

## MESSENGER OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

In last week's Messenger I wrote to inform you about an informational session that I plan to lead this Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning shortly after the conclusion of our 9:20 worship service. I am calling the presentation:

### **What to Believe? What's Next For Us?**

#### **Considering the cultural, scientific and biblical views on same-sex attraction and practice, and how this issue will impact our church.**

I stated that my intention in this presentation is to speak directly about the same-sex issues over which our denomination is very likely to divide next year. I plan to be clear about where I stand and how I intend to lead our church.

There has been a considerable amount of interest in this presentation since I announced it. Accordingly, I think it is important to establish some expectations.

First, I want to be clear that this Sunday will not be a conversation so much as a presentation. We will not have a debate, nor do I plan to take any questions. The reason for not taking questions is partly in the interest of time, and partly out of concern that such questions could very easily turn into expressions of opinion. This is not the right time or occasion for people to express their opinions or defend their views. That time will very likely come, but this Sunday I simply want to present what is on my heart.

I will be more than happy to respond afterwards to questions that are directed to me via email, text, a phone call or an in-person visit. If there is sufficient interest, I would also be happy to schedule a question-and-answer session at a later date.

At the conclusion of the presentation, I will be inviting you to join me in a three-month period of prayer and discernment, seeking God's direction and will for our church. We will come back together again shortly after the first of the year to share what we have discerned.

Some have asked if we will live stream and record the presentation. We are currently not planning to live stream it but we do plan to record it and post it on our website later.

Brothers and sisters, we know that the months ahead will be difficult for our denomination and for Faith Harbor. I hope and pray that we will show our community and the world that, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are able to love one another in spite of our disagreements.

I hope to see many of you on Sunday.

Peace and blessings,

*Pastor David*

## Scripture Card October 4th, 2021

Centering Prayer: *Lord Jesus, in my utter helplessness, let me receive you as a child.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 86

M Hebrews 4:14-16

T Psalm 30:1-2

W Mark 10:13-16

T Psalm 121:1-4

F Luke 18:15-17

S Matthew 18:1-6

**Key Scripture:** *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (James 5:16b)*

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*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 Saturday November 20, 2021 at 12 noon at the home of Bob and Jan Reid, 119 White Heron Cove Road, Hampstead, NC. Attire: Comfortable.*

***Please RSVP by October 15<sup>th</sup> to Mike Kaufmann at (908) 892-0777 text.***



### **THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 3)**

**is World Communion Sunday.**

While celebrating Communion with Christians around the world, the UMC receives one of the six Special Sunday offerings.

The World Communion offering supports a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion Scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries; the remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduates studying in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training.

If you feel lead to contribut make your check out to FHUMC and on the memo line mark "World Communion Sunday". There is a pamphlet in the bulletin this Sunday.

## COMING SOON BIBLE STUDY CLASS

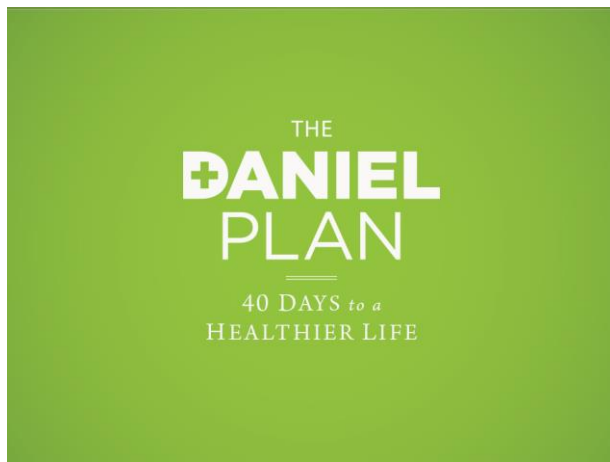


For those interested in a study of shorter duration, we will also be offering a four-week study later this Fall about keeping the sabbath called *24/6: A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life*.

Times and dates to be announced soon.

Thanks to those who have already signed up for Companions in Christ. We can take a few more for Sunday and Tuesday. Just call the church office to register. Phone 910 328-4422.

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## JOIN US .....

for a 6-week series called *The Daniel Plan*

– 40 Days to a Healthier Life.

This is a groundbreaking approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle that is both transformational and sustainable. The Daniel Plan is centered on five essentials that will guarantee your success: faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends.

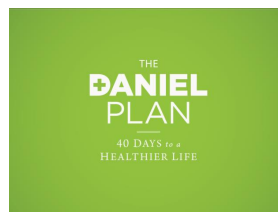
***So are you ready to revolutionize your health once and for all?***

We will meet in the church Sanctuary Thursday evenings at 6:30  
starting on October 14th.

You will need the book and study guide which can be ordered online through The Daniel Plan website or Amazon.

If you have a question contact Jessica Blackburn or Kim King

## JOIN US



# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS... 😊

Hello bAsiC (brothers & sisters in Christ) youth parents~

**Happy Fall!** I hope everyone is doing well lately and getting in the groove of the new school year. We have a lot of fun activities coming up this season, so please see the October dates/happenings for youth group and mark your calendars accordingly:

## **\*Sunday, Oct. 3rd~**

Regular youth group meeting for Middle School Sub groups (Older MS youth & Younger MS-Confirmation age youth) from 5-6:30pm in The Reef.

## **\*Sunday, Oct. 10th~**

It's a 2nd Sunday & Youth serve at the 9:20am service. Please let me know if your youth can volunteer to help with any of the following: Scripture Reader- need 1, Greeter- need 2 or 3, Ushers- need 2 to 4, Assist in Children's classrooms- need 2.

Regular youth group meeting for High School Sub groups (10th grade & all other HS youth) from 5-6:30pm in The Reef.

**\*Friday, Oct. 15th~** Help unload pumpkins for The Rotary Club group in Surf City. Our youth helped with this last year and had a great time helping with this **service project**. \*Any youth that can come help that day after school, it would be appreciated. I'll be there to supervise the youth and will have the church van to take anybody home afterwards who needs a ride. Since it's a school day, I know most of the youth won't be able to get there until around 4pm. We should be done by like 5:30 or 6pm. Each youth gets a free mini pumpkin to take home & cold bottled water will be provided as well. \*The location is next door to the Topsail Chamber of Commerce building (adjacent to Shipwreck Putt Putt on Hwy 50/210 in Surf City- you can't miss it!). Let me know if your youth can help, thanks.

## **\*Sunday, Oct. 17th~**

Regular youth group meeting for Middle School Sub groups (Older MS youth & Younger MS-Confirmation age youth) from 5-6:30pm in The Reef.

**\*Sunday, Oct. 24th~** In lieu of a regular youth group meeting, all youth will be helping with the FHUMC Trunk or Treat event from 3-5pm. Set up is at 2pm. There will be several ways to help! Ms. Melissa will need some volunteers to help with crafts/games. You & your family can sign up to host a trunk for the event. \*Also, our youth group will be selling Hot Dog bag meals to the public as a fundraiser. Parents- please let me know how you & your youth(s) would like to be a part of this fun outdoor community event!

**\*Sunday, Oct. 31st~** Regular youth group meeting for High School Sub groups (10th grade group & all other HS group) from 5-6:30pm in The Reef. (Will text parents in advance to make sure we will have enough participation to hold this meeting since it falls on Halloween)

## Other important dates/information:

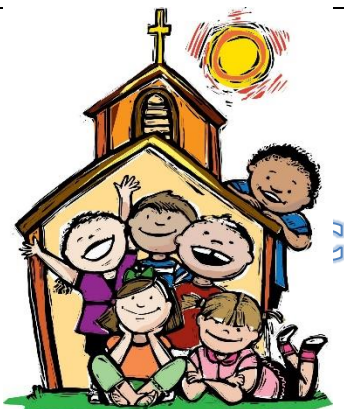
**\*\*NC UMC Pilgrimage 2021** is a statewide Youth event being held at the Rocky Mount Event Center this year on the weekend of Nov. 12-14th. Here is a description of Pilgrimage for those youth who may not have attended this event in the past:

Pilgrimage has been creating a space for thousands of United Methodist youth (6th – 12th grades) and their mentors to gather for over 25 years. Pilgrimage is a life-changing weekend event filled with amazing artists, thought provoking speakers, and inspiring youth leadership – all bearing witness to the transforming love of Christ. This weekend is for students and adult student leaders looking for a weekend worship experience that calls everyone to a new or stronger faith in Jesus, challenging everyone to share God's love in word and action.

The weekend event consists of 4 full attendee sessions: Friday Evening, Saturday Morning, Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning. There are opportunities for missions service offered on Saturday Afternoon.

**This year Pilgrimage is being offered in 2 formats- either In Person (with masks & social distancing, limited seating) or Virtual. The registration cost is \$45 for In person & \$25 for virtual.** Checks should be made out to FHUMC with your youth's name in memo line or cash in a clearly marked envelope to my attention and are due no later than Oct.7th. I will then register for our group(s) accordingly. *\*Please look at your calendars & get back with me by that date so we can plan for logistics (lodging/transportation, etc.)* Feel free to explore the Pilgrimage website for more detailed info or contact me. Here's the website: <https://nccpilgrimage.org/>

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



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS.....

We have resumed our Children's Church for all elementary school ages and under every Sunday.

**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.**

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JR. BASIC GROUP IS GOING ON A FIELD TRIP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>.  
WATCH FOR DETAILS IN AN E-MAIL FROM MELISSA OUR CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY COORDINATOR.

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## **Trunk or Treat** **October 24 3:00-5:00**

**Set up time is 2:00pm**

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.

### **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 is the chief agency and activity whereby men align themselves with God's purpose.**

Romans 8:28 (NRSV) *We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*



**Sympathy** is extended to Gary and Beth Walker in the death of Gary's brother, Sam recently. May God grant these families peace and comfort in their time of loss.

**Members:** Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd, Lisa Bryd, Connie Carroll, Faye Decatur, Bill Feige, Diane Geary, The Glass Family, Janet Hughes, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Bill Moore, Bob Patterson, Paula Smith, Jill Strohpaull u, Linda Wells, Gail Widholm, 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, 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, Sarah Kilpatrick, Janet Durman Kokran, Butch Knight-covid, Paulette Kisner, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren, Tim McCart, Margie-breast cancer, Ed Minnich, Renee and Carlton, 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, **Ray Rummel, Dawn's father,** Katrina Seferyn, Skip and Marcia, ,Mel Skibinski, Roxanne Smith, Stanley and Ruby, Susie and her family in death of her husband, Maria Sutton, **Teachers,** Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Dorothy Ward, and Bill Zell.

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

***With the dawning of each new day, we need courage to take each new step in our walk of faith.***

***Dear Lord, help us to quiet the chaos in our minds so that we can take the time to hear your voice, accept it, and put into practice what you tell us. Amen.***



- 1 Sabrina Guy
- 2 Teresa Luisi
- 3 Hunt Tayloe
- 4 Buddy Fowler
- 5 John Pratt
- 7 Kelsey Swain
- 10 Scott Passingham  
Barbara Poole
- 12 Jessica Blackburn  
Parker Burgess
- 13 Lisa Berg
- 15 Becky Moore
- 16 Sheryl Johnson  
Rosalie Kerr
- 17 Bill Moore  
Greg Holmes

- 18 Faye Decatur  
Jann Tayloe  
Martha Vaughn
- 19 Sandy Rogers
- 20 Lou Secary
- 21 Cindy Jester  
Cathy Medlin
- 24 Linda Kimrey
- 27 David Decatur
- 28 Zander Guy
- 29 Jan Jeno  
Roxey Jordan
- 30 Leigh Bizzell  
Sue Medlin Smith

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH  
HARBOR UMC.

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**Sunday 10/3**

- 8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30 Methodist Protocol Information Mtg.
- 12:00 Handbell Choir
- 5:00 YOUTH GROUP "A" MS

**Monday 10/4** 2:00 MABS Rm. 6

**4:00 UMW GENERAL MEETING in Sanc.**

**Tuesday 10/5**

- 6:00 COMPANIONS IN CHRIST CLASS Rm. 6**
- 7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

**Wednesday 10/6 10:00 READING CIRCLE**  
*Book: "Peace Like A River"*

- 10:30 Staff Mtg. Rm. 1
- 7:00 CANTATA PRACTICE
- 7:45 Choir Practice

**Thursday: 10/7** 12:00 AA Group Rm. 6  
**5:00 GS Troop 2424**

**Friday 10/8** 8:30 Women's Breakfast  
@ Soundside Park

**Sunday 10/10**

- 8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30 COMPANIONS IN CHRIST CLASS**
- 10:30 Jr. Basic -pick-up **at 1:00PM**
- 12:00 Handbell Choir
- 5:00 YOUTH GROUP "B" HS