

## MESSENGER April 17, 2020

Easter Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord!

While Easter Sunday has come and gone, the season of Easter on the Church calendar continues for fifty days, until Pentecost Sunday. The word "Pentecost" means fifty, and originally Pentecost was a celebration of the wheat harvest that took place fifty days after the Jewish Passover, which coincides with Easter. We certainly hope that we will be back worshipping together in church by Pentecost Sunday, but in the meantime we will continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as we offer weekly worship services online.

Many of you have expressed your appreciation of our online worship services, and I want to recognize those who have been a part of making those worship services happen. You have seen those who are visible on the screen singing and speaking. We are certainly grateful for the beautiful music provided each week by our minister of music Allison Stowers, and for Jessica Blackburn and John and Sherrie Weaver who have accompanied her. We also appreciate those who have read Scripture and led the prayers, including Jewels Swain, Neal McHenry, Jim Vaughn, Hiatt Ellis and Kim King. You are likely to see a new face in this Sunday's service!

I want to express a special word of gratitude for the faces you do not see, but who are essential in offering these services online. Vance Penny is not only our cameraman for the worship services each week; he also spends many hours getting the services uploaded so that we can view them online. Jim Ellis also provides his expertise each week in getting the sound right and having words and images on the screen. Glen Pierce, who is not associated with our church, recently re-designed our website and has been a great help in making our worship services available on the website.

Many thanks to all of these who have kept us connected through worship even in this time of social distancing. May the day come soon when we are worshipping together in person. In the meantime, I pray that our Lord's resurrection will fill your hearts and lives with hope and joy and that He will keep each of you safe and well.

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, Clayann Binning, 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, 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, Carter, Kathy Clapp, Family of Wanda Davis, 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, Major Jones, Dr. Jack Kim, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Bill Kirpatrick, Lea, Brenda Leonard, Liza, A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi, Nancy McAloney, Douglas Mathis, Ernie Mazzei, Michelle, Monica, Sarah Moyer, Nathan, Sherri Nelson, Friends of Mike O'Day, **Chuck Osburn**, Becky and Phil Osborne, Jeb Paarfus, 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.**

(Repeat incase you missed it on Tuesday.)



*Thank You,*

Doug and I want to give our heartfelt appreciation to our church family for the prayers, cards, well wishes and contacts that you have sent us during his mild heart attack on April 1, 2020.

Doug spent two days in the hospital and had some heart damage, but he is recovering at home now from fatigue and lack of energy. He wants everybody to know that right now he is not up to doing a lot of communicating but is so grateful for the love you have shown to us.

Thanks,  
Doug and Sherry Mewborn

**NEW** **An online Directory-** I will be sending out a separate e-mail, just to members, today with a link for our pictorial directory. It will have a password for you to be able to access it. You should be able to have this on your phone or your home computer. When you click on a picture it will give you the information for that person if you need address, phone number or e-mail. Watch for the e-mail this afternoon.

## **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.*

**Our Joyful Callers** began calling everyone in our church family last week to make sure they are well and they know we are thinking of them during this time of physical separation.

If you know of anyone who has not been contacted, please let Barbara Poole know. We are missing a few phone numbers. Barbara is keeping the spreadsheet with the latest contact information.

She can be reached by email at [barbarapool71@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapool71@gmail.com).

**Thank you** for your faithfulness in continuing to give your tithes and offerings during this challenging time.

We are receiving your contributions through the mail and our new online giving program.

From a slow start at the beginning of the coronavirus the total giving keeps growing each week. This will enable us to not use our emergency fund. Thank you again.

*Faith Harbor  
Leadership Team  
Finance Team*

### Finance report for March 2020 and Year to Date Totals

March contributions	\$26,938.56
Year to date contributions	\$87,639.90
Year to date budget	\$107,983.50

Considering we were able to gather for worship only 2 Sundays in March the finance report actually shows our strong commitment to supporting the ministries of Faith Harbor and the commitment to our faith. Online giving has been established as many of you know and the April report will specify the online giving amount to show how successful it has become.

Memorials can also be made through online giving. There is space to note that the contribution is a memorial. You may still mail tithes and offering to the church. Mail is checked frequently and a deposit is made every Monday.

Thank you for your generous and timely continued support.

Any questions contact Dale Osborn or Martha Vaughn



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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 17 Sandra Brown  
Ann Hummel
- 19 Kim King  
Brent Livingood  
Andrew Osborn
- 20 Morgan Bizzell  
Dave Gardner  
Janice Long
- 22 Ben Black
- 23 Patty Feige
- 26 Mollie Gurley
- 27 Ann Bryan  
Conner Frye
- 29 Bescye Burnett

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## SING PRAISES TO OUR LORD.

### “Freely, Freely”

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share His love as He told me to.

He said, “Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.

All power is giv'n in Jesus' name, in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name,  
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share His pow'r as He told me to.

He said, “Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.

See next page for another song and some quotes.

## “He Lives”

(1) I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today  
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near

**(R)**He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

(2)In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last.....**(R)**

### **SOME QUOTES FROM GUIDEPOST MAGAZINE**

- **“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.”**
- **“Love is never quite so satisfying as when we give it away.”**
- **“What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday.”**