

The Christian Visitor July 2019



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

Our Life Together in July

Summer Youth Group



First Christian Church youth will meet again this summer on July 28 and August 18 beginning at 5:30pm. These will be fun evenings filled with growing faith, enjoying fellowship, and having fun. Be sure to invite a friend!

Elders and Deacons Meeting

The Elders and Deacons for 2019-2020 will meet on Sunday, July 7th at 9:15am prior to that morning's worship service. This meeting will be to select Board Representatives and review the procedures for communion. Please plan to attend.



Young Women's Summer Bible Study

A Young Women's Summer Bible Study will continue to meet every other Tuesday at 7:00pm at Pastor Mat and Elizabeth's home (423 S. Guthrie). During this study, we will be going through a video series on the book of James. Expect a casual atmosphere for spending time hanging out, watching a quick video lesson, and discussing the teaching from the video.

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, July 9th 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.

Couples Date Night

The next date night will be the evening of Saturday, August 3rd. Pastor Mat and Elizabeth will be providing child care for busy couples to have the time to take each other out for a date! Child-care will begin at 5:00 p.m. and include food, games, and perhaps a movie on the lawn. Please sign up in the lobby or email Pastor Mat if you are interested.

Special Music

Throughout the summer, we are looking for people interested in providing the special music during our Sunday morning worship service. If you have a musical talent that you would like to share with the congregation during a morning worship service this summer, please sign up in the narthex.



Poured Out Church September 14th & 15th

This year's Poured Out Church will take place the weekend of September 14th-15th. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.



General Assembly July 20-24

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be meeting in Des Moines, IA where participants will conduct business as well as share in worship, fellowship, and study.

Pastor Mat will attend as a clergy participant.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

July Serving Schedule

Communion Bread Baker—Carol Hutchcraft

Sunday, July 7th

Greeters: *Ed & Marilyn Hopkey*
Elders: *Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly, Carol Hutchcraft*
Deacons: *Sue McClard, Beth Tabor, Leah McClure*
Jay Kristensen, Gary Reiners, Ruth Reiners
Worship Leader: *David Hagan*
Communion Preparation: *Beth Tabor*
Home Communion: *Arlen DeWall and Beth Tabor*

Sunday, July 14th

Greeters:
Elders: *Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder, Sharon Higgins*
Deacons: *Katy Neal, David DeWall, Kristine Medler*
Jeff Elder, Ruth Neal, Emily Elder
Worship Leader: *Carol Hutchcraft*
Communion Preparation: *Katy Neal*
Home Communion: *Melanie Warfield and Katy Neal*

Sunday, July 21st

Greeters:
Elders: *Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes, Angie Barnard*
Deacons: *Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson, Mary Alice McRae*
Ed Hopkey, Mike Finis, Adam Kincaid
Worship Leader:
Communion Preparation: *Ed Hopkey*
Home Communion: *Sue Walker and Ed Hopkey*

Sunday, July 28th

Greeters:
Elders: *Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly, Carol Hutchcraft*
Deacons: *Sue McClard, Beth Tabor, Leah McClure*
Jay Kristensen, Gary Reiners, Ruth Reiners
Worship Leader:
Communion Preparation: *Leah McClure*
Home Communion: *Don Eberly and Leah McClure*

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.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Sharon Higgins and family upon the death of Sharon's mother, Carol Luecke, who passed away on Monday, June 17th.

Serving Schedules

Elders and Deacons serving schedules for the new church year are available on the table outside the church office. Please pick up the copy with your name on it.

ATTEND- ANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
		1	2	3	4	5	
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
2019	MAY	67	73	63	63		67
2019	JUNE	47	44	54	57	40	48
	AVG	59.3	53.8	51.4	50	43.4	

Outreach

Food Pantry: 14 items were received in May for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2019 year to date: 101 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: July 7th

Memorial Gifts

Memorial Gifts to First Christian Church have been received in memory of

Jean Kerchenfaut

Carol Luecke

Office Hours:
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
 Church Phone: 217-784-5460
 gcfcdoc@yahoo.com
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July 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3		4 4th of July Office Closed	5	6 8:00 AM City Recycling
7 9:15 AM Elders and Deacons Meeting 10:15 AM Worship	8	9 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Church Board 7:00 PM Young Women's Bible Study	10		11 Pastor Mat Vacation	12	13 9:00 AM Food Pantry
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21 10:15 AM Worship	22	23 9:00 AM Prayer 7:00 PM Young Women's Bible Study	24		25	26	27 9:00 AM Food Pantry
	Pastor Mat at General Assembly						
28 10:15 AM Worship 5:30 PM Summer Youth	29	30 9:00 AM Prayer	31				

**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**
July 2019

- 1 Chester Goodrich
Dennis & Sharon Higgins '06
- 2 Carol Hutchcraft
- 3 Matt Poe
Tyler Mott
Jerry Wahls
- 7 Janet Hoffman
- 11 Beth Bridgwater
- 15 Griffin Johnson
- 18 Margaret Meers
- 20 Ralph Poe
- 21 Wyatt Higgins
Peter & Kate Provin '12
- 26 Jim & Sue McClard '58



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!!!!

Offering Envelopes

Boxes of offering envelopes for the new church year, beginning in July, are available for pick up in the narthex. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet by the number corresponding to your box of envelopes.

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.

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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