Weekly Update

May 22, 2019

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

This Sunday we will recognize this year’s graduates during the worship service.

**GIBSON AREA FOOD PANTRY – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

First Christian Church is in charge of volunteers for the Food Pantry **this Friday and Saturday** – May 24th and 25th. Friday evening volunteers should be at the pantry at 6:30 and Saturday morning they should be at the pantry by 8:30.

Sign up in the narthex or call the office if you can help.

**HUSTLERS DINNER OUT**

The Hustlers are having their annual "dinner out" at the Bayern Stube on Sunday, May 26th at 12:00. There is a reservation sign-up sheet at the church. We would like to invite anyone who would like to join us to please do so by adding your name to the list. There will be a Brunch menu as well as a Dinner menu.

**CHURCH BOARD**

There will be a short meeting of the church board following worship this Sunday to assign a signatory to the church lockbox.

**SERVING SUNDAY MAY 26TH**

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

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

*Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey*

**Worship Leader:** *Marilyn Hopkey*

**Communion Preparation:** *Mike Finis*

**Home Communion:** *Barb Meyer and Mike Finis*

**Greeter:** *Arlen DeWall*

**PRAYER LIST**

**Harold Stimmel**— Hollybrook **Apt 34**

**Harriet Farney**

**Patty Benz**

**Evelyn Fawver**

**Barb Bennett**

**Irene Schaefer**

**Mike Lorenzen**

**Rodney Mott**

**Lindsey Graham**

**Adam Elder**

**Donnie Batson’s Sister**

**Clyde McRae** – has been in hospital but is home now

**Jim McClard** – had surgery last week in St. Louis and is hoping to be back in Gibson today

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to the youth and all who worked with them for the meaningful worship service this past Sunday. They add so much to these special Sundays.

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

This past Sunday we celebrated the stewardship which has been the long term legacy of First Christian Church. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the celebration meal following worship.

For those who have not yet completed a pledge card, we encourage you to pick one up in the narthex and leave it in the office. Thank you!

**SEEKERS**

The Seekers Sunday School Class will not meet May 26th and will resume classes after Labor Day.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 16th immediately following worship. This meeting is for electing Elders, Deacons, and Trustees and approving next year’s budget.

**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 continue to be updated. Anyone who hasn’t yet sent in a recent family photo and current contact information (address, email, cell phone, etc.) is asked to do so. These items may be sent to the church’s email address or brought in to the church office.

**ACCESS TO DIRECTORY**

To access the church directory, visit [instantchurchdirectory.com](https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/) or download the instant church directory app and click on church member sign in to create a login. Make sure to use your email address listed in the directory for login. Once you’ve created a login, the website should automatically link you to our church’s directory.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(May 22-28, 2019)

May

25: Lori Rinehart

26: Mona Summers

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

anniversaries, or email addresses.

**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 | 26 | 37 |  | 42 |
| 2019 | FEBRUARY | 57 | 36 | 42 | 34 |  | 42 |
| 2019 | MARCH | 42 | 43 | 40 | 54 | 53 | 46 |
| 2019 | APRIL | 83 | 67 | 86 | 67 |  | 76 |
| 2019 | MAY | 67 | 73 | 63 |  |  | 68 |
|  | AVG | 60.5 | 54.6 | 51.2 | 48.0 | 44.3 |  |

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| 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 |
| March | 45 | 46 |
| April | 57 | 76 |