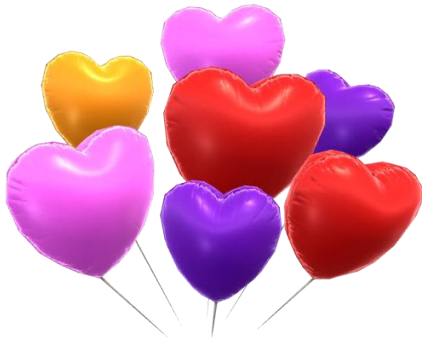


MESSENGER OCTOBER 23, 2020



Dear Pastor David and Kim,

We thank you for your love and service over the past 15 months!

Your Church Family



Thank you Pastor David and Kim for your leadership, friendship and hospitality to us as a staff. We look forward to when we can meet face to face instead of by zoom.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In this Sunday's Gospel lesson (*Matthew 22:34-46*), Jesus responds to a question from a lawyer who asks him to identify the greatest commandment. Jesus identifies not just one but two commandments: love God with all your heart, soul and mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself.

Most of us are familiar with these two commandments, but we often feel like we fail at keeping them. I believe our feelings of failure come from the fact that we make these two greatest commandments more complicated than they need to be. We make them complicated primarily because we confuse feelings with actions. We Christians get discouraged by these commands because we don't always feel the way we think we are supposed to feel toward God, toward our neighbors, or toward ourselves.

If we are honest with ourselves, we will admit that we don't always *feel* like we love God. And we certainly don't always have feelings of love toward our neighbors who, let's face it, are often not very lovable. And by the way, Jesus says we are supposed to love our neighbors like we love ourselves... but many of us don't often *feel* like we love ourselves. So what are we supposed to do with these commandments when they so often go against our feelings?

The short answer (you'll have to tune in Sunday for the longer answer!) is to remember that feelings and actions are very different things. Thankfully, we are not commanded to *feel* love toward

God, our neighbors or ourselves; we are commanded to *act* with love. Nobody can always have feelings of love, and God is not primarily interested in our feelings anyway. God is more interested in our actions, regardless of the way we happen to feel.

The most important thing to remember is that, even when we fail to love as we are commanded, God's love for us never changes. Our feelings may come and go, yet even when we are indifferent towards God, God never grows weary of loving us. As promised in Lamentations 3:22:

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end.*

Thanks be to God!
Pastor David

PRAAYER CONCERNS

Sympathy to *John and Lou Wilson* in the death of their daughter Lindsey this past week. May God grant them peace and comfort in this time of loss.

Sympathy to *Lucy Horrell and family* in the death of her husband Harvel on October 20th. Lucy and Harvel were long time members of Faith Harbor. Our love and prayers go out to Lucy and family at this time of loss for them.

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**, Nancy Merlino, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Becki Modlin, Larry Modlin, Alma Osborn, Judy Paliotti and Jency, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaol, 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, Collin, 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 and Tony Horne, Leslie Irving, Joanne, Donna Johnson, Kelly, Dr. Jack Kem, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Brenda Leonard, Liza, A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi, Mary, Mia, Bonnie Hunter's 1 year old Great Granddaughter and Mia's parents, Nate and Sydney, Nancy McAloney, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Beth Matthews, Ernie Mazzei, Ed Minnich, Michelle, Monica, Sarah Moyer, Nathan, Sherri Nelson, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, Linda Parker, **Parents**, Dot Phillips, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Ronnie and Tona- Covid-19, **Stanley and Ruby**, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Jonathan Sloan, Katrina Seferyn, Allison Sutton, covid-19, Maria Sutton, Don Sweeney, Sister Monique Schwirtz, **Teachers**, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, , Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell.

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.



DIAPER DONATIONS?

We are in need of all sizes of diapers and/or monetary donations for the Keep Me Dry program. There is a container at the church for donations of diapers and money.

Thanks for your continued support of this important outreach ministry of Faith Harbor by the United Methodist Women. Any questions contact Kim King, Susan Wieland or Alma Osborn.

Week of 10-26-2020 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: *"Help me, O Lord my God; save me according to your unfailing love." (Psalm 109:26)*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 136

M 1 John: 7 –10

T Micah 7:18

W John 14:21

T Romans 8:35-39

F John 15:12-13

S Romans 5:5-8

Key Scripture: Lamentations 3:22: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.*



Christmas is sneaking up on us and we need to start planning for the **Christmas Craft Fair** and **Church Bazaar**

Saturday December 5th 9am – 2pm.

I will need helpers to set up and tear down, to also help during the fair to help maintain safe distances, so I will be having a meeting with all those interested in helping the week before the fair.

Please contact me if you are interested in being a vendor or would like to help.

Thank you, Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193 jmb@rayblackburn.com

AVAILABLE NOW ON AMAZON- *What you ask?* "Topsy" book 2 is published and is available.



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.

FAN (Faith, Activity and Nutrition) Goals - Please check with your doctor before starting activity

1. Become physically active at a moderate intensity for 150 minutes per week.
2. Eat about 2 cups of fruit and at least 3 cups of vegetables each day. (one cup of raw or cooked vegetables and 2 cups of leafy greens count as one cup)
3. Eat whole grain foods (e.g., oatmeal, whole wheat, brown rice)
4. Eat less fat, especially saturated fat found in processed meats, red meats and baked goods.)
5. Eat less sodium (salt).

The weather has been simply beautiful, friends! Let's all get outside and enjoy it while we can!



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