

Sunday Scriptures

2/19/23 Isaiah 65:17-25 2/22/23 Ash Wednesday

A Letter from your Lay Leader...

Mistaken Identity



A man is being tailgated by a woman who is in a hurry. He comes to an intersection, and when the light turns yellow, he hits the brakes. The woman behind him goes ballistic. She honks her horn at him; she yells her frustration in no uncertain terms; she rants and gestures.

While she is mid-rant, someone taps on her window. She looks up and sees a policeman. He invites her out of the car and takes her to the station where she is searched and fingerprinted and put in a cell. After a couple of hours, she is released, and the arresting officer gives back her personal

effects, saying, "I'm very sorry for the mistake ma'am. I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, using bad gestures and bad language. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' window sign, the Christian fish emblem on your trunk, and I naturally assumed you had stolen the car."

The world gets pretty tired of people who have Christian bumper stickers on their cars, Christian fish signs on their trunks, Christian books on their shelves, Christian stations on their radios, Christian jewelry around their necks, Christian videos for their kids, and Christian magazines for their coffee tables but don't actually have the life of Jesus in their bones or the love of Jesus in their hearts.

John Ortberg, When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2007).

God bestows more consideration on the purity of the intention with which our actions are performed than on the actions themselves. *Augustine of Hippo*

Just some food for thought...

Love, 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!



WELCOME TABLE:

February 19th: Susan Wieland & Bill Widholm

FHUMC is looking for our next Facilities Manager...for those interested, please double-click on the job description below. Candidates should send a resume to Mike Hopper at mhopper430@gmail.com. The cutoff date is March 26th. *Thank you!*



The Quilting Mission is growing! We will now be meeting on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Please join us...no experience necessary. All are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call Alma at (540) 588-0738.

Attention: The Zoom series "Connections & Reflections... Faith & Hope & Love" has been canceled.



Lenten Devotionals will be available in the Narthex this Sunday.



Save the Date! You won't want to miss out.

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



UWF NEWS & UPDATES



The "Keep Me Dry" diaper program is a mission of the 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. 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.

Reminder: Donations for the thrift store should always come through the Harbor Warehouse.

When dropping off, 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



*Sun., Feb. 19th~

Regular Youth group meetings for MS & HS in the Reef and Library from 5-6:30pm

*Tues., Feb. 21st~

Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper youth fundraiser at 6pm!! Parents- we need most of the youth here by 5pm to help set up and start cooking up some pancakes! If they can't come by 5pm because of a schedule conflict, then some can come at 6pm and eat & be on the clean-up crew. This is a favorite supper enjoyed by everyone. We will serve pancakes, bacon, sausage, and fruit. *Parents- if you can help, please let me know-I will need 1 or 2 parent helpers for this event.

*Wed., Feb. 22nd~

Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm. Hope everyone can plan to attend this special service.

*Sun., Feb. 26th~

Missional activities for MS & HS youth. Time/Location tba. Will get back with everyone on specifics. Confirmation Class to begin during regular youth group time of 5-6:30pm in Classroom #1.

**Important News/Other Info.~ Spring Spiritual Retreat is set for Fri., Mar. 17th- Sun. Mar. 19th at Camp Don Lee in Arapahoe, NC. This will be a time to grow in our knowledge of Jesus Christ and enjoy this beautiful camp together! This retreat is open to ALL bAsiC youth members 6th-12th graders. Confirmands will also be on this retreat, but the break out sessions will be different for those youth. Everyone will get some free time to Kayak, Sail, Hike and explore the camp over the weekend, Camp staff will assist with certain activities. *Cost is only \$50 per youth (due by Feb. 15th), the rest is covered by the church. If you wish to attend, please contact Jewels asap for more information. We are looking forward to this new event!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Please join us every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for Children's Story Time! Tell a friend, bring a friend!

Jr. Basic is in need of parent volunteers to help with preparing and cleaning up for lunch time. Please check let me know if you can help with one of the dates listed below. All food will be provided. Volunteers will be asked to heat up and prepare simple food items (Chicken nuggets, fresh fruit...) and cleanup after. Thank you!

February

Feb 21st: Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper Youth Fundraiser – 6:00 pm Feb 26th: Jr. Basic to Woodbury (Pick-up time TBD)

March

March 12th: Jr. Basic, pick up 12:30 March 26th: Jr. Basic, pick up 12:30

A look ahead:

Vacation Bible School June 26th-29th. 5:30 - 8:30pm. Dinner will be served!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The light of Jesus is brighter than any light of my own.

In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

~Matthew 5:16 (CEB)



Members: *Gail Ace*; Joyce Arnette; Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd; Doris & Mike Davis; Patty Feige; *Marlaine Hopper; Mike & Paula Hopper;* Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; *Wendy Mooney and family;* Judy Pratt; Dave & Jill Strohpaul

Military: Joe Fraley, Alex Harris, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Greg Holmes; Sgt. Joey Horne; John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, David Ritz, Michael Roberson.

Family and Friends: Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; *Paula Hopper's mother-Lorraine*; the family of James Ervin Horne; Nathaniel Lewis: *Wendy Mooney's mother Shirley*; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna

Website Prayer Requests: Lorraine Chavez; Betty Parrish, Mylinda Paschal & Tetsuo Nakatsu

And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort, and healing. Heavenly Father, I am praying for complete healing and good health. Please take away my worries & grant me inner peace and strength. AMEN

SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of February 20th

Centering Prayer: You are my son, today I have begotten you. Psalm 2

M Mark 9.14-29

Tu Mark 9.30-37

W Joel 2.12-18, II Corinthians 5.20-6.2, Matthew 6.1-18

Th Deuteronomy 30.15-20, Luke 9.22-25

F Isaiah 58.1-9, Matthew 9.14-15

Sa Isaiah 58.9-14, Luke 5.27-32

Su Genesis 2.7-3.7, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

Key scripture: Joel 2.12: "Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart."



FEBRUARY

2 nd	James Dixon
4 th	Payton Rice
5 th	Judy Miller
8 th	Jameela Kerr
9 th	Jim Graziano
10 th	Sophie Albertson; Anita Phillips; Cecilia Watson
12 th	Samuel Kerr
17 th	Mike Hopper; Laura Frazier; Dawn Ellis
20 th	Grace Holmes
22 nd	Lucille Horrell; Suzanne Fussell; Tom Fisher
24 th	Lisa Colman
27 th	Avery Harrison



March

1 ^{s†}	Alma Osborn
3 rd	Alice Williams
9 th	Kent Smith
11 th	Jewels Swain
17 th	Jency Paliotti
18 th	Ryan Chryst
20 th	Debbie Sasser
21 st	Bonnie Hunter; Cole Frazier; Mike Davis
27 th	Marianne Sliwa
28 th	Nancy Merlino
29 th	Maris Jordan; Sherry Mewborn
30 th	Amber Hengst; Evangeline Schleinkofer
31 st	Audrey Audet

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 2/19

8:00 Communion Service 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6 5:00p.m. MS/HS Youth Group

Monday, 2/20

7:30 Open Prayer 9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6 3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6 6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 2/21

9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6 10:00 Story Time 6:00p.m. Pancake Supper

Wednesday, 2/22

9:30 Communion 7:00p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef 7:45p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, 2/23

12:00 AA Group

Friday, 2/24

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group, Rm. 6

Sunday, 2/26

8:00 Communion Service 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6 10:30 JR Basic to Woodbury 5:00p.m. Youth Missional Activity