

## MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This Sunday in our reading from Matthew's Gospel, we will hear a parable of Jesus known as the Parable of the Two Sons. The parable is a story of two brothers who are each instructed by their father to go and work in the father's vineyard. One son says he will, but then he doesn't; the other son says he will not, but then he does.

The parable is an illustration of two ways that people respond to Jesus, and it should cause us all to reflect on our own response to Jesus. Are we like the first son and give only lip service to following Jesus? Are we like the second son and follow Jesus only after initially refusing to do so? Maybe you would say your response to Jesus is not like either of the two sons, and that might be a good thing, since both sons' responses leave something to be desired. To hear more about this, please plan to attend or listen to our worship service this Sunday!

I mention this as a way to invite you to reflect on the Scripture readings that you will find elsewhere in this Messenger. Before COVID, we inserted the weekly Scripture readings in the form of a card in each week's worship bulletin. Although we are back worshipping together at 9:20 on Sundays, we are not currently printing bulletins, so we provide the Scripture readings in the Weekly Messenger instead. The Scripture readings are a way for us to reflect on what we heard in church the previous week. The readings continue the theme of the Sunday Scripture and sermon. For example, the readings for this coming week will be about our response to God. I encourage you to incorporate the Scripture readings into your daily practices of devotion and prayer.

Speaking of encouragement and practices of devotion, I would also like to encourage you to participate in the study called "Experiencing God" that begins next Tuesday at 6:30 PM. I wrote about this in last week's Messenger and in a separate email I sent today, so I won't go into any more detail here, but if you have questions or need additional information about "Experiencing God," please let me know.

*Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24-25).*

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

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### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE for Cal Geary will be held at Faith Harbor on Saturday, September 26th at 1:00 PM. Please keep Diane and all of Cal's loved ones in your prayers.**

**Members** Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, Frank Carroll, Ed and Rebecca Drudge-Ed is now in Hospice Care, Diane Geary and Family, Jim and Faye Graziano, Stephanie Hardin, Courtney Kane, Beth Kane and her father, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Janice Long Terri Luisi and Family, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Becki Modlin, Larry Modlin, Alma Osborn, Judy Paliotti and Jency, Virginia Platts, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaal, Alice Williams, Kelly Wills.

**Military:** Joe Fraley, Sg. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray- John and Marsha Ray's Grandson, Anthony Ripley, David Ritz.

**Friends:** Willie Arnette, **Kim Audet**, Rev. Dr. Daniel Sasaro Brewer, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Colin Campbell, Allison's Brother, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, **Children**, Chimer Clark, Kathy Clapp, Eddie, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Pastor Gary Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Roy Horne, Leslie Irving, Joanne, Donna Johnson, Dr. Jack Kem, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Brenda Leonard, Liza, A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi, Nancy McAloney, Andrea ( Ann) Maready, Beth Matthews, Ernie Mazzei, Ed Minnich, Michelle, Monica, Sarah Moyer, Nathan, Sherri Nelson, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, **Parents**, Dot Phillips, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Ronnie and Tona- Covid-19, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Jonathan Sloan, Katrina Seferyn, Allison Sutton, covid-19, Maria Sutton, Don Sweeney, Sister Monique Schwartz, **Teachers**, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, , Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell.

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***The Tenth Anniversary of the Harbor Thrift Store is recognized this month.***

We are surely blessed for the success enjoyed over the past ten years and appreciate all the volunteer clerks, warehouse workers, and faithful customers who make this success possible.

More importantly, we recognize that this success would not be possible without the generosity of the many donors of household furnishings, quality children's clothing, serviceable linens, home décor items, classy jewelry and seasonal decorations.

In reflection of this success, over the first seven years of operation the Harbor Thrift contributed \$122,000.00 to Faith Harbor United Methodist Church to help stabilize the financial status of the Church.

Also, in 2016 the Harbor Thrift Store made a pledge of \$40,000.00 to Build the Vision ,subsequently paying that pledge in full by 2018.

In 2017 as a ministry under the United Methodist Women the Harbor Thrift Store has continued to contribute all available funds for a variety of programs supporting women and children; with the

primary agency being, Methodist Home for Children. Presently, the Harbor Thrift continues to support the Methodist Home For Children in addition to redirecting funds to several local programs, Mercy Abounds, Share The Table and Back Pack Kids Food needs and School Supplies.

Currently, the Thrift Store warehouse is almost bare, **we need donations** of all sorts : home furnishings, gently used children's clothing and baby equipment. Please no electronics or adult clothing.

The warehouse is open every Monday with Sherry Mewborn (910) 526-2673 being available to accept donations.

**THANKS TO ALL FOR A WONDERFUL TEN YEARS IN OUR LABOR OF LOVE!!!!!!!**

At other times drop off of donations at the warehouse may be made by calling one of our workers to schedule an appointment: Beth Walker (252)213-2240

Jean Hawley (910)330-0760

Sandy Taylor (540)420-6713

Gloria Richardson (704) 804-4909

Store Manager, Jean Hawley

### Finance Report for August 2020 and Year to Date Totals

August contributions	\$34,950.00 including \$8547.00 on line
Year to Date Contributions	\$244,921.45
Year to Date budget	\$287,956.00

The challenge for the live streaming equipment has been met and once we receive an additional \$3100.00 the equipment, installation and all associated costs will have been fully donated.



### ATTENTION – AVAILABLE-----

Handmade assorted cards sold in packs of five for a \$10.

They are located in the Narthex in a white crate on top of the red credenza at the double doors.

- This donation in full will go towards the LIVE streaming equipment.
- Take a peek and support a good and needed cause.

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**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.

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**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP WILL NOW MEET ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00AM IN THE SANCTUARY. BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR MASK.**

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**Week of 09-28-2020 Scripture card**

Centering Prayer: Lord, let my response to you be pleasing to you.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 111

M Matthew 7:21-27

T Luke 14:26-33

W Isaiah 55:7

T Acts 3:19-21

F Romans 12:1-2

S Col. 3:5-10

**Key Scripture:** *Acts 3:19-20 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*

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**AVAILABLE NOW ON AMAZON-**



***What you ask?***

“Topsy” book 2 is published and is available on Amazon.

Price is \$16.99. This is the second book written by our own Nancy McCurtin who is visually impaired. There are a few of book 1 available on the credenza outside the church office. Now the second book is available on Amazon. The set would make a great Christmas or Birthday gift for a child or adult. Check them out. A delightful read especially for those who love and are fascinated by turtles.



# September

## BIRTHDAYS

- 24 Frances Moore
- 26 Will Moore
- 27 Angie Jernigan  
Ava Barnes
- 28 Jean Hawley  
Michael Kauffman  
Scott McArthur



- 1 Sabrina Guy
- 2 Teresa Luisi
- 3 Hunt Tayloe
- 4 Buddy Fowler
- 5 John Pratt
- 7 Kelsey Swain
- 10 Scott Passingham  
Barbara Poole
- 12 Jessica Blackburn  
Parker Burgess
- 13 Lisa Berg
- 15 Becky Moore

- 16 Sheryl Johnson
- 17 Bill Moore  
Greg Holmes
- 18 Faye Decatur  
Jann Tayloe  
Martha Vaughn
- 20 Lou Secary
- 21 Cindy Jester  
Cathy Medlin
- 24 Linda Kimrey
- 27 David Decatur
- 28 Zander Guy
- 29 Jan Jeno  
Roxey Jordan
- 30 Leigh Bizzell  
Sue Medlin Smith