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*Psalm 91.2: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."*

Theodicy is a theological term that talks about the problem of evil. Theodicy wrestles through a question that goes like this: how could a good God that created all things – end up with a world that has so much evil? Philosophers and theologians have struggled through this concept for thousands of years – and this struggle has never really been solved in a way that all can agree. Fyodor Dostoevsky spent numerous pages captivating his readers with this notion of theodicy, that he put into narrative form, in his monumental work called *Brothers Karamazov*. (Just for the record – I highly recommend this book – and if you ever want to discuss it let me know). At the end of his treatise – Dostoevsky can only write of forgiveness and God's right to forgive – even in the midst of evil.

One of my favorite paintings is of Saint Anthony in the desert. Saint Anthony fled the luxuries of wealth and prosperity and sold his possessions and gave them to the poor. He did this by going out into the wilderness to do battle with evil – to do battle with the devil. Michelangelo's

first painting (some scholars believe he created this when he was 12-13 years old) highlights the problem of evil using Saint Anthony as his backdrop. You can see the cruelty of evil that inflicts pain and suffering on the hermit. Yet the monk is composed and contemplative in his response to evil.

In Psalm 91.2 – the Psalmist declares: *"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."* In the midst of the evils of this world – the important thing for us is the character and identity of who God is. Here the psalmist reminds us that our God is a refuge and a fortress. And not just any fortress, but our fortress. That the God we serve has made a way for us to trust even in the midst of evil. That the God we serve is a refuge when the rains come – when the winds come – when the hail comes – when the hurricanes come – when the floods come. Because we know that evil is present in this world – and that evil comes seeking someone to devour.

## Sunday Scriptures

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

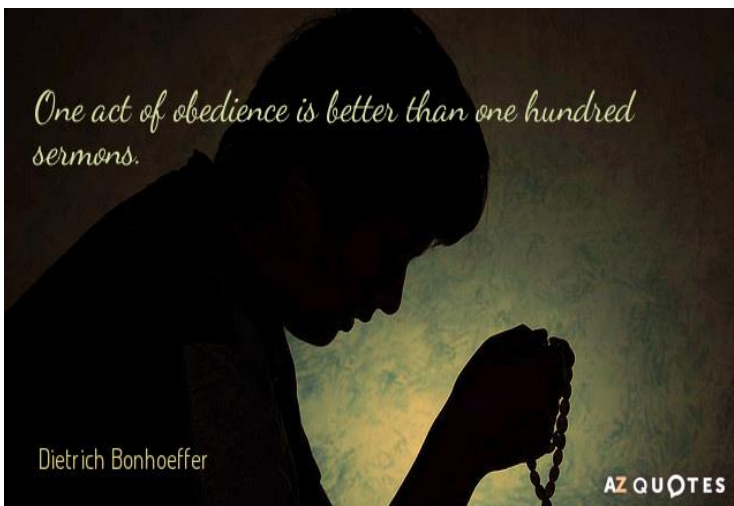
12/18/22 Isaiah 7: 10-16

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...



All of you are here, at this time, in this place for a reason. Are you reading the signs that God has placed before you? Do you hear what He is telling you? God is talking to each one of you. Don't you hear Him, or are you letting the voices of the world drown Him out? How do we hear God when we don't have time to listen to Him? Making time for God must be a priority in life. Spending a few minutes a day, reading His word and praying, will start drowning those voices of the world to where you can hear Him. Don't you want to hear what

God has planned for you? Take the time to be still, to read Gods word, to pray and listen.... You will be amazed at what He reveals to you.

Loving you always, Your sister in Christ,

*Jessica Blackburn, Lay Leader*

*Please join us in the Sanctuary for open prayer every Monday, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.*

*All are welcome!*



Sign up for an amazing weekend. May 5-7, 2023. This incredible weekend is designed, created, and intended to bring women of all ages and cultures together to help you pursue a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you are interested please contact Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193  
[jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com)

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## WELCOME TABLE:

October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Susan Wieland & Bill Widholm



We have an immediate need for:

\*Prayer Warrior Coordinator - For more information please contact Kim/Office or Steve Cooney at: [cooney.cai@gmail.com](mailto:cooney.cai@gmail.com)

\*Counters (1-2): Please see Bernie on Sunday

## Monday Afternoon Bible Study

**Monday Afternoon Bible Study- Psalms: Prayers of the Heart with Eugene Peterson\*** We started our study this week on Psalms. Our focus this week was on an introduction to the Psalms. Several points we would like to share with you from our time together:

- People look into mirrors to see how they look; they look into the Psalms to find out who they are. A mirror is an excellent way to learn about our appearance; the Psalms are the biblical way to discover ourselves.
- The Psalms are poetry, and the Psalms are prayer. These two features need to be kept in mind always. If either is forgotten, the Psalms will not only be misunderstood but misused.
- Poetry is language used with intensity. Prayer is language used in relation to God
- Prayer is answering speech. God's Word has not done its complete work until it evokes an answer from us. All our answers are prayers. The Psalms train us in this answering speech, this language that responds to all God's creating and saving words targeted to our lives.
- Our usual approach to God's Word is to ask, What is God saying to me? That is almost always the correct question when reading Scripture. But in the Psalms the question is, How do I answer the God who speaks to me?
- And so we bring a somewhat different mindset to the Psalms than we do to the rest of Scripture—we are learning to pray, not study, although the two activities will always be interconnected.
- Everything that anyone can feel or experience in relation to God is in these prayers. You will find them the best place in Scripture to explore all the parts of your life and then to say who you are and what is in you—guilt, anger, salvation, praise—to the God who loves, judges and saves you in Jesus Christ. These twelve studies are designed to guide you into twelve interior dimensions of your life and bring them to expression before God.

**Note: Information taken from pages 1-9 of *Psalms: Prayers of the Heart with Eugene Peterson***

We will read Psalms 1 this week and reflect on it on Monday Oct 3. Read it with us this week and pray for our knowledge and understanding as we take this journey.

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## Harbor Thrift Store News



**With cooler weather coming, the store is in need of gently used jackets and outerwear for children.**

Reminder: Donations should always come through the Harbor Warehouse. Typically, volunteers are working/available at the warehouse Mondays and Fridays (before noon). When dropping off donations, please call ahead. *Thank you for your support!*

Jean Hawley: (910) 330-0760

Gloria Richardson: (704) 804-4909

Beth Walker: (252) 213-2240

Sylvia Bowman: (910) 284-3131

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Please join us Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for *Children's Story Time!*



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The Rainbow Circle cordially invites any lady from the church to participate in a day of fun and fellowship on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be traveling to Calabash, NC where the food is great and the shopping even better! As we plan to take the church van and extra vehicles if needed, **we will need to know by October 14<sup>th</sup> if you plan to participate.** On October 19<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the church. We'll return later that evening.

Please notify Sherri Davila at (919) 608-3448 if you are attending. Look forward to your participation!

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## UWIF NEWS & UPDATES

Thank you to all who supported the United Women In Faith during our recent Frozen Entree/Bake Sale. Because of your contributions and purchases, we collected \$741. All proceeds will help support our missions such as Share the Table, Roots of Recovery, Methodist Home for Children, and others. As an example, along with the Thrift Store, the United Women in Faith recently helped send off seven women and children to the Mother/Child retreat at Camp Don Lee.

**Our next UWIF meeting is Tuesday, 4 October, at 4:30 at Faith Harbor. Won't you please join us?**

**Family Night Supper with guest speaker Catherine McDowell (Roots of Recovery)**

Date: October 5<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:00p.m.

Where: Faith Harbor UMC

The Fall menu will be soups, salad, desserts, and bread.

\*Please contact Sharon Jackson at (919) 308 6708 regarding what you can bring.

Hope you will come feast with us!

Thank you so much for your support.

*Bonnie Hunter*

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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.*  
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***Save the Date!***

Please join us October 30<sup>th</sup> at Soundside Park Amphitheater for music provided by Worship North Carolina. This event is sponsored by Faith Harbor UMC

Time: 4:30p.m until Sunset

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We received the following information from our ERT trainers.

Two ERT Basic Training classes scheduled. If interested, please pick one.

1. October 15, 2022 from 8:30 to 4:30 at Wrightsboro UMC, N. Kerr Ave., Wilmington, NC
2. October 22, 2022 from 8:30 to 4:30 at Sharon UMC, 2030 Holden Beach Road, Supply NC 28462

If anyone is interested in training or recertification, please go to the Conference website [www.nccumc.org](http://www.nccumc.org) and click on Disaster Ministries. Follow the tab to Training and pick the class you or anyone in your church wants to register for. This registration ensures that the Conference gets your information and insures having the materials you will need for the class.

Email: [Dsecary@gmail.com](mailto:Dsecary@gmail.com) or call Lou: 410-739-3706 / Diane - 410-739-5420.



With many needs to prepare for, we are asking church members to save their hotel sample bottles of shampoo, soap etc. There will be a basket in the narthex to leave them as your collection builds up. Any hygiene samples are appreciated.

Disaster Response team  
*Gail Widholm*



Greetings all Youth group parents!

\*\*\*Save the date- the **NCC Youth Pilgrimage event will be on Nov. 11-13<sup>th</sup>** in Rocky Mount, NC at the Event Center. This event is open all to 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! 😊

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Oct 9th: Jr. Basic

Oct 29th: Trunk or Treat 2 - 4:30pm.

UPDATE: There is still a need for our 4-K room on the 4th Sunday of the month and our 1st-2nd grade classroom on the first Sunday of the month.



Trunk or Treat Event~

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the kitchen window for anyone who would like to decorate a trunk. The more the merrier! We will also need donations of candy/treats - donation bin will be in Narthex.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

What simple joy from God will I give thanks for today?

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.*

~James 1:17 (NRSV)





**Members:** Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, *Harriet Byrd*; Connie Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; Jean Hawley and family; Martha Marlow; Larry & *Becki Modlin*; Judy Pratt; Lou Wilson and family

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

**Family and Friends:** Eric Bower; *Eileen Eifert* (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Loren Smith

**Website Prayer Requests:** Lorraine Chavez; Steven Donaghy

*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 it into practice. Amen*

**SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Centering Prayer: How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?  
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 137

M Galatians 1.6-12, Luke 10.25-37

Tu Galatians 1.13-24, Luke 10.38-42

W Galatians 2.1-14, Luke 11.1-4

Th Galatians 3.1-5, Luke 11.5-13

F Galatians 3.7-13, Luke 11.27-28

Sa Galatians 3.22-29, Luke 11.27-28

Su II Kings 5.14-17, II Timothy 2.8-13, Luke 17.11-19

Key scripture: Galatians 1.12: "For I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ."



## OCTOBER

1 <sup>ST</sup>	Sabrina Guy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hunter Tayloe
4 <sup>th</sup>	Buddy Fowler
5 <sup>th</sup>	John Pratt
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kelsey Swain
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Philip
10 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Passingham; Barbara Poole
12 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica Blackburn; Parker Burgess
13 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Berg
15 <sup>th</sup>	Becky Moore
16 <sup>th</sup>	Rosalie Kerr
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Moore; Greg Holmes

<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Faye Decatur; Jann Tayloe</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sandy Rogers</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Louis Secary</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Cindy Jester; Cathy Medlin</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>David Decatur</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Zander Guy</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Roxey Jordan</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Leigh Bizzell; Sue Smith</b>

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



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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 10/02**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:20 Communion/Worship Service  
Reception for Jean Hawley & the Poole's  
5:00 MS/HS Youth Group, Reef

### **Sunday, 10/09**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:20 Worship Service  
10:30 Jr. Basic Group  
10:30 New Membership Class

### **Monday, 10/03**

7:30 a.m- Open Prayer in Sanctuary  
3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6  
6:30 Cub Scouts, Rm. 1-4

### **Tuesday, 10/04**

10:00 Children's Story Time  
4:30 UWIF Meeting  
6:00 – Missional Discipleship Training  
7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

### **Wednesday, 10/05**

10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6  
10:30 Staff Meeting  
5:00 GS Troop Meeting #4242  
6:00 Family Night Supper  
7:00 Cantata Practice  
7:45 Choir Practice  
7:00 Boy Scouts, The Reef

### **Thursday, 10/06**

12:00 AA Meeting, Rm. 6

### **Friday, 10/07**

8:30 Women's Breakfast @ Soundside park