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Morgan's Moment

I got into a fight. I'm not proud of it, and it was a long time ago, but I did it. If memory serves, it was in sixth grade. A classmate and I, Jerome, got into a discussion. The discussion turned into a debate, which evolved into an argument, and eventuated in a physical altercation. To be honest, I didn't really want to be in a fight. I don't think Jerome did either. The evidence for that is that neither of us was injured very severely. Not even a black eye, as I remember. However, in our disagreement, we just got to a point at which neither of us was willing to back down. So, violence ensued. Fortunately, adults on the scene broke us up and appropriately punished us.

Looking back on it, I would like to think that race did not play a role in our altercation. Jerome was a really nice fellow and I liked him quite a lot. But looking back, knowing what I know now, I'm not so sure that in my eleven-year-old mind, the fact that Jerome looked different than me was not a factor in what happened.

More recently, about five years ago, I attended a lecture at Barton College. The speaker was Dr. Frances Flannery, Director of the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Terrorism and Peace (CISTP) at James Madison University. I spoke with her after the lecture, and shared that I thought people in our society tend to enjoy choosing sides. I said that people in different political parties can get rather animated with their differences, and if the topic is sports teams, it can get even more divisive. Looking for a bit of hope, I asked her what her research had told her about the ability of people to get along despite our differences. I was deflated by her response.

She said that anthropological studies suggest that humans are hard-wired to see differences. It is in our DNA. Apparently, it is a survival mechanism. Early on in our development it was important for humans of different families and tribes to be able recognize differences so they could spot the enemy and not be killed.

It seems that this innate ability is still very much with us, and perhaps not serving us as well as it did many years ago. My observation is that we need to nurture and improve our ability to overcome our differences in ways that are more meaningful than simply surviving. Even with our sixth-grade minds and emotions, Jerome and I, with the help of others, were able to mend our differences and shake hands.

So, I'm grateful that our denomination includes a movement to help us overcome differences. I hope you will take some time this month to learn more about our efforts. And please make a note that we will receive a special offering on September 26 and October 3 for The Reconciliation Offering of the Christian Church (DOC).

Grace and peace and Cain and Abel,
Morgan

"...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."



+ Meals On Wheels =



Board Meeting Highlights

Aug 8, 2021

Present: Josh Walker, Kim Griffiths, Al Joyner, Chester Ellis, Wes Flake, Jean Suggs, Mary Steinbauer, David Whitley, Marah Walker, Miriam Lewis, Lou Ann Wiley, Susan Smith, Bert Smith, Julie Walker, Beth Sumerlin, Christine Dempsey, Judy Owens, Donna Moore. Also: BJ Lawrence, Morgan Daughety.

PROPERTY & GROUNDS: Many thanks for the beautiful work being done by volunteers like Judy Rouse, Paul Bryant, Wes Flake, Chester Ellis, Al Joyner & more!

OUTREACH: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tues, Sept 21 3pm-7pm at FCC.

WORSHIP: Communion resumes Aug 15 with COVID protocols.

STEWARDSHIP: *Living Our Faith* campaign begins Aug 15, ends Sept 19 with a catered luncheon celebration. There is a weekly book discussion during the campaign (Tues at 7pm): *Let Your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer.

DWM: Quarterly Brunch meeting on Sept 25, 10:30 am

FALL FESTIVAL: Modified dinner plans (Takeout only), outdoor yard sale, online auctions, and heavily promotion of Missions goals are being planned.

HOMECOMING: Oct 10—planning outdoor seating areas for the meal.

Next General Board meeting: Sept 12, 2021

WED Sept 22

CSFP Food Boxes

Volunteers!

Please be at the church at 9:30



OPEN

The nursery and
Worship & Wonder
classes are open!



Mon, Sept 6

meeting people
where they are

looking ahead



Homecoming

Oct 10

DWM
QUARTERLY BRUNCH

SAT SEPT 25

10:30 am

All women welcome!

Sept Birthdays

Cecil Walker	Sept 1
Frank Bradham	Sept 8
Benjamin Albritton	Sept 9
Elizabeth Sumerlin	Sept 12
Paul Bryant	Sept 13
John K Briley	Sept 21
Al Joyner	Sept 21
Myrtle Sugg	Sept 23

Sept Anniversaries

Jackie & Tom Bulpett	Sept 15
Melinda & Ben Sampson	Sept 27

OUR
NEW WEBSITE
IS NOW LIVE

www.fccfarmville.org

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

IT'S CRITICAL! No matter your blood type, you're needed to help restock the shelves for patients as blood product distributions remain higher than anticipated. Please sign up to give at our blood drive on **Tuesday, Sept 21st from 3-7PM!** Click to donate here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=FCC%20Farmville>

AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE

3-7pm
Tues
Sept 21
First Christian Church

****MASKS REQUIRED****

2021 Special Day Offering

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering will be received in congregations this year on September 26th and October 3rd. Our theme is "Revealing God's Justice: "The Time is Always Ripe to Do What is Right." As we reflect on the events following the televised death of George Floyd, anti-Asian violence, and disparities in contraction rates of the novel Coronavirus in ethnic and racial communities, our Church strengthens its commitment to actively seek



God's justice. As followers of Christ, we believe every life is precious and valued in God's beloved community.

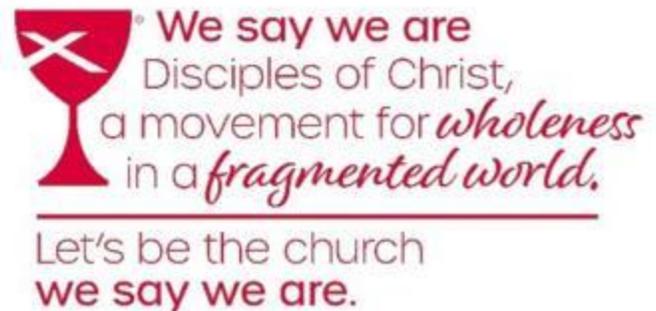
Reconciliation Ministry is the church wide mission fund which supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community. Your generosity has supported our capacity to provide grant awards to Bethany College's Equity Community Guide, Diversity Audit and the Region of Greater Kansas City's Becoming Beloved Community Program, as well as local congregational racial and social justice educational events. We believe that the Christian Church (Disciple of Christ) is uniquely equipped to encourage racial equity and justice in the communities where we worship and serve.

Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry promote our mission of creating a just and loving society. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's salvation is for ALL of us. The scripture in Isaiah 56:1 reads,

"This is what the LORD says:

"Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed."

All of us have a role in revealing God's justice. It is our call as the community of faith, the body of believers, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your giving promotes our capacity to respond and to reveal God's love and justice in such a time as this!



HELP WANTED

First Christian Church of Farmville, North Carolina is seeking a Nursery Attendant

The Nursery Attendant is responsible for the oversight of the nursery ministry so that infants and toddlers, (newborn-age 2) and families using the nursery will experience the love of God in a safe, nurturing environment. Must be well organized and have excellent relationship skills to supervise volunteers and relate to parents. Previous experience indicating skill in care for young children preferred.

Send letter of interest and resume to: Senior Minister, First Christian Church, P.O. Box 205, Farmville, N.C. 27828 OR email : office@fccfarmville.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS!

We are excited that Wednesday night suppers have resumed! If you are comfortable, please join us for a time of food, fellowship, and discussion.

The serving schedule is on the back.

Beginning Wed, Sept 1: We will return to our 'normal' practice of \$6/plate (\$24 family max) and asking that you make your reservations ahead of time. You can email, FB or call the office to do this. This reservation list makes it so much easier and budget friendly for the group who is cooking. RSVP by Tues the day before.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>Sept</h1>			1 6 Wed Night Supper Worship/Choir cook \$6/plate 7 Choir practice	2	3	4
5 11 Worship 'Telling the Story"	6 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 11 Soup Kitchen	7 7p Book Discussion	8 6 Wed Night Supper DWM cooks \$6 7 Choir practice	9	10	11
12 9a Elders mtg 11 Worship 'Following the Story" 5p DWM Exec mtg 6p Ministry Teams 7p Board mtg	13 5:30 Fellowship Hall reserved	14 7p Book Discussion	15 6 Wed Night Supper COVERED DISH 7 Choir practice	16	17	18
19 8a CMF mtg 11 Worship 'Experiencing the Story" 12p Stewardship Celebration	20	21 9-11 FBM 3-7 Blood Drive 7p Trustees mtg	22 9:30 Food Box Distri- bution 6 Wed Night Supper CMF cooks \$6 7 Choir practice	23	24 FBM Golf Tournament	25 10:30 DWM Quarterly Brunch
26 11a Worship	27	28	29 6 Wed Night Supper Outreach/Ed cook \$6 7 Choir practice	30	Kim Out 9/22-9/27	
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