

MESSENGER OCTOBER 8, 2021

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

As I referenced last Sunday in my presentation, we will be offering the opportunity to participate in a video-based study called "Messy Grace" beginning on Monday, November 22nd. This four-week study promises to "inspire and empower Christ followers to completely love their LGBT neighbors."

The following description was taken from the "Messy Grace" website:

Very few issues in Christianity are as divisive as the acceptance of the LGBT community in the church. Many Christians lean toward one of two extremes: sacrificing truth for the sake of grace or sacrificing grace for the sake of truth. Jesus was able to love all people and yet still hold onto his beliefs. So can you. Even when it's messy.

The Messy Grace Series combines biblical teaching from Caleb Kaltenbach, a pastor with gay parents, with stirring testimonies from an author with a transgender sister, a college student who lived a double life, a former lesbian hip-hop artist – now married to a man, and a celibate pastor who's same-sex attracted. This four-episode series will inspire and empower Christ-followers to completely love their LGBT neighbors (and any other neighbor) while remaining committed to Scripture.

We will plan to meet at the church from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM. Watch for opportunities to sign up very soon. In the meantime, please let me know if you have questions about "Messy Grace." I hope you many of you will plan to attend this important study.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Scripture Card October 11th

Centering Prayer: *Lord Jesus, look upon us and see our need for you.*

Psalm /Week Psalm 14

M John 1:47-48

T Matthew 9:36

W Mark 10:21

T 1 Samuel 16:7

F Psalm 33:18-22

S Luke 22:61-62

Key Scripture: *The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man. (Psalm 14:2a)*



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.

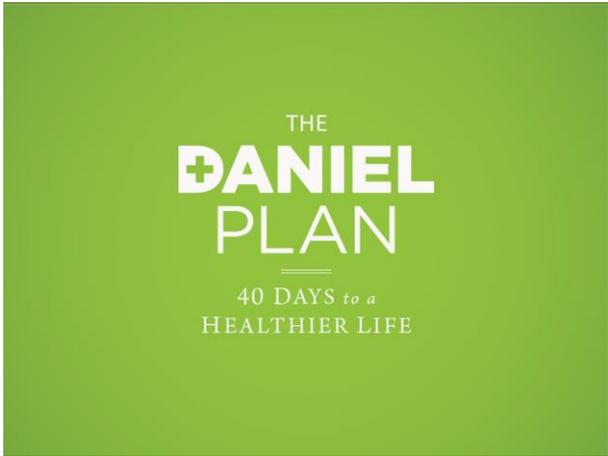
Please RSVP by October 15th to Mike Kaufmann at (908) 892-0777 text.

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.



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.

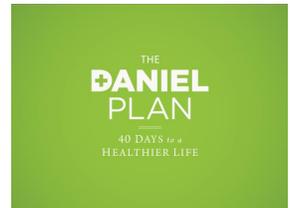
If you have a question contact Jessica Blackburn or Kim King

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FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

The monthly accounting for September:

Sept. Giving: \$ 35,180.00

YTD giving: \$305,169.51

YTD budget: \$316,593.00

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

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. 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: on next page.....

****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**



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.

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



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

The first purpose of prayer is to know God.

Psalm 121:1,2 (NIV) *I lift my eyes to the hills-where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*



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, **Diane Secary, and Lou Secary**, Paula Smith, Jill Strohpaull, 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 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, 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.



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| 1 | Sabrina Guy | 18 | Faye Decatur |
| 2 | Teresa Luisi | | Jann Tayloe |
| 3 | Hunt Tayloe | | Martha Vaughn |
| 4 | Buddy Fowler | 19 | Sandy Rogers |
| 5 | John Pratt | 20 | Lou Secary |
| 7 | Kelsey Swain | 21 | Cindy Jester |
| 10 | Scott Passingham | | Cathy Medlin |
| | Barbara Poole | 24 | Linda Kimrey |
| 12 | Jessica Blackburn | 27 | David Decatur |
| | Parker Burgess | 28 | Zander Guy |
| 13 | Lisa Berg | 29 | Jan Jeno |
| 15 | Becky Moore | | Roxey Jordan |
| 16 | Sheryl Johnson | 30 | Leigh Bizzell |
| | Rosalie Kerr | | Sue Medlin Smith |
| 17 | Bill Moore | | |
| | Greg Holmes | | |

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH
HARBOR UMC.

Sunday 10/10

- 8:00 Communion Service
9:20 Worship in Sanctuary
10:30 COMPANIONS IN CHRIST CLASS Rm. 6
10:30 Jr. Basic Field Trip-pick-up at 12:30
12:15 Handbell Choir
5:00 YOUTH GROUP "B" HS

Monday 10/11 2:00 MABS

Tuesday 10/12

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

Wednesday 10/13

- 10:00 RAINBOW CIRCLE Rm.6**
7:00 CANTATA PRACTICE
7:45 Choir Practice

Thursday: 10/14

- 12:00 AA Group Rm. 6
5:00 GS Troop 4242

Friday 10/15 8:30 Women's Breakfast@ Park