

MESSENGER MARCH 23, 2020

Lenten Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I trust that you are all staying safe and well as we all are practicing social distancing and doing our part to try to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I have spoken with several of you who are in agreement with me that the hardest part of all of this is not being able to be together in person with our church family. It appears that we will need to continue offering online worship services for at least the next couple of weeks. You can find those services on our website.

In the meantime, it is important that we all continue to be the church, remembering to care for and support and encourage and love one another by staying connected in non-physical ways. Above all, may we remember to pray for one another. Following are a few updates on recent prayer concerns.

Janice Long and Kelly Wills have returned home from Ohio, where Janice's son and Kelly's brother A.J. Long had successful surgery for cancer. Please continue to pray for his recovery and healing.

Please also continue to pray for Margaret Colbath who remains under hospice care, and for Lois and Sam Snyder as they care for Margaret.

Steve and Vicky Cooney have a healthy new grandson, born Saturday evening at 7 PM. Mother, baby, father, and brothers are all doing well. Praise God for the gift of this new life! Congratulations to Steve and Vicky!

Please continue to pray for Nathan, the grandson of Ron and Donna Wilkerson. Donna has gone to stay with the family. Please pray that Nathan will be able to get the care he needs without coming to any harm.

Duke Smith left yesterday for a business trip to Rochester, NY and he arrived safely last night. Please pray that he will be protected from any exposure to the virus while he is away and that he will soon return home safely to his family.

Finally, I pray that in these uncertain and, for us, unprecedented times, we can all be thankful for the gifts of faith, family and home. Be thankful for the gift of faith that enables us to trust God without fear of the future. If you are able to be with your family, cherish this time and be thankful for the gift of family. If you are largely required to be homebound, be thankful for the gift of a place to call home. May we all continue to be in prayer for our church, our nation and the world, knowing that the Lord is with us, and we need not fear any evil (Psalm 23:4).

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

PRAYER CONCERNS Members Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Clayann Binning, Jessica Blackburn, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, **Margaret Colbath and Lis and Sam Snyder**, Ed Drudge, Cal and Diane Geary, Stephanie Hardin, Janet Hughes, Gail Kaufmann, Janice Long, Neal McHenry and family of Jackolyn, **Martha Marlow**, Tony Merlino, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Larry Modlin, Judy Pratt, Nancy Smith, and Kelly Wills.

Military: Joe Fraley, Sg. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Anthony Ripley, David Ritz.

Friends: Willie Ray Arnett, Paul Arnett, Al Avant, Jesse Bailey, Rudolph Batts, George Brodgen, Johnnie Byrd Family, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Kathy Clapp, Jack Cooper, Family of Wanda Davis, Jan Foster, Pastor Gary Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Gene Harris, Tom Holgan, Roy Horne, Donna Johnson, Major Jones, Dr. Jack Kim, Kody, Craig Jenkins, **Bill Kirkpatrick**, Brenda Leonard, Liza, **A.J. Long**, Nancy McAloney, **Douglas Mathis**, Ernie Mazzei, Michelle, Monica, Sarah Moyer, Sherri Nelson, Jeb Paarfus, Ted and Sue Penny, Dot Phillips, Jimmy Platts, Penny Roberts, Rosie, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, Lori Shelton, Jonathan Sloan, Maria Sutton, Sue Sutton, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Jennifer Tower, Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell.

Douglas Mathis, grandson of *Faye Dectur* who will have surgery on March 25th to remove a mass on his kidney. Pray that Faye and her daughter will be able to be with him in Greenville, NC.

Martha Marlow - Please pray for the Holy Spirit's intervention for Martha's medical care, nutrition and wellbeing.

Bill Kirkpatrick had visited with his mom last week who died from the virus so he and Sarah (Johnsie Smith's niece) are quarantined. I am additionally concerned because Sarah has multiple myeloma and is in remission.

(Repeat of an e-mail that went out last Friday from the 20th Anniversary Committee)

Dear Church Family and Friends:

It is with much sadness that we have determined the necessity to postpone celebrating our 20th Anniversary on May 17, 2019 due to the uncertainty of the CoVid-19 Pandemic.

In the meantime, we have a plan in place wherein the various committees and ministries may continue to gather pictures and information of notable events that depicts our journey in faith these past ten years to complete the history book of Faith Harbor.

We can communicate by email, text, phone conferences and postal mail so we will be ready to move forward when the all clear is given and a new date set.

With God's Grace, Together we can work through these trying times.

Be safe, and God Bless,

Pastor David, Barbara Poole, Leadership Chair and Jean Hawley, 20th Anniversary Event Chair.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

17 Jency Paliotti
20 Debbie Sasser
21 Mike Davis
Cole Frazier
Bonnie Hunter

27 Mariane Sliwa
28 Nancy Merlino
29 Maris Jordan
Sherry Mewborn
30 Evangeline Schleinkofer

Scripture Card March 22, 2020

Centering Prayer: Open my eyes, Lord. I want to see Jesus.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 146

M 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

T Isaiah 35:1-10

W Luke 4:16-19

T Luke 24:28-35

F Ephesians 1:15-23

S Acts 26:13-18

Key Scripture: Eph. 1:18: I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, that you may know the hope to which he has called you."

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Opportunity to Joyfully Serve and Share God's Love

Your help is needed. Consider joining the Joyful Driver's Ministry as an opportunity to be blessed as you bless others. We have a wonderful team of Joyful Driver's. At this time we have 8 men and 24 women who volunteer to drive people in need of transportation. We serve our church family and occasionally have requests from Share the Table.

At this time there are two people we serve on a regular basis. Over the years, we have served approximately twelve people at various times.

If you would feel you might be interested but need more information, please contact: Jeanette "Clayann" Binning icbinning@icloud.com 910-650-1168.

The Joyful Driver's coordinator will be away May through October and is looking for someone to assume the roll of coordinating rides, during her absence.

Thank you,
Jeanette "Clayann" Binning

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER- CHANGE OF PLANS

In light of the current social distancing policy and no activities being held at church we have decided to send out a **Monday and Friday Messenger** to keep members and friends up to date on happenings at Faith Harbor. You will note on the calendar on our new website that events have been deleted and then in April they indicate TBD (to be determined). We do not know yet what the month of April will be as far as activities of the church. We will keep this calendar up to date.

Send any news or information you want in the Messengers so we can keep current on all news for the members and friends. You may also include a special scripture or experience that is helping you cope with the new reality of social distancing and being shut-in right now.

There is also a new section tab at the top of the website page entitled Announcement. David has already posted some there so be sure to check the website often. The website is faithharborumc.org

Reach out by phone or e-mail to your friends and neighbors. This will help them and you as well to feel connected as a community of faith for Faith Harbor UMC.



The Harbor Thrift Store contributed \$1,000.00 to Share The Table for our Back Pack KidS who are without adequate nutrition due to school closings.

Together we can make a difference!!

Any contribution, monetary or food, you can make to Share the Table Food Pantry right now will be appreciated.

Diapers are needed and Faith Harbor is responsible to keep the Condiments Shelf stocked so donations of ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressings, oil, sugar, flour etc. will be appreciated. You can drop off at the STT Ministry at the corner of Shephard Road and Hwy 50 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning before 10:00 am.



Weekly Offering – During this time when we can't worship together and give our tithes and offerings you may mail your offering to Faith Harbor UMC at P.O. Box 2713, Surf City, NC 28445. Deposits are being made weekly to keep money in the general fund so we can continue to pay the expenses for the church. Thank you for your continued support of Faith Harbor through your tithes and offerings.

Though our ACS system a program is being put in place for online giving.

Watch for information on this in the Friday Messenger for this week.

A LITTLE HUMOR to

end this Messenger.

