## The Christian Visitor May 2019





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

#### Our Life Together in May

#### Community Open House May 5th

First Christian Church will be hosting an open house on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm to welcome Pastor Mat Bowen and his wife, Elizabeth, to Gibson City. All in the community are invited to attend.

#### Celebration Sunday May 19th

Together, we give to financially support the ministries and programs of our church. The narrative of who we are as a church unfolds in Scripture, in the life of Jesus and in the world. We live out this story in many ways, including through the Christian Practices of Worshipping, Learning, Caring, and Reaching out.

Our stewardship committee has selected April 22nd through May 19th as a time of stewardship emphasis for our church. Commitment cards and letters are being sent out, with extras available on a table in the narthex.

#### Celebration Sunday, May 19th

Be sure to put this date on your calendar as we gather for an all congregation Sunday dinner following worship. Please sign up in the narthex is you plan to attend.

#### **Church Board**

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, May 14th 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.

#### 2019 Graduates



Congratulations to our 2019 Graduates. Our congregation is made richer by these gifted lives. We celebrate with them on this special occasion.

#### **Higher Education Graduates**

**Emily Elder** Lakeview College of Nursing

#### **Katy Neal**

Parkland College - Veterinary Technology

#### **David Ricks**

Washington University - Mechanical Engineering

#### **Erin Tabor**

Parkland College - Radiologic Technology

#### **GCMS High School Graduate**

**Tyler Ricks** 

Son of Tim and Joan Ricks

#### **Ashley Spears**

Daughter of Troy and Kathy Spears

#### Presentation of Bibles May 19th

During worship on Sunday, May 19th we will present our fourth-grade students with Bibles. This year's fourth grade students are:

Lane Elder Drew Iverson Evan Landers-Kristensen

#### More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

#### **May Serving Schedule**

#### Communion Bread Baker—Marilyn Hopkey

Sunday, May 5th

**Greeters:** Jerry & Ida Wahls

Elders: Barb Meyer, Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes Deacons: Mike Finis, Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson

Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey

Worship Leader: Sue McClard

Communion Preparation: Janet Iverson

Home Communion: Marilyn Tjardes and Janet Iverson

Sunday, May 12th

**Greeters**:

Elders: David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly Deacons: Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard

Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen

Worship Leader: Barb Meyer

Communion Preparation: Sue McClard

Home Communion: David Hagan and Sue McClard

Sunday, May 19th

Greeters: Youth

Elders: Sharon Higgins, Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder

Deacons: Tim Ricks, Katy Neal, David DeWall

Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder

Worship Leader: Youth

Communion Preparation: Jeff Elder

Home Communion: Sharon Higgins and Jeff Elder

Sunday, May 26th

**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: Barb Meyer and Mike Finis

ATTE	ENDANCE		SUNDAY WEEK				
		1	2	3	4	5	AVG
2019	JAN	69	34	26	37		42
2019	FEB	57	36	42	34		42
2019	MAR	42	43	40	54	53	46
2019	APR	83	67	86	67		76
	AVG	62.8	45.0	48.5	48.0		

#### Hustlers

Sunday, May 26th Hustlers Dinner Out

#### Men's Breakfast

May 5th Coffee, juice, and rolls will be provided

#### **Elders Breakfast**

May 12th Host: Marilyn Tjardes

#### **Disciples Women's Ministry**

Tuesday, May 21st 7:00pm

Hostess: Mona Summers Location: Mona's Home Study Leader: Sue McClard

**Election of Officers** 

#### **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.

#### **Food Pantry**

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

#### Outreach

**Food Pantry:** 7 items were received in April for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2019 year to date: 87 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: May 5th

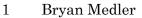
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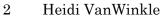
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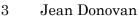
# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 PM Choir	2	S	4 8:00 AM City Recycling
5  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 2:00 PM Reception	6	7 9:00 AM Prayer	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Choir	9	10	11 9:00 AM Food Pantry
8:00 AM Elders Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	13	14 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Church Board	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM Choir	16	17	18 8:00 AM City Recycling
19 Celebration Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Celebration Meal	20	21 9:00 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM DWM	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Choir	23	24	25 9:00 AM Food Pantry FCC
26 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 9:00 AM Prayer	29 7:00 PM Choir	30	31	

### LOCAL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES May~2019







4 Lori Eberly

5 Leah McClure

7 Joe Mouser, Jr. Rodney Mott

9 Jeff Elder

14 Gary Reiners

Anna Lynn Warren

17 Andrew Iverson

19 Landon Elder

21 Harold Medler

Erin Tabor

25 Lori Rinehart

26 Mona Summers

30 Raymond Goin

#### **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.

#### **Directory Access**

To access the church directory, visit instantchurchdirectory.com or download the instant church directory app and click on 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 the church's directory.

#### **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!!!!!

Pastor - Mat Bowen
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 Church Phone 784-5460 Email address: gcfccdoc@yahoo.com Website: fccdocgc.com

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