MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

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

This Sunday in our worship bulletin there will be an insert announcing one of the Bible study opportunities we will be offering at Faith Harbor beginning next month. You will be able to use the insert to indicate your interest in attending this study on either Tuesday evenings or Sundays following the 9:20 service. I wanted to give you a "head ups" so you will be prepared to fill out the insert and place it in the offering plate. We are asking people to indicate their intention to participate by September 28th so that we can properly plan and order materials.

The study is called *Companions in Christ*. Some of you may have participated in a version of it in our church several years ago. *Companions in Christ* is a Bible study and small-group experience in spiritual formation that we will be engaging in this fall and winter. The material in *Companions in Christ* covers a period of 28 weeks divided into five parts or units. The five parts are: 1) *Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ*; 2) *Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ*; 3) *Deepening our Prayer: The Heart of Christ*; 4) *Responding to Our Call: The Work of Christ*; and 5) *Exploring Spiritual Guidance: The Spirit of Christ*. Each unit is either five or six weeks in length. We will plan to cover the first two units this fall and the last three units in the first few months of 2022.

We will offer *Companions in Christ* at two different time slots. Participants may choose to attend on either Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 PM *or* Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM. The Tuesday classes will begin on October 5th and the Sunday classes will begin on October 10th. Childcare will be provided.

For those interested in a study of shorter duration, we will also be offering a four-week study later this fall about keeping the sabbath called 24/6: A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life. Details on the specific dates and times will be provided soon.

I hope many of you will plan to participate in one or even both of these studies, and that by so doing we will grow closer to the Lord and to each other.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Scripture Card September 20, 2021

Centering Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to put others before myself.

Psalm for Week: Psalm 23

- M 1 Corinthians 10:24
- T Matthew 23:11-12
- W Philippians 2:3-4
- T Romans 15:1-2
- F Galatians 6:2-3
- S 1 John 3:16-17

Key Scripture: The greatest among you shall be your servant. (Matthew 23:11)

THRIFT STORE WAREHOUSE APPEAL "MISSING TABLE"

As many of you know the Thrift Store warehouse has a code lock on the door which we have entrusted to a select few people.

We have had to change this code two previous times because too many people shared the code with others, thus, folks were free to "browse around". This "free" use of the code resulted in some missing furniture pieces without notice to store staff.

In checking our inventory this past week we are missing a dark wood 52'X52" table. We are requesting that whoever removed the table from the warehouse please make contact with Jean Hawley (910) 330-0760 or Beth Walker (252) 213-2240 to arrange payment for the table.

We will determine how access to the warehouse in the near future that will be most efficient for our staff and donors. In the meantime, access will be by appointment with store staff.

Thank you for your support of our Thrift Store and the ability to maintain our inventory by adhering to the new policy being put in place.

Jean Hawley and The Thrift Store Board

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

The monthly accounting for August: Aug. Giving: \$36,145.18 YTD giving: \$269,989.51 YTD budget: \$281,416.00 Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Faith Harbor.



In loving memory of Gail Llewellyn Kaufmann we will be gathering to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh, to cry and remember a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.

We will gather together on <u>Saturday November 20, 2021</u> at 12 noon at the home of Bob and Jan Reid, 119 White Heron Cove Road, Hampstead, NC. Attire: Comfortable.

Please RSVP by October 15th to Mike Kaufmann at (908) 892-0777 text.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thanks to all who contributed frozen entree and baked good items, and to those who purchased those items.



It was a sell out and the UMW made a little over \$600 which will greatly help toward our goal of supporting The Methodist Home for Children and other missions.

We are hopeful of having another sale in December 2021. We will keep you posted.



Bill and I deeply appreciate all the love and prayers we have been showered with during this recovery from hip replacement. It came as a huge surprise and was unexpected but the surgeon said it went well.

I am overwhelmed with the Christian love of Faith Harbor and its members. Prayers, cards and meals gave us such a huge lift. We are truly blessed being part of this church family.

God is good and He has beloved helpers. May God continue to bless you and my prayer is to be able to pay this forward.

> Peace and Love Gail Widholm

SHARE THE TABLE MINISTRY

On **Sunday, September 19,** at the 9:20 service, there will be a brief presentation of the Share the Table campaign.

Thank you again for your support of this outreach ministry.

MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Join us September 20th for an 8 week study of the Parables of Jesus.

We meet at 2:00pm each Monday in Room 6 at the church.



UPDATE AND NEED –

Thanks to a donation from The Thrift Store we have almost reached our three year commitment. We are shy by \$496.

Any donations to reach this goal will be greatly appreciated.

Please mark your cash or check "For ZOE".



COMING SOON BIBLE STUDY CLASS

There is a registration insert in the bulletin this Sunday for the *Companions in Christ* study. (See David's message for description of this study.)

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keeping the sabbath called 24/6: A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life. Details will be provided soon.

BIBLES AND MORE BIBLES – We have almost reached our goal of 200 Bibles purchased!

Next Friday there will be an attachment to the Messenger with the names of people who have donated Bibles for our Sanctuary. It will include the giver and the person being honored or memorialized.

We have 20 left to be purchased. Purchase them this Sunday and your name can be included in this attachment. <u>Put cash or check in the offering plate and mark it for Bibles</u>. <u>Send Judy an e-mail at</u> <u>secretary @faithharborumc.org with the information for the template</u>. <u>Thanks!</u>

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS :

Hello Middle & High School bAsiC Youth parents!

I hope and pray this email finds each of you and your families doing well lately and getting acclimated to the new school year. Most of you should have already received your welcome back goodie bags via porch drop the last few days with your paperwork in them. After recently meeting with our Youth Council and Pastor David, we have decided to continue to meet in our "Sub Groups" on designated Sundays (similar to how we did it last year) for now. Below is how we would like to arrange our age groups and meetings.

<u>*High School Youth (10th Grade High Schoolers) Group B-1~</u> Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

<u>*High School Youth (All other High Schoolers) Group B-2~</u> Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

<u>*Middle School Youth (Older Middle Schoolers) Group A-1~</u> Meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

<u>*Confirmation Age Youth- younger Middle Schoolers (A separate email was sent out to these youth from Pastor David) Group A-2-</u> Meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

*This is a bit different from last year due to changes in age groups/sizes & youth moving up. I will send out a text to everyone to let them know what "sub group" their youth are in, but basically for the most part- they are with the kids they have always been with because of separation by age/group of kids they started with.

Since we are still dealing with Covid, our thoughts for keeping it this way is to reduce the total number of youth gathering at one time (for example, each Middle school sub group would still meet separately for the lesson part of their meeting on their assigned Sundays). Hopefully by reducing our group sizes with Sub groups and spacing out meetings with those groups, we will be able to continue to gather safely.

Here are Sept. dates for your calendar:

***Sept. 19th**~ Regular Youth group meeting from 5-6:30pm for Older Middle Schoolers Sub group A-1 and Confirmation age youth, Sub group A-2 (Most likely a Parent/Confirmand info. meeting with Pastor David)

***Sept. 26th~** Regular Youth group meeting from 5-6:30pm for High Schoolers in Sub group B-1 and group B-2

A few other things:

*Parents, please fill out the Permission forms and your youth can bring them back on their first meeting date of the month.

* Parents, if any of you are willing to be a <u>Parent Helper or Volunteer</u> to teach 1 time per month, please let me know.

*Please have youth wear their masks for the meetings when we are indoors. We will try to do as much Outdoors as possible, weather permitting. Hand sanitizer will be available at each of our meeting areas.

*If your youth doesn't feel well, we ask that you kindly have them wait until they are better to attend their next designated Sunday meeting.

*I'll resume sending the bAsiC youth monthly updates, texts, etc.

I know this is a lot of information and if you should have any questions, as always feel free to contact me directly. I am looking forward to seeing you and your youth(s) very soon!

Until then, stay well friends! 🙂

Peace & Grace, Jewels Swain FHUMC Youth Coordinator (910)232-9844

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS..... ALL IMPORTANT..... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Children's Church	we have resumed our Children's Church for all elementary school ages and under every Sunday.
Jr. Basic —	will also be resuming in September. Sept 26th will be
Jr.	Basic dates for Kindergarten through 5th grades.

Due to a rise in Covid 19 cases in Pender and surrounding counties we are asking that children ages 4 and older wear masks when in children's classrooms. I have extra masks available for children that may need them.

We will have Nursery (infant to 2 years old) and 3 through Kindergarten classrooms open for the remainder of the month of August.

Schedule of dates:

Sept 26th: Jr. Basic. Pick up at 12:30.



Trunk or Treat

October 24 3:00-5:00

Set up time is 2:00pm

Contact Melissa Schleinkofer to volunteer and sponsor a trunk for the event.

I have posted a sign-up sheet in the narthex for families that wish to decorate a trunk as well as a candy/treat/prize donation bin located near the front door. We will definitely need volunteers to set up their trunks and help with the fun.

See information below:

Invite Your Friends!

Come join us in your best Halloween costume for this free community event at Faith Harbor UMC!

The fun starts on October 24th from 3-5pm. Kids of all ages welcome. We will be having cotton candy, games, face painting and of course candy!

For further information please contact Melissa Schleinkofer at (484)515-7361.





A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

Prayer requires that we stand in God's presence...proclaiming to ourselves and to others that without God we can do nothing.

John 15:5 (NKJV) He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Good endings come from prayerful beginnings.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:2



Members: Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd, Lisa Bryd, Connie Carroll, Bill Feige, Diane Geary, The Glass Family, Janet Hughes- wrist surgery, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Bill Moore, Bob Patterson-cancer, Paula Smith, Jill Strohpaul, surgery, Gail Widholm- recovering from hip surgery, 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, Danny and Pam Brock-covid, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Marcus Burnett, Candie, Curtis Campbell - surgery, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris, Sam Snyder's brother-recovering from surgery, and Sam's Missouri Family, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, *Children*, David, Debra and Jonathan, Wes Dunbar, Mary Pharr Erickson, cancer and husband Jae ,Beverly Foley, Jan Foster, Sybil Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Grayson-Cancer, Ann Grant-cancer, Tara Hall, Grandmother Sue Heavner, Jewel's grandmother, Cassandra Hill, Craig James Ervin Horne, Jenkins, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Kathy-Liver Cancer, Tammy and Nick Kefallinos-covid, Kelly, Janet Durman Kokran, Butch Knight-covid, Paulette Kisner, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren, Tim McCart, Margie-breast cancer, 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, Tessa Rogers, Tania Roth, Katrina Seferyn, Skip and Marcia, , Roxanne Smith, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, *Teachers*, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Dorothy Ward, and Bill Zell.

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

Let go and let God see you through. Give in and let God be with you. Surrender to a love that heals all things. Let go and let God be your wings.



If your name should be on here and is not Dana Byrd

- Mary Sheffield let me know and I will add it next week.
- 3 Ray Blackburn
- 6 Sandy Wise

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- 8 Lance Jordan
- 10 Malia Osborn
- 14 Hazel Mae Passingham
- **Bill Feige** 16

Pat Byrd

Jackson Sliwa

- Palmer Rice 17
- **Jimmy Platts** 18 Mary Lynn Wood
- **Missy Carswell** 19
- 20 Arness Krause
- 22 Jim Black Frank Carroll

- **Frances Moore** 24
- 26 Will Moore
- 27 Angie Jernigan **Ava Barnes**
- 28 Jean Hawley Michael Kauffman Scott McArthur

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC.

Sunday 9/19

8:00 Communion Service 9:20 Worship Service 10:30 Worship Planning Team Mtg. 5:00 YOUTH GROUP "A" MS

Monday 9/20

2:00 MABS Rm. 6 New Study-Parables of Jesus for 8 weeks 6:00 SPRC Meeting by Zoom

Tuesday 9/21 7:00 Women's AA Group in Rm. 6

Wednesday 9/22 7:00 CANTATA PRACTICE 7:45 Choir Practice

Thursday: 9/23 12:00 AA Group Rm. 6

Friday 9/24

8:30 Women's Breakfast/Soundside Park

Saturday 9/25

10:00-12:30 Cub Scout Rain Regatta

Sunday 9/26

8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary 9:20 Worship in Sanctuary 11:15 Jr. Basic – Pick-up at 12:30 12:00 Handbell Choir 5:00 YOUTH GROUP "B" HS