Weekly Update

January 16, 2019

**THIS SUNDAY**

This week’s guest minister will be Herb Knudsen.

He will be preaching on I Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11.

**BLANKETS PLUS OFFERING**

During worship this Sunday, the Disciples Women’s Ministry will receive a special offering supporting the “Blankets+” program of Church World Service. For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of disaster, tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant, wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens, and literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

**DWM SEWING PROJECT**

Due to inclement weather, last Sunday’s DWM Sewing Project was postponed to this Sunday. The ladies of DWM will be sewing pillows for the OB and Surgery Department at the hospital. Following church, we would like to invite all ladies and girls to the fellowship hall for a light lunch and then begin sewing. There will be something for all skill levels. Please consider joining us for this community project!!!

**SERVING SUNDAY JANUARY 20TH**

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

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

 *Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

 **Worship Leader:** *Cheryl Elder*

**Communion Preparation:** *Janet Iverson*

 **Home Communion:** *Barb Meyer and Janet Iverson*

**Greeters:** *Clyde & Mary Alice McRae*

**MAT AND ELIZABETH UPDATE**

Mat and Elizabeth hope to finalize a contract on a house this week and are looking forward to the transition to Gibson City. Please keep Mat and Elizabeth in our prayers as they make the transition and also prayerfully consider how we as a congregation can welcome and assist them in this exciting new venture.

**CHURCH -- BAD WEATHER**

Our intention is to have church regardless of weather for those who can comfortably get to church. Last week, we had good attendance considering the weather. We would intend to have worship leader, elders and deacons, and other volunteers to conduct the service in the event that the guest minister cannot make it.

**WORSHIP LEADERS AND GREETERS**

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in the coming months. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex.

**GIBSON AREA FOOD PANTRY**

First Christian Church is in charge of volunteers for the Food Pantry on January 25th and 26th.

Contact Jim McClard if you would like to serve.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

The church’s pictorial directory will be updated over the next few months. We are asking everyone to provide a recent family photo and current contact information to be used in the update. These items may be sent to the church’s email address or brought in to the church office.

**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**

**John Weller**

**Evelyn Fawver**

**Barb Bennett**

**Irene Schaefer**

**Duff Knudsen**

**Marilyn Lowell**

**Mike Lorenzen**

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(January 16-22, 2019)

 January

16: Mary Ellen McClure

 Ava Rylan Rexroat

19: Desiree Mouser

21: David Ricks

 Blake Warren

22: Janet Glascock

 Trey Van Winkle

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

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS**

January 27th: Joe Culpepper

February 3rd: Herb Knudsen

February 10th: Herb Knudsen

February 17th: Joe Culpepper

February 24th: Jim Boswell

**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 | 68 | 51 | 43 | 69 |
| 2019 | JANUARY | 69 | 34 |  |  |  | 52 |
|   | AVG | 59.4 | 54.6 | 51.0 | 48.0 | 41.3 |   |

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| Average Monthly Attendance |
|   | 2017 | 2018 |
| July | 30 | 40 |
| August | 35 | 44 |
| September | 49 | 49 |
| October  | 46 | 58 |
| November | 51 | 53 |
| December | 46 | 69 |