

MESSENGER OCTOBER 9, 2020

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

That greeting or a version of it has been used by Christians for over 2000 years. Many of the epistles or letters in the New Testament begin with a closely related greeting. I especially want to invite you to think about the word "peace" in that greeting.

I am fairly certain we would all say that peace is something we desire, whether it be a desire for world peace, peace in our nation, peace in our homes, peace in our souls, peace with one another or peace with God. Yet in spite of our desires for peace, peace can be elusive to us. We might be inclined to think that peace is something we have no control over. We might hope that peace will happen in our lives, but we do not know how to make it happen.

Our Scripture passage for this Sunday is Philippians 4:1-9. In this passage, Paul makes the case that we have more of a role in bringing about peace in our lives than we might expect. Paul teaches that the peace of God which passes all understanding is available to us as we focus our minds and hearts on the God of peace. When we train our minds to think on the things of God, then the peace of God will come to us. In other words, peace is a product of what we think.

I invite you to attend worship this Sunday, either in person or virtually, as we consider together this passage and the question, "What are you thinking?" We will be live-streaming the 9:20 service on our website, faithharborumc.org. If you are not able to watch at 9:20, the recording of the service will be archived on the website under "Worship Media."

My prayer for all of us is the same one Paul prayed for the church in Philippi: that the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

PRAYER CONCERNS

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, **Lindsey Fleagle, John and Lou Wilson**, 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, Virginia Platts, **Melissa Schleinkofer**, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaul, 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**, 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, 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.



My Faith Harbor Church Family

I am simply overwhelmed by your outpouring of birthday greetings to me on my 90th birthday. The many beautiful cards, text messages, phone calls and monetary donations to Faith Harbor special programs were so heartwarming and so appreciated, " my cup runneth over".

Each and every one of you are so special to me as we strive to serve our Lord and one another.

I hope that I may continue for many years to be active with our wonderful giving family at Faith Harbor.

Our Lord has truly blessed me so completely and I pray that I am worthy to receive such blessings.

Thank you Faith Harbor Family, I am ever grateful.

Jean Hawley

Finance Report for September 2020 and Year to Date Totals

September Contributions	\$ 26884.12
Year to Date Contributions	\$271805.57
Year to Date Budget	\$323950.50

Thank you for the continued support of the mission and ministry of Faith Harbor UMC.

The Finance Team

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.

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

Week of 10-12-2020 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: Lord, may all my thoughts and meditations be pleasing to you.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 19

M 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
T Philippians 4:4-7
W Romans 12:1-2
T Ephesians 4:17-24
F Colossians 3:1-10
S Philippians 4:8-9

Key Scripture: *2 Corinthians 10:5*

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.



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 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.



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| 2 | Teresa Luisi | 17 | Bill Moore |
| 3 | Hunt Tayloe | | Greg Holmes |
| 4 | Buddy Fowler | 18 | Faye Decatur |
| 5 | John Pratt | | Jann Tayloe |
| 7 | Kelsey Swain | | Martha Vaughn |
| 10 | Scott Passingham | 20 | Lou Secary |
| | Barbara Poole | 21 | Cindy Jester |
| 12 | Jessica Blackburn | | Cathy Medlin |
| | Parker Burgess | 24 | Linda Kimrey |
| 13 | Lisa Berg | 27 | David Decatur |
| 15 | Becky Moore | 28 | Zander Guy |
| | | 29 | Jan Jeno |
| | | | Roxey Jordan |
| | | 30 | Leigh Bizzell |
| | | | Sue Medlin Smith |