# **MESSENGER JANUARY 22, 2021**

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

I have heard from several of you who told me it is important for you to have the opportunity to engage in a group Bible study early in this new year. I couldn't agree more! I mentioned last week that we would be offering several opportunities to participate in Bible studies in the near future. I am pleased to announce that the first opportunity will be a Zoom Bible study on the Letter of Jude beginning this Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be a three-week study. We will begin each week at 6:45 PM. We will make every effort to end each meeting in one hour. I will be sending via email an invitation to join the Zoom meeting for each session. The invitation will also be posted on our website, faithharborumc.org.

Jude is one of the shortest books in the Bible, but it is packed with wisdom. I believe it has much to teach us in these current times. We will not be using a video, study guide or booklet to correspond with the study; all you will need is your Bible. A good study Bible will be especially helpful. I highly recommend the English Standard Version study Bible, but whatever translation you have will be fine. We will be going through Jude verse by verse, and sometimes even word by word, to allow us to glean as much as we can from this letter written by one of the brothers of Jesus. I hope many of you will be able to join us via Zoom for this study.

Our study of Jude will take us right up to the day before *Ash Wednesday*, the first day in the season of Lent. We are making plans to have an Ash Wednesday service at the church, with modifications from our usual and customary Ash Wednesday practices for purposes of safety. Then we will be offering a churchwide Lenten study with opportunities for either in-person or virtual (Zoom) participation. This will be a six-week study that will conclude just before Easter. The dates and times of this study are yet to be determined. We plan to offer several sessions to encourage maximum participation. You will be hearing more details as we grow closer to Lent.

Whether we meet virtually or in-person (with masks and spacing), I am very grateful for these opportunities we will have to study the Bible together. In these troubling and challenging times, we need the guidance of the Word of God more than ever. Please plan to join us if you are at all able to do so. I believe you will find it well worth your time and effort. If you need a Bible, or you have any questions, please let me know.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

### Week of 01-25-21 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: Thank you for relentlessly pursuing me, O God.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 23

M Ezekiel 34:11-16

T Psalm 139:7-12

W Luke 15:3-10

T Psalm 119:169-176

F Luke 19:10

S Genesis 3:8-9

Key Scripture: Psalm 23:6 – Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

### A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

# Daily prayers lessen daily cares.

Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. Psalm 119:76

### If you would have God hear you when you pray, you must hear Him when He speaks

I would know the words which He would answer me and understand what He would say unto me. Job 23:5

The Lord speaks in a still, small voice: therefore, it takes a still, quiet heart to hear Him.

1 Kings 19:11-13



*Members* Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Harriet Byrd, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, Frank Carroll, Rebecca Drudge, Dawn Ellis, Carol Franklin, Buddy and Suzanne Fussell, Diane Geary, Jim and Faye Graziano, Stephanie Hardin,

Leslie Jones, Courtney Kane, Beth Kane and her father, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Janice Long Terri Luisi, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, *Anita Phillips,* Teri Ragan O'Driscoll, Judy Paliottti and Jency, JoAnn Rivenbark, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaul, Kelly Wills, *John Wilson-Surgery on 1/28*, and Dean and Sandy Wise-covid.

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

*Friends:* April, Barbara Rummel's mom and Martha Marlow's mom, Christine, Willie Arnette, Kim Audet, Bill and Rachel -covid, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, *Children*, Chimer Clark, Kathy Clapp, Bill Dirk and Teresa,

Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, *Suzanne Fussell's mother*, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, *Lisa Godwin*, Hugh and Melinda Harrison -covid, Judy Hoopes, Roy and Tony Horne, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Lea Jones, Kelly, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Donald Kornegay, Jr.-covid, Barbara Lee, Brenda Leonard, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren and Martha, Doreen Luisi, Tim McCart, Sandy McVickers, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Ernie Mazzei, Ed Minnich, Michelle, Monica, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, *Parents*, Pastor Stephanie, Jack Parrmarcovid, Dot Phillips, *Bobby Phillip's cousin Tommy and family in death of his wife to covid*, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Johnnie M. Powell, Judy Pratt, Todd Rice, Stanley and Ruby, Tania Roth, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Jamie and Sherry Sliwa and their children, Katrina Seferyn, Jonathan Sloan, Jacob Smith,-covid, Family of Patricia Sox, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, Don Sweeney, Sister Monique Schwirtz, *Teachers*, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, and Bill Zell. *And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort and healing*.

# Finance Report for December 2020 and Year to Date Totals

December contributions: \$43,722.54

Year to Date contributions: \$385,778.54

Year to Date Budget: \$431,934

God is good. Faith Harbor is blessed. We have lived through a pandemic since March, paid all our bills, paid apportionments in full, paid our staff in full and kept the ship afloat thanks to so many Faith Harbor members and staff.

Good Job everyone!

We are indeed blessed.

# **HARBOR THRIFT STORE MISSIONS 2020**

Share The Table	\$2.500.00
Methodist Home For Children	2,000.00
Share The Table (Kids Back Pack Food)	1,000.00
Mercy Abounds	1,000.00
FHUMC (Children's Ministry Live Stream)	1,000.00
FHUMC (Youth Ministry Equipment)	1,000.00
CHAPS (Thanksgiving Food)	300.00
CHAPS (Christmas Food)	500.00

### Keep Me Dry(UMW/HARBOR THRIFT DIAPER PROGRAM)453.43

Medonna Hospital 250.00

BACK PACK KIDS (School Supplies) 226.20

Anchor Church (Phillip Chryst) 200.00

### **TOTAL \$10,329.63 GOD IS GOOD!!!**

Thanks to all our hearty volunteers in the warehouse and store, and our generous donors we remained well stocked although COVID-19 closed our doors for two months.

We opened another store ,The Christmas Shop, on November 17th through December 23 which increased our revenues significantly. We are grateful to Lewis Realty for <u>rent free</u> use of Suite D at Coral Ridge Station.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who made the Christmas Store so invitingly beautiful.

# **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Leadership Council** on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm by zoom.

#### YOUTH NEWS .....

Sun., Jan 24th~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm

\*Younger HS Group

\*Younger MS Group- which was the Confirmation group & all current 6th graders

Sun., Jan. 31st~ Group A meets from 5-6:30pm

\*Older HS Group

\*Older MS Group

Just a few reminders about Youth Group~ Please have youth bring and wear their masks to each meeting. If your youth doesn't feel well, please have them wait until they are better to attend their next scheduled (Group A or B) youth meeting. With Covid 19 cases on the rise after the holidays, we want to continue to be cautious and help keep everyone safe and healthy so that we can continue to meet. Thank you for all of your continued support and we look forward to the new year ahead with your youth! If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Wishing you all the Peace of Christ in 2021~

Jewels Swain FHUMC Youth Coordinator 910-232-9844



- 17 Wendy Mooney
- Diane GearyDoug MunjasGail Widholm
- 19 Cam Barnes
- 23 Brittany AudetMary Margaret Cosner
- 25 Buddy Fussell Karlie Holmes
- 26 Judd Schleinkofer
- 28 Madison Rose Jones
- 29 Kyle JerniganBodie Taylor
- 30 Jimmy Canady Porter Olmstead
- 31 Stacy Menzies