

MESSENGER

June 9, 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 at kahuneal@gmail.com or by phone (910)-398-1534.

Lastly, during this time, 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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Announcements

Faith Harbor Family,

We need several strong backs and willing hearts to show Pastor Phillip and his family our first act of agape love. Their moving day is Saturday, June 25th and they need help unloading their moving truck at 2:00 that afternoon. I am asking that we assemble at the church at 1:30. Please send me an email if I can count on you, as you won't see me at church. Lois and I are heading to Missouri to clean out my mom's house, settle her estate and won't be back until late on the 18th/19th.

Thank you for being His hands and feet!

Sam Snyder
SPRC

The Monday Afternoon Bible Study will begin **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. It's not too late to join...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.

From the Finance Team:

May monthly giving: \$ 27, 085.15
Monthly budget need: \$ 37, 496.98

2022 YTD Giving: \$ 153, 066.23
2022 YTD Budget: \$ 187, 484.90
2022 YTD Deficit: \$ 34, 418.68

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:

- Call or text the prayer request to: 270-307-3451
- Email the prayer request to cooney.cai@gmail.com



Art and Diane Dayton wish to thank our church family for their prayers, cards and messages of concern and support during Art's recent surgery and ongoing recovery procedures. You have all been a blessing in our lives.

My Dearest Church Family,

For those who did not know, I am your Lay Leader, and my responsibilities consist of:

- Working with the pastor to ensure that church ministries support the church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- Engage personally in spiritual practices that build a relationship of attentiveness to God's will and direction. These include commitments made through the vows of church membership by my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
- Represent laity on the church leadership team and other committees or teams.
- Encourage teamwork between the pastor and lay leadership and work to strengthen the relationship between the pastor and the congregation.

These are just a few of my duties to you and the pastor. I feel as I was learning these roles that I failed to follow through with some of them using COVID as an excuse. (Please forgive me)

I am revealing these to you, so I will be held accountable for my role as your lay leader.

I pray that I will represent you and live up to my role in a way that is pleasing to my Lord and Savior. I ask that you allow me to serve you in my role as your lay leader.

My first request is that during this time of transition that we pray and fast together, that we would ask for discernment from our Lord, that all members of this church would unite as the body of believers we have been called to be, by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. For we are Faith Harbor, we are a beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing Gods Love through joyful service. We cannot live out our calling if we are divided.

I would also ask you to please refrain from asking Pastor Philip when he arrives, where he stands on the current issues of the United Methodist church. I understand that will be something we as a church will need to discuss and make sure everyone understands, but for him to have a smooth transition I would ask that you please refrain.

To help in our unity I am bringing back some ministries that we used to have...

Prayer Team – a group that meets before service to pray for the pastor, prayer concerns and the service.

Shepherding Team – they will serve the needs of the church family by providing personal contact, encouragement, and accountability for each member and family and by utilizing each shepherd’s individual gifts for ministry – all through the love of Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Outreach Team – two parts to this team.

Visitation team – visit 1st time visitors.

Card team – cards mailed to 1st time visitors.

Fellowship Friends – a member to represent and support new members for a few months to help them find their place to serve.

We will be offering some new Bible Study classes. One has just started but it is not too late to join, it is on Monday at 2 and we are studying John, The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. You can order the book on Amazon or upload it to Kindle. Sunday School will be starting back up in July when Pastor Philip gets here, so please let the office know if you are interested so we can get the quarterlies ordered.

I will be getting up with leadership in July and looking into having a Ministry Fair, so new members will get an idea of all the ministries that Faith Harbor has to offer. I would love to see every member in at least one of the ministries. Finally, with in the next few weeks, I would like to organize a team to help me with preparing a new church directory for Pastor Philip. I have the camera and a blue back drop, just need to start planning days and times for families to come in to get their picture taken and supply contact info, so Pastor Philip will have a tool to help him get familiar with the many new faces in our family. I will have a section for members and a section of the directory for non-members who attend regularly. I would like to have this project done before he gets here in July.

Sorry for the length of this letter, but I have had so much on my mind I felt it was time to get all the new ministries up and going. If you are interested in any of the above ministries or have any questions please contact me, I am here to serve you.

Your Sister in Christ,
Jessica Blackburn
FHUMC Lay Leader
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jmb@rayblackburn.com

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WELCOME TABLE:

June 12th – Bonnie Hunter & Lois Snyder



With the postponement of General Conference until 2024, the uncertain status of the Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace through Separation and the launching of the Global Methodist Church, Bishop Fairley from our NC Annual Conference posted an announcement on May 17th regarding the process to follow for churches that wish to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. Many people have asked questions about the requirements and the process, so I wanted to pass along the website so everyone can review the details.

Here are the brief steps, but you can read the details on the website link below.

Disaffiliation Process Steps

1. Complete the Disaffiliation Inquiry Form
2. Complete the Preliminary Disaffiliation Agreement
3. Request for Church Conference and Call by the District Superintendent
4. Church Conference Votes to Approve Disaffiliation by 2/3 Majority
5. Compliance with Terms & Conditions Before the Disaffiliation Date
6. Annual Conference Ratification at Duly Called Annual Conference
7. Organizational Transition (as of Disaffiliation Date)
8. All steps must be completed before December 31, 2023

Here is the website:

<https://nccumc.org/disaffiliation/>

Doug Munjas
Leadership Chair

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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*

**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.. 😊

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! 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. 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.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God knows exactly what I need today.

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

~Philippians 4:7 (NIV)



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, *Lou Wilson and family*

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; *Tim Carroll*; Loren Smith

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.*

SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of June 13th

Centering Prayer: Lord, in your mercy, grant us peace.
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 29

M John 14:27
T Philippians 4:7-9
W Romans 5:1
T Isaiah 26:3
F Colossians 1:15-20
S John 16:32-33

Key Scripture: Luke 2:14: "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"



JUNE

1 ST	Jim Ellis
2 nd	Bridget Colman
5 th	Melissa Schleinkofer; Amanda Williams
6 th	Jackson Moore
9 th	Aiden Moore
17 th	Spencer Henry
18 th	Lydia Blackburn; Paula Hopper
21 st	Brock Woolard
25 th	Tony Merlino; Alan Sasser
26 th	Lisa Byrd
30 th	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, 6/12

8:00 Beach Service
9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary
10:30 JR Basic End of Year Party

Friday, 6/17

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group @ Soundside Park

Sunday, 6/19

8:00 Beach Service
9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, 6/13

7:30 Open Prayer in Sanctuary
2:00 MABS, Rm. 6
6:30 Cub Scouts, Rm. 1-4

Wednesday, 6/15

Rainbow Circle to Calabash
10:30 Staff Meeting
7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, 6/16

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

