

The Christian Visitor October 2018



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

Our Life Together in October

Prayers for Search Committee

I have always thought that if I worked hard enough; if I worked long enough; if I worked smart enough - I would be successful. Experience is often a great teacher.

One experience is forever etched in my mind - the drought of 1988. One 75 acre field that I had farmed since 1973 was always very productive. In 1987 the field was planted in corn and it yielded 190 bushels per acre. By 1987 I had previously raised 200 bushel corn, but not often. Wow, I really had this farming figured out. In 1988 that same field farmed the same way made 10 bushel to the acre. I was devastated. What had I done wrong?

Experience teaches us that sometimes there are outcomes outside of our control and outside of our ability to understand. It is during those situations that faith carries us through tough times.

Last week the Search Committee, after working tirelessly for 2 years, kicked it into another gear. They completed 2 phone interviews, completed a half day in-person interview, were going to host another half day in-person interview on Monday, and were preparing to make an offer to one of the 2 excellent candidates. They were excited about the possibilities.

In less than 24 hours, both of the candidates for personal reasons withdrew their names from consideration. One decided they should move closer to their parents in Minnesota, one of which is in a nursing home. Both emphatically told us that it was nothing negative against Gibson First Christian Church just a better fit for them somewhere else.

“One day looking back we will understand the delay. God’s delays are not denials, but they are His way of preparing the church and the candidate for what is next.” (From Brian Dunks)
-Ron Warfield

Youth Sunday School

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

Sunday, October 21st

11:30am

Hustlers' BBQ and Pie Lunch



The Hustlers' Fellowship will host their BBQ and Homemade Pie Lunch following worship on October 21st.

All are welcome!

A freewill offering will be received. Proceeds will support a variety of outreach projects including sponsoring an orphan in Uganda, supporting Robb and Sheila Warfield at Dakar Academy in Senegal, and giving to Woodhaven Learning Center, as well as other local outreach projects.

Celebration of Life Dr. Hugh Reynolds October 14th

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.

DWM Silent Giving October 28th

Sunday, October 28th the DWM will be receiving their annual giving to the work of the Disciple Women's Missions. There will be a coffee and sweet breads fellowship held in the narthex after the worship service at which time you may bring your gifts.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

October Serving Schedule

Communion Bread Baker—Barb Meyer

Sunday, October 7th

Greeters: *Clyde & Mary Alice McRae*

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*

Sunday, October 14th

Greeters:

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

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

Worship Leader: *Carol Hutchcraft*

Communion Preparation: *Beth Tabor*

Home Communion: *Don Eberly and Beth Tabor*

Sunday, October 21st

Greeters:

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

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

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Jeff Elder*

Home Communion: *Cheryl Elder and Jeff Elder*

Sunday, October 28th

Greeters:

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

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

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Mike Finis*

Home Communion: *Marilyn Tjardes and Mike Finis*

Filling the Pulpit in October

October 7th: Beth Rupe

October 14th: Kip Hayden

October 21st: Herb Knudsen

October 28th: Herb Knudsen

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Sandra Goin who passed away on Wednesday, September 5th. A Celebration of Life service was held in our sanctuary on September 15th.

We also express sympathy to the family of Hugh Reynolds who passed away on Thursday, September 20th. A Celebration of Life service will be held in our sanctuary on October 14th.

Thank You

To my FCC Family,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, food, cards, and words of encouragement after my hip surgery. I appreciated it all and am blessed to be part of this church!

-Marilyn Hopkey

Men's Breakfast

October 7th

Host: Noel Hutchcraft

Elders Breakfast

October 14th

Host: Sharon Higgins

Disciples Women's Ministry

Tuesday, October 16th 7:00 pm

Hostess: Carol Hutchcraft

Location: Carol's Home

Study Leader: Marti Wiebers

Project: "Silent Giving"

Outreach

Food Pantry: 68 items were received in September for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2018 year to date: 359 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: October 7th

Office Hours:
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
 Church Phone: 217-784-5460
 gcfcdoc@yahoo.com
 fccdocgc.com

October 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:00 AM Prayer	3 7:00 PM Choir	4	5	6 8:00 AM City Recycling FCC
7	8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Beth Ruppe		9 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Church Board	10 7:00 PM Choir	11	12	13 9:00 AM Food Pantry FCC
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**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
October 2018**

4 Don Eberly
6 Jay & Lori Kristensen '01
7 Matt Provin
8 Taylor May
9 Stephanie Johnson
16 Perry & Barbara Comer '71
21 Marti Wiebers
Joe & Amy Higgins '00
22 Kristy Elder
27 Xavier Moore
29 Clyde McCrae
31 Ron Warfield



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.

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please send them to the church office.

Copies of the Board Minutes and Treasurer's Report are available on the table outside of the Church office. Please take and read.

Opportunities To Serve

Recycling: First Christian Church will provide volunteers for recycling on Saturdays, October 6th and 20th. Please sign up in the narthex to help!

Food Pantry: First Christian Church needs volunteers for the food pantry on October 12th and October 13th. Contact Jim McClard to volunteer.

Greeters / Worship Leaders

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in October

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

Administrative Assistant - Jennifer Hagan
Choir Director - Tim Ricks
Church Pianist - Joan Ricks
Custodians - Jeff and Cheryl Elder

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
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