



A Word from Bruce...

To the mostest bestest congregation in the world: “Birds of a feather ...

Greetings to you from the loving CDB. For those of you not in the loop, ‘CDB’ is an acronym for “Choir Director Boy”, an endearing moniker given to me by the formidable bassist duo of Norman Lillie and Don McGhee.

I just want to tell you that I have really missed being at church with you these past few weeks. I also have found it refreshing to be there for the ‘Live on Line’ broadcasts we have done the last couple weeks. It was especially meaningful to have Ashlyn and Alyssa sing the beautiful anthem this past Sunday. I’d like to thank them for putting the effort forth to bring that to us all.

On another note, I, as many others, have been working from home since mid-March serving the concrete world in which I am employed. While working from my dining room table, I have a good view of the woods behind our home and 3 birdfeeders just outside our dining room windows. Two of them are for seed and one is a hummingbird feeder with sugar water. I enjoy times between calls and meetings where I can sit and watch the birds flitting around those feeders and sometimes squawking a bit as they vie for position to get the next seed. Having done this for years, I am familiar with the types of birds that come regularly and there are few surprises.

However, in the last 2-3 weeks, I have seen 3 different types of birds with which I was unfamiliar. Putting Dr. Google to the test, I learned that these particular birds are migratory species from various parts of the country and Canada. They are the Eastern Phoebe, the Rose Breasted Grosbeak, and the Red Cockaded Woodpecker (which is also endangered). The Phoebe is quite plain in appearance being a couple different shades of brown with a darker brown head. The other 2, however, are rather unique with their stark black and white markings and red accents on their head and/or throat.

This causes me to think about how we, as God’s human creations, are unique in every way. With the birds’ colorings and characteristics, all birds within a particular species look the same, act the same, and basically live the same life.

Not so with each of us. We all look, act, and are different. Whether it’s skin color, hair color, eye color, fingerprints, or DNA, we are all different. We think differently and respond differently to conditions and situations.

Rather than judge each other for those differences, let us rejoice in them and their eclectic nature. Through being different, and sharing our different thoughts and experiences, it allows each of us the opportunity to see, appreciate, and conduct God’s work in so many different ways. I believe that through those differences, we can serve each other and maybe provide perspective. That which I can’t bring to the church body, someone else will provide. Likewise, that which you cannot provide, can be provided by yet another.

Through this COVID journey, I pray that we will be strengthened as a body and that we continue to provide for each other that which we all need as we serve Christ and our community.

See ya soon ...





Know Your History

It's your historian again. This time I come to you with questions for your edification. (We don't like the words quiz and test, right?) Don't worry, there will not be a grade, and only you need to know how well you did. Just thought I'd provide a slight diversion while you are sheltering-in-place. Below are fifteen questions about MPC in various formats, since the educator in me realizes that different people like questions posed in different ways. Some will be multiple choice. Others will be fill-in-the-blank. Still others will be in the Yes-No format. You may choose the manner in which to indicate your answers.

Questions

- (1) All except one of the following has served as MPC Historian: (a) Libby McNair (b) Dianne Campbell (c) Mary Ann Warlick (d) Berniece Lillegard
- (2) Currently, there are eight Sunday School teachers at MPC. YES NO
- (3) Ken Campbell was which PW man of the year? (a) First (b) Third (c) Fourth (d) Eighth
- (4) Which Interim Pastor bore the same first name as the pastor he followed? _____
- (5) One of the following is not a Life Group at MPC: (a) OCTUP (b) Living Branch (c) Morning Glory (d) Peacemakers
- (6) Berniece Lillegard served as MPC Historian for more than 15 years. YES NO
- (7) What is the first name of the youngest child of Georgene and Mike Sneed? _____
- (8) The current Clerk of Session at MPC is : (a) Twarna Johnson (b) Mary Dyche (c) Linda Lillie (d) Bob Lukat
- (9) Who was the 2019 PW Man of the Year? _____
- (10) The current PW Moderator is: (a) Donna Boggs (b) Deborah Venizelos (c) Mary Ann Moriles (d) Roxie Romine
- (11) Name one church besides MPC which participates in the spring Renewal Services.

- (12) Who is the most recent member to be married at MPC? _____
- (13) The proper name for the MPC food pantry is: (a) Heart-to-Heart Food Pantry (b) Hand-to-Mouth Food Pantry (c) Helping Hands Food Pantry (d) Heavenly Hash Food Pantry.
- (14) The person to see about all things Relay for Life is _____.
- (15) Pauline Buchanan was named 2019 Morrow PW Honorary Life Member. YES NO

Morrow First United Methodist or First Baptist Church of Morrow; (12) Jessica Loper Johnson; (13) c; (14) Albert Coughlin; (15) Yes

Answers:

(1) c; (2) No, there are 10; (3) a; (4) Earl Stewart; (5) c, it's a circle; (6) Yes; (7) Callen; (8) b; (9) Ronnie Hooten; (10) c; (11) either