



Psalm 85.4-7: "Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation."

In this passage the Psalmist calls for the Lord to show steadfast love – to grant salvation. This love and this salvation is called for in the midst of calamities. And the Psalmist interprets the calamities as God's indignation and anger. And the Psalmist is calling God to not be so angry at the people of Israel, but instead to revive the people of God again.

That is my prayer for us at Faith Harbor – revive us again. Create in us a movement of the Holy Spirit. Allow us to be participants in what the Lord is already at work doing. For we are in need of God's salvation, and we are in need of God's steadfast love. In my time of being a pastor I have had the wonderful opportunity to be part of movements of the Holy Spirit that would erupt in a congregation. Many of the times, this would start through our youth. I am asking if all of us will be in prayer for our youth – and for Jewels Swain who is our Youth Minister here at Faith Harbor. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire their hearts and that they will have the courage to follow the Lord. This is my prayer – and please join me in this. And let us see the Lord's steadfast love erupt in the hearts of our youth.

### Letter from your Lay Leader

My Dearest Faith Harbor Family,

I had an opportunity to visit my cousin from California this week, she came and stayed a week at my brothers place close to the Outer Banks. Some of you know my brother owns a second home in Sealevel, NC and I love to go there to spend time with family and enjoy the peace and quiet of Gods beauty. I stay on the top level that has a little nook with a porch swing. I would spend my morning quiet time there and, in the evening, before I went to bed. If I didn't have a care in the world, I would just stay there all day, but then, I wouldn't be spending time with my cousin (the reason for being there). I could just sit there and soak in God's Love and grace all day long. My last morning there, I realized there are so many people who don't know about or have even experienced God's love and grace and it's up to me to share with those I meet. And I won't meet them if I sit here in my little nook of the world all day. Am I qualified to do this: No, but God uses the unqualified to do His work.

While I was speaking with a very wise person this morning, my eyes were open to the word "waiting". How are we waiting on Jesus? Are we waiting as in His return? Are we waiting on an answer? Or are we waiting as in serving? Like a waiter or waitress... serving others.

While waiting for Jesus's return we are to be about His business, waiting on "serving" others.

How is Faith Harbor waiting on Jesus? Are we doing nothing waiting for an answer? Or are we waiting on "serving" our community? I pray when Jesus comes, if that is today or tomorrow that He would find us waiting on "serving" others, by our **prayers**, our **presence**, our **gifts**, our **service**, and our **witness**.

What you give is determined between you and God. But don't miss out on the blessing because you are waiting on answers before you wait on the Lord as in serving.

Serve the Lord with gladness, in our works and ways, come before His presence with our songs of praise; unto Him our maker we should pledge anew, life's supreme devotion to service true.

Serve the Lord with gladness thankful all the while, for His tender mercies, for His loving smile, blessed truth enduring, always just the same, we will serve with gladness and praise His name.

Serve the Lord with gladness, this shall be our theme, as we walk together in His love supreme, listening ever listening for the still small voice. His sweet will so precious will be our choice.

Serve Him with gladness Enter His courts with song; to our creator true praises belong, great is His mercy wonderful in His name, we gladly serve Him, His great love proclaim.

Loving you Always, Your Sister in Christ, Jessica Blackburn FHUMC Lay Leader

#### SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of August 1st

Centering Prayer: O give thanks to the Lord. Psalm of the Week: Psalm 107

M Jeremiah 28.1-17 Tu Jeremiah 30.1-15

W Jeremiah 31.1-7

Th Jeremiah 31.31-34

F Nahum 3.1-7

Sa Daniel 7.9-14

Sun Hebrews 11.1-19

Key scripture: Jeremiah 31.33: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."



Due to schedule conflicts, the Leadership Council Zoom meeting has been moved to: Aug 4th at 6:30pm. Invite will be sent out prior. *Thank you!* 

# \*Please note, there will be no Wednesday Night Supper on August 3<sup>rd</sup>



#### THE APPLE TREE

The Apple Tree is here, and baskets are waiting to be filled with school supplies for the children in our

Summer SHARE the TABLE M.U.N.C.H. Backpack program. The Kiwanis have again generously donated backpacks for us to fill.

You have the option of picking an apple from the tree or purchasing the items from the supply list.



Please have items back to the church by: August 21<sup>st</sup> for delivery

August 25– 27<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for helping us make sure these children can start the school year with the tools they need to be successful in school.

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# <u>UMW NEWS</u>

The "Keep Me Dry" diaper program is a mission of the Faith Harbor Thrift Store and supported by United Methodist Women. It is housed at Share the Table where clients can pick up a package of 20 diapers per week to supplement their babies' diaper needs. Studies have shown that 1 out of 3 families experience diaper shortages and our area is no exception. This can lead to health issues and stress on families. We appreciate the donations of churches, service organizations, and individuals to supplement our supply.

As you are able, please consider donating diapers or a monetary gift. There is a play pen for collection next to the front door as you enter our church. We are especially in need of size 5 and 6.

Thank you for your continued support and God's blessings as we care for the smallest ones in our community.



The United Methodist Women of Faith Harbor invite you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, 4 August, at 4:30pm at the church. Lots of activities coming up.

Hope to see you there...

Bonnie Hunter



The UMW officers have made the decision to pause the Harbor Thrift Bake Sale until the first Thursday in September (9/1/22). This sale is one of our major fund raisers for the UMW budget and benevolent gifts. We have some fabulous bakers in our church and many church and community members that look forward to purchasing their goodies. Please support us in any way you can. We welcome new participation and if anyone would like to be added to the list of bakers or have not received an email or text message reminder of a turn to bake, please send Sylvia Bowman an email or text at (<a href="mailto:sylviabowman54@gmail.com">sylviabowman54@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:910-284-3131">910-284-3131</a>). There will also be a sign-up sheet near the kitchen.

We look forward to a renewed strength of support to these bake sales which benefit children, women, and families.

UMW and the Bake Sale Chairperson, Sylvia Bowman



Emmaus Community...let's have a strong showing! Please join us on July  $30^{\rm th}$  at 5:30 pm. at Pine Valley UMC ~ Walk to Emmaus Gathering and Potluck.

Location: 3788 Shipyard Blvd, Wilmington

Discussion: Starting up/resuming Winter Walks

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#### **Attention Joyful Drivers:**

We are currently looking for someone to be the new Joyful Drivers Coordinator. You would facilitate contact between those needing a driver and the awesome volunteers we have to drive. This would be an amazing (and flexible) opportunity for you to serve your church by providing a service to others. If you are interested, please contact Alexis Passingham at <a href="mailto:alexispassingham@gmail.com">alexispassingham@gmail.com</a>.

Thank you so much!!



We are asking for volunteers for Faith Harbor UMC's Early Response Team (ERT). A training class for certification or recertification will be held either the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in September at Faith Harbor UMC. Once we have the exact date set for training, we will let you know. It is not necessary to be certified to volunteer on the ERT team, so we ask anyone willing and able to volunteer.

We are gathering supplies and getting the ERT trailer ready for any storms that may hit our area. We certainly hope for clear skies this year. Our team will be helping to renovate a building at Roots of Recovery. This will include building interior walls, installing drywall, hanging interior doors and touchup painting. We will let you know of a date in the very near future.

Please let Lou or Diane Secary know if you are interested in volunteering with ERT or contact Faith Harbor UMC. Please also let us know if you are interested in the ERT training.

Email: Dsecary@gmail.com or call Lou: 410-739-3706 / Diane - 410-739-5420.



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

- Call or text the prayer request to: 270-307-3451
- Email the prayer request to <a href="mailto:cooney.cai@gmail.com">cooney.cai@gmail.com</a>
- Prayer concerns may also be submitted online at: http://www.faithharborumc.org



# WELCOME TABLE:

July 31<sup>ST</sup> – Faye Graziano and Sherry Mewborn



# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS ... :



A huge thank you to the congregation and volunteer youth leaders from the FHUMC b.A.s.i.C (Brothers and sisters in Christ) youth group for your support and prayers! We had an amazing experience on our Summer Mission trip to SC with Camp Generate YM360. We are grateful for the opportunity and the memories made together. Thanks again!



# **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...**

### July:

No Jr. Basic for the month of July. Happy Summer! \*Kid's Day Out" is postponed as of right now.

#### August:

14<sup>th</sup> – Acolyte Training following church service

29th - Backpack blessing and Jr. Basic back to school kickoff party!

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I will let God be my guide, this day and every day.

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? ~ Psalm 27:1 (NIV)



**Members**: Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll; Doris Davis; Art and Diane Dayton; *Rebecca Drudge and family*; Lanae Fowler; Diane Geary, Jean Hawley and family; Martha Marlow; Delores Miner, Judy Pratt; Paula Smith, 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; Cindy Dail and family; Deputy Caitlin Emanuel (Niece of Joyce Arnette); *Parker Fox; Al & Kathy Gower's grandson Philip Jameson Gaines (Parents: Calvin & Georgianna Gaines);* Kevin Drudge and family; 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



# JULY

27 <sup>th</sup>	Lyle Butler
31 <sup>st</sup>	Emily Frazier

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

# AUGUST

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stacie Holmes
3rd	Edmund Audet
4 <sup>th</sup>	Johnsie Smith
5 <sup>th</sup>	David King
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Butler; Pastor Philip
7th	Howard Jester
10th	Zachary Jester; Vance Penny

11 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia Platty, Max Schleinkofer
13 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Robinson, Jerry Wood
14 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Fisher
16 <sup>th</sup>	Savannah Jones
17 <sup>th</sup>	JimJustice
19 <sup>th</sup>	Edna Fisher
20th	Lois Snyder
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Karter Duddy
25 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Woolard
26 <sup>th</sup>	Patsy Mathews, Cale Horne
28th	Willie Bryan
29 <sup>th</sup>	April Shannon
30th	Clayann Binning; Sharon Jordan

# HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

**Sunday, 7/31** 

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

Monday, 8/01

7:30 Open Prayer in Sanctuary 2:00 MABS, Rm. 6

Tuesday, 8/02

6:00 "Unafraid" Bible Study, Rm. 6

Wednesday, 8/03

7:00 Choir practice
\*No Wednesday Night Supper tonight

Thursday, 8/04

12:00 AA Meeting, Rm. 6 2:00 Creation Care Group Meeting, Rm. 6 5:00 GS Troop Meeting #2424 6:30 Leadership Council Zoom Meeting Friday, 8/05

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group @ Soundside Park

**Sunday**, 8/07

8:00 Beach Service9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary

