

## MESSENGER JANUARY 27, 2022

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

Many of you know that prior to the COVID pandemic, Faith Harbor was blessed each summer to have a ministerial intern from Duke Divinity School (DDS) serving among and with us. We hosted two wonderful interns virtually during the summer of 2020, but we did not apply for an intern last summer with the restrictions that remained in place due to COVID.

Earlier this month I received an invitation to apply for an intern for the summer of 2022. The invitation included this statement: “All placements for Summer 2022 will be fully in-person, following best practices ... as recommended by the CDC and Duke University.” While “best practices” may be modified by the time summer rolls around, it at least seems clear that we would be able to host an intern in-person this summer pending application approval.

DDS requires that placement settings not within commuting distance of Duke (like Faith Harbor) must be able to provide no-cost housing for the intern. Before applying for an intern, I would need to confirm that we can commit to providing housing.

Following is an excerpt regarding intern housing from the DDS Field Education Policy and Procedures manual:

*Hosting a ministry intern is a tremendous expression of hospitality and support, and a sign of the church's partnership in ministry. This commitment requires the emotional and relational preparation of the entire household. It may involve physical preparation of the living environment. Hosting a student in a home is not the same as having a family member or friend stay for a short visit. An invitation is extended to an unfamiliar person to live in your midst. Communication between the host and the student is crucial. From the beginning of the relationship to the end, it is important for everyone in the living environment to respectfully discuss needs and expectations.*

*Each living environment is unique. Each student has a distinct personality. Some students enjoy being treated as a part of the family and join family gatherings. Other students will feel a strong need for privacy and personal space and may not be as involved in family activities. It is best for hosts to understand their role as that of offering a housing arrangement. In this arrangement, hosts and students both have the right to courtesy, respect, and communication. Friendships that may develop beyond mutual respect and good will are added blessings of the host's offering.*

Having read the above, if you feel you might be in position to offer housing for an intern this summer, please contact Kim MacDougall in our church office for a checklist of specific guidelines from the Office of Field Education. The application deadline is February 18<sup>th</sup>, so please contact me prior to that date if you are feeling led to provide housing for an intern.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

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## SCRIPTURE CARD Week of January 31<sup>st</sup>

Centering Prayer: *Lord Jesus, help us to hear, know and speak the truth.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 25

M 1 Corinthians 13:4-6

T Ephesians 1:13-14

W John 8:31-32

Th Psalm 145:17-18

F 2 Timothy 2:15

S 1 John 1:5-10

**Key Scripture:** *Psalm 25:5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.*

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*"An Impulse to Decide"* will be presented by a group of the Faith Harbor UMC Laity on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 10:30 AM, immediately following worship services. This presentation will include the history and structure of the UMC. All are welcome. Questions will be taken at the end of this informative presentation.



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**Join us for: Pender County Widow Support**

**Date: Thursday. February 3**

**Time: 10:30 AM Coffee and pastry served**

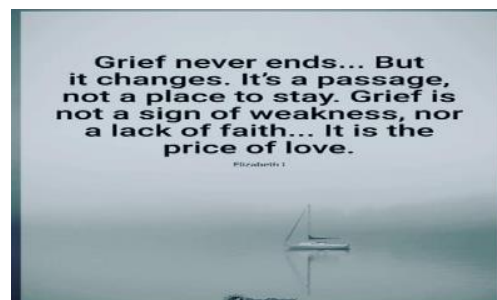
**Place: United Methodist Church in Hampstead (Across from Dunkin Donut plaza)**

**Bring a friend - come alone - We are here "together"**

**Sponsored by: Barbara Mullins - Former RSVP Director (Pender County - 11 years) and Erin Dollard- Amedisys**

**More info? - call Barbara. 910-297-3662**

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## The Colossian Way Sexuality Small Group

You are invited to join us in The Colossian Way Human Sexuality Small Group. It is a Christian practice rooted in the beautiful line in Colossians 1:17 that “all things hold together in Christ”. The goal of this 10-week session is to deepen our love of God and love of neighbor as we work together through the difficult issues facing our church.

The Colossian Way is a Christian practice made up of five parts. Each session will begin with an invitation to **gather**. This will be followed with a reminder through Scripture about the deeper meaning of **Christian unity**. The third section is called **Prayer** as we seek to turn to God and prepare to dialogue about a specific issue. This leads us into a section called **Engage** which offers a deeper dive into the issue itself, and in which each of us are invited to share openly as we freely choose. The goal isn't to push us to a particular viewpoint, but to learn to focus on our most difficult questions in ways that build up our congregation

We close with a section called **Godward**, in which we offer up praise to God, as well as our worries and hopes and discern any sense of what God is leading us to do.

This five-part practice takes 90 minutes, and we offer 10 sessions so that the practice happens ten times. The goal is to gather as Christians, practice this way of entering a **difficult topic to gain progress on the problem while loving each other and God, and in the process see the body of Christ grow**.

The groups are composed of 8-12 people who make up a diversity of ages, genders, and perspectives on this issue so that the group can learn to grow Christian virtues (patience, long-suffering, forbearance, love, etc.) across their differences as they meet over 10 weeks. **\*It is possible to miss one or two meetings, but if you know you cannot make it to three or more of the meetings, it's probably not good for you to participate at this time.**

**Facilitators: Gail Widholm, Kim King and Bescye P. Burnett**

**Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022-May 12, 2022**

**Time: from 6:30pm- 8:00 pm**

**Topic: The issue for this series is *Human Sexuality*.**

**\*Schedule:**

Session 1	February 24, 2022
Session 2	March 3, 2022
Session 3	March 10, 2022
Session 4	March 17, 2022
Session 5	March 24, 2022
Session 6	April 7, 2022
No session	April 14, 2022 (Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday)
Session 7	April 21, 2022
Session 8	April 28, 2022
Session 9	May 5, 2022
Session 10	May 12, 2022

If you have any questions about The Colossian Way and our purpose for meeting, or participating in the small group, please contact:

Gail Widholm...[gwidholm12@yahoo.com](mailto:gwidholm12@yahoo.com), Kim King... [kdking60@gmail.com](mailto:kdking60@gmail.com), or Bescye P.

Burnett...[bescyep@gmail.com](mailto:bescyep@gmail.com) and be sure to check out The Colossian Forum's website:

[www.colossianforum.org/TCW](http://www.colossianforum.org/TCW).

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**ALTAR FLOWER CHART** is available to sign-up for flowers for the Sanctuary. The sign-up list is on the credenza outside the church office, across from the restrooms.

*The list is updated for the 2022 calendar year.*



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The New Year represents an opportunity to recommit or make new commitments to areas of service in the church. Opportunities include: Acolyte, Children's Message, Sunday School, Greeter, Landscaping, Hospitality, Thrift Store, Choir, etc. For those interested, a sign-up sheet will be included in the bulletin.



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# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS.. 😊

**\*Sunday, Jan. 30th~** Youth Sunday

Regular High School youth meeting from 5-6:30pm in The Reef.

**\*Youth Ski trip Update~** The date that we are hoping for is Feb. 19th-21st at Lake Junaluska, NC. This is a 2-night stay with 1 day of Ski & worship services. The deposit for each youth is \$100 due by Jan. 12th. Checks should be made out to FHUMC with your youth's name & Ski retreat in memo line or you can send cash in a sealed marked envelope with your youth. Please turn these into me, so that I can keep track of the roster & plan accordingly. \*Please note, we are aware of the current situation with the surge in the Omicron Covid variant and the potential that this could adversely affect the Youth Ski trip plans. If that ends up being the case, we will ensure that refunds go back out to the parents asap. There will be safety and health precautions in place. Any additional questions regarding this trip, feel free to contact me directly. Thanks!

**\*Other info. ~** With the recent updates from the United Methodist Conference (sent out in a Congregational email last week) in regard to "guidelines for safe worship services/gatherings", we ask that in our youth group meetings- while indoors please have your youth wear their masks.

As always, thank you for your continued support and prayers for all our FHUMC youth. Feel free to contact me if you should need more info. or have any additional questions. Thank you!

Peace & Grace in the New Year~

*Jewels Swain*

FHUMC Youth Coordinator, (910)232-9844

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS....



Due to updated Covid protocols, we are asking that children ages 4 and older wear masks when in the children's classrooms. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### ***Important Dates:***

Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> - Jr. Basic

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Jr. Basic

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Jr. Basic

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Regardless of what weighs me down, I know that the Lord is with me.

*The Lord says, "...When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you."*

~Isaiah 43:1-2 (NIV)



**Members:** Joyce Arnette, *Edmund and Brittany Audet*; Judy Beck, Nancy Buckman, Doris Davis, Donna Fisher and family; Lanae and Buddy Fowler; *Suzanne Fussell*; Diane Geary, *Janice Long and family*; Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Bob Patterson, Diane Secary, Paula Smith, *Sam and Lois Snyder and family*; Melva Lea Stewart; Jill Strohpaull, Linda Wells, Owen Williams, John (and Lou) Wilson.

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

**Family and Friends:** *Eric Bower*; Beverly Foley; *Kevin and Chelsea Drudge*; Scott and Cheri Gray, *Nick Hardison*; Tim Hoynes; *Lee Jernigan*; Bill Kilpatrick; Sarah Kilpatrick; Patricia Middleton; *Dan Pearson*; Virginia Platts; Teresa Sanderson; Nancy Serrano; Loren Smith; *Ann Tayloe*; *Philip (Jann Tayloe)*; Mark Wansley; Sara and Rex White

***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.***

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS...

1 – Becki Modlin	15 – Alexander Hornthal	26 – Judd Schleinkofer
2 – Carole Justice	17 – Wendy Mooney	28 – Madison Rose Jones
3 – Tom Bradford	18 – Doug Munjas	29 – Bodie Taylor
4 – Kellie Henry	18 - Diane Geary	30 – Porter Olmstead
5 – Avery Lozano	19 – Cam Barnes	30 – Jimmy Canady
8 – Lyla Passingham	22 – Gail Widholm	31 – Stacy Menzies
10 – Hanna Arnold	23 – Brittany Audet	
13 – LaNae Fowler	25 – Bill Fussell	
15 – Bradley Bizzell	25 – Karlie Holmes	



## FEBRUARY

4 <sup>th</sup>	Payton Rice
8 <sup>th</sup>	Jameela Kerr
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Graziano
10 <sup>th</sup>	Anita Phillips; Cecilia Watson
12 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Kerr
17 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Ellis; Laura Frazier; Mike Hopper
20 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Holmes
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Fisher; Suzanne Fussell; Lucille Horrell
24 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Colman
27 <sup>th</sup>	Avery Harrison

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 1/30**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:20 Worship Service – Youth Sunday  
10:30 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6  
12:15 Handbells Quartet  
5:00 Youth Group “B” (HS)

### **Monday, 1/31**

2:00 MABS, Rm. 6  
6:30 Cub Scout Troop 777

### **Tuesday, 2/01**

6:00 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6

### **Wednesday, 2/02**

10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6  
7:00 Choir practice

### **Thursday, 2/03**

12:00 AA Group Meeting, Rm. 6  
5:00 GS Troop #4242 meeting

### **Friday, 2/04**

8:30 Women’s Breakfast, Rm. 6

### **Sunday, 2/06**

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

