

## MESSENGER February 17, 2022

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

This week I want to use this space in the Messenger to express my appreciation for the youth and children's ministries of our church and their leaders. I also wanted to let you know about some of their activities this week.

Yesterday our children's minister Melissa Schleinkofer led a group of 18 children from our church and community to Wilmington where they helped feed persons who are food insecure and/or homeless. This feeding program is an outreach ministry of the Anchor Church. Many of you know the Anchor Church is where Philip Chryst serves as pastor. Melissa organized this trip to give our children the opportunity to meet, serve and have lunch with persons who often do not know where they will get their next meal, or where they will sleep each night. Melissa reports that the children had an amazing experience and they are eager to go back and serve in various ways. Special thanks to adult chaperones Brenda Munjas and Ashley Harrison who helped Melissa with the children and all aspects of the trip yesterday.

This weekend our youth minister Jewels Swain will be leading a group of 20 youth from our church to Lake Junaluska in Haywood County. The youth will enjoy a time of fellowship & bonding as they travel, room and share meals together and participate in faith-based programming including several worship services and wonderful speakers. They will also have some free time, part of which they will use to go snow-tubing together. Special thanks to adult chaperones Judd Schleinkofer and Greg and Stacie Holmes. Please pray for the safety and protection of all who are making this trip, and that it would be a richly blessed time of growing closer to each other and to the Lord.

It goes without saying that children and youth are the future of the church. We are blessed to have the opportunity to teach them about Jesus and provide experiences for them to serve others and to grow in their faith. We are especially blessed to have Melissa and Jewels so capably, skillfully and lovingly leading our children and youth. Thank you for generously supporting them and the children and youth programs of our church.

Peace and blessings,

*Pastor David*

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## SCRIPTURE CARD Week of February 21<sup>st</sup>

Centering Prayer: *Lord Jesus, help us to love and apply your teachings to our lives.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 19

M Matthew 5:17-20

T Luke 6:46-49

W Matthew 7:21-23

Th John 14:23-24

F John 12:44-50

S John 15:12-14

**Key Scripture:** *John 14:15: If you love me, you will keep my commands.*

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A note from Allison, Music Director...

The choir will be practicing our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday music on Wednesday nights in the Sanctuary at 7pm. Please join us!



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### Growing a Welcoming Church

**Correction:** The punitive language on same-sex attraction was added to The Book of Discipline in the 2019 Special Called General Conference.

If you are interested in attending a Small Group Discussion for further information, please contact Bill Widholm: [bwidholm@yahoo.com](mailto:bwidholm@yahoo.com)

## 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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The sign-up list is located on the credenza outside the church office (across from the restrooms). Write your name next to date and who the flowers are honoring or in memory of.



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## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS...😊

**Saturday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>- Monday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**~ Youth Winter/Ski Retreat at Lake Junaluska, NC.

\*Note- no regular youth meeting that Sun., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> since most of our youth will be gone on this trip.

**Sunday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**~ Youth to serve at the 9:20am Service & share about their retreat. Regular youth meeting for the Middle School youth in the Reef from 5-6:30pm.

Peace & Grace~

*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:***

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Jr. Basic

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> - Jr. Basic and Easter Egg Hunt!

Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> - Jr. Basic

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I can model faith for others as it has been modeled for me.

*By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*

~Ephesians 2:8 (NRSV)



**Members:** Joyce Arnette, Judy Beck, Willie (and Ann) Bryan and family; Nancy Buckman, Lanae and Buddy Fowler; Diane Geary, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Diane Secary, Paula Smith, Melva Lea Stewart; Jill Strohpaal, 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:** Jane; Eric Bower; Denise Carton; Mike Fisher and family; Nick Hardison; Sue Heavner; Dan Pearson; Scarlett Swain

*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.*



## 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

\*If any new members would like to be added to the Birthday list or if I have missed someone's birthday, please let me know

<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>Alma Osborn</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Alice Williams</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kent Smith</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jewels Swain</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jency Paliotti</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Debbie Sasser</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mike Davis; Cole Frazier; Bonnie Hunter</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Marianne Sliwa</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Nancy Merlino</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sherry Mewborn; Maris Jordan</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Evangeline Schleinkofer</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Audrey Audet</b>



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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 2/20**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:20 Worship Service  
10:30 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6  
12:15 Handbells Choir  
Youth Ski Retreat

### **Monday, 2/21**

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

### **Friday, 2/18**

8:30 Women's Breakfast, Rm. 6

### **Tuesday, 2/22**

6:00 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6

### **Wednesday, 2/23**

7:00 Easter Music  
7:30 Choir

### **Sunday, 2/27**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:20 Worship Service/Youth Sunday  
10:30 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6  
10:30 JR Basic  
12:15 Handbells Quartet  
5:00 Youth Group "A" (MS)

### **Thursday, 2/24**

12:00 AA Group Meeting, Rm. 6  
5:00 GS Troop #2424 meeting  
6:30 Colossian Way Group

