

MESSENGER JULY 15, 2020

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I pray that all of you are staying safe and well and reasonably comfortable during these hot summer days! This will be just a short note to make sure you are aware of some upcoming opportunities to study God's word, worship our Lord and stay connected to our church family.

Tonight at 7 we will continue our Bible study on the Book of Ruth. Tonight's session will be on Ruth chapter 2 and it will be led by our ministerial intern Tony Mayotte. Tony will begin the session with a review of chapter one, so even if you were not able to participate last week, you are welcome to join tonight. [This link](#) will allow you to access the Zoom meeting. Please try to join the meeting a few minutes before 7 in case there are any issues with connecting.

If you were able to view this past Sunday's online worship service you know Tony did a great job of preaching the message for that day. This Sunday our ministerial intern David Kim will be preaching and I am confident his message will be excellent as well. I will send the worship service via email and upload it to our website by late Saturday.

On Sunday morning at 9:20 we will continue our outdoor worship on the church lawn, weather permitting. Please watch your email inbox and our website for any updates.

Among the many persons in our extended church family needing prayer are Kelly Glass who is recovering from a stroke, Glenn Luisi who is still in the hospital recovering from abdominal surgery, Ray Blackburn who is having surgery tomorrow for a hemorrhaging blood vessel in his eye, Beth Kane who will be having a follow-up to a mammogram showing some changes, Beth Matthews who is facing back surgery, Nancy Merlino who is facing hip replacement surgery, as well as Dave Strohpaal, Jim Graziano, Ed Drudge, Chris Carroll, Colin Campbell and many more. Please see the inside of the Messenger for our complete prayer list.

May our Lord, who knows every detail of our lives, touch each person on our list and in our hearts at their point of greatest need and provide just what is needed to bring them comfort, peace and healing according to his perfect will.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor David

Week of 07-13-2020 Scripture Card

Centering Prayer: Lord, teach me to love and to follow your words of instruction for living.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119 (consider reading 30 verses or so each day)

M Colossians 3:16-17

T Hebrews 4:12-13

W Job 23:12

T James 1:22-25

F 2 Timothy 3:14-17

S Psalm 119:47-48 **Key Scripture: Psalm 119:97 – O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.**

PRAYER CONCERNS Members Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Tom Bradford, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, Frank Carroll's family in death of his niece, Ed Drudge, Cal and Diane Geary, Jim and Faye Graziano, Stephanie Hardin, Kellie Henry and Family, Hilliary Horne, Gail Kaufmann, Linda Kimrey, Janice Long, **Glenn and Terri Luisi**, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Doug and Sherry Mewborn, Nancy Merlino, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Larry Modlin, Alma Osborn, Judy Pratt, **Christine Redmond**, Nancy Smith, **Dave and Jill Strohpaal**, and Kelly Wills, and Mary Lynn Wood.

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

Friends: Robin Allen and family, **Willie Arentte**, The Family of Victoria Baily Rudolph Batts, Rev. Dr. Daniel Sasaro Brewer, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, **Colin Campbell, Allison's Brother**, Candie, Kathy Carlston, **Chris Carroll**, Carole and Blaine, Carter, Chimer Clark, Kathy Clapp, **Eddie**, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Pastor Gary Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, **Eunice Gillis, Pastor David's Mother with some health issues, Kelly and Amy Glass**, Marlene Grove, Gene Harris, Roy Horne, Leslie Irving, Joanne, Donna Johnson, Major Jones, Katrina Lolar, daughter of Ava White, **Beth Kane**, Cameron Kane, recovering from covid-19, Dr. Jack Kem, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Brenda Leonard, **Leona**, Liza, A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi, Nancy McAloney, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Wendy Mason, Douglas Mathis for healing after surgery, **Beth Matthews**, Ernie Mazzei, Michelle, Monica, Vann and Ann Moore, Sarah Moyer, Nathan, Sherri Nelson, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, Dot Phillips, Penny, Bobby Phillip's niece, Denise, Jimmy Platts, Roberts, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Jonathan Sloan, Katrina Seferyn, **Allison Sutton, covid-19**, Maria Sutton, Matt Sweeney, Sister Monique Schwirtz, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, , Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell.

ADDRESS INFORMATION for **Terri and Glenn Luisi**... (When Glenn is released from the hospital and rehab they will return to Banner Elk, NC. Address below.)

3897 Andy Hicks Rd.
Banner Elk, NC 28604

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP is starting again on Wednesdays at 11 am - 12pm and is open to anyone who would like to join us in the sanctuary. Social distance and masks are required to be safe and respectful. People can come whenever they like and have the time.

We are using the book "To Busy Not To Pray" by Bill Hybells and starting on Chapter 3.

Hope to see many of you next week for a calming hour of study and prayer that we may be more centered at this time of staying home and social distancing.



- 1 Casey Tayloe
Jolene Ward
- 2 Airlie Passingham
- 3 Deanna Taylor
- 4 Bernie Poole
- 5 Thomas Gardner
- 6 Frank Tarbell
- 9 Carroll Greene
David Menzies
- 10 Duane Brown
Martha Marlow
- 11 Kirk Binning
- 12 Jim Selby
Jim Vaughn
- 13 Larry Modlin
- 14 Jamie Canady
- 15 Layne Lockamy
- 18 Colin Rice
- 19 Henry Jackson
Tambra Moore
- 20 Owen Williams
- 21 Mike Kane
Glenn Luisi
- 24 Kathy Cantrell
Marsha Ray
- 25 Todd Bizzell
Victoria Cooney
- 26 Chris Medlin
- 27 Lyle Butler
- 29 Elizabeth Garner
- 31 Emily Frazier

HARBOR DISTRICT NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE.



Time with Tara:

Rev. Tara Culp Lain,
Harbor District Superintendent

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you all. I am grateful to all of you for the kind words of welcome you have shared with me over the past few weeks. Your words are gifts of encouragement, support, affection and peace. I am grateful to be serving with you. I am grateful that you continue to sow seeds in your communities, offering Christ in the parking lot, from your home via Facebook and YouTube, from sanctuaries dotted with people sitting in “foreign” pews. You are persevering through a time that truly IS foreign and unknown territory.

This Sunday’s lectionary includes [Psalm 119:105](#) and these familiar words: “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” I think of the old familiar [Amy Grant song](#) whenever I hear these words. I used to think about a flashlight when I would hear them, a light shining bright, illuminating a walkway with darkness all around. Today, I hear these words differently. We are in the midst of a time in which no one knows the outcome. Our best scientists have learned some short term answers, but not all. No one knows the long term effects for those who contract the coronavirus or for our communities who are trying to function in midst of pandemic. We are walking, at best, through a haze where we can’t see and don’t know when it will clear.

And yet, we find our hope is ever in Christ Jesus. We are placing our trust in Christ as we navigate these days! The Light to our path is not a narrow beam only showing **us** the way but a warm radiant source which encourages growth and offers grace for all people. Sermons and ministry have indeed moved beyond the walls! People are searching for hope and light now more than ever. I pray you will continue to offer God's word as a bright beam and beacon of hope to the community in which you live and the online community which you now serve as well. Thank you for shining the Light brightly, like a wide, bright searchlight, bringing all people into the great hope we share as children of God. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Peace,

Tara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETING –

Thursday, July 16, 6:00pm : Finance Committee

Saturday, July 18, 10:00am Trustees

Monday, July 20 , 6:00pm SPRC

Thursday, July 2, 6:30pm Leadership - Zoom meeting

APARTMENT RENTAL NEEDED - One of our longtime members has just been notified to vacate his apartment of 10 years due to the sale of property. If you have or know of a small apartment on the ground floor please contact him at 910-231-1005. He is a non-smoker and non-drinker. Thank you.

ALSO NEEDED..... Jewels's mother is in need of a Used Washer and/or Dryer in working condition for the new apartment she has moved to with her nephew. Jewels and Seth can pick it or them up and deliver them to her apartment. If you can help with this need please contact Jewels at Julietswain@hotmail.com

SHARE THE TABLE NEEDS....Back in Feb. we started different groups Adopting A Shelf at Share the Table and **Faith Harbor is to do condiments.** We need donations of ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressings, oils, sugar, flour etc. Bring them to the church or STT location.

Thanks, Dawn Ellis

Finance Report for June 2020 and Year to Date Totals

June contributions	\$ 22,907.50 including \$7035 on line
Year to Date Contributions	\$180,832.50
Year to Date Budget	\$215,967.

Many of our budgeted expenses continue to be temporarily eliminated or significantly decreased . Contributions for June are approximately \$ 13,000 less than May.

As Pastor David has discussed in the Wednesday Messenger we are collecting funds to purchase on line streaming equipment so necessary in these times of social distancing and for future needs. Through July 5th we have collected \$1650.00 of the expected costs of \$13,000.

Any questions contact Dale Osborn or Martha Vaughn

THIS IS PAID FOR THANKS TO DONATIONS IN THE PAST YEAR.

OUR NEW VAN/BUS. IT IS IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT IF YOU WANT TO SEE IT.

