Looking back, I realize that I grew up not having to think much about race or national origin or religious pluralism. In my school, there were a very few African Americans and there was one Jewish family in the entire school district. I assumed that I was normal and that my story was the same for everyone.

One day, my grandmother, whose national heritage was German, shared with me that in the summertime her skin would tan so dark that there were restaurants where she was not allowed to enter. She told me that the owners believed she was a Negro. This was in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the 30s, 40s and 50s when she was working in a segregated section of the city.

While there are no longer “whites only” restaurants, there are certainly places where different faces and faiths are not welcome. I remember when I moved to Chicago and a friend from Washington, DC visited me. While we were on the city bus talking and laughing, people were staring at us. It took me some time to realize that they were not staring because we were loud, but because I was White and she was brown.

I have never been discriminated against because of the color of my skin. That is not my story. I have, however, seen the effects of discrimination on people who I know and love. This is why I am compelled to be a part of the movement to change hearts, minds and systems that diminish the human spirit. When we take time to share our stories we realize we are more alike than we are different. This is why I support the work of the Reconciliation Ministry. Your giving to Reconciliation Ministry funds programs that provide the knowledge, relationships and tools to end discriminatory practices that break the heart of God. When we work to be reconciled one to another and each to God, we are the living story of Christ. I pray you will give to Reconciliation Ministry and share your story.

Church Calendar

**Sunday, September 24**
- 7:00—Stewardship Breakfast
- 8:00—Chapel Service
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Service
- 4:30—Enid Welcome Table
- 5:00—Youth Group

**Monday, September 25**
- 11:00—Tai Chi Class
- 5:30—Dinner for Don & Barbara Angle

**Tuesday, September 26**
- 10:00—Lifelong Learning
- 3:00—Greenbrier Service
- 5:15—Emmaus Reunion Group

**Wednesday, September 27**
- 11:00—Tai Chi Class
- 6:30—Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 28**
- 9:30—Mary Ruth Bible Study
- 10:00—Lifelong Learning

**Sunday, October 1**
- 8:00—Chapel Service
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Service
- 4:30—Enid Welcome Table
- 3:30—JYF
- 5:00—Youth Group
- City-Wide Food Drive

**There will be no nursery on Sunday morning, September 24th.**

The Visitor

**New Interim Ministers**

Kathy and Don Bryant are your Intentional Interim Ministers. Below is a brief description of the work of Interim Ministry. We will be explaining more about the process in times of worship and future newsletters.

Intentional Interim Ministry is a specialized field of ministry which requires training in an approved Interim Network program. It is different from regular interim ministry which often only helps a congregation to maintain in between ministers. Intentional interims are trained to help congregations to heal and renew as a congregation. They are especially needed when a congregation has undergone grief, following a long pastorate, or when there is a short pastorate that ends in conflict. The Intentional Interim coaches the congregation in honestly determining where they are currently as a congregation. They explore what has shaped who they are now, discovering how they have been impacted by their history and heritage. They lead congregations in discovering how their differences and similarities, values and beliefs shape them as a congregation and if conflict is present what are the issues that need addressing.

The intentional interim helps to coach the congregation by engaging them in various practices that enable people to communicate about their differences and discover a new vision for the future. As conflicts gives way to unity, the congregation finds healing, rebuilds trust and visions a new future. New leadership emerges, both lay and pastoral that will enable the congregation to implement the vision that has been discerned. The intentional interim guides the search team to discover what kind of pastoral leadership is needed to implement the vision. While the intentional interim directs this process, the congregation must do this work in order to bring about new vision and a hopeful future. During an intentional interim the congregation explores its Identity, Heritage, Mission and Passions, Vision for the Future and Discovers its Leadership needs.

Grace, Interim Pastor Don

Our cell phone numbers are (620) 352-0072 (Don): (620) 352-0073 (Kathy)
Health Kits
Several members of the Christian Women's Fellowship work to fill 100 health kits to be sent to those in need in Houston, TX. They will be transported by members of the World Harvest Church of Enid.

Preaching in 8:00 Chapel service & 10:15 Sanctuary service: Rev. Kathy Bryant
Elders: 8:00am—Roy Newton 10:15am—Linda Ridgway, Forrest Ridgway
Deacons: 8:00am—Glenn & Linda Crabbs
10:15am—Team B—Mark Boler (TL), Jason Stuever (ATL), Lisa Boler, LaDonna Groves, McKeisha Claypole, Tiffany Harvey, Lois Sexton, Ashley Weibling, J. Curtis Huckleberry, Chip Baker, Christy Baker, Penny Bishop
Van Drivers: September 24—Jennifer Smith  October 1—David Dell

Please lift up the following in your prayers:
**VALETA MONTGOMERY—Golden Oaks Skilled Nursing**
**DON PROVOST—Methodist Skilled Nursing**
**For the family of DEVON MCANALLY—who passed away.** Funeral will be on 9/25 at 10am
**WAYNE GALER—St. Mary’s**
**ART BECKER—St. Mary’s**

Stewardship Breakfast
Psalms 118:24 “This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
Come join us September 24th at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall for “Kick Off Sunday”. It will be a stewardship breakfast for all Elders, Deacons, and Committee Chairs. For Susie’s peace of mind, please RSVP if you plan to come.
Thank you,
David Eck, Stewardship Chair

Honoring Don & Barbara Angle
On September 25th there will be a dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 P.M. to honor Don and Barbara Angle for their missionary work in the Congo. They have spent their lives showing Christ’s love and helping those who live in Africa. Most recently Don and Barbara have been involved in helping to build the Bolenge Hospital and digging water wells in the Congo. There will be people from the Congo along with Janet Helms from Edmond to help celebrate the work of the Angles. Videos will be shown by those visiting from the Congo on digging water wells for that country. Donations from the meal will go towards that mission. Come and celebrate Don and Barbara that evening.

Please pray for the following people in the armed services:
Daly Lippi, Nicolas Stockwell, Christopher Kelley, W. Phil Pearsall, Dustin Conrado, Jamie James, Jonathan Hale, David Meissner, Taylor Brown, Jeremy Druitt, Matthew Lawrence, Matt Cline, Justin Fowler, Jermaine Finks, Dakota Speidel, Paul Wiles, Jeff Kelley, James Wilson

I would like to say thank you to all those who helped lead worship these last few weeks. You made a difference in the life of Central.
- Martha O'Bannon

Please bring donations for the indoor playroom in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 23rd. Start bringing all the things that you wish to donate. Place items in the indoor playroom in the basement or in Room 111. The proceeds will go to the Disciples Mission Fund. Thank you.
- Valerie Driscoll

CRUSADER CLASS

The Crusader Sunday School Class invites any and all who would like to join us in our new series beginning Sunday, September 24th at 9 am.
The title of the new study is “After the New Testament: The Writings of the Apostolic Fathers” At the very foundation of the Christian religion stand the writings of the New Testament, a collection of 27 Books that represent the earliest surviving literary productions of the burgeoning Church and that eventually came to be regarded as sacred Scripture. The writings produced by Christians after the New Testament are also important, however, as they can reveal to us how Christianity changed, developed, and grew after the first Christian century had passed.
The lectures are on CD and are brought to us by Bart D. Ehrman, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Ehrman is a popular lecturer and we have enjoyed several of his series.
Hope you will come and join us as we learn something new. We meet on the second floor of the education wing on the East side.

CWF will be having a garage sale in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 23rd. Start bringing all the things that you wish to donate. Place items in the indoor playroom in the basement or in Room 111. The proceeds will go to the Disciples Mission Fund. Thank you.
- Valerie Driscoll

Garage Sale

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- Valerie Driscoll

Thank you,