Weekly Update

January 15, 2020

**FELLOWSHIP**

There will be a fellowship hour following worship this Sunday hosted by Sue McClard.

**BLANKETS PLUS OFFERING**

During worship this Sunday, the Disciples Women’s Ministry will receive a special offering supporting the “Blankets+” program of Church World Service. For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of disaster, tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant, wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens, and literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday school classes for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and adults begin at 9:00am every Sunday morning.

**JIM MCCLARD OPEN GYM**

Please join us Sunday Jan. 19th from 5-7pm for a night of basketball and fellowship at the GCMS middle school. We will be meeting every Sunday through Feb. 23rd.

**SERVING SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH**

 **Elders:** *Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder, Sharon Higgins*

 **Deacons:** *Katy Neal, David DeWall, Kristine Medler*

 *Jeff Elder, Ruth Neal, Emily Elder*

 **Worship Leader:** *Tim Ricks*

**Communion Preparation:** *Kristine Medler*

 **Home Communion:** *Melanie Warfield and Ruth Neal*

**CHOIR**

There will be no choir practice tonight.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Our middle school youth group “Rise” resumes tonight with a nacho bar at 6:00 and youth group at 6:30. All middle-school students are welcome!

**MONDAY SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

The new Monday Small Group meets on Mondays at 6:00 pm and will meet weekly through the Spring semester. This small group is open and welcoming to anyone who wishes to study God’s story together.

**GRAPE JUICE**

Gifts of Welch’s Grape Juice to be used in communion are always welcome.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Harold Stimmel**

**Harriet Farney**

**Patty Benz**

**Evelyn Fawver**

**Irene Schaefer**

**Mike Lorenzen**

**Chet Goodrich** – has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer and will be spending time with his daughter in Iowa.

**THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

The new Thursday Small Group meets every other week and will begin January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. We will begin at the church with a study from 6-7 pm followed by a social outing at Burgers and Beer from 7-8 pm. This small group will be geared towards young adults and families. Childcare is available upon request. Please contact the church office or Pastor Mat to request childcare.

**FOOD PANTRY**

First Christian Church is in charge of volunteers for the Food Pantry on January 24th and 25th.

Sign up in the narthex.

**CHILI COOK-OFF**

The annual Chili Cook-Off is set to take place on February 16th. Hosted by the outreach committee, this fellowship meal provides support for Robb and Sheila Warfield and their continuing mission.

**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.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(January 15-21, 2020)

 January

16: Mary Ellen McClure

 Ava Rexroat

19: Desiree Mouser

21: David Ricks

 Blake Warren

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 a** [**calendar**](https://fccdocgc.com/calendar/) **featuring upcoming events**

**and past** [**copies**](https://fccdocgc.com/news/) **of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.**

**ATTENDANCE**

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| FCC ATTENDANCE  | SUNDAY WEEK |   |
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|   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2019 | JULY | 57 | 48 |  46  | 62 |   | 53 |
| 2019 | AUGUST | 53 | 60 | 70 | 42 |  | 56 |
| 2019 | SEPTEMBER | 41 | 78 | 42 | 57 | 62 | 56 |
| 2019 | OCTOBER | 60 | 61 | 64 | 67 |  | 63 |
| 2019 | NOVEMBER | 61 | 59 | 58 | 50 |  | 57 |
| 2019 | DECEMBER | 125 | 62 | 59 | 62 | 48 | 71 |
| 2020 | JANUARY | 56 | 55 |  |  |  | 56 |
|   | AVG | 64.7 | 60.4 | 56.5 | 56.7 | 55.0 |   |

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| Average Monthly Attendance |
|   | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| July | 30 | 40 | 53 |
| August | 35 | 44 | 56 |
| September | 49 | 49 | 56 |
| October  | 46 | 58 | 63 |
| November | 51 | 53 | 57 |
| December | 46 | 69 | 71 |