

MESSENGER JANUARY 15, 2021

Some THANK YOU MESSAGES TO SHARE....

Dear Faith Harbor Congregation,

Your generous spirit never ceases to amaze me! The Christmas love offering was much appreciated. It has been quite a strange year for all of us, but I am so grateful that we have been able to adjust and adapt in order to still have some youth group activities and events in 2020. Your love and support help make it possible for us to offer this rewarding ministry for our youth. I look forward to 2021 and can't wait to see what God is up to in our midst here at Faith Harbor. Again thank you for your generosity at Christmas and I wish each of you a healthy, happy and blessed New Year ahead!

In His Service,

Jewels Swain, Youth Coordinator 😊

To My Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for my love offering. I am so thankful for this congregation and enjoy being part of making the service come to life.

Jim Ellis

Dear Faith Harbor Family,

I would like to sincerely thank each of you for the generous love offering over this past Christmas. Our Church continues to show so much love not only with this love offering but in so many others ways. I hope to continue to serve Faith Harbor and all of you in any way possible. I would also like to thank Jim Graziano, Martha Vaughn and all the Finance members for the hard work they do all year round.

With much appreciation,

Seth Swain

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Kim and I have recently taken up a hobby of sorts that I know many of you have had for years, and that is collecting sea glass. I will admit that I never heard of sea glass until we moved to the Surf City area less than two years ago. When I first heard about it and learned that people collected it, I thought, why in the world would people want to collect pieces of broken glass? After all, it is nothing more than pollution—garbage, in fact—that has washed up on the shore. Why would anyone want that? Now we know.

It is true that sea glass was once garbage. It comes from bottles and other glassware that was evidently considered worthless, so it was discarded in the ocean. But over time, the action of the waves and the sand and the sunlight rounds and smooths the broken and jagged edges of the glass and etches the surface, giving it a frosty glow. What was once a worthless piece of garbage becomes a much sought-after gem, a beautiful jewel, a treasure.

The story of sea glass seems to me to be a metaphor for what can happen when we submit our lives in all their brokenness to God. We might feel that our lives are irretrievably broken by our past mistakes, we may feel like we have been discarded by the world, we may feel worthless. We may even think we are garbage. We might look at our lives and see only brokenness, but God sees what we can become. When we give our lives to the Lord and allow God to have His way in our lives, He rounds the jagged edges of our past mistakes and softens our hard hearts and causes our countenance to glow with the Holy Spirit, making our lives become something beautiful.

This Sunday we will hear the stories of two biblical characters who God calls to become what nobody but God could have imagined they would become. I hope you will join us for worship either virtually or in-person as we hear these stories and we are reminded that God calls each of us to become more than we can think or imagine.

Please know that we are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation in our area and we are being diligent in our practices of safety. We thank God that we have been protected so far from any exposure to COVID-19 in our worship services, and we pray that God will continue to protect us and keep us well.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Week of 01-18-21 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: *Mend my brokenness and make me become who you see in me, O God.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 51

M 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

T Matthew 11:28-30

W Psalm 34:18-19

T 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

F Psalm 147:2-6

S Isaiah 43:1-2

Key Scripture: *Psalm 34:18 – The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

Prayer does not change God, but changes him who prays.

*For I am the Lord, I do not change.
Malachi 3:6 AMP*

Our business in prayer is not to prescribe but to subscribe to the wisdom and will of God; to refer our case to Him, and then leave it with Him.

Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:5 NKJV



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Leslie Jones, Courtney Kane, Beth Kane and her father, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Janice Long Terri Luisi, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Teri Ragan O'Driscoll, Judy Paliotti and Jency, JoAnn Rivenbark, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaal, Kelly Wills, John Wilson and Dean and Sandy Wise-covid.

Military: Joe Fraley, Sg. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, Anthony Ripley, David Ritz.

Friends: April, Barbara Rummel's mom and Martha Marlow's mom, Christine, Willie Arnette, Kim Audet, Bill and Rachel -covid, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, **Children,** Chimer Clark, Kathy Clapp, Bill Dirk and Teresa, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Hugh and Melinda Harrison -covid, Judy Hoopes, Roy and Tony Horne, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Lea Jones, Kelly, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Donald Kornegay, Jr.-covid, **Barbara Lee,** Brenda Leonard, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren and Martha, Doreen Luisi, Tim McCart, Sandy McVickers, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Ernie Mazzei, Ed Minnich, Michelle, Monica, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, **Parents,** Pastor Stephanie, Jack Parrmar-covid, Dot Phillips, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Johnnie M. Powell, Judy Pratt, Todd Rice, Stanley and Ruby, Tania Roth, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Jamie and Sherry Sliwa and their children, Katrina Seferyn, Jonathan Sloan, Jacob Smith,-covid, **Family of Patricia Sox,** Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, Don Sweeney, Sister Monique Schwirtz, **Teachers,** Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, and Bill Zell.
And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort and healing.

Finance Report for December 2020 and Year to Date Totals

December contributions:	\$43,722.54
Year to Date contributions:	\$385,778.54
Year to Date Budget:	\$431,934

God is good. Faith Harbor is blessed. We have lived through a pandemic since March, paid all our bills, paid apportionments in full, paid our staff in full and kept the ship afloat thanks to so many Faith Harbor members and staff.

Good Job everyone!

We are indeed blessed.

HARBOR THRIFT STORE MISSIONS 2020

Share The Table	\$2,500.00
Methodist Home For Children	2,000.00
Share The Table (Kids Back Pack Food)	1,000.00
Mercy Abounds	1,000.00
FHUMC (Children's Ministry Live Stream)	1,000.00
FHUMC (Youth Ministry Equipment)	1,000.00
CHAPS (Thanksgiving Food)	300.00
CHAPS (Christmas Food)	500.00
Keep Me Dry(UMW/HARBOR THRIFT DIAPER PROGRAM)	453.43
Medonna Hospital	250.00
BACK PACK KIDS (School Supplies)	226.20
Anchor Church (Phillip Chryst)	<u>200.00</u>

TOTAL \$10,329.63 GOD IS GOOD!!!



Thanks to all our hearty volunteers in the warehouse and store, and our generous donors we remained well stocked although COVID-19 closed our doors for two months.

We opened another store ,The Christmas Shop, on November 17th through December 23 which increased our revenues significantly. We are grateful to Lewis Realty for rent free use of Suite D at Coral Ridge Station.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who made the Christmas Store so invitingly beautiful.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TRUSTEE MEETING on **Saturday, January 16th at 10:00 am** at the church. We will wear mask and social distance for the meeting. See you tomorrow.

The SPPRC Committee will meet on **Monday, January 18 at 6:00 PM.**
The meeting will be held via ZOOM.

FINANCE TEAM meets on **Thursday, January 21st at 6:00pm** by zoom.

Leadership Council on **Thursday, January 28th at 6:00pm** by zoom.

YOUTH NEWS

Sun., Jan. 17th~ Group A meets from 5-6:30pm

*Older HS Group

*Older MS Group

Sun., Jan 24th~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm

*Younger HS Group

*Younger MS Group- which was the Confirmation group & all current 6th graders

Sun., Jan. 31st~ Group A meets from 5-6:30pm

*Older HS Group

*Older MS Group

Just a few reminders about Youth Group~ Please have youth bring and wear their masks to each meeting. If your youth doesn't feel well, please have them wait until they are better to attend their next scheduled (Group A or B) youth meeting. With Covid 19 cases on the rise after the holidays, we want to continue to be cautious and help keep everyone safe and healthy so that we can continue to meet. Thank you for all of your continued support and we look forward to the new year ahead with your youth!💕 If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Wishing you all the Peace of Christ in 2021~

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- 17 Wendy Mooney
- 18 Diane Geary
Doug Munjas
Gail Widholm
- 19 Cam Barnes
- 23 Brittany Audet
Mary Margaret Cosner
- 25 Buddy Fussell
Karlie Holmes
- 26 Judd Schleinkofer
- 28 Madison Rose Jones
- 29 Kyle Jernigan
Bodie Taylor
- 30 Jimmy Canady
Porter Olmstead
- 31 Stacy Menzies