



Faith Harbor
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Psalm 80.19: "Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved."

God is in the business of restoration. This business of restoration is built into God's economy. When we participate with the Holy Spirit – restoration naturally springs up around us. That doesn't mean it is easy – but it involves having God's light shine into situations, circumstances, and relationships – and that light exposes things that need to be attended to.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a mountain one time to pray. And on that mountain Jesus became shiny – and that shine was in the midst of the cloud – while the disciples were terrified (Luke 9.28-36). Jesus is Lord – and when his face shines – it is a proper response to be terrified. For this fear is a response to seeing who God truly is in Jesus Christ. But it is in our Lord that we will be saved and restored to the God who is light from light, true God from true God.

Let us be in God's business of restoration – as we bear the light of Christ into situations, circumstances, and relationships. There is no need to curse the darkness – instead there is need of just one thing – to be light bearers in the world. Our calling is to reflect the true light that is found in Jesus Christ. ~Philip Chryst

Sunday Scriptures

8/21/22 Luke 13: 10-17
8/28/22 Luke 14: 1-14
9/04/22 Luke 14: 25-33
9/11/22 Luke 15: 1-10
9/18/22 Luke 16: 1-13
9/25/22 Luke 16: 19-31
10/02/22 Luke 17: 5-10
10/09/22 Luke 17: 11-19
10/16/22 Luke 18: 1-8
10/23/22 Luke 18: 9-14
10/30/22 Luke 19: 1-10
11/06/22 Luke 20: 27-38
11/13/22 Luke 21: 5-19
11/20/22 Luke 23: 33-43
11/27/22 Isaiah 2: 1-5
12/04/22 Isaiah 11: 1-10
12/11/22 Isaiah 35: 1-10
12/18/22 Isaiah 7: 10-16
12/24/22 Isaiah 9: 2-7
12/25/22 Isaiah 52: 7-10
1/01/23 Isaiah 63: 7-9



A Letter from your Lay Leader

I came across the story below, during one of my morning devotionals this week and I felt a need to make it a part of my letter. I know it is lengthy, but it has a message I wanted to share.



Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to Thee to be Thine forever. Fill me and seal me with Thy Holy Spirit. Use me as Thou wilt, send me where Thou wilt and work out Thy whole will in my life at any cost now and forever.

This was the prayer Betty Scott, as an earnest teenager, prayed during her first year of college. It was shortly after this she met a young man, John Stam, while attending Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. They were married in 1933, when John was 26 and Betty was 27, and they served as missionaries in Anhui province of China. During the day, they visited nearby villages to share the gospel - in the evenings, they helped to lead meetings with another missionary in the region. The work was difficult, the area was mountainous and the people extremely poor, but the Stams rejoiced at the opportunity God had given them to share the good news of Christ.

On September 11, 1934, their daughter, Helen Priscilla, was born. The Stams were not the first white missionary couple to visit this village, but they were the first to make it their home.

On the morning of December 6, 1934, when baby Helen was only three months old, there was a knock on the front door of the store front. Betty was bathing the baby and the messenger at the door announced to John, Communist bandits were on their way to the village. The young Stam family immediately made preparations to leave, but it was already too late. Encouraged by the wild cheering of the people in the village, the bandits broke through the front door of the Stam's home. They were told to take off their clothes and leave only in their undergarments.

The following morning, December 7, 1934, John's hands were totally bound behind his back and Betty was allowed to walk beside him carrying their baby girl. They marched 12 miles in the bitter cold and then were thrust into a mud hut to spend the night. Their captors unbound John's hand and he was given the opportunity to write a letter. This is the letter he wrote to the Mission board while in captivity:

"My wife, Baby, and myself are today in the hands of the communist bandits. Whether we will be released or not no one knows. May God be magnified in our bodies, whether by life or by death. Philippians 1:20"

Sometime during that cold, dark night, Betty looked for the last time at the angelic face of her sleeping daughter and nursed her for one last moment. Then Betty bundled Helen inside her blanket and hid her under the covers with two 5-dollar bills. The bandits came for John and Betty in the early morning hours of December 8, 1934. They were marched down the streets of Miaosheo to their deaths while curious on lookers lined both sides of the streets. After marching to the center of the village, John was ordered to kneel. In one swoop of the Chinese sword, he was violently beheaded. Betty and the village shopkeeper (a gentleman who tried to save them) were killed seconds later. A courageous Christian, Mr. Lo, had followed the bandits who beheaded John and Betty Stam and the village shopkeeper. When Mr. Lo came upon the gruesome scene, he obtained help from the underground Christian community and placed all three bodies in coffins. Mr. Lo then went to look for the three-month-old baby girl who was still missing. He retraced the steps of the entourage to the mud hut and although over 24 hours had passed since Betty and John Stam had left their baby girl, she was smiling and happy under the pile of blankets

where her mother had hidden this precious little life. Mr. Lo transported baby Helen to her maternal grandparents who were also missionaries in China.

John and Betty Stams bodies were buried on a Hillside. Their gravestones read:

John Cornelius Stam January 18, 1907 *"That Christ may be glorified whether by life or death."* Philippians 1:20

Elizabeth Scott Stam February 22, 1906 *"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."* Philippians 1:21

The garment of praise was given to us by our Father, to carry us through our difficult days. When you are being attacked by Satan, the enemy of your soul, the first thing he will try to do is strip you of your garment of praise. The devil often deals in our emotional responses using them to corrupt our desire to worship. If the enemy can convince you to take off your garment of praise, he can better attack you with lies Concerning your identity. Worship, the human response to the love of the Father, protects us. Worship chooses to sing the songs of faith that thousands of sung before us. We do not worship God based upon our circumstances or because of our desires but based upon our relationship with our Father.

What are we doing to glorify Christ? How is He being glorified in us, at this time in our lives? We are to represent Him everywhere. We have it easy here in America – Land of the free, so why aren't we taking advantage of it and sharing the Good News to everyone we meet?

On a personal note... where are you glorifying Christ? What are you doing? How are you serving?

When people see you.... Do they see Christ? There are so many opportunities to serve our risen Lord. We have several right here in our own church. Check out all the opportunities in this messenger, pray the prayer Betty prayed at the beginning and then let us know where the Lord leads you. He will equip you and we will support you. Thank you in advance for accepting the commission the Lord has given you.

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

Announcements:

Thank you all for your response to the **Sunday service survey**, I still have a few coming in. Deadline is Sunday at noon. For those who missed the previous messenger We are taking a poll to see if FHUMC should move the 9:20 service to 10:00 or keep it at 9:20.

Emmaus Gathering is right around the corner. I want to thank all of those who have offered to serve during the gathering. If you are not sure how to help but want to, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex listing the items and side dishes needed. I realize many of you work hard at your jobs all week and only have the weekend to work on your house projects or have family time, so there is no time for cooking extra or even running by the store to grab a few items, so another way you can serve is with funding this event. Our biggest need will be the Shrimp, clams and sausage that will be going into the country boil. So, if any of you could spare a little, we would greatly appreciate it. You can write in the memo of your check and specify on the envelope Emmaus Gathering and drop it in the offering plate.

From the Finance Team:

July monthly giving: \$ 36, 282.63
Monthly budget need: \$ 37, 496.98

2022 YTD Giving: \$ 214, 181.35
2022 YTD Budget: \$ 262, 478.86
2022 YTD Deficit: \$ 48, 297.51

WELCOME TABLE:

August 21st: Susan Wieland & Harriet Byrd

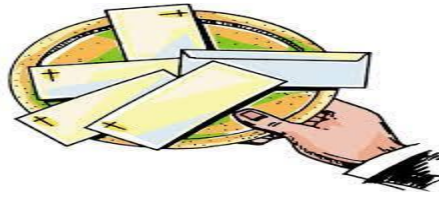


You are invited to join us for Monday Afternoons each Monday at 3:00 pm (this is a change in time) for Bible study. We are studying “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman for the next six weeks. You can purchase your book on Amazon or any of the booksellers. Come join us!

“Above and beyond all else it must be borne in mind that hatred tends to dry up the springs of creative thought in the life of the hater, so that his resourcefulness becomes completely focused on the negative aspects of his environment. The urgent needs of the personality for creative expression are starved to death. A man's horizon may become so completely dominated by the intense character of his hatred that there remains no creative residue in his mind and spirit to give to great ideas, to great concepts.”

– Howard Thurman, Jesus and the Disinherited

We need volunteers! The offering counters could use a few extra hands. If you are interested, please contact the church office



THE APPLE TREE

Please have items back to the church by:
August 21st for delivery August 25– 27th

Thank you for helping make sure these children start the school year with the tools they need to be successful!

ERT Event – Invitation

*Please join us at Roots of Recovery on Tuesday, 8/23 @ 8:30 a.m
We will be helping a family in need of new laminate flooring.*

If interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Lou (410) 739-3706 or Diane Secary (410) 739-5420



FOOD MINISTRIES SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING COOK, WASH DISHES, PROVIDE FOOD, ETC.



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UWIF NEWS & UPDATES

The United Methodist Women is changing its name to *United Women in Faith*.

Bakers warm up for the Thrift Store Bake sale on 1st and 3rd Thursdays, beginning 1 September. The Epicurean Event sponsored by The Methodist Home for Children is 8 September in Wilmington. The UMW is providing scholarship assistance to the Mother/Child Retreat at Camp Don Lee 16-18 September. Start prepping for a Frozen Casserole/Bake Sale on 18 September before and after Church. UMW will sponsor a Family Night Supper on Wednesday, 5 October, at 6pm with Soup/Salad/Bread/Dessert. Guest Speaker: Catherine McDowell from Roots of Recovery.



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.



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 3rd or 4th 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.



We are in the process of rebuilding the ERT (emergency response team). This is a group that goes to help families that have suffered damage to their homes. We are looking for interested volunteers. Skills not needed.

As you know, Kentucky has suffered a terrible loss. If you would like to help the following is the place to do it...

How to donate for KY flood relief:

Checks may be made to KY Disaster Response Advance #200902

Mail to:

The Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Disaster Response Ministry Fund

Attn: Treasurer

7400 Floydsburg Rd

Crestwood KY 40014

Give electronically:

kyumc-reg.brtapp.com/DisasterReliefDonationsm Yahoo Mail on Android

Disaster Response team

Gail Widholm

Disaster Preparedness

Some of our worst hurricanes and floods have happened in September. The Disaster Preparedness team wants all our families to know how to prepare. This week we are listing supplies for being at home in case of a power outage or severe weather. Prepare adequate supplies for at least 3 days:

- Water for eating and drinking for each family member.
- A Tub full of water or other container for flushing toilets and cleaning
- Food that will not need refrigeration.
- Mechanical can opener
- Batteries (store in freezer for longer life)
- Flashlights
- Lanterns with fuel
- Candles with matches (last resort)
- Heat alternatives if available (wood, propane etc.)
- Gasoline for generators

*Make sure to charge cell phones

*Store yard items from high winds

*Seal important items in heavy plastic (legal docs, important phone numbers, computers etc.)

Check with your neighbors

CALLING ALL SINGERS - IT'S CANTATA TIME!!!

We will have the first read-through of our Christmas Cantata on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

The word "cantata" comes from the Italian word "cantare" meaning "singer". And in Spanish, the verb "cantar" means to sing. So let us sing together for the Glory of God announcing the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 804-651-5488. Love, Allison

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Hello, all Faith Harbor bAsiC (brothers and sisters in Christ) youth group parents!

I hope and pray each of you and your families have had a wonderful Summer thus far! Back to school activities are fast approaching for all of us. We have some exciting plans for youth group this year! To get us started, please see below to mark your calendars for August/September happenings:

***Sunday, August 21st from 4-7pm will be our Youth Kickoff Event!** We will be gathering at the Medlin's house. The address is 9077 9th St. Surf City, NC. It backs up to the Canals and is close to the beach so please bring your bathing suits/beach towels/floats to enjoy some water activities together! Dinner will be provided. Kindly Rsvp for your youth so that we may plan accordingly, thanks. All youth are invited for some games, fellowship & good food! 😊

Note- parents, as you drop your youth off, please pick up the new school year youth paperwork/forms that will need to be completed for your youth, much thanks!

***Monday, August 22nd at 5:30pm-** There will be a Youth Council meeting at the Church.

***Sunday, August 28th will be our Youth Sunday for the month of August at the 9:20am Service.** Please let me know how your youth would be willing to serve that morning. We will need 4 Ushers, 2 Doorman, 2 to 3 Greeters, Several Children's classroom helpers, and a Volunteer to say the Offertory prayer. We will have the front left section reserved, so that we may all worship together. There will also be a Back-to-School Backpack blessing if your youth would like to participate in that with all the children.

Looking ahead:

***Sunday, Sept. 4th~** no evening youth group meetings due to the Labor Day weekend. Enjoy time with family and friends as the summer season officially comes to a close!

***Sunday, Sept. 11th~** Regular youth group evening meetings from 5-6:30pm to resume (unless other time is noted). More detailed information to follow soon.

Feel free to reach out to me if you should have any questions about our bAsiC Youth group program and activities via email/phone or text. Be sure to check out the weekly church messenger email for ongoing information and communications. In addition, monthly Youth updates will also be going out again starting at the end of August (for September, and then so on). I'm looking forward to seeing everyone real soon! 😊

Peace be with you,
Jewels Swain
Fhumc Youth Coordinator
(910)232-9844

Dear Jewels,
Thank you so very much for bringing your youth of Faith Harbor UMC to volunteer at The Dream Center this week! You all did so much hard work on the mulch at the Opportunity Village and also in the cafeteria. We appreciate it

So very much and are extremely grateful that the cafeteria is clean and organized for our graduation dinner this Friday.
God bless you all richly!
-Melissa
The Dream Center
PO Box 203 Easley, SC 29641
dreamcenterpc.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



August:

23rd: Children's Story Time 10am in the Sanctuary.

28th: Backpack blessing and Jr. Basic back to school kickoff party!

September:

Sept 11th: Volunteer appreciation

Sept 16th-18th: Mother/Child Retreat at Camp Don Lee.

ATTENTION:

Children's Ministry looking for volunteers to teach Sunday morning Children's Church. Typically, we have around five to eight children per classroom, and we need around 7 volunteers every Sunday to follow Safe Sanctuary protocol. Classrooms are open every Sunday so that the children have an opportunity to learn the Bible stories, scripture, and God's love while parents have time to have their spirit filled and draw near to God during the church service.

If you or you know of anyone who feels called to help with this ministry, please reach out to me.
Thank you!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When I have confidence in God, even my waiting can be joyful.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I hope.

-Psalm 130:5 (NRSV)



Members: Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; Art and Diane Dayton; Rebecca Drudge; *Buddy Fowler and family*; Jean Hawley and family; Martha Marlow; Pastor Neal and family; Delores Miner, Judy Pratt; Lou Wilson and family

Military: Joe Fraley, Alex Harris, Andy Harrison, Sgt. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, David Ritz, Quinn Woolard.

Family and Friends: Eric Bower; Charles Burnett's sister Armenta; Parker Byrd; the Durnil family; Hatch Bryan; Parker Fox; *Virginia Platts*; Loren Smith; *Karen Thrippleton*

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 August 22nd

Centering Prayer: For you, O Lord, are my hope. Psalm of the Week: Psalm 71

M II Thessalonians 1.1-12

Tu II Thessalonians 2.1-17

W II Thessalonians 3.6-15

Th I Corinthians 1.1-9

F I Corinthians 1.17-25

Sa I Corinthians 1.26-31

Sun Proverbs 25.6-7

Key scripture: II Thessalonians 3.9: "This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate."



AUGUST

2 nd	Stacie Holmes
3 rd	Edmund Audet
4 th	Johnsie Smith
5 th	David King
6 th	Jenny Butler; Peter Chryst
7 th	Howard Jester
10 th	Vance Penny
11 th	Virginia Platts; Max Schleinkofer
13 th	Gail Robinson; Jerry Wood
14 th	Danny Fisher
16 th	Savannah Jones
17 th	Jim Justice
19 th	Edna Fisher
20 th	Lois Snyder

<i>22nd</i>	<i>Karter Duddy</i>
<i>25th</i>	<i>Amy Woolard</i>
<i>26th</i>	<i>Patsy Mathews, Cale Horne</i>
<i>28th</i>	<i>Willie Bryan</i>
<i>29th</i>	<i>April Shannon</i>
<i>30th</i>	<i>Clayann Binning, Sharon Jordan</i>

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 8/21

8:00 Beach Service
 9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary
 Following Service: Meet the Staff/Church Q&A
 4 – 7:00pm Youth Kickoff Celebration

Monday, 8/22

7:30 Open Prayer in Sanctuary
 3:00 MABS, Rm. 6
 5:30 Youth Council Meeting, Rm. 6

Tuesday, 8/23

10:00 – Story time in Sanctuary
 6:00 “Unafraid” Bible Study, Rm. 6

Wednesday, 8/24

10:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 6
 7:00 Choir practice

Thursday, 8/25

9:00 Backpack Program
 12:00 AA Meeting, Rm. 6
 5:00 GS Troop Meeting #4242

Friday, 8/26

8:30 Women’s Breakfast Group @ Soundside Park

Saturday, 8/27

5:30 Emmaus Gathering @ FHUMC

Sunday, 8/28

8:00 Beach Service
Youth Sunday
 9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary
 *Children’s Ministry *Backpack Blessing*