

# The Christian Caller

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## Morgan's Moment



*"...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."**

Things change. It is only April and already the forsythia, azaleas, and dogwoods have bloomed. Many blossoms are fading now, and those beautiful plants are becoming covered with green foliage for the duration of summer.

I'm writing this on a Thursday, which just happens to be Earth Day. Earth Day is an annual observance that was begun in 1970 in an effort to reduce pollution, and to promote positive changes in the way we care for the earth. At that time, all the gasoline available in this country was leaded. I can remember the time when we had a choice at the gas pump, to put in either leaded or unleaded gas, as car manufacturers gradually made the switch. Of course, there are many drivers on the road today that have no idea our cars used to pollute the environment much worse than they do today. Things change.

I bought a new lawn mower this year. My old Craftsman was in the last stages of a useful life when I made the decision. It was getting harder and harder to start, the deck was beginning to rust out, and I was down to three wheels. I decided to go electric, and I'm feeling very good about it. At this point my mower, weed eater, and blower all have motors powered by rechargeable electric batteries. And so far, they are doing the job just fine. And, like everyone who gets a "new toy" I look forward each week to doing the yard work. (Check with me in August to see if I'm still smiling about it!)

There was a time, not long ago, when a rechargeable electric lawn mower was still just an idea, and not one I thought I would ever embrace. Today, many of the major car manufacturers are advertising that they will be transitioning soon to making all models of their cars with electric motors. Things change.

Of course, we know about change. We are, right now, living again through the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost. Recently, we have been reading about how Jesus was crucified, buried, and then raised from the dead, and how he appeared to his followers and disciples. The first disciples learned a deep lesson in how things change. And, if we are open to change, so will we.

A month from now we will be celebrating Pentecost, the day when the church got infused with the Spirit of the risen Christ that is alive, and in the world bringing about change. So, here is the good news. We don't have to simply sit and wait for change to happen around us. We can be a part of it. We can be agents of change – of good, lasting, positive change.

So, this month I invite you to join me in prayer. Beginning today, and including every day leading up to Pentecost, let us prayer this prayer together: Come Holy Spirit. Enlighten us with a vision of the change you desire in the world; enliven us to be agents of that change; and, empower us to make those changes in ourselves, and in the world.

Grace and peace and catalytic converters,  
Morgan

## Board Meeting Highlights

April 11, 2021

Present: Josh Walker, Marah Walker, Kim Griffiths, Julie Walker, Mary Steinbauer, Bert Smith, Susan Smith, Christine Dempsey, Wes Flake, Al Joyner, Jean Suggs, John Briley, Chester Ellis, Velinda Moore, Jessica Avery, Beth Sumerlin, Paul Bryant, Miriam Lewis, Joyce Albritton, David Whitley, Melinda Sampson, Morgan Daughety

**EDUCATION:** The nursery and Worship & Wonder are now offered every Sunday morning beginning April 18.

**OUTREACH:** still sending 25 bags/week to Home Delivered Meals clients, serving 100+ every month through CSFP, and accepted a donation of 700+ boxes of cereal from the students at H.B. Sugg.

**WORSHIP:** Worship in the sanctuary has resumed!

**DWM:** Group meetings will resume Mon, April 12. 10am led by Beth Sumerlin (at Beth Norville's home), 7pm led by Julie Walker (church library). All women are encouraged to attend!

**CMF:** 8am breakfast meetings resume April 18

**AUDIO/VISUAL UPDATE:** installation and training begin April 19.

**Next General Board meeting: May 16, 2021**

OPEN

The nursery  
and Worship &  
Wonder  
classes are  
now open!

VBS 2021

The bulk of the work has been completed, we are now entering a configuration and testing phase of the video recording. Soon folks will be trained and we will be finished!



EDUCATION  
MINISTRY TEAM  
MEETING  
Wed April 28 7pm

foodbank  
OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

**WED APRIL 28**

CSFP Food Boxes

Volunteers!

Please be at the  
church at 9:30

Farmville Presbyterian Church  
June 14-16 from 6-8:30pm

The theme of VBS this year is Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest for God's Great Light. This program invites children to arise and shine because the light of God's love has come and is shining on them. Children are empowered by exploring ways God shines great light in the world and by learning how they can also shine God's light by reflecting what they've learned. Through stories in the Old and New Testaments, this program will show students how connection with God brings the invitation to shine God's light in a world that needs it now more than ever.

Additional details about VBS 2021:

- VBS is for children who will be 4 years old on or before August 31, 2021 through those who have completed 5th grade.
- The registration fee is \$5 if paid before May 21 and \$10 after May 21. Please register as early as possible so that we'll have the appropriate supplies. Make checks payable to Farmville Presbyterian Church.
- VBS will be from 6-8:30pm each night. However, children can begin arriving at 5:30pm on June 14 to check in.
- A meal will be served each night of VBS from 6:00-6:20pm.
- VBS attendees and volunteers will wear a face mask during activities.
- Music CDs and T-shirts are available for purchase if you register by May 21. Please use the form below. There will be limited availability after May 21.
  - o Music CDs = \$5
  - o T-Shirts = \$5



REGISTRATION FORMS AT [FCCFARMVILLE.ORG](http://FCCFARMVILLE.ORG) or at the church office

## In Our Prayers

**Concerns:** Lynn McDustrell,  
Paige Crawford, Miriam & Grady  
Bailey, Melissa Davis

**Homebound:** Mabel Bowen,  
Marie Cowan, Annie Gurganus,  
Janie Joyner

**In service to our country:**  
David Groseclose, Jake  
Nicholson

Please notify an Elder of any  
changes.

## MEETING NOTICE

May meetings will be  
Sunday, **May 16**  
(instead of May 9)  
See you there!

## HAVE YOU NOTICED?

The church grounds have been getting a big facelift this spring. **SPECIAL THANKS** to the busy workers (Paul, Chester, Al, Wes plus extra help from Judy Rouse and Morgan) who have been hard at work sprucing up our grounds and making it all look so beautiful.

**THANK YOU!!**



**DONATIONS WELCOME!**

## soup kitchen

The community Soup Kitchen has set a goal for re-opening on Wed, June 2. As you probably know, before COVID closed it, FCC was responsible for the first Friday of each month.

**CAN YOU HELP?** Do you like to cook? We will need a handful of committed volunteers! The Soup Kitchen serves from 12-1pm, approximately 40 people. Even though we've done Fridays in the past, we can certainly change to Mondays or Wednesdays if that works better for volunteers.

**PLEASE** let the office know if you are able to help continue FCC's proud tradition of supporting the Soup Kitchen!

## PASTORAL RELATIONS

The relationship between the minister and the church is critically important. And the church and minister bear mutual responsibility for keeping the relationship healthy. Our Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) was formed specifically for this purpose.

The PRC consists of seven members: the Chairman of the Board, the Vice-Chairman of the Board, a member of the Board of Trustees, a representative of the Elders, a representative of the Deacons, a young adult or youth representative, and a seventh member chosen by the minister in conjunction with the Chair of the Board. The vice-chair of the Board serves as Chair of the PRC.

The purpose of this committee shall be to ensure communications between the governing body of the church, the church as a whole, and the minister. The committee also provides focused, consistent support for the minister.

The PRC meets no less than quarterly at a time agreed upon by the members of the committee and the minister. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5 at 5:30 PM.

## Regional News

Our Regional Assembly was held virtually on Saturday, April 17. Our Minister attended, along with our delegates, Doris Briley, B.J. Lawrence, and Beth Summerlin.

The Assembly voted on recommendations to add Carrie Ragland, of St. Paul's Christian Church in Raleigh, to the Commission on Ministry for 2021-2025, and to extend Kathy Smith's term as Treasurer to 2022. The Assembly also received a financial report, and reports from Camp Caroline, Youth Ministries, and New Church Ministries. FCC's own Dr. Doug Barrow also gave a report on the current state of things regarding the coronavirus.

Additional news from around the Region includes:

- We have a new youth director for the Region. Luke Miles has stepped down from this position. Our new person is Michael "Mac" Chapman.
- The Region has hired Rev. Caitlin Smith as Executive Administrative Assistant to the Regional Minister.
- Steve Bennett has been called to serve as the Assistant Manager of the Camp Caroline Facilities.
- We have a new minister in the N.C. Region: Pastor Rich Vreeland has been hired at FCC-Winterville.
- Camp Caroline is planning to have five summer camps on site, face-to-face. Be sure to contact Casey Perry if interested in a summer staff position or in counseling for one of our youth camps.

## May Birthdays

John Redden Lewis	May 4
Noah Knox	May 5
Ashley Watson	May 6
Julia Beamon	May 9
Carolyn Hawke	May 9
Sallie Eason	May 11
Zoey Joyner	May 14
Suzanne Davis	May 19
Sasha Reiff	May 27
Johnny Briley	May 30

## May Anniversaries

Jason & Brandy Powers May 21



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**May Servants**

**Elders:** Christine Dempsey HE; Donna Moore

**Deacons:** Horace Wiley HD; Jackie Bulpett, Jean Suggs, Jessica Avery, Jessica Herring

**Counting:** Wayne Dempsey, Lou Ann Wiley

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

**WASH YOUR  
HANDS**



**WATCH YOUR  
DISTANCE**



**WEAR A  
MASK**



**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.*

**Camp Caroline  
Registration  
Is Open!**

**www.campcaroline.org**

**Covid precautions have limited camp sizes,  
so don't wait!**