MESSENGER

May 26, 2022

Faith Harbor Family,

On May 15th, I had the honor of attending a Pastoral Transition Seminar with Mike Hopper and Pastor Philip Chryst in Whiteville. A lot of the seminar focused on what we can be doing as a congregation to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Philip and the Chryst family. Faith harbor has always been very generous with providing our incoming pastors with gift baskets containing gift items from local businesses along with gift cards to local restaurants. There were many suggestions offered about how to make the new pastor and family feel welcome. Many of you may have some thoughts on how to do so, but I offer these practical ways as initial suggestions. I would like you to consider giving gas cards, grocery store cards, possibly gift cards from our local home improvement stores as Pastor Philip has purchased an older home that requires some renovations. I feel that these will be very well received. A basket has been placed on the welcome table in the Narthex for any donations of gift cards from the congregation.

Please keep the Chrysts in your prayers as they transition to the Faith Harbor community.

I ask that everyone continue to pray for Pastor David and Kim as they transition to their new appointment.

During this transition time, I worked with the District Superintendent on appointing someone as our congregational care representative. Pastor Neal, very graciously offered to help in any way that he could. As a very familiar and loved member of our congregation, along with his service in the past, I am very comforted in having Pastor Neal fill this role. Until Pastor Philip takes over in July, Pastor Neal will be our primary point of contact for pastoral care needs. He can be reached by email at kahuneal@gmail.com or by phone at (910)-398-1534.

Lastly, during this time period, I ask each of you to extend extra grace and love to one another and to all of us in leadership roles as we care for and tend to the needs of our Faith Harbor family.

Thank you.

Sam Snyder
SPPRC Chair

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SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of May 30th

Centering Prayer: Thank you for opening heaven's door for me, Lord Jesus.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 124

M John 14:1-3
T Philippians 3:20-21
W Revelation 21:1-4
T 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
F 1 John 5:11-13
S John 5:24

Key Scripture: John 14:6: *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

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Faith Harbor Family & Friends~

A big thank you from the United Methodist Women for your support for the 22 May Frozen Entree and Bake Sale. Because of your generous contributions, we took in over $500 and we have sufficient items remaining in our freezer to conduct a Phase II sale on Sunday, 29 May. You contributed 42 frozen entrees (amazing) and we have about 20 available for sale on 29 May before and after the 9:20 service. We can help you feed your Memorial Day guests.

Thanks again, and as noted, all funds go to UMW missions supporting families, Women, and children.

Steve Cooney will be facilitating the prayer ministry. If you have a prayer need, please submit it to Steve in one of the following methods:

- Text the prayer request to 270-307-3451
- Email the prayer request to cooney.cai@gmail.com
- Call Steve and provide the information over the phone.

The Monday Afternoon Bible Study will NOT MEET on Memorial Day. We have completed the study of Adam Hamilton's Unafraid. We will begin a study of another of his books on the first Monday in June. **The new book is John: The Gospel of Light and Life**. Books are available on Amazon in hardback or paperback. Our first meeting will be to familiarize ourselves with the study and to decide on a schedule for this six-week study. All are welcome.

There has been a great deal of interest in beginning our adult Sunday School classes again. We are excited to announce that this will begin when the new books come out in July. To know how many books to order, we need for those who are interested to notify the church office by June 10. We are looking forward to having these Sunday mornings of fellowship and study again.

Our VBS giving tree is set up in the narthex beside the VBS sign up desk. We feed dinner to our children and helpers each evening of Vacation Bible School which is June 25th through the 30th. Please prayerfully consider taking a leaf or three :) off the giving tree. There are items listed on the leaves that are needed for the meals and snacks for VBS along with the date that the items are needed. We strive to serve a healthy meal with fresh fruits, veggies and a homemade sweet treat every evening. We feed about 150 people each evening.

Also, I can always use extra kitchen helpers. We begin each afternoon about 3:30 and finish up after all the children have eaten and we have cleaned up. I can use helpers for any part of that time on any given day. A commitment for the full week is not needed. For anyone who is interested in helping please give me a call or text at 910-330-8533.

Let us serve together to the glory of God!

Blessings,
Lois Snyder

WELCOME TABLE:

May 29th – Edna & Danny Fisher

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...🙂

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

<u>*Save the date/other Summer info. ~</u> 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…

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 & Jr. Basic back to school kickoff party!

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS Registration is Open! You can go online under "Children's Ministry" and fill out the registration form or at the registration table set up in the Narthex.

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

There is no distance in prayer.

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
~Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

Members: Joyce Arnette**,** Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll; Doris Davis; Art and Diane Dayton; Diane Geary, *Jean Hawley and family*; 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*: Bob and Cheryl*; Eric Bower; Martha Halsell; Sue Heavner; Barbara Love; the Mast Family; 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.

JUNE

1ST	Jim Ellis
2nd	Bridget Colman
5th	Melissa Schleinkofer; Amanda Williams
6th	Jackson Moore
9th	Aiden Moore
17th	Spencer Henry
18th	Lydia Blackburn; Paula Hopper
21st	Brock Woolard
25th	Tony Merlino
26th	Lisa Byrd
30th	Sydney Burgess; Donna Fisher

*If any members would like to be added to the Birthday list, please let me know

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 5/29 – UMW Sale
8:00 Beach Service
9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary
No Handbells
No Youth Group

Monday, 5/30- Memorial Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, 5/31
6:00 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6

Wednesday, 6/01
10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6
7:30 Choir Practice

Thursday, 6/02
Backpack Program Begins
12:00 AA Group Meeting, Rm. 6
5:00 Girl Scout Troop #2424

Friday, 6/03
8:30 Women's Breakfast Group @ Soundside Park

Sunday, 6/05- Pentecost Sunday
8:00 Beach Service
9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary
11:30 Handbells Class