

MESSENGER NOVEMBER 18, 2021

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

I had occasion last week to read a history of Faith Harbor that was written about ten years ago. One thing the article mentioned as being an important part of the development of Faith Harbor was a study the church engaged in called *The Purpose-Driven Church* written by Rick Warren. Many of you may recognize Rick Warren as the being the best-selling author of a related book called *The Purpose-Driven Life*, and also as the pastor of Saddleback Church in California who led the opening prayer at President Obama's inauguration.

It was interesting to me that at about the same time I was reading about Faith Harbor's history, someone sent an email to me that included the following article written last week by Rick Warren about the importance of having a Christian worldview based on God's Word.

"Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32 (The Message)

In a world full of ideas and beliefs that go against God's Word, God wants you to have an uncommon courage and stand up for Christ. To do this effectively, you need to develop a Christian worldview.

What is a worldview? It's the filter through which you see and understand the world. Everyone's filter is a little bit different. Even when we all are looking at the same event, you may see it differently from those around you because of varying worldviews. Your worldview influences how you see everything—including God, yourself, others, the past, the present, the future, money, time, good, and evil. Your worldview influences every choice you make. Every time you make a decision, you look at it through your worldview filter and make your choice based on the beliefs that make up your worldview. It's crucial, then, that you, as a follower of Jesus, base your worldview on the truth of God's Word.

One national survey found that 62 percent of Americans claim they are "deeply spiritual." When asked how that spirituality affects their decision making, 31 percent said they make moral choices based on "what feels right and comfortable," 18 percent on "whatever is best for me," 14 percent on "whatever causes the least conflict with others," and only 16 percent on "what God's Word says."

What does that mean? It means most Christians have a non-Christian worldview. You may be a Christian and headed for heaven, but you can also have a non-Christian worldview because you've based it on what you've learned from the world and not from God's Word.

Having a strong Christian worldview allows you to stand courageously as a believer—to be someone who stands up and speaks truth.

Why does that matter so much? Matthew 10:32-33 says, "Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I'll cover for you?" (The Message)

God expects you, as one of his followers, to stand for his truth. Taking that kind of stand requires an uncommon courage that is only available through a Christian worldview based in the knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

May God grant each of us the uncommon courage to stand up for Christ and stand on God's Word.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor David

Dear Faith Harbor Church Family,

It is the time of year when we think about thanking our Pastor and Staff for all that they have done over the past year. Our church staff has worked hard to "restart" our ministries as we continue to move through the Covid pandemic.

Our annual **LOVE OFFERING** to our staff is our gift of appreciation for all their efforts in serving us throughout the year. Please be in prayerful contemplation about your gift. Love Offerings will be collected November 14, 2021 through Sunday, December 12.

You may:

- Mail a check to the church office, marked LOVE OFFERING
- Give on-line and designate LOVE OFFERING
- Place an envelope (marked LOVE OFFERING) in the offering plate

Thank you for your loving generosity,

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Scripture Card- Week of November 22nd

Centering Prayer: *Help us, O Jesus, to honor you as King of kings and Lord of lords.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 2

M Isaiah 9:6-7

T Matthew 2:1-2

W John 12:12-15

T John 18:33-37

F 1 Timothy 6:13-16

S Revelation 17:14

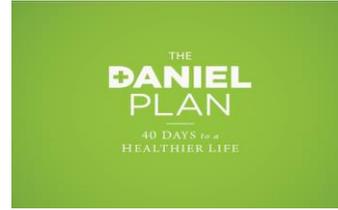
Key Scripture: *Revelation 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS - The 2021 Advent Devotionals will be available in the narthex.

ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE



The Daniel Plan will be offered during a second class on Friday mornings, 9:30 a.m. Feel free to join us in Room 6. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Gail Widholm.





*Time update for Gail Llewellyn Kaufmann's gathering. We will meet this **Saturday, November 20th at 2:00pm** at the home of Bob and Jan Reid, 119 White Heron Cove Road, Hampstead. Attire: Comfortable.*

If you have not already done so, please contact Mike Kaufmann if you will be attending # (908) 892-0777 text

BIBLE STUDY CLASS



For those interested, “**Messy Grace**” is a four-week Bible study that promises to “inspire and empower Christ followers to completely love their LGBT neighbors”.

We will plan to meet at the church four Mondays in a row **beginning Monday, November 22nd from 6:30 to 7:45pm**. An insert will be in the bulletin to register for this class.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, November 28th: 9:20 a.m.-Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 12th: 9:20 a.m.- Children Sing

Sunday, December 19th: 10:00 –One Service/**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** (Reception to follow)

Sunday, December 26th: 10:00 a.m.- One Service “Lessons and Carols”



The Worship Planning Team has ordered 35 poinsettias.

They will be in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 19th through Christmas Eve. If you would like to pay for one of these plants to honor or remember a loved one at Christmas, the cost is \$10. You may put your check/cash in the offering plate, just mark it for poinsettias or pay online (just be sure to indicate for poinsettia). You may pick your plant up after the Christmas Eve service. They are on a “**first come, first serve**” bases. **Send the information for whom you are honoring or remembering to Kim at secretary@faithharborumc.org.** The information will be gathered and put in the Messenger on December 17th and December 24th. **The deadline to provide this information is: Monday, December 13th**



CHAPS Christmas Toy Drive

Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy or gift card for ages 0-18. Drop off box will be located in the Narthex. All toys/gift cards due by: December 5th

Thank you to those who donated toward the CHAPS Thanksgiving Meal...we collected \$900 and will be able to feed many families!

United Methodist Women have a busy season coming up and we hope you will share with us as we work to help the Methodist Home for Children.

On December 3, 10, and 11th, the Rainbow Circle will have a sale of craft items that they have produced this year during the time that we have been able to be together. Each item is handmade and unique! Each would make a lovely gift for Christmas or for decorating your home. We will be in the Portico area if weather permits from 10:00 - 2:30 pm each day (Inclement weather in the Narthex). This is the same time that the Harbor Thrift Store will be holding their Christmas and Toy sale in the warehouse behind church. Please come and bring a friend to look over our offerings.

On December 4th, every woman in Faith Harbor is invited to our small Christmas celebration. We have a light potluck luncheon, we will bring unwrapped toys to present to the CHAPS program and we will install our new officers for 2022. We would love for you to join us in this special event!

On December 11 and 12th, the entire United Methodist Women group will hold a bake sale and frozen entrée sale. This is a great time to stock your freezer for the future or have tasty treats for right now. As always, your support is very much appreciated.

HARBOR THRIFT STORE NEEDS AND NEWS

The Harbor Thrift Store continues to thrive primarily with furniture sales by Beth Walker on Market Place and brisk shopping at the store. We are blessed with generous donors, loyal customers and our volunteer staff. Our **mission contributions** to date are over **\$14,000.00** to various International, Regional, and local programs serving the needy.

The primary focus of our mission contributions this year has been local:

Back Pack Kid's School Supplies; Back Pack Kid's Food; Share The Table, Mercy Abounds, Keep Me Dry Diaper Program; FH Youth Ministry, Roots of Recovery, and FH Graduating Senior Scholarships.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...Harbor Thrift Store Annual Christmas Shop will be held in the Harbor Warehouse on December 3 and 4; December 10 and 11th 10:00AM-3:00PM (CASH ONLY)
We have holiday greenery, trees, wreaths, trims, etc. Plus, lots of good toys!

NEEDS:

While our Holiday stock is sizable, we are very low in children's clothing. The majority of the winter things we had on hand have sold, **our shelves are bare**. Please help by donating gently used children's wear either during store hours (Wednesday-Friday 10:00am-4:00pm) or to the warehouse (by appointment) by calling Jean Hawley (910) 330-0760; Gloria Richardson (704) 804 4904; Beth Walker (252) 213-2240 or Sylvia Bowman (910) 284-3131

Volunteer clerks are needed for the Harbor Thrift Store and the upcoming Christmas Shop. No experience needed- We will train you. For further information call one of the Management Staff members listed above.

In Appreciation to all,
Jean Hawley
Store Manager



ALTAR FLOWER CHART is available to sign-up for flowers for the Sanctuary. By the date you select, give your name and who you wish to remember or honor for the bulletin information. The sign-up list is on the credenza outside the church office, across from the restrooms.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS.. 😊

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

Happy November to each of you! I pray everyone is doing well and enjoying the change of season. The Holidays are soon upon us, so please see the November dates/happenings for youth group and mark your calendars accordingly:

***Sunday, Nov. 21st** – Youth Service Sunday

Regular youth group meeting for MIDDLE SCHOOL Sub groups (Both Older & Younger MS youth) from 5-6:30pm in The Reef.

***Sunday, Nov. 28th**~ No Regular Youth group meetings that evening due to the Thanksgiving break.

***Monday, Nov. 29th**~ Youth Council Meeting at 5:30pm (either In person or via Zoom-TBD)

***Sunday, Dec. 5th** ~

Youth Service Sunday – During the 9:20 service, youth who attended Pilgrimage will share their experience & Power point pictures with the Congregation.

Peace & Grace,

Jewels Swain

FHUMC Youth Coordinator, (910)232-9844

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who participated in the “Sponsor A Youth” fundraiser! Your generosity helped our bAsiC (brothers And sisters in Christ) youth group go on the Pilgrimage trip last week and with activities through the end of the year. We so appreciate your kindness, support and prayers for our youth!

With Thanksgiving, In Christ-

Fhumc Youth, Youth Council, Youth Volunteers, and Jewels Swain



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS....

Due to Covid protocols, we are asking that children ages 4 and older wear masks when in the children's classrooms.

I have extra masks available for children that may need them.

Important Dates:

November 21st: Jr Basic

November 28th: Concert Practice after church

December 8th: Cocoa, Cookies and Caroling – 5:30pm

December 12th: Kid's Concert during church

Jr Basic Christmas Party – 11:15 am

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Despite my imperfections, God will always love me.

The Lord's faithful love is from forever ago to forever from now for those who honor him.
-Psalm 103:17 (CEB)



Members: Joyce Arnette, Judy Beck, Nancy Buckman, Doris Davis, Lanae Fowler, Diane Geary, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Bob Patterson, Diane Secary, Paula Smith, Jill Strohpaal, Linda Wells, Gail Widholm, and John Wilson.

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

Family and Friends: the family of Phil Boney; Curtis Campbell; Johnny Carter; Mike Commee; *Grayson Cooney*; Eli Hardin; Roy Thomas Horne; Shirley Paul; Teresa Sanderson; Bob Starr and family; Leo Wolfe; Joy Zalaikalns.and family;

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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Seth Swain | 23 Rebecca Drudge |
| 5 Fisher Taylor | 13 Brenda Munjas | 24 Charles Burnett
Karen Martin |
| 7 Garrett Burgess
Sandy Taylor | 14 Hillary Horne | 25 Aly Waldrop |
| 8 Dale Osborn
John Phillips | 15 Fiona Duddy | 26 Harley Taylor |
| 9 Will Hornthal | 17 Tyler Jernigan | 27 Steve Cooney
Faye Graziano
Janet Hughes |
| 11 Cindy Arnold | 19 Jennifer Mizelle | 28 Melanie Duddy
Steve Wells |
| | 20 Wayne Jeno
Eunice Lytton
Paige Swain
Kevin Taylor | 29 Judy Pratt |
| | 21 Doug Lowrey | 30 Isla Butler |
| | 22 Diane Secary | |

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday 11/21

- 8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary
- 9:20 Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30 Companions in Christ – Rm. 6
- 11:15 JR. Basic
- 12:15 Handbell Choir
- 5:00 Youth Group "A" (MS)

Monday 11/22

- 2:00 MABS Rm. 6
- 6:30 "Messy Grace" Bible Study

Tuesday 11/23

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

Wednesday 11/24

Thursday: 11/25

Happy Thanksgiving
Office Closed

Friday 11/26

8:30 Women's Breakfast – Rm 6
Office Closed

Saturday 11/27

10:00 Decorate Sanctuary

Sunday 11/28 First Sunday of Advent

United Methodist Student Day

8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary
9:20 Worship Sanctuary – Hanging of the Greens
10:45 Children's Christmas Concert Practice
12:15 Handbell Quartet

