

Weekly Update

March 6, 2019

THIS SUNDAY

This week's guest minister will be Beth Rupe.
She will be preaching on Matthew 18:15-35.

ELDERS BREAKFAST

Elders Breakfast will be held this Sunday at 8:00am with Sue Walker providing the meal.

YOUTH SUNDAY

The youth will be acting as worship leaders for our service this Sunday. Come support our youth and their faith formation at First Christian Church.

FELLOWSHIP

There will be a fellowship hour immediately following worship this Sunday as a thank you to the Search Committee for the effort they put in throughout the search process.

SERVING SUNDAY MARCH 10TH

Elders: *David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly*

Deacons: *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard
Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen*

Worship Leader: *Youth*

Communion Preparation: *Lori Rinehart*

Home Communion: *David Hagan and Lori Rinehart*

Greeters: *Youth*

CHURCH BOARD

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm.
If you have any items that need to be added to the Board Agenda, please send them to the office.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Theme: *"Finding God in Uncommon Places"*

On Wednesday evenings during Lent area congregations will host a bread and soup supper at 6:00pm, followed by worship at 7:00pm.

March 13th: First Presbyterian Church

March 20th: American Lutheran Church

March 27th: No Service – Spring Break

April 3rd: New Beginnings

April 10th: United Methodist Church

April 17th: First Christian Church

NOTE FROM MAT

To the Family of First Christian Church,

Greetings church family! We hope you are staying warm during what we have heard has been a harsh winter. Elizabeth and I are very thankful and excited for the opportunity to serve the family of First Christian Church. I wanted to write you to give you a brief update on Elizabeth and I's move, but first I want to extend all our gratitude for everyone's patience during this process. After facing the perils of what it means to hastily move across the country last May, we were leery to move with such a hurriedness that my effectiveness as a Pastor and friend would be compromised. What feels like forever in the short will actually prepare Elizabeth and I to hit the ground running in hopes of sustaining a long-term, life-giving relationship and effectiveness. So with that said, I thank you deeply for giving us this time to prepare for the big move. Elizabeth and I are closing on our home March 15th. I will then be in Gibson City permanently and will see you at church on the 17th and 24th. I will be flying back to Houston to drive up with Elizabeth during the weekend of the 30th. Then our family will be here completely ready for day one of work. Once again, thank you so much for all your patience. This has been a huge blessing to Elizabeth and I. I pray you have a great couple weeks and I will see you all VERY soon!

Blessings,

Mat

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.

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 (address, email, cell phone, etc.) 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

Bill and Jean Kerchenfaut

Jean was put in Hospice last week

Harold Stimmel— Hollybrook Apt 34

Harriet Farney

Margaret Meers

Patty Benz

John Weller

Evelyn Fawver

Barb Bennett

Irene Schaefer

Marilyn Lowell

Mike Lorenzen

Jim McClard

Rodney Mott – Heart surgery

Please also pray for Mat and Elizabeth as they make the move to Gibson City and that we may warmly welcome them to First Christian Church.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Rosella Jesse, who passed away on March 3rd. A service will be held in our sanctuary at 11:00am on Friday, March 8th with Pastor Ray Lantz officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00am to 11:00am preceding the service.

We also express our sympathy to the Mona Summers family upon the death of Mona’s brother.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

(March 6-12, 2019)

March

- 7: Karen Long
- 9: Rick Rinehart
- 10: Nan Clements
Devin Back
- 11: John Westfall

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

FUTURE GUEST MINISTERS

- March 17th: Herb Knudsen
- March 24th: Herb Knudsen
- March 31st: 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	68	51	43	69
2019	JANUARY	69	34	26	37		42
2019	FEBRUARY	57	36	42	34		42
2019	MARCH	42					42
AVG		57.2	52.3	46.8	44.9	41.3	

Average Monthly Attendance		
	1 Yr Ago	Current
July	30	40
August	35	44
September	49	49
October	46	58
November	51	53
December	46	69
January	49	42
February	38	42