Weekly Update

February 12, 2020

**CHILI COOK-OFF**

Our annual chili cook-off will take place this Sunday immediately following worship. Bring your appetite and come prepared to sample all the entries before voting for your favorite. All proceeds from this event will go towards the continued support of Robb & Sheila Warfield’s mission work in Africa.

**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 this Sunday 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, FEBRUARY 16TH**

 **Elders:** *Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes, Angie Barnard*

 **Deacons:** *Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson, Mary Alice McRae*

 *Ed Hopkey, Mike Finis, Adam Kincaid*

 **Worship Leader:** *Sarah Higgins*

**Communion Preparation:** *Mike Finis*

 **Home Communion:** *Marilyn Tjardes and Mike Finis*

**PASTOR MAT CONTACT INFO**

Pastor Mat has a new cell phone number: (217) 781-4139

**YOUTH GROUP**

Our middle school youth group “Rise” is scheduled to meet tonight with a light meal at 6:00 and youth group at 6:30. All middle-school students are welcome! Stay tuned via Facebook for updates on any possible cancellation due to the weather.

**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.

**DWM**

Disciples Women’s Ministry will meet on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00pm at the church with Sharon Higgins as hostess and Carol Hutchcraft as study leader.

**SPARE CHANGE JAR**

Each month the Outreach Committee will place a "Spare Change" collection jar in the narthex. We would like to encourage anyone to add any extra pocket change to the jar. At the end of the month, the money collected will be given to a different organization in the community or a special project. (i.e. youth mission trip, food pantry, library, telecare, etc...) Help us SPREAD the LOVE by dropping your pocket change in the jar.

**A NOTE FROM THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

The committee is responsible for creating and maintaining a list of possible Memorial Items. If you have any project or ideas you would like the committee to pursue, please bring those ideas and projected costs to any of the following committee members: Dennis Higgins, Committee Chair, Marilyn Tjardes, Arlen DeWall, Sharon Higgins or Harold Medler.

**THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

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

**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.

**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**

(February 12-18, 2020)

 February

14: Dayne White

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 |   |
|   |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | AVG |
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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 | 45 | 55 |  | 53 |
| 2020 | FEBRUARY | 53 | 45 |  |  |  | 49 |
|   | AVG | 63.3 | 58.5 | 54.9 | 56.4 | 55.0 |   |

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| Average Monthly Attendance |
|   | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| July | 30 | 40 | 53 |  |
| August | 35 | 44 | 56 |  |
| September | 49 | 49 | 56 |  |
| October  | 46 | 58 | 63 |  |
| November | 51 | 53 | 57 |  |
| December | 46 | 69 | 71 |  |
| January |  | 49 | 42 | 53 |