

## MESSENGER March 10, 2022

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

By now all of you know that I made the decision to seek a new ministry appointment when the new appointment year for pastors begins at the end of June. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be my last Sunday serving at Faith Harbor, thanks to a generous grant of a sabbatical between appointments that our District Superintendent Tara Lain negotiated with our Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

In my remaining time at Faith Harbor, I plan to do my best to fulfill my responsibilities as your pastor. One such responsibility that I take very seriously is the importance of keeping you informed of events at the denominational level that will have an effect on us. Many of you know that the General Conference of our denomination was scheduled to take place this coming August and September. It was widely expected that the General Conference would vote to approve the *Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation*. The *Protocol* was a plan to resolve the deep divisions in our denomination over matters related to human sexuality and would have allowed for the formation of a new Methodist denomination called the Global Methodist Church.

Unfortunately, in a process that [some have described](#) as lacking in integrity and honesty, the Commission on General Conference announced the decision late last week to postpone General Conference until 2024. In light of this decision, the Global Methodist Church announced that they could no longer wait for the passing of the *Protocol* at the 2024 General Conference, but will instead launch this coming May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. [This article](#) contains additional information about the postponement of General Conference as well as on the launch of the Global Methodist Church.

These are indeed tumultuous times in our church and our denomination. It is essential that we remember during these times the promise of Jesus who said that the gates of hell will not prevail against his church. I hope you will all pray for God's will to be done for Faith Harbor.

Peace and blessings,  
*Pastor David*

## **40 Suggestions for Lent**

- 1) Give up television and internet for one day
- 2) Genuinely compliment someone who isn't expecting it
- 3) Donate a bag of food to Share the Table
- 4) Pray for good things for someone who has been unkind to you
- 5) Visit an elderly friend or relative who doesn't get many visitors
- 6) Make homemade pretzels, a traditional Lenten food
- 7) Make an almsgiving box and collect change throughout Lent to donate at the end Lent
- 8) Plan a simple meal and talk as a family about how to help the hungry
- 9) Do a craft, piece of art, or creative project that glorifies the Lord
- 10) Ask for forgiveness from someone you have wronged
- 11) Light a candle at church and pray for someone in your life
- 12) Volunteer some of your time to help at church, school, or home
- 13) Clean up a mess that somebody else made (without complaining)
- 14) Memorize a prayer that you don't already know by heart
- 15) Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally do
- 16) Donate a bag of things that are still nice, but that you don't use anymore
- 17) Thank someone who has been a good influence in your life
- 18) Read a Christian book individually or as a family
- 19) Listen to Christian music while doing a task you have been putting off
- 20) Pray for world political and religious leaders
- 21) Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you
- 22) Clear your mind of other things and sit quietly with God
- 23) Do something to help the Earth
- 24) Watch a religious movie together as a family
- 25) Give up sweets and other snacks for a day
- 26) Read one book of the Bible
- 27) Do a foot washing with your family members
- 28) Surprise someone with a handmade gift
- 29) Do something to make this Lenten season better for someone who needs it
- 30) Pray for peace in your community and in the world
- 31) Eat a vegetarian or vegan diet for one day (or longer)
- 32) Give up complaining for a whole day (or longer)
- 33) Write down 20 things that you are thankful for
- 34) Do something to help someone who is ill
- 35) Encourage someone who is struggling or someone who has been working on a difficult task
- 36) Take a walk and spend time observing the beauty and miracles of God's creation
- 37) Attend an activity or Bible study at church during the week
- 38) Clear 40 things out of your home that you no longer need
- 39) Spend a week reading one of the Gospels in the New Testament
- 40) Spend a day trying to think only of others and doing things that will make their lives better

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## SCRIPTURE CARD Week of March 14<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: Lord, forgive us our trespasses, and help us to forgive others.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 32

M Ephesians 1:3-8

T Colossians 1:11-14

W Psalm 103:1-12

T Colossians 3:12-13

F Matthew 6:14-15

S Ephesians 4:32

Key Scripture: *1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

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Dear Faith Harbor Family,

My first visit to Surf City was in 1971. Having grown up in South Carolina, I was accustomed to the beach being Myrtle or Ocean Drive (now N. Myrtle). I wondered where in God's world Walt had brought me. Moving forward to 2000, while visiting, I saw a sign that said, "Faith Harbor UMC Meets Here." I felt so welcomed from my first worship service. In 2001 we moved here, and it did not take long to know I was living in one of the best places in God's world.

FHUMC had a small membership and I found it so comforting to be accepted and so rewarding to get involved. Small group studies and the Walk to Emmaus really got me going. Tom Greener sponsored me on my walk and asked me to serve on the first Leadership Team. My faith has grown tremendously in the twenty-one years I have lived here. I've always believed in God/Jesus. Through Bible studies I've come to know Him better and leave knowing my move is God-directed.

I love this church which translates to I love you because "you are the church." I leave with the confidence that FHUMC will continue to be a praying church and strive to do God's work. While I will miss this island and especially this church, I leave knowing your love and prayers will follow me as I begin the next chapter of my life.

May God bless each of you as you have blessed me. I know you will continue to be a beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing God's love through joyful service.

In Christ,  
*Johnsie Smith*

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LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available in the narthex. ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE



Monday Afternoon Bible Study (MABS) will resume on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 2:00.

The new study will use the book, Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times, by Adam Hamilton. The book can be purchased online through Amazon and Thriftbooks.com.

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### **Lenten Morning Prayer**

**Every Tuesday & Thursday**

Beginning: **March 3, 2022** and ending **April 14, 2022**

at ZOOM opens at 7:45 am

Our prayer time together begins at 8:00 am and ends no later than 8:30 am.

*All are welcome – Clergy and Laity!*



## Lenten Morning Prayer ZOOM link

Topic: "Lenten Morning Prayer"

Time: 7:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nccumc.zoom.us/j/97798161864?pwd=TzIeOHdpRTZwMDByODEzSkw0eHZDQT09>

Meeting ID: 977 9816 1864

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If you have questions, please reach out to Mary Hartsell.

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## Easter Lily or Hydrangea's



Order forms will be included in the bulletin for anyone wanting to purchase a lily or hydrangea in memory of or honoring a loved one. The cost will be: Lily \$12 / 8" Hydrangea \$25. **Orders are due by: March 27<sup>th</sup>** and flowers will remain in the sanctuary until Easter Sunday.

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**Join us in the Sanctuary every Monday for open prayer – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. All are welcome!**



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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.. 😊

Hello all,

Happy March to everyone! Hope and pray that each of you are doing well lately. Please see below for the March happenings and updates for your calendars.

**\*Sunday, Mar. 13th~** No Youth group meetings this Sunday due to school Spring Break holiday.

**\*Sunday, Mar. 20th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of March at the 9:20am Service. Please let me know in what way your youth can serve. We will need- Greeters, Ushers, Scripture reader(s), Helpers in Children's classrooms.

Regular Youth group meeting for Middle School Youth from 5-6:30pm in The Reef.

**\*Monday, Mar. 21st~** Tentative date for next Youth Council Meeting at 6pm.

**\*Sunday, Mar. 27th~** Regular Youth group meeting for High School youth from 5-6:30pm in The Reef.

Also, more info. to come out soon about dates, details of summer youth mission trips/activities for MS and HS youth. I will be in touch with all of you about that, thank you! As always, contact me if you should need more details or have questions about anything regarding the above information. 😊

Peace friends,

*Jewels Swain*  
FHUMC Youth Coordinator  
910-232-9844

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



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

March 13th- Jr. Basic

March 27th- Jr. Basic

April 10th Palm Sunday- Jr. Basic and Easter Egg Hunt

April 17th- Easter Sunday! Sunrise service at Sound Side Park 7am.

Church services 9am and 11am

April 24th- Jr. Basic

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God will help me over every hurdle.

*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.*

~Hebrews 12:1 (NRSV)



**Members:** Joyce Arnette, Judy Beck, Nancy Buckman, Doris Davis; Lanae and Buddy Fowler; *Diane* Geary, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Diane Secary, Paula Smith, Melva Lea Stewart; Jill Strohpaul, Linda Wells, Gail Widholm; Owen Williams, 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:** Jane; Eric Bower; Kim Bradshaw; Denise Carton; Mike Fisher and family; Martha Halsell; 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.*



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

\*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



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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 3/13**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:20 Worship Service  
10:30 Jr. Basic  
10:30 Companions in Christ  
12:15 Handbells Choir

### **Monday, 3/14**

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

### **Tuesday, 3/15**

6:00 Companions in Christ

### **Wednesday, 3/16**

7:00 Easter Music  
7:30 Choir

### **Thursday, 3/17**

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

### **Friday, 3/18**

8:30 Women's Breakfast, Rm. 6

### **Sunday, 3/20**

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

