

Weekly Update

July 8, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

We will continue to have Sunday morning worship each week at 10:15am while following social distancing guidelines. We ask that everyone wears a mask if possible and sits with their own household at least six feet from others. Please enter through the front door and pick up communion before being seated. Any door may be used to exit. If you are feeling sick or have possibly been exposed to Covid-19, please stay home.

ONLINE WORSHIP

We will continue to post online worship videos for those who choose to stay home on Sunday mornings.

MARILYN TJARDES PASSING

On Sunday July 5th Marilyn Tjardes passed away while doing what she loved the most, gardening. Marilyn's last two weeks were full of joy spending time with her grandchildren and children. She will be sorely missed here at First Christian Church. There are two events celebrating her life this weekend.

Visitation Saturday at her home

The Tjardes family will honor Marilyn with a visitation at her home Saturday, July 11th 3pm-7pm. There will be a socially distanced drive-through option available to offer condolences to the Tjardes family as well as honor Marilyn's faithful life. There will also be parking available to those wishing to spend extra time with the family. For privacy reasons we are not listing the address here. If you need the address to Marilyn's home, please contact the church office or Pastor Mat.

Celebration of Life

Marilyn's celebration of life will be held at our church building at 1:00 pm Sunday July 12th. All are welcome to attend.

OFFICE CLOSED July 13th and July 14th for Professional Cleaning

The church office will be closed Monday July 13th and Tuesday July 14th. The Church has hired a professional cleaning company to clean and sanitize our building following the celebration of Marilyn's life. We are committed to keeping our environment clean and maintaining a Covid free atmosphere. Pastor Mat and Jennifer will be working from home those two days. Mat can be reached at (217) 781-4139. Jennifer can be reached at (217) 781-2250.

NO JULY BOARD MEETING

There will not be a July Board meeting next week. The nominating committee is still in the process of finding officers for the following year, Deacons and Elders have not had an opportunity to elect board representatives, and many board members are unable to attend. Pastor Mat will send a summary of ministry reports to the current board members.

FOOD PANTRY

First Christian Church is in charge of volunteers for the Food Pantry on July 24th and 25th. Notify the church office if you're able to help.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for the new church year beginning July 5th are available at the church. Please notify the office of your box number when picking one up.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The church has set up some new social media pages. Our Facebook page can still be found at <https://www.facebook.com/fccdocgc/>. In addition, we now have an Instagram page (fccdocgc) and a Twitter page (@fccdocgc). We hope to keep these sites continuously updated on the current happenings at First Christian Church.

ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders and Deacons will not be required to do anything during Sunday morning worship services for the foreseeable future. There is no passing of communion/offering, communion prep, or homebound communion during this time.

FACE MASKS AVAILABLE

Please contact Carol Hutchcraft if you would like a face mask: 784-5656.

DAILY RESOURCES

Daily activities, including devotionals, a prayer guide, and study guide can be found on the church website. Most materials are posted under daily resources at <https://fccdocgc.com/covid-19resources/>. A daily devotional can be found at <https://fccdocgc.com/daily-devotional/>. Devotionals and other information are also posted to the church Facebook page.

PRAYER LIST

Harold Stimmel
Harriet Farney
Patty Benz
Evelyn Fawver

**Irene Schaefer
Mike Lorenzen
Chet Goodrich
Phil Walker (Sue Walker's brother)**

WEBSITE

The church's WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE and can be found at www.fccdocgc.com
On the website, you can view a calendar featuring upcoming events
and past copies of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.

ATTENDANCE

Weekly Attendance						
	1	2	3	4	5	AVG
July 2020	46					46

Average Monthly Attendance				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
July	30	40	53	