

MESSENGER DECEMBER 2, 2021

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

Kim and I want to thank you all for the many expressions of love and concern, and especially the prayers, for my dad, Gordon King, who we learned just this week has inoperable gall bladder cancer. While this was difficult news for our family to hear, we are grateful for the peace of Christ that we have felt in the midst of this sad time. We are also very thankful to have had my dad with us for these many years, and for the time we still have left with him.

Thank you for your love, support and understanding now and in the days ahead.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David and Kim

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 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 December 6th

Centering Prayer: *Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to reconcile us with you.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 32

M 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

T Romans 5:10-11

W 1 John 4:9-10

T Eph. 2:13-16

F 1 Timothy 2:5-6

S Colossians 1:15-22

Key Scripture: *Col. 1:21-22 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.*

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

ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE



SAVE THE DATE!!!

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”



CHAPS Christmas Toy Drive

Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy or gift card for ages 0-18. Drop off box is located in the Narthex.

All toys/gift cards due this Sunday, December 5th



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. **Please call the office (910-328-4422) Monday – Thursday or email the information for whom you are honoring or remembering to Kim at secretary@faithharborumc.org.** The information will be put in the Messenger on December 17th and December 24th. **The deadline to provide this information is: Monday, December 13th**

MABS Update: The Monday afternoon Bible Study group will resume January 10, 2022 (2:00 – 3pm). The focus will be the Book of Revelation. Study guide/book is titled: “Revelation for Everyone” by N.T. Wright



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. We will need lots of food items. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex near the kitchen window. Your delicious contributions will help make this sale a success! The women of the UMW are very grateful for the dutiful bakers who have helped with this year's bake sales. We are also grateful for the ones who have supported us by purchasing our goodies. So that our bakers get a little break, we have decided to wait until the third Thursday in January (January 20, 2022) to have our next bake sale at the Thrift Store. *Thank you for your continued support!*

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!

In Appreciation to all,
Jean Hawley
Store Manager

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS...😊

Hello bAsiC (brothers & sisters in Christ) youth parents~ The Holidays are soon upon us, so please see the December dates/happenings for youth group and mark your calendars accordingly:

***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.

***Wednesday, Dec. 8th**~ We are happy to announce the return of the "Cookies, Cocoa & Caroling" event at 5:30pm. This fun outing is open to All youth, children & anyone in the congregation! We will meet at the church, munch on some goodies & head out to sing Christmas Carols. Be sure to wear your most festive attire and be ready to share the Joy of the Season!

***Sunday, Dec. 12th**~ This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of Dec. 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.

That evening- Regular youth group meeting for HIGH SCHOOL Sub groups (10th Graders & all Other HS youth) from 5-6:30pm in The Reef. Christmas Party & activities!

***Sunday, Dec. 19th~** Possible Youth Christmas outing (depending on interest and participation-TBD)

***Sunday, Dec. 26th** and Sunday, Jan. 2nd, 2022~ No regular youth group meetings due to Christmas Holiday school break.

Regular Youth group meetings to resume for the New Year on Sunday, Jan. 9th, 2022.

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



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.

Important Dates:

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

December 12th: Children's music performance

Children read and light Advent candle.

Dec. 12th: Jr. BASIC Christmas party after church.

Dec. 19th: Christmas Cantata. Church starts at 10am.

There will be no children's church for 1st-5th grade.

Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve Services 5pm & 7pm.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I can reflect God's love by taking time to notice others.

God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart.

~1 Samuel 16:7 (CEB)



Members: Pastor David and family; Joyce Arnette, Judy Beck, Nancy Buckman, *Tommy Clemmons*, Doris Davis, Lanae Fowler, *Suzanne Fussell*; Diane Geary, *Gordon King*; Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Bob Patterson, Diane Secary, Paula Smith, Jill Strohpaul, 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: *Paul Edward Arnette*; Curtis Campbell; Johnny Carter; Mike Commee; Grayson Cooney; Eli Hardin; Margaux and Emma; RoyThomas Horne; Shirley Paul; Teresa Sanderson; Bob Starr and family; *Nancy Serrano*; Leo Wolfe; Joy Zalaiskalns 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.



December

BIRTHDAYS

1 - Kelly Byrd Wilson Jones	9 – Bill Widholm	17 – David Henry
3 - Marion Shade	10 – Melanie Greene Carl Ward	21 – Robert Barnes Sonya Burgess
4 - Hayden Arnold Leslie Jones Neal McHenry	13 – Britney Lozano Donald Mizelle	25 – Alex Harris
5 - Liam Lozano	14 – Sandi Lowry Doug Mewborn	26 – Alexis Medlin Passingham
6 - Sherry Sliwa	15 – Harriet Rice	29 – Jill Strohpaul
7 - Sam Snyder	16 – Judy Paliotti Kenny Burgess	31 – Gerard Colman Perry Chase Smith
8 - Jo Ann Rivenbark Savanah Paliotti		

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday 12/05 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary
9:20 Worship Sanctuary– Pilgrimage Presentation
10:30 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6
12:15 Handbells Quartet
5:00 Youth Group “A” (MS)

Monday 12/06

6:30 “Messy Grace” Bible Study

Tuesday 12/07

6:00 Companions In Christ Rm. 6
7:00 Women’s AA Group in Reef

Wednesday 12/08

10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm 6
5:30 Kids “Cookies, Cocoa & Caroling”
7:00 Cantata Practice
7:45 Choir Practice

Thursday: 12/09

12:00 AA Meeting, Rm. 6
5:00 GS Troop 4242
6:30 The Daniel Plan in Sanctuary

Friday 12/10

8:30 Women’s Breakfast
9:30 The Daniel Plan II
10:00– 2:30 Rainbow Circle Craft Sale
10:00-3:00 Harbor Thrift Store Annual Christmas Shop

Saturday 12/11

10:00- 2:30 Rainbow Circle Craft Sale and UMW Bake Sale/Frozen Entrée Sale
10:00–3:00 Harbor Thrift Store Annual Christmas Shop

Sunday 12/12 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary
9:20 Worship Sanctuary– Children’s Christmas Concert
UMW Bake Sale/Frozen Entrée Sale after Service
11:15 Jr. Basic Christmas Party
5:00 Youth Group “B” (HS)