

MESSENGER

May 5, 2022

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

Rev. Skip Williams will be preaching at both the 8:00 beach service and the 9:20 service this Sunday while Kim and I are away. We want to wish all the women in our church family a very Happy Mother's Day!

In lieu of my normal letter in this space I am providing below an open letter written earlier this week by the bishop of our North Carolina Conference Rev. Leonard Fairley.

From the Bishop: Graciously Moving Forward

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Dear Friends,

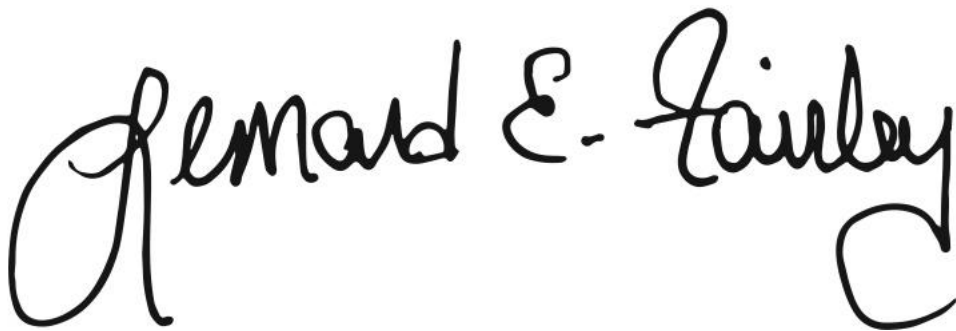
I confess my heart aches and grieves where we find ourselves. Our beloved church holds a diversity of opinions, and I understand that some sisters and brothers feel they must leave our Connection for the sake of their conscience concerning issues of human sexuality.

As a believer facing hard realities, I draw strength from the Holy Spirit's gift of hope for us all. I pray that any disaffiliation will occur graciously while we in the NC Conference continue to take our stewardship responsibilities seriously. I pray that we will each work throughout this process to neither disparage nor judge anyone.

I want to thank each of you for your patience and, more importantly, for your prayers through this process. Our Conference Trustees, Chancellor, Treasurer, Cabinet, and Office of Church Transformation Ministries are finalizing a plan for any church wishing to disaffiliate. We will release this plan on **May 17**.

I will call a special session of Annual Conference in the fall of 2022 to address any requests of disaffiliation so as not to impede any churches desiring to separate. We will focus on any subsequent requests for disaffiliation at the June 2023 Annual Conference.

May the love of Christ inspire us, guide us, and give us peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Demond E. Fairley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D" and a distinct "C" at the end of the name.

SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of May 9th

Centering Prayer: Lord Jesus, calm my troubled heart.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 25

M John 14:27

T Psalm 25:16-22

Matthew 6:31-34

T Psalm 119:10-11

F Philippians 4:4-7

S Job 22:21-22

Key Scripture: *John 14:1a* "Let not your hearts be troubled."

Save the Date!

The United Methodist Women of Faith Harbor will meet at the church on **Wednesday, 11 May, at 4pm**. All are welcome.

We are planning for our Frozen Entree and Baked Goods sale on **Sunday, 22 May**, before and after the 9:20 service. Sign-up sheets are posted on the UMW bulletin board down the hall by the kitchen. Please prepare in a foil pan, 8x8 size recommended. Cover with foil and identify your item, any thawing/cooking instructions and how many it will serve.

ALL are encouraged to participate. Proceeds support UMW missions.

WELCOME TABLE:

May 8th – Sabrina & Zander Guy



**Given by:**

Scott, Airlie, Lyla and Hazel Passingham

John and Sherrie Weaver

Paige and Kelsey Swain

Bonnie Hunter

Evangeline & Maximus Schleinkofer

Evangeline, Max and Judd Schleinkofer

Danielle, Lanier & Caroline Shepard

Scott, Alexis, Airlie, Lyla & Hazel Passingham

Pastor Neal McHenry

Bernie & Barbara Poole

Kathy & Jimmy Dixon

JoAnn Rivenbark

Ray Blackburn

In Honor of:

Alexis Passingham

Sherrie Weaver, Martha Halsell & Mary Ellen Weaver

Nanny (Sue Willis) and Grammie (Santee Swain)
"Our loving & caring Grandmothers"

Melissa Schleinkofer and The Faith Harbor Children's Ministry

Kim King

Melissa Schleinkofer "Best Mom Ever"

Linda Shepard and Elizabeth Lewis

Yaya (Cathy Medlin), Grandmama (Linda Passingham)
and Granny Sybil (Sybil Gandy)

My Mother, Geraldine Maloney McHenry

Barbara Poole, Melanie Poole and Jennifer Poole

Ann Fitzgerald and Carolyn William

Deanna Taylor (Daughter), Inez Rivenbark (Mother-in-Law)
and Jennifer Rivenbark (Daughter in Law)

Jessica Blackburn

Given by:

Scott, Alexis, Airlie, Lyla & Hazel Passingham

Pastor Neal McHenry

Bernie and Barbara Poole

JoAnn Rivenbark

Kathy & Jimmy Dixon

David & Jill Strohpaul

Zander & Sabrina Guy

Gail Widholm

In Memory of:

Grandmama Bettie (Bettie Medlin)

My Wife, Jackolyn McHenry

Pat Hyatt and Bessie Konon

Sarah Blanton (Mother)

Effie Lamm and Patricia Parrish

Gladys Smith and Alice Strohpaul

Nora Lewis Hemby and Kathleen Guy Boleware

My Mom, Florence

Thomas & Jack Papke

Beth & Gary Walker

Caroline Shepard

Jean Hawley

Harriet Byrd

Tom Bradford

Ray & Jessica Blackburn

Judy Miller

Sam and Lois Snyder

Rebecca Drudge

Rick & Sharon Love

Georgia Kuhnell (Mom-Mom)

Our Parents

Juanita Crouch

Mildred High Taylor, Mother and Nell S. Austin, Aunt

Annie Mae O'Leary and Bettye Byrd

Louise Barrow Bradford

Ray's Mom – Penny Blackburn, Jessica's Mom – Joyce Clark
and Jessica's Grandma – Virginia Davis

My Mother, Genevieve

Marge Snyder and Margaret Colbath

My Mother, Janie Wyatt Plummer and Ed's Mother, Robinette Drudge

Our Mother's, Grandmothers and Aunts



Special Note from SPPRC

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If David and Kim have touched your lives in a meaningful way over these past three years as they have Lois and I, then I encourage you to consider a love offering. Their last Sunday with us will be May 15th. Should you choose to contribute please write "Love Offering" on your check or envelope and place it in the offering plate.

We give thanks for the ministry of Pastor David King who has served among us as our shepherd, teacher and spiritual guide. We will pray for he and Kim as they move to a new Appointment in service to Christ, and we will continue to be blessed by the witness of God's love and grace he has offered to us.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for our pastor, David King, and pray for continued blessings upon his life and the life of his family. We offer this prayer in confidence as children of the Living God. Amen.

Sam Snyder

Chairman SPPRC



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 8th~** No Youth group meetings that evening due to the Mother's Day holiday.

***Sunday, May 15th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of May at the 9:20am Service. Please let me know in what way your youth can serve. We will need- Greeters, Ushers, Doorman, Scripture reader, and Helpers in Children's classrooms. 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 8th- Happy Mother's Day! No Jr. Basic

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

God's love for me is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
~Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette, Judy Beck, Nancy Buckman, Patty Feige and family, Danny Fisher; *Doris Davis*; Art and Diane Dayton; Lanae and Buddy Fowler; *Diane Geary*, Carroll Greene; Janet Hughes; Martha Marlow; Delores Miner, Brenda Munjas, John Pratt; Diane Secary, Paula Smith, Melva Lea Stewart; Jill Strohpaol, Gary Walker, 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: 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, 5/08 – Mother’s Day

8:00 Beach Service
9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary
11:30 Handbell Choir
12:15 Handbell Quartet

Monday, 5/09

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

Tuesday, 5/10

6:00 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6

Wednesday, 5/11

10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6
7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, 5/12

12:00 AA Group Meeting, Rm. 6
5:00 Girl Scout Troop #4242

Friday, 5/13

8:30 Women’s Breakfast Group

Saturday, 5/14

2:00 Student Recital – **All Are Welcome!**

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)

