

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



"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."

Morgan's Moment

Life's lessons are taught to us slowly, over long periods of time. In fact, some of the most important ones are delivered this way, and only this way. I have been amazed in recent years at the things I have learned that fall into this category, and even more amazed it has taken me so long to learn simple, obvious lessons. One of those lessons is that sometimes, it is good to turn off the radio and television.

Radio and television are ubiquitous in our society and have been for decades. Most of us have ceased to even notice the incessant sounds that come to us across the airwaves. We can be forgiven for that, as it has come upon us gradually. I have often heard people say that sometimes they turn the television on just to keep them company. My mother was one who, home alone all day doing laundry or other homemaking chores, often allowed the television to fill the empty space. It seemed harmless at the time, and for some folks, even comforting. Gradually, however, noise has encroached more and more on our lives, and we have slowly become addicted to living in an environment that is anything but quiet.

Not long ago, I got out of my vehicle to pump gas, and was startled when someone close behind me started talking rather loudly. I turned around only to discover that it wasn't a person, but a video playing from a device embedded in the gas pump. In the gas pump, no less! Is there any place left we have not put a video screen? I think we have crossed a line somewhere!

Finding a quiet place is not the easiest thing I have ever done, mostly because once I manage to turn off the external noise, I discover there is also an abundance of internal noise for which I must also find the volume control. A few nights ago, I tried desperately to fall asleep while battling an "ear worm" that visited me through a song from the 1970s disco era. (Oh, the price we pay for a few bad choices!) However, if we can find a way to take control of our environment, and if we can discipline ourselves just a little, silence can be its own reward.

The season of Lent is the time of year when we are most acutely aware of how being a Christian puts us at odds with the world. Our need for silence while living in a world full of noise is just one of the contrasts we must navigate. No doubt, many of you have already been considering what you will give up for Lent this year. Perhaps you have been thinking about last year's experiment with chocolate or caffeine, and how that did not go so well. If so, I encourage you to join me this year in a pledge to spend some time in quiet. It does not matter how much – a few minutes each day or just once a week is all that is necessary to put us in touch with someone important – ourselves. Just like Jesus, our journey outward and upward will begin with a journey inward. For this journey, and for the one from Galilee to Jerusalem, silence is a good companion.

Grace and peace and the sound of silence,
Morgan



Board Meeting Highlights

General Board Meeting Feb 9 2020

Present: Judy Owens, Kim Griffiths, Jean Suggs, Gina Langston, John Briley, Joyce Albritton, Mary Steinbauer, Donna Moore, Josh & Marah Walker, Christine Dempsey, Wes Flake, Julie Walker, David Whitley, Miriam Lewis, Bert Smith, Al Joyner, Velinda Moore, Martha West, Beth Sumerlin. Also Morgan Daughety and BJ Lawrence.

EDUCATION: Planning is underway for fundraisers to help Camp Caroline attendees.

WORSHIP: Ash Wednesday service will be Feb 26 at 6:45 in the sanctuary. Morgan's Installation Service will be Mar 1 with Regional Minister Valerie Melvin presiding.

DWM: See someone from DWM to get your Dogwood Festival quilt raffle tickets. General meeting will be Mar 21 at 10:30—location TBA.

CMF: The men will be assisting one of our members with home improvements—proceeds will benefit the CMF Ramp Ministry. Fish stew night coming in April.

Minister notes: Morgan thanks everyone for making him feel so welcome and being so generous with giving help. He's met with the Farmville Ministerial Association and the Benevolent Ministries and ready for community involvement.

NEW BUSINESS: a new Building Usage Form will be presented at the March meeting. No group or individual is allowed to use the facility for functions for any personal interest of financial gain; fees for non members have been raised; Community or religious groups requesting facility use will submit the form to Property & Grounds who will bring it to the board with a suggested fee (even if it's zero). More discussion is needed about refundable deposits and other items.

New church directories have been emailed to members. You may pick up a paper copy from the church office during business hours.

Next General Board meeting March 8, 2020



Home Communion

Home Communion administered by our minister or by our Elders is always available to our shut-ins or anyone who has been unable to attend worship services for a period of time due to illness or care giving responsibilities.

Please call the Church office (753-3179) if you would like home communion.

FCC Elders

In Our Prayers

Prayer needs:

Catherine Allen, Mabel Bowen, Ann Byrd, Marie Cowan, Danielle Crawford, Cissy Deas, Jean Ellis, Annie Gurganus, Janie Joyner, Joyce Letchworth, Camilla Murphrey, Beth Norville, Joan Smith, Myrtle Sugg.

In service to our country:

David Groseclose, Jake Nicholson

Please notify an Elder of any changes.

If you are..

**an Elder, a Deacon, a Trustee,
a committee chair**

You are a BOARD MEMBER

Please remember to keep the 2nd Sunday evening of the month reserved for your Ministry Team meetings and General Board meeting. THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU to be present at board meetings in order to conduct its business!

looking ahead...

Sun, April 5—PALM SUNDAY

8:30 Elders meeting

5p DWM Exec meeting

6p Ministry teams meetings

7p Board meeting

Mon, April 6—LENT LUNCH

Farmville UMC with Rev. Rick Baily

Tues, April 7—LENT LUNCH

First Baptist Church with Rev. Rocky Stone

Wed, April 8—LENT LUNCH

Farmville Presbyterian Church with Rev. Morgan Daughety

No Wed Night Supper

Thurs, April 9

6p—Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion

Fri, April 10

7p—Tennebrae—Service of Shadows

Sun, April 12—EASTER SUNDAY

6:30a Sunrise Service and Breakfast at First Christian with Rev. Steve Dunn

11a Worship

March Birthdays

Melinda Sampson	Mar 3
Jean Suggs	Mar 4
Christine Dempsey	Mar 6
Jacob David Yester	Mar 10
Caleb Knox	Mar 21
Jesse Joyner	Mar 23
Jean Ellis	Mar 25

March Anniversaries

Craig & Jessica Herring Mar 5

Camp CaRoLiNe

Save the date! Summer camps are here! Registration went live on January 1, 2020, with the early bird discount back! Be on the lookout!

Uno June 19-21 (Grades K-2)
CYF June 21-26 (Grades 9-12)
Created to Be Me July 5-11 (Grade 8)
Delta July 12-17 (Grades 6-7)
Alpha/Beta July 19-24 (Grades 1-5)

For a variety of reasons outlined in the September/October Regional Newsletter, we have moved all summer camps to Camp Caroline for the 2020 camp season. However, please know that we are working on creating a carpool system for those who live west of Raleigh. Our goal is to cut down your drive time considerably by setting up transportation hubs in key locations around the state. We are doing our best to keep all drive times to 3-4 hours or less for everyone who wants to go to camp. We ask for your patience and ideas surrounding this new initiative. More details coming soon!

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything. Camp is a place for everyone, and we want all of you to be there with us! ~Luke Miles

Early Bird Discount for Summer Camps!

\$30 off if you register before April 15!

(does not include Uno camp)

Outreach

FCC is in charge of the Soup Kitchen every first Friday of each month and a few other days as announced. We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers to help with cooking and serving—especially serving! We start setting/heating up at 11 and the kitchen closes at 1pm. Please consider volunteering. You get to work with some really great people!



Fri, Mar 6

Thurs, Mar 26

WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry.

Thurs, Mar 26

BARTON COLLEGE
LIGHT OF LIFE
SERIES

Day of Enrichment

A day of learning and reflection for the church, clergy, church leaders, and the general public.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Howard Chapel, Barton College

Please join us for a Day of Enrichment as, together, we explore issues important to the life of the church and the life of the Spirit. The "Light of Life" lecture series began as an initiative by President Douglas N. Searcy, as a way to reach out to the faith community through lectures and forums that address issues facing the church. This event is free, and all lectures are open to the public.

10 a.m. — E.G. Purcell Bible Conference Lecturer Dr. Judith H. Newman Emmanuel College University of Toronto "Why did Paul Pray? Shaping Communities through Prayer"	1 p.m. — Thedford G. and Woodrow W. Sprinkle Lecturer Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown Bandy Professor of Preaching Candler School of Theology Emory University
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11:30 a.m. — Lunch provided for Disciples of Christ clergy
Please R.S.V.P. to Dr. Rodney Werline at 252-399-6447 or rawerline@barton.edu or Sheila Wilson at 252-399-6309 or spwilson@barton.edu.

3 p.m. — Light of Life Lecturer
Dr. Patrick B. Reyes
Director of Strategic Partnerships for Doctoral Initiatives at the Forum for Theological Exploration Schedule for the Day
"From Stars to Constellations: Creating Conditions for the Next Gen to Thrive"

For additional information, please contact:
Dr. Rodney A. Werline, Marie and Lesman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies at Barton College, at rawerline@barton.edu or (252) 399-6447.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Mar 4—Membership
Mar 11—Education/Outreach
Mar 18—Covered Dish
Mar 25—CMF
April 1—DWM
April 9—MAUNDY THURSDAY—Choir/Worship
April 15—COVERED DISH
April 22—Membership
April 29—Education/Outreach

Church Staff

Rev. Morgan Daughety 252-289-0303	Senior Minister rmorgan@fccfarmville.org
BJ Lawrence	Interim Director of Music music@fccfarmville.org
Penny McCreary	Pianist
Kim Griffiths	Church Administrator office@fccfarmville.org
Julia Beamon	Nursery Attendant

Church Office: (252) 753-3179
Regular Office Hours:
9 am—4 pm, Mon—Thurs, 9am—1pm Fri
Also by appointment.
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March Servants

Elders: Miriam Lewis HE; Christine Dempsey
Deacons: Marah Walker HD; Donna Moore,
Jean Suggs, Al Joyner, Beth Sumerlin
Trustee: Doug Barrow

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



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.



First
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Church

Disciples of Christ

3776 South Main St.
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Sunday, March 1

11am

INSTALLATION

of

Rev. Morgan Daughety

with

our NC Regional Minister

Rev. Bishop Valerie Melvin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 INSTALLATION of Rev Morgan Daughety with Rev. Valerie Melvin	2	3	4 9a Quilting Bees 6 Wed Night Supper Membership cooks 7 Choir practice	5	6 11a Soup Kitchen	7 Fellowship Hall reserved
Spring Chi Rho Retreat Camp Caroline						
8 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  8:30 Elders mtg 5p DWM Exec mtg 6 Ministry Teams mtgs 7 General Board mtg	9 10 DWM - library 7 DWM - library	10	11 6 Wed Night Supper Ed/Outreach cooks 7 Choir practice	12	13	14
15 8a CMF mtg 1-5 Fellowship Hall reserved	16	17 9-11 FBM 7 Trustees mtg	18 6 Wed Night Supper COVERED DISH 7 Choir practice	19 Garden Club Spaghetti Supper	20	21 10:30 DWM General mtg
22	23	24 6:30 Cub Scouts mtg	25 6 Wed Night Supper CMF cooks 7 Choir practice	26 11a Soup Kitchen	27	28
29 Communion by Intinction	30	31	SUNDAYS 9:30 Coffee + Pastries 10a Sunday School 11a Worship		<h1>March</h1>	