

The Christian Caller

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"...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:36-39
NKJV



from our Pastor

LAUGHTER AS GOD'S TOUCH

Her real name was Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon, but the world knew her as "Minnie Pearl," the affable star on the Grand Ole Opry who was so proud of her new flowered hat that she never removed the price tag.

I met her in person outside Westend United Methodist Church in the spring of 1986. I was wearing a divinity school tee-shirt, which apparently betrayed my calling. Our brief encounter made a lasting impression on me and not just because she was famous.

Known as "The First Lady of Country Comedy" she said that as a young woman she had aspired to be a church missionary first and a Shakespearean actress second. "But then," she said, "God called me to be a comedienne after I'd been sitting through some long and boring church meetings!

One of her standard lines was: "Laughter is God's hand on the shoulders of a troubled world." Another favorite was: "There will be no pallbearers at my funeral. If they won't take me out when I'm alive, I won't let them take me out when I'm dead."

Minnie Pearl suffered a debilitating stroke in 1991. She remained a faithful, church-going, committee-attending Methodist until her stroke and died March 4, 1996. Yet even in her frail condition she kept her sense of humor. She asked a friend a few weeks before she died: "Hey! If we expire when we die, shouldn't we inspire while we live?"

Sarah Ophelia certainly inspired many. I also bet that when she met St. Peter at the heavenly gate she greeted him with: "Howdeeeeeeee! I'm just so proud to be here!"
Joyfully Yours, Phil

Congratulations to Nora Church! Nora has been selected to serve on our region's RCYW.

What in the world is RCYW, you ask?

From Luke Miles, Regional Youth Director: *The Regional Cabinet for Youth Work (RCYW) is a group of young people from across the state who are active in their local Disciples of Christ churches and/or the regional camping programs. Young people who are selected for RCYW show a strong interest in church leadership, improving their own leadership capabilities, and a passion for the church. These young leaders not only attend regional camps and retreats, but they also help to plan and lead those events as well. Our goal as a group is to grow the leadership qualities in each member, learn to work together with others as a team, and deepen our faith as a community and as individuals. Throughout the year, we meet at least 5 different times to do the work of the church. We are a representative body of the youth across the state and serve in that capacity on various regional committees and board meetings.*



We're so proud of you, Nora!

Board Meeting Highlights

General Board Meeting Feb 10, 2019

Present: Judy Owens, Kim Griffiths, Chester Ellis, Al Joyner, Paul Bryant, Amy & Leslie Church, David Whitley, Christine Dempsey, Doug Barrow, Horace & Lou Ann Wiley, Wes Flake, Jean Suggs, Miriam Lewis, Joyce Albritton, BJ Lawrence, Gina Langston, Bert Smith, Donna Moore, Josh & Marah Walker. Also Sallie Eason, Phil Jones.

PROPERTY: A motion to purchase a newer camera security system that can record was approved. We will be able to record the new playground 24/7 along with have surveillance outside the office door. The cost will be approximately \$600.

OUTREACH: There is ready-to-serve food available to give out to anyone in need who shows up at the church asking for help. The bags are in the pantry, with a log for keeping track of recipients. Members will never be asked to open the door when they are alone or feel unsafe.

Outreach is donating \$1200 to upgrading the washer/dryer at Camp Caroline to keep them above flood waters.

WORSHIP: There will be an Ash Wed service at 7pm on Wed, Mar 6 in the sanctuary. Please be reminded to start Wed Night Supper programs promptly at 6:30 to avoid running into choir practice time.

PLAYGROUND: The Eagle Scouts working on our church playground will hold a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Sat, Feb 16. \$8/ticket—eat in or take out.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY: FCC may send 3 voting delegates and 3 alternates. B.J. Lawrence is attending as a voting delegate. Contact Judy Owens if interested (April 27).

Next Board Meeting—Mar 10

Worship

Once again, thanks to all Elders, Deacons, and Choir members, BJ, Penny and Phil for their contribution to our Worship services.

As a reminder, Ash Wednesday falls on March 6th this year. We will have our regular Wednesday Night Supper and then go over to the sanctuary at 7:00 for a brief service of communion and ashes. Please try to attend this symbolic, but spiritually touching service.

We are urging those who cook/serve and offer programs for Wednesday Night Suppers to stay on time schedule. Our choir practices at 7:00 and it is not fair to make them late. After all, they are volunteers, also.

United at the Cross is making an effort this year to fill the Gazebo stage with singers for the annual Dogwood Festival Community Service. There will be one practice on Saturday morning, April 27th at 10:00 - Mt. Moriah Church and you do not have to be a choir member to sing.

WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry.



Fri, Mar 1

Mon, Mar 25—Fri, Mar 29

Board Chair

WORRY! Now that is a word. In most cases it is a word that can harm a person both mentally and physically. I remember years ago when my Sunday School teacher made that point so clear to me. She handed out paper and envelopes to the class. She said write down your worries for today, fold them, and put them in the envelope. She did this for several weeks. Fast forward to 3 months later. She handed the 3 envelopes back to us. We all read them in private. I was so surprised at what I had worried about in those 3 envelopes. So the point...why waste time worrying about something that will mean nothing to you in a month. Use that time to be thankful for the blessings you have today.

Judy Owens, Board Chair

In Our Prayers

Prayer needs:

Mabel Bowen, Ann Byrd, Marie Cowan, Cissy Deas, Jean Ellis, Annie Gurganus, Bobby Hodge Sr, Janie Joyner, Betty Lewis, Joyce Letchworth, Camilla Murphrey, Beth Norville, Joan Smith, Myrtle Sugg.

In service to our country:

Jameson Cowan, David Groseclose, Zach Murphy, Jake Nicholson

Please notify an Elder of any changes.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee has decided to put bags of food in the pantry off the kitchen. The bags contains food that doesn't have to be cooked and plastic utensils. These bags can be given to someone if they approach you at or in the church. If you do give out a bag, please put the person's name and date on the clipboard. If someone comes to the door that may want assistance and you are alone, please do not feel obligated to open the door. The safety of our members is our number one concern. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a member of our committee.

March Birthdays

Jean Suggs	Mar 4
Christine Dempsey	Mar 6
Becky Andrews	Mar 10
Jacob David Yester	Mar 10
Caleb Knox	Mar 21
Jesse Joyner	Mar 23
Jean Ellis	Mar 25

March Anniversaries

Jessica & Craig Herring Mar 5

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SUNDAYS
9:30 Coffee + Pastries
10a Sunday School
11a Worship

9a Quilting Bees
6 Wed Night Sup-
per—Choir/Wor
7 Ash Wed Service

6 Wed Night Sup-
per—Outreach/Ed
7 Choir practice

6 Wed Night Sup-
per—Covered Dish
7 Choir practice

6 Wed Night Sup-
per—Membership
7 Choir practice

11a Soup
Kitchen

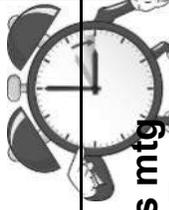
Camp Caroline Work Days

Chi Rho Spring Retreat

9 11 Baby
Brunch @
Café Duo

DWM Spring Retreat

10 8a Elders mtg
5p DWM Exec. mtg
6p Ministry Teams
7p General Board



11 10 DWM—
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library

7 DWM—
church
library

6 Wed Night Sup-
per—Covered Dish
7 Choir practice

6 Wed Night Sup-
per—Membership
7 Choir practice

8:30-10 Church
Wide Breakfast

9-11 FBM
7 Trustees
mtg

6 Wed Night Sup-
per—Covered Dish
7 Choir practice

Garden Club
Spaghetti
Dinner

Camp Caro-
line Work
Day

Relay for Life
Vendor Fair

6 Wed Night Sup-
per—Membership
7 Choir practice

Mar 25—Mar 29 Meals on Wheels

March Servants

Elders: Joyce Albritton HE; Harold Flanagan
Deacons: Josh Walker HD; Marah Walker,
Bryant Watson, Jean Suggs, Gina Langston
Trustee: Doug Barrow

*If you are unable to serve,
please contact someone
to take your place.*



Church Staff

Rev. Philip Jones	Interim Minister revpjones@bellsouth.net
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Regular Office Hours:

9 am—3 pm, Mon—Thurs, 9am—12pm Fri

Also by appointment.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Mar 6—Choir/Worship
Mar 13—Outreach/Education
Mar 20—Covered Dish
Mar 27—Membership

April 3—CMF
April 10—DWM
April 18—Covered Dish (Maundy Thurs)
April 24—Choir/Worship

Mission of First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

Farmville, North Carolina

It is the mission of First Christian Church (DOC) of Farmville, NC to provide an environment where all who come can learn, fellowship, worship, and grow spiritually closer to God. We will fulfill our greater obligation to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by being of service to the members of our community and to the world. Our efforts will be done in the name of Jesus Christ.



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March 17 8:30-10

