Weekly Update

December 5, 2018

**THIS SUNDAY**

**MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE TO GIVE THE SERMON**

This Sunday, we welcome ministerial candidate Mat Bowen to our pulpit. Mat and his wife, Elizabeth, will be in town from Saturday afternoon through our worship service on Sunday. During the weekend, they will get a chance to see our community, visit our church, and get to know our congregation. There will be a breakfast provided by the men’s group on Sunday morning beginning at 8:15 and a catered meal following the morning service. Both of these are opportunities for the congregation to meet Mat and Elizabeth. We have been very impressed with Mat and we look forward for the opportunity to get to know him better. Please plan to attend.

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

Also this Sunday, the youth will be acting as worship leaders for our service. They will also be providing special music with songs and a performance of the chimes choir. Come support our youth and their faith formation at First Christian Church.

**SERVING SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH**

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

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

*Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

**Worship Leader:** *Youth*

**Candlelighter:** *Dayne White*

**Communion Preparation:** *Mary Alice McRae*

**Home Communion:** *Sue Walker and Mary Alice McRae*

**Greeters:** *Youth*

**THANK YOU**

What a great day of worship we had this past Sunday. Enjoying the great music of Jake’s Boys, the first Sunday of Advent, and to all of you who stayed after the service to decorate our church – a big THANK YOU.

**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.

**POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary, please fill out an order form and return to the church byDecember 10th. The cost is $9.00. Forms are available at the church or printed below.

**CHURCH BOARD**

The church board will meet on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, send them to the office.

**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.

**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 5-11, 2018)

December

5: Jennifer Hagan

7: Tyler Ricks

11: Harry & Mary Ellen McClure ‘57

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

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, December 16th. We are required to announce to the congregation two weeks ahead of time. We plan to hold the meeting if circumstances dictate that it is needed.

**FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS**

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**](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 | | | | |  |
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| 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 |  |  |  |  | 93 |
|  | AVG | 57.8 | 51.6 | 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 |

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary in honor of/or in memory of someone, please complete this form. The cost is **$ 9.00 each**. **Please fill in the following information and have your order turned in by December 10th! Thank you!**

**Quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**OR**

**\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide a poinsettia.**

**Please check one of the following:**

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**Checks may be made to: First Christian Church**

* **Send to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 10**

**Gibson City, IL 60936**

* **Drop off at church office**
* **Place in morning offering**