

The Christian Visitor February 2019



We are called to share our Christian Faith and Christ's Love with all people.

Our Life Together in February

Sunday, February 17th

Chili Cook Off

11:30 am

Our annual chili cook-off will be held following worship on Sunday, February 17th. Taste them all and then vote for your favorite with your freewill offering.

Hosted by the outreach committee, the fellowship meal provides support for Robb and Sheila Warfield and their continuing mission with the Dakar Academy in Senegal.

Be sure and bring friends to share a hearty meal and great fellowship.

Filling the Pulpit in February & March

February 3rd: Herb Knudsen
Jeremiah 1:4-10

"Three Critical Life Questions"

February 10th: Herb Knudsen
Luke 5:1-11

"The Dangers of Fishing"

February 17th: Joe Culpepper

February 24th: Jim Boswell

March 3: Jim Boswell

March 10th: Beth Rupe

March 17th: Herb Knudsen
Jeremiah 26:8-15; Luke 13:31-35

"Facing One of Life's Challenges: Enemies"

March 24th: Herb Knudsen
Luke 13:1-9

"Always Another Chance"

March 31st: Herb Knudsen
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

"An Identity of Integrity"



February 17th-24th Week of Compassion Special Offering

The Week of Compassion ministry joins us to persons across this nation and around the world. We partner with organizations that reach out to relieve daily suffering and provide a presence of hope through Christ. And it binds us to those who are suffering and hungry for that hope. Our offering is one way we expand a ministry of God's love and compassion. Thank you for your generous support.

Youth Sunday

The youth will be acting as worship leaders on Sunday, February 3rd. Come and support our youth and their faith formation!

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.

Secretary Vacation

The church secretary will be on vacation the week of February 18-22. Volunteers will be arranged to fill in the office during that time. If you are interested in volunteering for a morning that week, contact Jim McClard.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

February Serving Schedule

Communion Bread Baker—Cheryl Elder

Sunday, February 3rd

Greeters: *Jerry & Ida Wahls*

Elders: *Sharon Higgins, Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder*

Deacons: *Tim Ricks, Katy Neal, David DeWall
Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder*

Worship Leader: *Youth*

Communion Preparation: *Tim Ricks*

Home Communion: *Melanie Warfield and Tim Ricks*

Sunday, February 10th

Greeters:

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

Deacons: *Mike Finis, Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson
Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Mike Finis*

Home Communion: *Sue Walker and Mike Finis*

Sunday, February 17th

Greeters:

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: *Jay Kristensen*

Home Communion: *Don Eberly and Jay Kristensen*

Sunday, February 24th

Greeters:

Elders: *Sharon Higgins, Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder*

Deacons: *Tim Ricks, Katy Neal, David DeWall
Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder*

Worship Leader: *Sarah Higgins*

Communion Preparation: *Katy Neal*

Home Communion: *Cheryl Elder and Katy Neal*

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Gambill, who passed away on January 28th. A service will be held in our sanctuary at 11:00am on February 2nd.

Hustlers

Sunday, February 3rd 5:00pm
Host/Hostess: Ron & Melanie Warfield
Super Bowl Party

Disciples Women's Ministry

Tuesday, February 19th 7:00pm
Hostess: Sharon Higgins
Location: Church

Men's Breakfast

February 3rd
Host: Jeff Elder

Elders Breakfast

February 10th
Host: Melanie Warfield

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please send them to the church office.

Copies of the Board Minutes and Treasurer's Report are available on the table outside of the Church office. Please take and read.

Greeters / Worship Leaders

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in the coming months.

Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex.

Outreach

Food Pantry: 27 items were received in January for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2019 year to date: 27 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: February 3rd

Office Hours:
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
 Church Phone: 217-784-5460
 gcfcdoc@yahoo.com
 fecdoecg.com

February 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1	2 8:00 AM City Recycling
3 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Herb Knudsen 5:00 PM Hustlers	4	5 9:00 AM Prayer	6 7:00 PM Choir	7	8	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry	
10 8:00 AM Elders Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Herb Knudsen	11	12 9:00 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Church Board	13 7:00 PM Choir	14	15	16 8:00 AM City Recycling	
17 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Joe Culpepper 11:30 AM Chili Cook-Off	18	19 9:00 AM Prayer 7:00 PM DWM	20 7:00 PM Choir	21	22	23 9:00 AM Food Pantry	
24 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Jim Boswell	25	26 9:00 AM Prayer	27 7:00 PM Choir	28			

LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
February 2019



- 1 Ashley Nicole Spears
- 2 Lindsey Graham
- 10 Ruth Reiners
- 12 Jim McClard
- 14 Dayne White
- 21 Hailey Johnson
Jessica Moore
- 22 Dennis Higgins
- 23 Penny Lorenzen
- 25 Janet Iverson
- 29 Sue McClard



Box Tops for Education

A collection for box tops has been placed in the narthex. Each box top is worth 10 cents and the money goes towards student and teacher programs! If every kid at GCMS elementary (460 students) brought in ONE box top for the 10 months the kids are in school that would equal \$460!!!!

Thank You

Dear FCCDOC,

Hello everyone! Thank you so much for continuing to support our work in Senegal. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity and we are sincerely grateful. A special thank you goes to Disciple Women's Ministry, Hustlers, and Seekers Sunday School. Thank you for your special contributions to us and the cards you send us.

With much thanks,

Robb, Sheila, Avery, Avalyn, & Hayden Warfield

Administrative Assistant - Jennifer Hagan
Choir Director - Tim Ricks
Church Pianist - Joan Ricks
Custodians - Jeff and Cheryl Elder

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
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