

MESSENGER
NOVEMBER 27, 2020

Thanksgiving Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I pray that you all had a safe and peaceful Thanksgiving celebration, in whatever ways you were able to celebrate Thanksgiving this year. Now that the official holiday is over, I pray that we might continue in a spirit of gratitude for God's goodness to us, even as we turn our attention to preparing for Christmas.

In the church we begin the Christmas season with Advent, a word that means "coming" or "arrival." Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparing for both the celebration of the birth of Christ and for the return of Christ at His Second Coming. Our Scripture readings for each of the Sundays in Advent point to His coming as a baby, and to His coming again at the end of all things as King of kings and Lord and lords.

This Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, we will have a traditional Hanging of the Greens worship service at 9:20 AM. The sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas, and we will reflect together on why we go to the trouble of all of that decorating in the first place. We will learn about the symbolism behind the various decorations that are traditionally used in the season of Christmas, and explain how those decorations point us to Christ.

The Hanging of the Greens service includes readings by several members of our congregation, as well as sung congregational responses to each reading. I hope you will plan to join us for this beautiful, traditional and interactive service of worship that begins the new church year and prepares the church for the season of Christmas. If you are not able to attend in person, please plan to watch a live-stream of the service on our website, faithharborumc.org. You will be able to download an order of service on our website to help you follow along. Simply click on the box that says "WORSHIP SERVICES" and you should easily find everything you need to help you worship with us.

As we enter into this holy season together, may God bless us and keep us safe, and may every heart prepare Him room.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David



DECORATING THE CHURCH AND SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT

We will have our tree on Saturday November 28th (Thank you Shade for picking it up and delivering it to the church).

We **NEED VOLUNTEERS** on that day to help decorate the church and Sanctuary.

Here is what we need to do and we require anyone helping to wear their mask and we will social distance as best we can. The more helpers the better and we will start around 10:00 am.

- ❖ Put the lights and Chrismons on tree.
- ❖ Advent Wreath , Wreaths and Candles in windows.
- ❖ Set up our large Nativity scene.

Remember how beautiful it was last year. We are so blessed to have it.

Any questions contact Suzanne Fussell, chairperson of Worship and Planning Team.



Yes, we will have poinsettias in the Sanctuary Dec. 13th through Christmas Eve. The Worship Planning Team has ordered 36.

If you would like to pay for one of these plants to honor or remember a loved one at Christmas the cost this year is \$10.

You may put your check/cash in the offering plate, just mark it for poinsettias or pay online, just be sure to indicate for poinsettia.

You may pick your plant up after the Christmas Eve service.

They are on a **"first come-first serve"** basis this year.

Send the information of whom you are honoring or remembering to Judy at secretary@faithharborumc.org. The information will be compiled and put in the Messengers on December 11th and 18th.

So the **DEADLINE** to provide this information is Monday, December 14th.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK

Due to the pandemic this year we are trying to distribute the booklets.

Melissa Schleinkofer will distribute some to the families with kids in our Children's Ministry.

Jewels Swain will distribute some to her youth to share with their families.

Judy and Pastor David are mailing some to our shut-ins and homebound families.

There may be a few left at the church for those attending Sunday to get 1-per family.

We tried to order some more and found that they are not available at this time.

HOWEVER – The devotional as an e-book can be purchased at Cokesbury for \$1.29.

If you want one go to Cokesbury.com and order it. The item number is 9781791001704. It is called Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2020 by Jenny Smith.

You may also call Cokesbury at 1-800-672-1789 to place your order.

This devotional grounds us with daily reminders of God's love as we navigate the busy weeks leading to the birth of Jesus, the light of the world. A Bible scripture, a message and closing prayer for each day through Advent will remind us that *"Love is on the way. It's becoming one of us. Are we ready to receive it?"*

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.**



Harbor Thrift Store will open a **Christmas Shop.**

NOW OPEN.....thru December 23rd.

The shop will be located by the Harbor Thrift Store at Coral Ridge Station. The shop will have the same hours as Harbor Thrift with purchases paid for at Harbor Thrift. Hours are Wednesday - Friday 10 to 4 and Saturday 10 - 2.

Come shop with us.



Dear Faith Harbor Church Family,

It is the time of year when we think about thanking our Pastor and Staff for all that they have done over the past year. Certainly, 2020 has been a difficult year, and our church staff has worked hard to meet the challenges of offering meaningful worship and church ministries throughout these times.

Our annual **LOVE OFFERING** to our staff is our gift of appreciation for all their efforts in serving us throughout the year. Please be in prayerful contemplation about your gift. Love Offerings will be collected beginning this Sunday, November 22, 2020 until the end of the year. You may:

- Mail a check to the church office, marked LOVE OFFERING
- Give on-line and designate LOVE OFFERING
- Place an envelope (marked LOVE OFFERING) in the offering plate

Thank you for your loving generosity,

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Week of 11-30-2020 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: *Lord, help me to be prepared for Your Coming.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 22

M Micah 5:2-5

T Hebrews 10:22-25

W Isaiah 9:1-7

T Revelation 1:4-8

F 1 Peter 4:7-11

S Revelation 22:12-16

Key Scripture: *Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Members Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, **Harriet Byrd**, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, Frank Carroll, Rebecca Drudge, Carol Franklin, Diane Geary, Jim and Faye Graziano, Stephanie Hardin, Courtney Kane, Beth Kane and her father, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Janice Long Terri Luisi, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Nancy Merlino, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Becki Modlin, Larry Modlin, Teri Ragan ODriscoll, Judy Paliotti and Jency, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaal, Kelly Wills.

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

Friends: Barbara Rummel's mom and Martha Marlow's mom, Christine, Willie Arnette, Kim Audet, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Colin Campbell, Candie, Collin, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, **Children**, Chimer Clark, Kathy Clapp, **Bill Dirk and Teresa**, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Judy Hoopes, Roy and Tony Horne, Donna Johnson, Kelly, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Brenda Leonard, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren and Martha, Doreen Luisi, Sandy McVickers, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Ernie Mazzei, Ed Minnich, Michelle, Monica, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, **Parents**, Dot Phillips, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Todd Rice, Stanley and Ruby, Tania Roth, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Jonathan Sloan, Katrina Seferyn, Maria Sutton, Don Sweeney, Sister Monique Schwirtz, **Teachers**, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, **Bob True**, Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell.



Calling all Green Thumbs!!! Faith Harbor UMC Adopt a Flower Bed Program

We still need volunteers!!



In an effort to clean up the Church grounds and keep them looking “spiffy” all year long, the Trustees would like to ask for volunteers to adopt a flower bed. The idea is that you pick the flower bed you would like to care for and then you keep it free of weeds all year long; spread mulch when needed and trim back any bushes that might need a haircut!

Mulch will be provided by the church. All you need to do is spread it about once a year. A designated place will be provided where you can deposit weeds and clippings. You can do this anytime you like – mornings, evenings, weekends, whatever best suits your schedule. We are hoping for our church grounds to look beautiful all year long.

We have 13 beds that need to be taken care of, 5 of which have already been claimed. If you are interested, please contact Doug Munjas at damunjas@gmail.com and we can make sure you are all ready to get your hands dirty and green!

CALLING ALL CDL DRIVERS

(OR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE ONE!)

Our new church bus requires that the driver has a Commercial Driver's License with a passenger endorsement. If you have a CDL or you would be willing to get one, and you would be willing to be on a team of drivers, please contact Shade, Jewels or Pastor David. The church will reimburse all expenses associated with procuring a CDL for anyone who volunteers to drive the bus for church functions.

Pastor David King
Faith Harbor United Methodist Church
919-637-2245

Finance Report for October 2020 and Year to Date Totals

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| October contributions | \$29,353.00 |
| Year to Date Contributions | \$301,158.57 |
| Year to Date Budget | \$359,945.00 |

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Faith Harbor.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

***Sunday, Nov. 29th~** No youth group meetings due to Thanksgiving w-end

***Sunday, Dec. 6th** at the 9:20am Service~ Confirmation Sunday

Sunday evening, Group A (Older High Schoolers & Older Middle Schoolers) meet from 5-6:30pm for Christmas lesson & Party!

***Sunday, Dec. 13th~**

Group B (Younger High Schoolers & also Younger Middle Schoolers-that includes 6th graders and Confirmation group) meet from 5-6:30pm for Christmas lesson & Party!

***No youth meetings over Christmas/Holiday break.**

*****Regular Youth group meetings resume again on January 10th, 2021 with Group B.**

If you should have any questions about any of our Youth Programs, please contact Jewels Swain, FHUMC Youth Coordinator at 910-232-9844.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Peace be with you, Jewels

Faith Activity Nutrition (FAN) Spotlight

I had the privilege of working with Melissa Schleinkofer and the children Wednesday evening during Jr. BASIC. Friends, she has embraced the FAN program completely. FAN encourages us as a church to incorporate healthy foods into our meals. The children had vegetable spaghetti (the spaghetti included 25% vegetables) and meatballs, fresh vegetables with ranch dip, applesauce and garlic bread. Their meal with nutritious, delicious and beautiful to the eye! The children also enjoyed a mini cupcake and small cup of ice cream! Great job, Melissa!

Let's all strive to incorporate healthy alternatives to our meals and step up our exercise!

Have a great week, friends!

Kim King



- 26 Gail Kaufmann
Harley Taylor
- 27 Steve Cooney
Faye Graziano
Janet Hughes
- 28 Melanie Duddy
Steve Wells
- 29 Judy Pratt
- 30 Isla Butler

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December

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kelly Byrd
Will Jones
Thelma Smith
- 3 Marion Shade
- 4 Hayden Arnold
Leslie Jones
Neal McHenry
- 5 Liam Lozano
- 6 Sherry Sliwa
- 7 Sam Snyder
- 8 JoAnn Rivenbark
Savannah Paliotti
- 9 Bill Widholm
- 10 Mel Greene
Carl Ward
- 13 Britney Lozano
- 14 Sandi Lowry
Doug Mewborn
- 15 Humphrey Gardner
Harriet Rice
Chuck Strickland
- 16 Kenny Burgess
Judy Paliotti
- 17 David Henry
- 21 Robert Barnes
Sonya Burgess
- 24 Duke Lackey
- 25 Alex Harris
- 26 Alexis Passingham
- 29 Jill Strophaul
- 31 Elizabeth Perry Chase Smith