

MESSENGER MAY 1, 2020

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ on this beautiful first day of May!

I pray that you are all able to experience the glory of spring and the beauty of God's creation, even while we endure stay-at-home orders and continue to practice social distancing. While it feels in some ways like the world has come to a stop due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is reassuring to observe plants bursting with new growth, birds singing and nesting, and daylight hours growing longer. These things remind us that God, who is the source of all life, light and love, is still fully active and present in the world. With the evidence of our Lord's presence all around us, we are led to gladly and fully embrace his promise that he will never leave or forsake us. (Deut. 31:6; Heb. 13:5)

Since the pandemic began, Judy has been publishing the Messenger on Mondays and Fridays. We have decided it will be better to publish the Messenger just once a week, on Wednesdays. You will still receive an email from me each Saturday evening with the worship service, bulletin and matters of concern and interest to our church family. Look for my email tomorrow, and for the next Messenger on Wednesday, May 6th. Please contact Judy if you have anything to include in the Messenger. If any information needs to be provided between Messenger issues we will just send an e-mail through our Mailchimp server.

Please remember that ***Mother's Day*** is coming up on May the 10th. As many of you know, we customarily have an insert in the bulletin on Mother's Day with a list of those who have made a donation in honor or memory of their mothers, aunts, sisters, or friends who are like a mother to them. We will provide a list again this year that will be included in the Messenger and in the online Sunday worship bulletin. If you wish to honor or remember someone, please send that information directly to Judy at secretary@faithharborumc.org. The deadline is May 4th. 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.

Speaking of our *General Fund*, I want to thank you for continuing to faithfully support our church even while we are not able to meet together. We have thus far been able to meet our financial obligations and support our on-going ministries, thanks to your generosity.

Another THANK YOU to Faye Graziano and others that are dropping off bags of food every week for those families who can't make it to the church to pick up Dawn's Share the Table food distribution.

Faye delivered 34 bags of food last week. Thanks to all that serve in this important outreach to feed the hungry in our community as part of our Share The Table Ministry.

I will close with a quote that was sent to me earlier this week by Faye Graziano. The quote came from Eurasia Area Bishop Eduard Khegay who was speaking on the coronavirus pandemic. He said, *"In this time of self-isolation, we have proven to be people of faith, not people of the buildings."* Faye commented that she sees Faith Harbor as a shining example of this, and I agree. I am grateful for Faye and for so many of you who continue to be the church in so many ways, even when we are not gathering in a building. When this pandemic is over, may it be truly said of all of us that we were people who kept our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through it all.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND KIDS

To all the Faith Harbor Teachers that are teaching from home so that your students can continue their studies for the school year.

To all Faith Harbor Parents that have become Home Schooling Teachers during this pandemic.

To all Sisters and Brothers who are mentoring each other during this time of home schooling.

To all the Children who are continuing their schooling at home, on-line or from their parents.

WE SOLUTE YOU FOR JOBS WELL DONE!!

- ✓ Teachers have 3 loves: Love of learning, Love of learners, and the love of bringing the first and second loves together.
- ✓ Every child is gifted, they unwrap their packages at different times.
- ✓ A teacher presents the past, reveals the present and creates the future.

✓ One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.

CARRY ON TEACHERS, PARENTS AND KIDS TO THE FINISH LINE!!

**AND GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU IN THIS NEW WAY OF TEACHING AND
LEARNING.**



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

133 Egret Circle,
New Bern, NC 28562

Epiphany School of Global Studies in New Bern, NC.
Attending NCSU this Fall.

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, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Carter, Kathy Clapp, Jan Foster, Pastor Gary Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Marlene Grove,

Gene Harris, Roy Horne, **Joanne**, Donna Johnson, 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, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, Dot Phillips, 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, Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell. Any family member of our members or friends that are in a hot spot for this pandemic.

For those who would like to send your condolences to the daughter of Jeb Paarfus, here is her contact information:

Mindy Boyd
3984 Mill Creek Circle
Pulaski, VA 24301
cell: 540-797-8849

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*

Joyce Arnette advises that daughter Stephanie Hardin is home from the hospital.
Thank you all for your prayers.

Be safe, God Bless each one of you. Love, Joyce

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY



- 2 Isaac Henry
- 7 Gail Ace
- 8 Linda Wells
- 9 Tamara Jones
Jessica Matthews
- 11 Hunt Tayloe
- 17 Sandy Sly
- 18 Oscar Phillips
- 20 DeAnne Chryst
Dawn Frazier
Doug Medlin
- 21 Beth Kane
- 29 Vonda Gardner
- 30 Chaundel Medlin
- 31 Cal Geary

If your name should be on this list please let me know and it will be added. The birthdays are pulled from our membership data base and if your birth date did not get added it will not show up on the list.

Thanks, Judy (secretary@faithharborumc.org.)

NEXT MESSENGER TO BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH
