

## MESSENGER April 27, 2020

Greetings, Faith Harbor Family and Friends, in the name of our risen Lord!

As we enter our tenth week of required separation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I am exceedingly grateful to know that you are reaching out to one another and staying connected in non-physical ways. In the face of the bad news and negativity that seem so prevalent right now, I want to share some good things that persons in our church family are doing to share the love of Christ and stay connected with each other in this time of social distancing:

- A group of ten persons from our church who have adopted the name “Joyful Callers” are phoning persons in our church family on a regular basis to express love and care on behalf of our church family.
- Many of you are likewise making calls and sending cards, texts, and emails to let others know you are thinking of them.
- Our Disciple 1 and 3 Bible study classes are meeting via Zoom teleconferencing to complete the studies that they began last fall.
- A very talented and dedicated group including musicians led by our Minister of Music Allison Stowers with Jessica Blackburn, as well as audio/video specialists Vance Penny and Jim Ellis and an assortment of prayer leaders and liturgists, are offering their time and talents each week to provide online worship experiences for our church family.
- Our Children’s Ministry Coordinator Melissa Schleinkofer is providing Sunday school lessons for families to share at home, and this week she is visiting—from a safe distance—the homes of children in our church family from age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to deliver goodie bags to them.
- Our Youth Ministry Coordinator Jewels Swain is similarly extending love to the youth of our church by dropping off goodie bags with personal notes for each of them at their homes this week.
- Our secretary Judy Clemmons is faithfully publishing the Messenger to keep us connected and informed of prayer concerns and other items of importance to all of us.
- Dawn Ellis, director of Share the Table, is working especially hard these days to procure and provide food for families in need. Our church serves as a bi-weekly distribution location for drive-by pick-up of food bags packaged by Share the Table for families with school children who are not receiving meals in school while the schools are closed.
- A group of teachers including Lisa Byrd are posting congratulatory signs in the yards of graduating seniors who will not have a normal graduation ceremony this year.
- Harriet Byrd will be in the church office this Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM for anyone who would like to come by the narthex and pick up a copy of the May issue of the Upper Room devotional booklet.
- An anonymous person in our church family has offered to mow or edge the lawn (for free) of anyone in our congregation who needs it. Please call me if you know of someone who would welcome that service.

If you know of other forms of outreach, connection and expressions of love and care being extended by our church family, please let me know so I can include them in the next Messenger.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Let us draw  
near to God with  
a sincere heart in  
full assurance  
of faith...



**PRAYER CONCERNS Members** Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, Lois and Sam Snyder, Ed Drudge, Cal and Diane Geary, Stephanie Hardin, Janet Hughes, Gail Kaufmann, Janice Long, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Doug and Sherry Mewborn, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Larry Modlin, Judy Pratt, Nathan Redd, 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, Carter, Kathy Clapp, Debbie and her sister, Jan Foster, Pastor Gary

Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Marlene Grove, Gene Harris, Tom and LeAnne Holgan, Roy Horne, Donna Johnson, Sarah Johnson's family, Major Jones, Dr. Jack Kim, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Bill Kirpatrick, Lea, Brenda Leonard, Liza, A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi, Nancy McAloney, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Douglas Mathis, Ernie Mazzei, Michelle, Monica, Sarah Moyer, Nathan, Sherri Nelson, Friends of Mike O'Day, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, Dot Phillips, Jimmy Platts, Penny Roberts, Rosie, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, Billy Sewell, Lori Shelton, Bear Shenemen, Jonathan Sloan, the family of Joanne Smith, Katrina Seferyn, Maria Sutton, Sue Sutton, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Jennifer Tower, Jackie Wansley, Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell. Any family member of our members or friends that are in a hot spot for this pandemic.

### **MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION**

*Please extend my dad's deepest appreciation to the church for all of the love and friendship they have shown him over the last few years. I, along with our entire family, could not be more thankful to everyone.*

*My deepest appreciation to the Faith Harbor United Methodist Church family,*

*Mindy P. Boyd*

*Daughter of Jeb Paarfus*



## **MOTHER'S DAY HONORS OR MEMORIES**

As you know, annually we have an insert in the bulletin for you to donate and honor or remember your mothers, aunts, sisters or just a friend. For our Mother's Day bulletin again this year we plan to provide an insert. So if you wish to honor or remember a loved one please send that information directly to me at [secretary@faithharborumc.org](mailto:secretary@faithharborumc.org). **Deadline is May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Usually this is done as a fundraiser for our Children's Ministry but this year there is no cost. **However**, if you wish to make a donation mark your cash or check Mother's Day Donation. *These donations will go to our General Fund.*



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 26 Mollie Gurley
- 27 Ann Bryan  
Conner Frye
- 29 Bescye Burnett

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## **Scripture Card week 4-26-2020**

**Centering Prayer:** Lord Jesus, give me eyes to recognize your unfailing presence always.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 121

M Revelation 1:7

T Matthew 6:22-23

W Psalm 119:18

T Proverbs 20:12

F 2 Kings 6:15-19 S Matthew 13:15-16

**Key Scripture:** Matthew 13:16: "Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear."



Here are our Faith Harbor Seniors who are to graduate in 2020.

Actual ceremonies for graduation more than likely will be delayed if even held at all.

Our Youth have completed their requirements for graduation and we want to **CELEBRATE** their accomplishments.

Our youth are listed below with home address so you can send them a card of congratulations, to let them know they are not forgotten.

We say **CONGRATULATIONS** to each of you!!

**Alex Hornthal**

401 Bridgers Ave  
Topsail Beach, NC

\*Attending Cape Fear Community College in the Fall

**Will Moore**

12513 NC Hwy 50  
Holly Ridge, NC 28445

\*Attending Cape Fear Community College

**Carley Wells**

118 Broadview Lane  
Hampstead, NC 28443

\*Attending UNC-Wilmington in the Fall

**Johnny Paliotti**

who graduated from Epiphany School in New Bern, NC.  
Attending NCSU this Fall.

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