

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 5th 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*

ATTENDANCE		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 volun-
 teers 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

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

May 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 PM Choir	2	3	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	8 7:00 PM Choir	9	10	11 9:00 AM Food Pantry	
12 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	15 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	22 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**

- 1 Bryan Medler
- 2 Heidi VanWinkle
- 3 Jean Donovan
- 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
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