- 3 Harold Baize
Audrey Iverson
- 5 Adam Elder
- 7 Bonnie Schutte
- 10 Linda Provin
- 11 Mary Alice McRae
- 16 Arlen DeWall
Nancy Gambill Westfall
- 18 Rosella Jesse
Tara Mouser
Debbie Parsons
Dennis & Pat Farris '71
David & Carrie DeWall '01
- 20 Terri Jordan
Tim & Joan Ricks '86
- 21 Chet McClure
- 22 Lori Kristensen
- 24 April Warren
- 25 Freda Poe
Jalene Medler
- 27 Thelma Rhodes
- 29 Noel & Carol Hutchcraft '63
- 30 Ralph & Freda Poe '61



Box Tops for Education



A collection for box tops has been placed in the narthex. Each box top is worth 10 cents and the money goes towards student and teacher programs! If every kid at GCMS elementary (460 students) brought in ONE box top for the 10 months the kids are in school that would equal \$460!!!!

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
 Church Phone 784-5460
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