

MESSENGER

May 12, 2022

Dear Faith Harbor Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe that this is the last article I will write in the Messenger, and that this coming Sunday will be my last as the pastor of Faith Harbor. There is no way in this short space to put into words what it has meant to me to be your pastor for these last three years, but first and foremost, I am deeply grateful for having had the privilege.

Kim and I will never forget our first Sunday here, when we were driving across the bridge on our way to the beach service. As we took in that spectacular, breathtaking view, I said to Kim, "Can you believe I am getting paid to do this?" And every Sunday since then I have thanked God for allowing me to serve in ministry at Faith Harbor. We also want to thank you, our church family, for all the love and support you have shown us these last three years.

I had the opportunity to meet with Philip Chryst, your next pastor, earlier this week. We talked about how blessed he was to be coming to Faith Harbor. I know you will be equally blessed by his ministry here, and that you will welcome and love Philip and his family just as you did me and Kim.

In our Methodist system of itinerancy, we know that pastors come and go, and we sort of get accustomed to these departures, but that doesn't mean that saying goodbye is ever easy. It helps me to know that the word "goodbye" is short for "God be with you," and we Methodists have the custom of adding the words "'til we meet again." So, this Sunday we will not be saying goodbye to you forever, but rather, "God be with you 'til we meet again."

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of May 16th

Centering Prayer: *Lord, help me bear witness to the truth of the Gospel.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 86

M John 1:14-17

T 1 Timothy 2:1-4

W John 17:15-17

T Zechariah 8:16-17

F John 8:31-32

S John 15:26-27

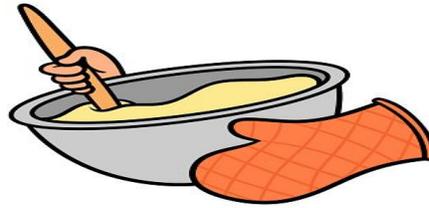
Key Scripture: *John 8:32 "... and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Please join us this Sunday following the 9:20 church service for the reception to honor Pastor David and Kim...they will surely be missed!



*You have served the Lord
with gladness - tirelessly,
faithfully, and with
great compassion for His flock.*

Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter
in your life, may God continue
to richly bless you and watch over you,
may the God of peace grant you
peace now and always.



Save the Date!

UMW Frozen Entree and Bake Sale, Sunday, May 22, before and after the 9:20 service. Please support us with your food donations and your purchasing of items at the sale. Sign-up sheets for Frozen entrees and baked goods are on the bulletin board next to the kitchen window.

Please prepare your frozen entree in a disposable foil pan, 8x8 size recommended. Cover with foil, include a label with thawing/cooking instructions, and how many it will serve. Bake sale items may be covered with foil or plastic, but please identify the item.

Frozen entries should be delivered to the church between 9 and 11 on Friday, 20 May or Saturday, 21 May. Baked goods may be delivered at those same times or no later than 9am Sunday, 22 May. Your participation is appreciated.

All proceeds will go to UMW missions which support families, women, and children.

WELCOME TABLE:

May 15th – Sandy Wise and Neal McHenry



From the Finance Team:

April monthly giving: \$ 29, 817.23
Monthly budget need: \$ 37, 496.98

2022 YTD Giving: \$ 125, 981.08
2022 YTD Budget: \$ 149, 987.92
2022 YTD Deficit: \$ 24, 006.84

The summer Backpack Program will begin on June 2. We are looking for drivers and packers to serve in this worthwhile ministry. We pack food bags in the Narthex of the church every other week on Thursday mornings. Drivers deliver food on Thursdays and Fridays, depending on their schedule. Our first packing day will be Thursday, June 2.

Contact Barbara Poole if you are interested in serving this year at 910.391.0897 or barbarapoole71@gmail.com.

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



The General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist church has invited you to be part of a challenge. “Our Christian principles charge us to be a community of prayer and action. We are to live in the tension of piety and work. Worldwide, we continue to experience racial, ethnic, and tribal injustices that dehumanize God’s people. We are called to work towards liberation — as a spiritual and actionable practice. For this reason, the General Commission on Religion and Race invites you to participate in the Racial Justice Prayer & Action Challenge beginning on Juneteenth (Sunday June 19, 2022).” Juneteenth is the day in the history of our country celebrated as the final abolition of slavery on June 19, 1865. You can find more information on Juneteenth at this site: <https://nationaltoday.com/juneteenth/>. You are invited to a time of racial justice prayer and action for six weeks. So, starting Sunday, June 19th, we challenge you and your church to join us by doing some of the following:

- Pray with us each day. Share the prayer on your social media and ask your friends to pray too.
- Take action. Each week we will suggest anti-racist actions, pick one and do it.
- Incorporate the liturgy in worship. We will offer liturgies for each Sunday during the challenge.
- Host a community prayer service for racial justice. Use the litanies, scriptures, and prayers below and invite other faith communities to participate.

Click the link below to preview the resource and join us today!
<https://www.r2hub.org/racial-justice-prayer-action-challenge>

Contact: Bescye P. Burnett, bescyep@gmail.com

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



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS.. 😊

Please see below for the May happenings to mark your calendars accordingly:

***Sunday, May 15th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of May at the 9:20am Service. Remember, all youth will sit together in the front left reserved section as usual. Thanks!

Regular Youth group meeting for *Middle School youth from 5-6:30pm in The Reef. **End of year celebration and activities.

***Sunday, May 22nd~** Senior Recognition at the 9:20am Service (more info. out to those parents).

Regular Youth group meeting for *High School youth from 5-6:30pm in The Reef. **End of year celebration and activities.

***Sunday, May 29th~** No Youth group meetings due to the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

***Save the date/other Summer info. ~** Middle School Summer Local Mission Days (Looking at 6/22 & 6/29) and other various Fun day activities to be scheduled. *In addition, we encourage all our youth to volunteer to help out with our VBS week this Summer (June 26-30th in the evenings from 5:30pm to 8:15 pm). Please let me or Ms. Melissa know if you can help on any or all of those evenings asap, thanks! Lastly, if any youth would like to volunteer to help pack food for the Summer backpack food program that starts on Thurs., June 2nd and meets every other Thurs. morning and runs through around the beginning of Sept. If interested, please let me or Barbara Poole know. Thank you!

High School Summer Mission trip dates are July 11-15th in Upstate, SC through Generate Camp by YM360.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



May:

May 15- Jr. Basic

June:

June 12th- Jr. Basic End of the school party!

June 26th- VBS begins!

July:

No Jr. Basic for the month of July. Happy Summer!

August:

August 21st: Backpack blessing and Jr. Basic back to school kickoff party!

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS Registration will be active the first week of May! You can either go online under "Children's Ministry" and fill out the registration form or at a registration station set up in the Narthex on Mother's Day.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR VOLUNTEERS IN NARTHEX ON BULLETIN BOARD NEXT TO KITCHEN.

Vacation Bible School this year will be held from Sunday June 26th through Thursday June 30th, 5:30 to 8:15pm. Dinner will be served. Our theme is "Adventure Island, Quest for God's Great Light". There will be no limit for attendance this year. We have decided to do things a little different this year and have our decorating day on Saturday June 25th at 10am. The church will be decorated so our congregation may experience the transformation that takes place during VBS.

Volunteers are needed.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I trust God when I lay down my expectations and follow God's ways.

*Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.*

~Psalm 143:8 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, *Doris Davis*; Art and Diane Dayton; *Diane Geary*, Martha Marlow; Delores Miner, John Pratt; Paula Smith, Melva Lea Stewart; Gary Walker, 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: Eric Bower; Martha Halsell; Sue Heavner; Barbara Love; Dan Pearson; Sue & Ted Penny; Virginia Platts, Loren Smith; 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.*



MAY

2 ND	Isaac Henry
4 th	Kevin Woolard
7 th	Gail Ace
8 th	Linda Wells; John Weaver
9 th	Tamara Jones; Jessica Matthews
11 th	Hunt Tayloe
17 th	Sandy Sly
18 th	Oscar Phillips
20 th	Dawn Frazier; Doug Medlin
21 st	Beth Kane

*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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 5/15 Youth Sunday

8:00 Beach Service
9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary
10:30 Jr. Basic
5:00 Youth Group "A" (MS)

Monday, 5/16

7:30 Open Prayer
2:00 MABS, Rm. 6
6:30 Cub Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, 5/17

6:00 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6

Wednesday, 5/18

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, 5/19

12:00 AA Group Meeting, Rm. 6
5:00 Girl Scout Troop #2424

Friday, 5/20

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Sunday, 5/22

8:00 Beach Service
9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary
*Senior Recognition
11:30 Handbells Quartet
12:15 Handbells Choir
5:00 Youth Group "B" (HS) End of Year Party

