

MESSENGER MARCH 27, 2020

Greetings to our Faith Harbor family in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ on this beautiful Friday!

I pray that you are safe and well even in the midst of the many life changes we are all experiencing. In this Messenger you will find a beautiful message from our Children's Ministry Coordinator Melissa Schleinkofer about gaining a renewed perspective of gratitude in these troubled times.

An important way that we express our gratitude to God is by returning back to the Lord a portion of what we have received from Him. Please read the message in this edition of the Messenger from our Finance Chairman, Dale Osborn and our Financial Secretary, Seth Swain about the availability of online giving through our website faithharborumc.org.

I hope you have had the chance to browse through our redesigned website, and that you are checking your emails from the church on a regular basis. These are important ways for you to stay informed and for all of us to remain connected with one another. Among the things you will find on the website are our weekly worship services under the Worship tab and prayer concerns which are listed in each bi-weekly messenger which is found under the home tab.

In addition to the prayer concerns that are listed, please pray for Kevin, Liz, Kadin and Kollin Fisher, who are going through a very painful time in their family. Kevin is the son of Danny and Edna Fisher. Please pray for healing and peace, and to the extent possible, reconciliation.

Please plan to check the website for worship on this fifth Sunday of Lent.

May God bless each of you and keep you safe.

Pastor David

Greetings Faith Harbor Families,

I pray that this email finds you all well and sane! I know the struggle we are all facing right now for many of us varies but I have found myself in this time of uncertainty and change a renewed sense of gratitude.

During this time I have slowed down and re-evaluated many of the things I hold most precious in my life that I take for granted within the daily stresses of work, parenthood and life in general.

I am grateful to God for the roof over our heads, healthy children, food to eat and the grandeur of His wonderful creation that surrounds me when we are outdoors in nature. I relish in the smiles of my children and the time I have had to really listen and slow down and appreciate the unique individuals that they are. I am in awe of God's gifts! I pray that many of you have had these same experiences and if not take the time to really look at your children and how perfectly made each one of them is. How I miss seeing their faces!

God is so good and in this time of unpredictability take comfort in God's word. He will never forsake us. He loves us with a love that is incomprehensible. Trust in Him and all will be well.

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

Blessings,
Melissa Schleinkofer



PRAYER CONCERNS Members Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Clayann Binning, Jessica Blackburn, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, **Margaret Colbath and Lois 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**, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Larry Modlin, Judy Pratt, **Nathan Redd, Duke Smith**, 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, **Tobey Ferry, , Kevin Fisher and family.** 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 Kirpatrick**, Brenda Leonard, Liza, **A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi**, Nancy McAloney, **Douglas Mathis**, Ernie Mazzei, Michelle, Monica, Sarah Moyer, Sherri Nelson, **Becky and Phil Osborne**, Jeb Paarfus, Dot Phillips, Jimmy Platts, Penny Roberts, Rosie, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, **Billy Sewell**, Lori Shelton, Jonathan Sloan, **the family of Joanne Smith**, Maria Sutton, Sue Sutton, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Jennifer Tower, Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell.

UPDATE - Douglas Mathis, grandson of Faye Dectur- They postponed his surgery and they were not going to let Faye and her daughter go up there. Douglas is glad it was postponed. Please keep him in your prayers. So far the cancer hasn't spread.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Scripture Card March 29, 2020

Centering Prayer: *Lord, help me to wait for you with hope, faith and patience.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 130

M Lamentations 3:21:26

T Psalm 27:13-14

W Isaiah 40:27-31

T Romans 12:12

F Isaiah 30:18

S Micah 7:7

Key Scripture: Psalm 130:5: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

Worship service for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (03-29-22)

You can use this to follow along with the service posted on line on the website.

GREETING:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

In returning and rest you shall be saved;

in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

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#### **OPENING PRAYER:**

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners. Grant your people grace to love what you command and to desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

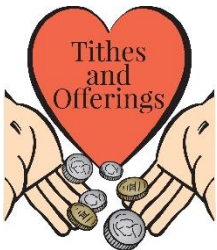
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**This week's Scripture reading is John 11:1-45.**

**The sermon title is "Waiting and Believing."**

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**MESSAGE FROM DALE OSBORN, CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE TEAM AND SETH SWAIN, FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

### **Online Giving**

With us not having services on Sundays for a while there is a quick and easy way to keep up with your Tithing from home.

Online Giving is now available directly from Faith Harbor's Web site.

Please visit [https:// faithharborumc.org](https://faithharborumc.org) and click the **ONLINE GIVING** tab at top of front page. From here a new window will pop up and you will be able to enter your contribution and payment method directly.

This is a quick and easy process for keeping up with your Tithing from home. Thanks to Seth Swain and Glen Pierce for setting it up. If you have any questions please contact Seth or Dale Osborn for help.

**Weekly Offering can also be mailed** 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.

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**Joyful**  
**DRIVERS**



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 [jbinning@icloud.com](mailto:jbinning@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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910-650-1168

**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](http://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.



**FOOD**  
**PANTRY**

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 Shepherd Road and Hwy 50 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning before 10:00 am.

**CARTOONS FOR TODAY-HOPE THEY WILL BRING A SMILE TO YOUR FACE!**

