

MESSENGER MAY 20, 2020



May 21st at 6:00pm Finance Team (watch for reminder and details from Dale Osborn.)

May 28th at 6:00pm Church Council (watch for e-mail from Barbara Poole or Vicki Rivenbark for details and confirmation of the meeting)

TO UMW MEMBERS AND CHURCH MEMBERS

I have received information from the NC Conference regarding the **AGAPE** program. The Conference has asked us to help fund AGAPE for Armenia and Artsakh instead of doing the usual Christmas Shoe Boxes this year. They have enough boxes to give the children for this Christmas, but need funds to keep the program going. These donations would help fund the meager salary for the Director, Nara Melkonyan. Remember she came and shared with our congregation this past year. They also need funds for the children's home, a hospital, a clinic, and an after-school program. Also donations help buy cows, chickens, and garden tools for families.

I would like to suggest to the congregation that it would be nice if we could make a donation at least to what would be spent to fill the shoebox. We have enjoyed doing this ministry each year, so I hope folks would like to participate in a different manner.

The checks can be written to the church, Faith Harbor, and just put **AGAPE** in the memo section. I ask that everyone [respond by June 28 if possible.](#)

Thank you so much,
Anita Phillips, UMW President

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAVID:

Dear Faith Harbor Church Family,

As I described in my email yesterday, we hope to make a decision within the next day or two regarding some form of in-person worship experience this Sunday. One of the things that will help us make that decision is the results of the survey that was included in the email I sent. I want to thank those who have already completed the survey, and invite those who haven't completed it to do so at your earliest convenience. You should be able to complete it in five minutes or less.

In addition to the survey results, our decision will largely be driven by the announcement our Governor makes this evening, and by the subsequent decision from the Town of Surf City. Please pray that all involved will have the wisdom to make the best decisions for everyone concerned.

Please be sure to check your email and our website for news of what we decide.

Grace and peace,
Pastor David

Week of 05-18-2020 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: Help me keep your commandments, Lord Jesus.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 56

M John 15:14-16

T 1 John 2:3-5

W Proverbs 3:1-6

T Colossians 3:16-17

F Luke 11:27-28

S James 1:19-25

Key Scripture: John 14:1: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

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



SYMPATHY is extended to *Johnsie Smith* in the death of her sister, Jackie Wansley last Thursday. May Johnsie feel the peace of God as she grieves the loss of her sister.

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, **Kellie Henry and Family**, Janet Hughes, Gail Kaufmann, Linda Kimrey, Janice Long, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Patsy Mathews, Doug and Sherry Mewborn, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Larry Modlin, Judy Pratt, Nathan Redd, Nancy Smith, Dave and Jill Strohpaal and Kelly Wills.

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

Friends: Sam and Robin Allen, Willie Ray Arnett, Paul Arnett, Al Avant, Jesse Bailey, Rudolph Batts, Rev. Dr. Daniel Sasaro Brewer, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Carole and Blaine, Carter, Kathy Clapp, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Pastor Gary Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Marlene Grove, Gene Harris, Roy Horne, Joanne, Donna Johnson, Major Jones, **Katrina Lolar, daughter of Ava White**, Dr. Jack Kem, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Bill Kirpatrick, Lea, Brenda Leonard, Liza, A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi, Nancy McAloney, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Douglas Mathis for healing after surgery, Ernie Mazzei, Michelle, Monica, **Vann and Ann Moore**, 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, Sister Monique Schwartz, **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.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

20 DeAnne Chryst
Dawn Frazier
Doug Medlin
21 Beth Kane
29 Vonda Gardner
30 Chaundel Medlin
31 Cal Geary



FINANCE REPORT THROUGH APRIL

Finance Report for April 2020 and Year to Date Totals

April Contributions:	\$34,436.96	(\$13,120 was on line giving)
Year to Date Contributions	\$122,076.86	
Year to Date Budget	\$143,978	

Once again we were unable to be in the Sanctuary for services. Even considering this, we are in good financial shape. Our monthly expenses are less due to many of our missions being on hold and our mortgage has become interest only for 3 months, starting May 1st.

Thank you all who continue to support Faith Harbor with mail in and on line contributions. If you have any questions please contact Dale Osborn or Martha Vaughn.

A MESSAGE FROM MELISSA SCHLEINKOFER- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Earlier today I sent out an e-mail to all families with information and lessons for Memorial Day weekend and Pentecost Sunday coming up soon.

Also in this e-mail the following information was provided.

In other news it is with sorrow that we will be ***canceling our VBS for the 2020 year***, "Knights of North Castle, The Quest for the King's Armor". I had purchased materials prior to closures so we will be using it instead for the summer of 2021. We are however hoping to have some sort of community back to school celebration in place of it come August, but as for now we are waiting to see.

Blessings,
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MESSAGE FROM JEWELS SWAIN, YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

Greetings Faith Harbor UMC Family & Friends

Hope this note finds each of you safe and doing well during this stay at home order.

Please see below information about bAsiC (Brothers & Sisters in Christ) Summer Youth events.

I just wanted to give you all an update on the status of the Confirmation Retreat that was canceled in March by the Foundation for Christian Formation and the High School Summer Mission trip that we normally go on in July with the organization Team Effort.

- ❖ The organization that conducts our Confirmation Retreat has rescheduled for the weekend of Sept. 11-13, 2020. More information to come as date gets closer.
- ❖ Next, after much consideration and guidelines from Governor Cooper and from the United Methodist Church's "Modeling for Renewing Face to Face Community & Worship" guide, we have decided to cancel our High School Summer Mission Trip this year. With this being such a "fluid" and ever changing situation with the Covid 19 Pandemic, it wouldn't be prudent to move forward with this type of event at this time. Bishop Ward of the NC UMC recommends that we practice the art of "**mission in place**" and consider types of local mission opportunities sometime after Phase 2 (which would put us at end of June, early July potentially).

I would love us to be able to do some local mission work with our youth and I am looking into possible options for all of our youth (Middle and High School) to participate in when it becomes safe to do so.

These opportunities may need to be offered in smaller groups at different times and/or days as to abide by social distancing guidelines in place at that particular time. Also- If possible, sometime after Phase 2, it would be great to organize some type of Youth Beach Day outing or other outing where we could all see each other, but still be able to spread out in order to observe whatever social distancing is recommended. Of course, your youth's safety & well being is of utmost importance in the planning of any & all potential events. I will be in touch with more information soon about any upcoming mission opportunities or events.

Also, If you have any suggestions about creative ways for our youth group to participate in Local missions or other ideas, please feel free to contact me. Until then, may God continue to bless you and keep you all in his care. Many thanks for your ongoing love and support for our youth and their families! 😊

Grace & Peace,
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