

Weekly Update

November 14, 2018

THIS SUNDAY

This week's guest minister will be Beth Rupe.
She will be preaching on Psalm 23.

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.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

During this season of Thanksgiving as we are thinking of and remembering the many blessings for which we have to be thankful, we also think about how we could express our thankfulness to God by reaching out to others. We will have an opportunity to do this on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18th. We will have a procession of our gifts as we bring forward our regular offerings, a Special Day Thanksgiving offering, and gifts of canned food and fresh fruit to be given to the Shepherds Closet. Also if you have some gently used winter coats, the Shepherds closet has expressed a need for those.

SERVING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

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: *Ryan Iverson*

Home Communion: *Barb Meyer and Ryan Iverson*

BLESSING WALL

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, please think about all the blessings you have received. Each time you enter church, pick one of those blessings and write it on a turkey or pumpkin found in a basket in the narthex. You may either post it on the "Blessing Wall" or place it in the offering plate to be posted later. Surely, we can fill our "Blessing Wall" to overflowing by Thanksgiving!

WORSHIP LEADERS AND GREETERS

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

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Seekers Sunday school class will not meet on Sunday, November 25th or Sunday, December 23rd.

DWM

The Disciples Women's Ministry will meet on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00pm at the church with Sharon Higgins as hostess and Marilyn Tjardes as study leader.

DWM SILENT GIVING UPDATE

The Disciples Women's Ministry received \$1,405 with their annual silent giving. This money will help with outreach projects both locally and internationally. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

College care packages will be prepared in a few weeks. If you know of any college student who would benefit from receiving a package, notify the office with their name and address. Donations of items to include in the packages may be dropped off at the church office.

JAKE'S BOYS

Mark your calendars. The Jake's Boys will be leading our worship service on December 2nd.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

(November 14-20, 2018)

November

- 14: Katy Neal
- 17: Ryan Iverson
- 18: Sharon Higgins
- 19: Matt & Pat Provin '94

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

FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS

- November 25th: Joe Culpepper
- December 2nd: Jake's Boys
- December 9th: Herb Knudsen
- December 16th: Joe Culpepper
- December 23rd: Beth Rupe
- December 30th: Herb Knudsen

WEBSITE

The church's WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE and can be found at www.fccdocgc.com
On the website, you can view the church video made to help with the search process,
a calendar featuring upcoming events,
and copies of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.

ATTENDANCE

FCC ATTENDANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
		1	2	3	4	5	
2018	JULY	46	41	42	41	30	40
2018	AUGUST	48	42	42	45		44
2018	SEPTEMBER	46	55	48	47	51	49
2018	OCTOBER	63	68	51	50		58
2018	NOVEMBER	51	52				52
AVG		50.8	51.6	45.8	45.8	40.5	

Average Monthly Attendance		
	2017	2018
July	30	40
August	35	44
September	49	49
October	46	58