

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
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	55	54		53
2018	DECEMBER	93	90				92
AVG		57.8	58.0	47.6	47.4	40.5	

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