MESSENGER JULY 16, 2021

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

I want to provide an update regarding the progress of the addition of two classrooms on the east end of our church building. I especially want to address concerns more than a few of us have about the cost of this project.

When we voted in April to move forward with this addition, the members of our church overwhelmingly approved the use of Build the Vision (BTV) funds to pay for this project. These are funds that have already been raised and that can be used only to build additional church facilities. While the congregational vote did not put a cap on the dollar amount that could be used, there was a perception held by some, including me, that the project would cost somewhere around 300,000 dollars. This was based on the architect's preliminary estimate that the construction cost would be upwards of 300 dollars per square foot for a roughly 1000 square foot addition. What I did not realize is that the estimate of \$300,000 accounted for construction only, not design or several other extra costs that are involved in the overall project delivery. With those extra necessary costs, the total cost of the addition will almost certainly exceed \$300,000. I don't know if anyone voted to approve this project based on hearing me voice, my misunderstanding that the cost would be 300K, but if they did, I sincerely apologize.

The primary concern is that we might have to use far more of the BTV funds than we anticipated, leaving very little "seed money" for the larger addition that we all want to build sometime in the not-too-distant future. It is still my hope and my prayer that we will have a significant amount remaining in the BTV fund after the two new classrooms are built. The reality is that we will not have a good idea of the total cost of this addition until the design phase is executed. The design team is under contract and is proceeding with what will be the full design documents for a formal bid to a select group of contractors. The design is expected to be complete for bidding by Labor Day, with bidding timed for later in the Fall for an eventual construction start in early February.

By early August, there will be a sufficient set of construction plans generated such that we can ask for outside help from contractors and professional contacts/estimators so that a quick outside view concerning constructability and cost could be provided. There is a reasonable chance we will find that the construction cost will be less than the estimate of \$300 per square foot. When we determine to a better level of certainty what the overall project cost is likely to be, we will have better knowledge as to how much of the BTV funds would be exhausted if we were to proceed to construction. We will certainly communicate the total cost estimate as soon as we know it. Once we have this information, the Leadership Team of Faith Harbor will decide on the next steps. Should it be determined that construction be postponed, the design documents we will have paid for could still be used at a later date.

The one thing I know for sure is that if it is the Lord's will for us to build this addition for the sake of furthering His kingdom, it will happen, in His perfect timing! May His will be done!

Peace and blessings, Pastor David Scripture Card July 19, 2021

Centering Prayer: O God, grant me a Christlike spirit of compassion for others.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 103

M 2 Corinthians 1:3-4T Colossians 3:12-13

W Zechariah 10:6

T Matthew 9:35-36

F Isaiah 49:13

S Mark 6:30-34

Key Scripture: Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



9:20 service on August 29th. If interested in taking this training please attend on the 29th.





Childcare Worker position needed for Sunday mornings from 9am to 11am and every other Sunday 9am to 1pm. When Bible studies are offered there will more hours available as well as possible evening hours with the intent of providing childcare for parents wishing to engage in church activities. This is a paid position.

Childcare Worker must be 18 or older; will be required to have a background check and will be trained in Safe Sanctuary Policies.

Childcare worker will work a minimum of two hours each time. Please contact Melissa Schleinkofer @ 484-515-7361 or Debbie Sasser @ 336-213-4297 if you are interested in this paid position.



ACOLYTE TRAINING -

SUNDAY, JULY 25TH AFTER THE 9:20 WORSHIP SERVICE

Any questions contact the church office. At 910 328-4422.



THE APPLE TREE

The Apple Tree is here again, brimming with apples of all colors, just waiting to be picked. And baskets are waiting to be filled with school supplies for the

80+ children in our

Summer SHARE the TABLE M.U.N.C.H. Backpack program.

Backpacks are waiting to be filled. So, you have the option of purchasing items from the apple tree or picking up a list and purchasing all the items found on the list.

Thanks in advance for supporting this community outreach ministry sponsored by the UMW.

Absolute last date to bring school supplies is August 8th.



The



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BAKE SALE

bi-monthly bake sale at our Harbor Thrift Store will be back on Thursday, August 5th after our long break due to Covid-19. Then going forward it will be held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. With our current group, bakers are asked to contribute about 3 times a year.

Money from these sales go into the UMW treasury to be used for local and global missions.

All bakers who have previously agreed to help will be contacted by e-mail with a brief reminder of procedures. We would love to have **NEW VOLUNTEERS** to bake for us for this ongoing project! If interested please contact Sylvia Bowman by e-mail at sylviabowman54@gmail.com or by phone at 910 284-3131.

UMW NEWS

On **Monday, August 2**, there will be a **general meeting** for all women to discuss our plans for Fall, including our plans for our Frozen Entree and Bake Sales in 2021.



SORRY.....DISCONTINUED

We learned this week that our Life Touch Mobile Directory is discontinued. Life Touch is no longer doing Church Photo Directories so they are no longer maintaining the support for a mobile directory.

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So your best means of obtaining members address information etc. is to sign up for Realm. Pastor David did an article about this a couple of weeks ago. SEE BELOW-REPEAT INFORAMTION. You will not have access to anyone's personal giving record.

Many of you previously signed up for Realm when you made an online contribution to the church (although you are not required to join Realm in order to make a contribution). If you have not yet joined Realm but would like to, you can do so by clicking on the MEMBER LOGIN button just to the left of the blue ONLINE GIVING button on the task bar at the top of our <u>website home page</u>. That action will take you to a page that will allow you to either log in or sign up for Realm.

In order to ensure that only members of the Faith Harbor Realm community can access this database, we have made it a closed system. To sign up, you will need to provide your name, email address and phone number, and then click on the blue SEND button. Only persons who are recognized as part of our Faith Harbor family (members and known visitors) will be granted permission to join. This will prevent your personal contact information from being openly publicized through our website. Once you become a member of Realm, you will be able to see the contact information of other members. You will also be able to see a record of <u>only your own</u> personal financial giving to the church.

We hope you will find this to be a beneficial tool and a valuable resource for connecting with our Faith Harbor church family.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

June 2021 Finance Report and Year to Date Totals

June Contributions: \$ 29,380.22 Year to Date Contributions: \$199,377.74 Year to Date Budget: \$211,062.00

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



BIBLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

We have put almost 100 Bibles in the Sanctuary and have 90+ still available for purchase at \$10 each.

Send an e-mail to Judy at secretary@faithharborumc.org with the name of the person you wish to honor or remember and put your \$10 in the offering plate and mark it for BIBLES.

If you do online donations just include with your contribution just be sure to indicate the amount for Bibles.

Thanks for your support of this ministry.

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

Our business in PRAYER is not to prescribe but to subscribe to the wisdom and will of God; refer our case to Him, and then leave it with Him.

Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:5

If you would have God hear you when you pray, you must hear Him when He speaks. The Lord speaks in a still, small voice; therefore, it takes a still, quiet heart to hear Him. 1 Kings 19:11-13.



Sympathy is extended to Tony and Nancy Merlino in the recent unexpected death of their Nephew, Eugene.

Members: Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd, Connie Carroll, Geary, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Hunter Tayloe, and John Wilson.

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

Friends: Paul Arnette, Elizabeth Blair, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Marcus Burnett, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, Children, David, Wes Dunbar, Mary Pharr Erickson, cancer and husband Jae, Beverly Foley, Jan Foster, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Grayson-Cancer, Tara Hall, Grandmother Sue Heavner, Jewel's grandmother, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Kathy-Liver Cancer, Tammy and Nick Kefallinos-covid, Kelly, Janet Durman Kokran, Craig Jenkins, Paulette Kisner, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren, Tim McCart, Ed Minnich, Kaleb Mungas, Rick Nauss, Ruth, Brenda Munjas' mother, Ruth Nordquist, Chuck Osburn, Parents, Dot Phillips, Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Sharon Ray, Todd Rice, The Family of Chester Robinson who died recently, Kyle Rogers, Tania Roth, Katrina Seferyn, Skip and Marcia, Roxanne Smith, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, Sister Monique Schwirtz, Teachers, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Dorothy Ward, and Bill Zell.

And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort and healing.

If there is a name on these prayer concerns that is no longer in need of our prayers please contact Judy at secretary@faithharborumc.org to have the name removed.



17 Lynn Smith

18 Colin Rice

19 Jackson Henry

20 Owen Williams

21 Mike Kane

24 Marsha Ray

25 Todd Bizzell Victoria Cooney

26 Chris Medlin

27 Lyle Butler

31 Emily Frazier

August Birthdays will be in the Messenger next Friday.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC.

Sunday 7/18

8:00 Beach Service

9:20 Worship in Sanctuary

Monday 7/19 Middle School Youth leave for Mission Trip- Keep them in your prayers.

2:00 MABS in Room 6

Tuesday 7/20- 7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

Wednesday 7/21 7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday: 7/22 12:00 Women's AA Group Rm. 6

Friday 7/23 Middle School Youth Return from Mission Trip

8:30 Women's Breakfast/Soundside Park

Sunday 7/25

8:00-8:40 BEACH SERVICE Parking is free before 9:00 am.

9:20 Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Acolyte Training in Sanctuary

That's all for this Friday News.

Have a blessed week!