

# The Christian Visitor July 2021



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

## Our Life Together in July

### Pastor Mat Resignation

At the June 8th board meeting, the church board regretfully accepted Pastor Mat's resignation, effective July 1st. We thank Pastor Mat for the work he put into this church the past two years and we wish him well in the future.

### Food Pantry July 23rd & 24th



First Christian Church is scheduled to provide volunteers at the food pantry on July 23rd & 24th. Volunteers are needed Friday night for setup beginning at 6:30pm and Saturday morning for distribution from 8:00-10:30am.

### Interim Minister

We have an interim minister lined up to serve us during the transition process. Neal Kentch is a Disciples of Christ minister located in Bloomington who has served other congregations in this capacity. We welcome him to the pulpit beginning July 4th.

### Third Sunday Fellowship

On July 18th, the choir will be hosting our third Sunday Fellowship immediately following morning worship. Any individuals or church groups interested in hosting this fellowship in the future may sign up at the church.

### Serving Schedules

Beginning Sunday, July 11, elders and deacons will once again be serving during the worship service. If you are an elder or deacon, please watch for an email containing the serving schedule. Paper copies of this schedule will also be set out at church for you to pick up. If you are unable to serve on a date for which you are scheduled, please trade dates with another elder or deacon.



### Communion

Beginning Sunday, July 11th, two choices for communion will be offered.

Those who prefer may continue to pick up pre-packaged communion as they enter the sanctuary. For those who would like to take traditional communion, we will once again be passing the communion trays. The bread will be cut into cubes to minimize contact. If you would like to volunteer to be a bread maker or provide grape juice, please contact the church office or sign up at the church.

### Candlelighters

If your child would be willing to serve as a candlelighter for Sunday worship services, please contact the church office.



# More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

## Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, July 13th at 6:30 pm at the church.

If you have any items to add to the agenda, please notify the church office.

## Choir

Anyone interested in participating in the musical aspects of our Sunday morning worship service is invited to attend choir meetings, held each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.

## Worship Leaders

Please consider serving as worship leader for July. A sign up sheet is available [online](#) or at the church.

## Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the new church year beginning July 4<sup>th</sup> are available to pick up in the narthex. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet by the number corresponding to your box.

## Bulletin Board

Thank you to everyone who has sent in pictures and information for the bulletin board so far. We will continue to accept any items that highlight the activities and achievements of those in the church.

ATTENDANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
		1	2	3	4	5	
2021	JAN	32	32	35	38	37	35
2021	FEB	29	19	28	34		28
2021	MAR	48	27	38	42		39
2021	APR	67	36	34	28		41
2021	MAY	35	41	37	32	47	38
2021	JUNE	36	42	43	44		41

On Sundays with two services, the combined number of attendees is reported

## *In Our Prayers*

The Prayer Group is currently praying from home to honor prayer requests and remember those with on-going needs.

Harold Stimmel  
 Harriet Farney  
 Patty Benz  
 Evelyn Fawver  
 Irene Schaefer  
 Mike Lorenzen  
 Phil Walker  
 Noel Hutchcraft  
 Marilyn & Francis Stevenson  
 Melanie Warfield  
 Jalene Medler  
 Ivan & Phyllis Donner's Son, Brian



**We invite anyone with a prayer request to drop it in the offering plates on Sunday morning.**

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

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
<b>4 Independence Day</b> 10:15 AM Worship	<b>5 Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:15 AM Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Church Board	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM Food Pantry	<b>24</b> 8:00 AM Food Pantry
<b>25</b> 10:15 AM Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**LOCAL  
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**  
*July 2021*

- 1 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



**Hymn Festival**  
**August 8th**

A special celebration of music will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 8, when Gibson Area Music Foundation again sponsors its Hymn Festival at the United Methodist Church in Gibson City. Milt Kelly of Fisher will offer a selection of "Songs of Joy and Celebration" for group singing and will give interesting information on each hymn. The event is free and open to all, with the church sanctuary offering comfortable seating, air-conditioning, and full accessibility via an elevator and indoor ramps. Accompaniment will be provided by musicians playing a grand piano and a historic pipe organ. A special musical number by a community choir is also planned. Church policy does not require masks for individuals who are fully vaccinated.



**Interim Minister** - Neal Kentch  
**Administrative Assistant** - Jennifer Hagan  
**Choir Director** - Tim Ricks  
**Church Pianist** - Joan Ricks  
**Custodians** - Jeff and Cheryl Elder

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
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