

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>: Joe Culpepper  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Herb Knudsen  
February 10<sup>th</sup>: Herb Knudsen  
February 17<sup>th</sup>: Joe Culpepper  
February 24<sup>th</sup>: 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 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	68	51	43	69
2019	JANUARY	69	34				52
AVG		59.4	54.6	51.0	48.0	41.3	

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