Weekly Update

October 3, 2018

**THIS SUNDAY**

This week’s guest minister will be Beth Rupe.

She will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

The Reverend Dr. Beth Rupe has served congregations in Kentucky and Illinois. Prior to going to seminary, Beth was an Outpatient Therapist at a community mental health center. Beth is the McLean Livingston Regional Elder and is a member of the CCIW Ethic’s Investigation Team and Co-Chair of the CCIW Pro-Reconciliation Anti-Racism Committee/ Team. She has written Advent, Easter, and Week of the Laity Resources for the Office of Christian Education of the Department of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Special Offering Resources for the Reconciliation Office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and has published book reviews in The Lexington Theological Seminary Quarterly. Beth is married to Mark. They have two children, Sarah (Aaron) and Benjamin, and two granddaughters Chloe and Emilia. She enjoys reading and learning new things. Her other hobbies include knitting, quilting and listening to all genres of music. She enjoys cooking, especially for her family and friends. Beth and Mark love to travel. She finds strength in contemplative prayer and studying scripture. She feels called by God to work for justice.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST**

Men’s Breakfast will be held this Sunday at 8:00am with Noel Hutchcraft providing the meal.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday school classes for Elementary and Middle School Youth now begin each Sunday morning at 9:30am.

**SERVING SUNDAY OCTOBER 7TH**

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

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

 *Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

 **Worship Leader:**

 **Communion Preparation:** *Janet Iverson*

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

**Greeters:** *Clyde & Mary Alice McRae*

**CHURCH BOARD**

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30pm.

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS AND GREETERS**

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in October. A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEER SECRETARIES**

During the secretary’s vacation September 24-28, volunteers stepped up to help us out by working in the office from 9:00 to 12:00 each day. For this help we owe a big thank you to Sue McClard, Mary Alice McRae, Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes, and Mona Summers.

**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**

**John Weller**

**Lila Parsons**

**Evelyn Fawver**

**Barb Bennett**

**Irene Schaefer**

**Duff Knudsen –** Herb Knudsen’s wife

had back surgery and is making good progress

We also continue to pray for the Search Committee

and the Recruitment Committee

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR DR HUGH REYNOLDS**

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Dr. Hugh Reynolds on October 14th. There will be a potluck dinner at noon following our regular Sunday morning worship. At 1:30 a Celebration of Life service will be conducted by the Reynolds family in our sanctuary. All members of the church and wider community are welcome to attend.

**HUSTLER’S BBQ & PIE**

The Hustler’s will hold their annual BBQ & Pie Lunch immediately following worship on October 21st. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going towards supporting various outreach projects.

**OCTOBER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

RECYCLING

First Christian Church will be in charge of recycling for the month of October.

 Volunteers will be needed on October 6th and October 20th from 8:00-11:30am.

Sign-up is posted in the narthex.

GIBSON AREA FOOD PANTRY

October 13 is our Church’s opportunity to serve at GAFP.

Contact Jim McClard if you would like to serve.

If you would like to help with deliveries, you can request that also.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(October 3-9, 2018)

October

4: Don Eberly

6: Jay & Lori Kristensen ‘01

7: Matt Provin

8: Taylor May

9: Stephanie Johnson

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

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS**

October 14th: Kip Hayden

October 21st: Herb Knudsen

October 28th: Herb Knudsen

**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.**

**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 | 45 |   | 44 |
| 2018 | SEPTEMBER | 46 | 55 |  48  |  46  |  49  | 49 |
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