

MESSENGER JULY 1, 2020

Dear Faith Harbor Family and Friends,

Kim and I are thanking God today for the birth of our granddaughter Colette Anne King, who came home with her mom and dad today, and for the love and support of our church family during this very special time in our lives. Thank you so much for all of the expressions of love and congratulation that we have received from you. We have not been able to respond to all of them but we have read them all, and we appreciate each one.

When we left home 2-1/2 weeks ago we had no idea that we would be away so long. As COVID-19 has done in so many other areas of all of our lives, it altered our plans by forcing repeated postponements of our daughter-in-law's scheduled induction. Yet like many of us can also say of our experience with COVID-19, we have been blessed with the gifts of unexpected extended time with family and loved ones.

I am exceedingly grateful for all those in our church who have carried on and covered for me while we have been away. Our plans are to stay a day or two longer here in Austin before heading back to Surf City. As much as we have enjoyed being here, we will be very glad to be back home.

In the meantime, I need to postpone for another week our online Bible study on the Book of Ruth. We will also extend the suspension of our outdoor worship service for another week. I would very much like to resume that service on Sunday July 12th, if we feel that we can safely do so. Please check your emails and our website for further information. We will of course continue offering our online Sunday service each week.

Please remain in prayer for Glenn Luisi who is in Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem receiving care and awaiting further test results to determine the type and extent of the cancer he is battling. Please also pray for Dave Strohpaal who continues to suffer from severe back pain. He is in New Hanover Hospital. Jim Graziano was scheduled to be moved today to a rehab unit at New Hanover Hospital as he continues to recover from COVID-19. There are many other persons on our prayer list which can be found inside this Messenger. Thank you as always for your faithfulness in praying.

I hope to see you all soon! Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July weekend.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

[See page 4 for an introduction of our new superintendent for the Harbor District.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED GETTING IT WITH THE WORSHIP SERVICE E-MAIL

Week of 06-29-2020 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: Lord, help me show my love for you and trust in you by my obedience to you.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 40

M Proverbs 3:5-8

T Jeremiah 17:7-8

W Psalm 37:1-6

T John 1-6

F John 15:13-16

S Psalm 33:18-22

Key Scripture: John 14:15 – “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”



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, Nancy Smith, **Dave and Jill Strohpaul**, 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, Candie, Kathy Carlston, **Chris Carroll**, Carole and Blaine, Carter, Chimer Clark, Kathy Clapp, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Pastor Gary Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Marlene Grove, Gene Harris, Roy Horne, Leslie Irving, Joanne, Donna Johnson, Major Jones, Katrina Lolar, daughter of Ava White, **Cameron Kane,covid**, Dr. Jack Kem, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Brenda Leonard, **Leona**, 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, **Bobby Phillip's niece, Denise**, Jimmy Platts, Roberts, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Jonathan Sloan, Katrina Seferyn, **Allison Sutton, covid**, Maria Sutton, **Matt Sweeney**, Sister Monique Schwirtz, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, , Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell.



- 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.

By way of her own letter, here is an introduction to our new District Superintendent,
Tara Lane!

She has most recently served at Trinity UMC and Oleander UMC in Wilmington, and has been deeply involved in our conference Youth Programs. While we sadly say “good-bye” to Edie Gleaves (now serving Ocean View UMC), we rejoice in welcoming Tara to her new position of leadership in our district!

Here are Tara’s words of greeting!

“Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Harbor District Superintendent! Thank you for the words of welcome so many of you have shared. I look forward to finding creative ways for us to meet and get to know one another as we continue in ministry together.

I would like to say thank you to you, all the pastors and laity, who continue to design wonderful new ways to communicate and worship with your congregations during this unique time of mission and ministry. This is not an easy time to navigate! You are doing amazing work in reaching congregations and communities during this time of quarantine and home based worship. I look forward to seeing you online, with links to pre-recorded services and, one day, from the church sanctuary.

This week I have been thinking about the word “*go.*”

Maybe I am rebelling against the message of “*stay*”

or maybe this idea of staying has also inspired new ways to go! This week I am going into a new position, trying something new. Many of you are going into new churches, some have new homes to move into and all of us go with curiosity into a new appointment year. United Methodists are going and on the move each June! At the end of weekly worship, we offer a benediction to our congregations that often include the ***Christian command to “go”***:

Go make of all disciples, go make a difference in the world, go in peace. We encourage everyone to go - go beyond the church walls, go out into the world, go and take the name of Jesus with you. We want God’s word and the love of Christ to ripple out to the community, to not simply stop at the door to - - go!

Pastors and congregations are going and trying something new, going to meet the needs of others, going online to offer discipleship and teaching. *Going is welcoming and invitational.*

The gospel text for June 28th week says, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me” (Matt 10:40-42). I’m grateful to you for going, sharing a welcoming spirit in this new way to “church,” going with Christ. I look forward to going with you on this journey in the Harbor District and beyond.

Welcome to a new year together. Go in peace.” By Tara Lane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETING --SPRC-Monday, July 20 @ 6:00 PM

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.

Opportunity to help local businesses:

The Covid-19 Pandemic has hit Holly Ridge businesses particularly hard. The Holly Ridge Pandemic Response Fund has been established by a group of concerned citizens with the support of Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development and approval from the Holly Ridge Town Council. The fund's goal is to provide immediate financial assistance to Holly Ridge businesses that have been affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Businesses may apply to receive grants from the fund so long as they meet the following criteria:

- 1) Have been negatively impacted by a government mandate due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 2) Are independently owned and operated in greater Holly Ridge;
- 3) Are not nationally associated in their field of operation;
- 4) Shall use funds to either help (a) care for its employees/workers or (b) pay ongoing business expenses.

Donations may be made to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/holly-ridge-pandemic-response-fund>