Weekly Update

December 12, 2018

**THIS SUNDAY**

This week’s guest minister will be Joe Culpepper.

He will be preaching on Isaiah 7:10-14 and Matthew 1:18-25.

Joe Culpepper and his wife Ellen retired in 2011 as pastors of Centennial Christian in Bloomington. They have two grown children & seven grandchildren. Joe currently serves as Regional Elder for the Decatur Cluster, Chair of the CCIW Ministerial Ethics Committee, volunteers at the Salvation Army homeless shelter, & on the boards of several community organizations. His hobbies include bicycle touring, choral singing, community theater, & duplicate bridge.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting following worship this Sunday, December 16th. Last night the church board voted unanimously and enthusiastically to recommend Mat Bowen for pastor of First Christian Church. This recommendation will be forwarded to the congregation on Sunday for official action. We are excited about welcoming Mat and Elizabeth to FCC.

**SERVING SUNDAY DECEMBER 16TH**

 **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:** *Leah McClure*

 **Home Communion:** *Don Eberly and Leah McClure*

**Greeter:** *Beth Tabor*

**CHRISTMAS CARD TREE**

The Christmas Card Tree has been placed in the narthex to receive your greetings to church members and friends. We invite you to donate any postage savings to the special Christmas Offering.

**WORSHIP LEADERS AND GREETERS**

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

**RECYCLING**

First Christian Church is in charge of recycling for the month of December.

 Volunteers will be needed on December 15th from 8:00-11:30am.

Sign-up will be posted in the narthex.

**DWM**

Change of date for DWM’s Christmas potluck. Our annual Christmas potluck supper will be on MONDAY, December 17th at 6:30 at the home of Sue McClard. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and delicious food. All you need to do is bring a side dish to share.

**SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Seekers Sunday school class will not meet on Sunday, December 23rd.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Monday, December 24th beginning at 8:00pm.

**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**

**Evelyn Fawver**

**Barb Bennett**

**Irene Schaefer**

**Duff Knudsen**

**Marilyn Lowell**

We also continue to pray for the Search Committee

and the Recruitment Committee

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(December 12-18, 2018)

December

14: Angela Back

 Ron Hoffman

16: Joe Higgins

 Harold Stimmel

 Nick Tabor

17: Kristine Medler

 Barb Meyer

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

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS**

December 23rd: Beth Rupe

December 30th: 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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| FCC ATTENDANCE  | SUNDAY WEEK |   |
|   |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | AVG |
|   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 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 |  55  | 54 |   | 53 |
| 2018 | DECEMBER | 93 | 90 |  |  |  | 92 |
|   | AVG | 57.8 | 58.0 | 47.6 | 47.4 | 40.5 |   |

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| Average Monthly Attendance |
|   | 2017 | 2018 |
| July | 30 | 40 |
| August | 35 | 44 |
| September | 49 | 49 |
| October  | 46 | 58 |
| November | 51 | 53 |