

MESSENGER JANUARY 8, 2021

Some THANK YOU MESSAGES TO SHARE....

(the first message below was sent in December and I missed it on my e-mails, then failed to include it last Friday. I ask Lou and John to accept my apology of missing posting it to the congregation in December and last week.

Dear friends,

Anthropologist, Margaret Mead, surprised many when she stated that community began not with fire, or the wheel, or shelter but with *CARE*.

When animals broke bones they were left to power of other animals. Most became "meals" when broken limbs kept them from functioning.

When a human broke a bone and someone cared enough to stabilize that bone, gave the wounded food, and checked on their progress- *community began*.

John and I have experienced this within our church home. Our hearts were broken and we could not function. You provided love, support and food, physical and spiritual. There were shoulders to cry on and hugs in the time of Covid. You listened to our laments and even brought the ashes of our daughter, Lindsey, home.

We are humbled. We are thankful. We know God's plan is the perfect one. Thank you for establishing community in our time of need.

In God's peace,

John and Lou Wilson

Dear Faith Harbor Family,

Thank you so much for the generous love offering at Christmas. My heart is filled with so much gratitude and love for my brothers and sisters in Christ and their continued support of Faith Harbor's Children's Ministry. I am so excited for 2021 and all the possibilities in store for children's ministry. Especially Vacation Bible School, God willing! I will continue to do my best to serve God and the children and their families in our community and anywhere I can in the coming year.

Much Love,

Melissa Schleinkofer
Children's Ministry Director

We wish to THANK YOU for the very generous Christmas love offering! We are exceedingly blessed to serve with and among such a thoughtful, generous and loving church family. We look forward to our year 2021 together in ministry.

Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity!

Pastor David and Kim

To My Faith Harbor Family,

I thank you for the generous love offering I was given in December. I appreciate your support all through 2020. I am blessed to serve God at Faith Harbor and look forward to 2021 serving in worship with you. Maybe by late Summer we will be back to a full Sanctuary in worship. Again thank you for your love and kindness!

Allison Stowers
Director of Music

Thank you message from Jewels will be in the Messenger next Friday.

Week of 01-11-21 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: *Thank you, God, for the gift of identity in you.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 139

M John 15:16

T Genesis 1:27

W 1 Peter 2:9

T 2 Corinthians 5:17

F Romans 6:6

S John 1:11-12

Key Scripture: Jeremiah 1:5 ~“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.

Pastor David's Message this week.

Grace and peace to each of you in this New Year!

It has been a less than encouraging week for those of us who had hoped to leave the troubles of 2020 behind by flipping the calendar. The events in our nation's Capitol building on Wednesday certainly did not indicate that things are getting any better. Images of angry, violent mobs with utter disregard for the law, tear gas, shootings, destruction and death: it reminds me all too much of 2020!

If there is anything positive to come out of the terrible events in our world over the last year, it is that people must surely be realizing how uncertain life is, and that placing trust in any human being, human institution or human system of government is utterly futile. Faced with this realization, people will be hungry for something that is certain and trustworthy ... and that is where the Church comes in. Some would say that "church" is just another human institution, but we know that the Church was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. He said He would build his Church, and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it (Mt. 16:18). He also said that He is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). It is our role as the Church to point people to Jesus, the Way, and to the hope, peace, truth, certainty and fulfillment in life that He alone can provide.

There are people all around us who are hungering for what Jesus has to offer. More and more people are moving to our area, people who will need a church home where they can find support and connection and encouragement on their walk with the Lord. I want Faith Harbor to be positioned to receive these people who are hungry to know Jesus.

This year will be extremely important in the life of our church. First and foremost, we need to be sure that we are a Church founded on the truth of God's Word, so that we can offer truth to a world that is starving for it. Watch very soon for several opportunities our church will be offering to engage in Bible studies, in-person and virtually. Secondly, we need to be an invitational church, reaching out to people around us and inviting them to be part of our church family. A large part of being inviting is having facilities that are appealing and accommodating to those who are looking for a church home. Later this month our New Building Steering Committee will present the architectural schematic designs for our proposed new building to our Leadership Council. These exciting architect's renderings will be posted on our website.

In spite of, or perhaps in response to the discouraging events in our world, I believe that 2021 can be a year when Faith Harbor more than ever lives into our calling to be "A Beacon of Hope in a Broken World." I am glad to be sharing this journey of faith with such a loving, generous and faithful church family. I am looking forward to what this new year will bring, fully confident that the Lord of the Church goes before us into 2021.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor David

P.S. Please see elsewhere in this Messenger the names of those persons who will serve on the committees of our church in 2021. Also Judy will send an e-mail through Mailchimp with an attachment of this same information if you wish to make a copy.

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

To pray does not only mean to seek help; it also means to see Him.

Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Psalm 27:8 NRSV

He who fails to pray does not cheat God. He cheats himself.

Blessed is the man who reveres God, but the man who doesn't care is headed for serious trouble.
Proverbs 28:14 TLB



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Stephanie Hardin in recent injuries, 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, and John Wilson. -Praises that Harriet Byrd tested negative for 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, Tom's Bradford's sister in Alabama who is battling covid**, 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**, 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 Parmar-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 Marianne and Jackson in prayer. All but Jackson are battling covid**, Katrina Seferyn, Jonathan Sloan, **Jacob Smith, covid, 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.**

If there is someone on this list that no longer is in need of our prayers let Judy know and she will take them off the list. Thanks.

Faith Harbor UMC

2021 Officers & Committee Members

Leadership Council

Position	Name	Class Year
Chair		2023
Vice Chair	TBD by Leadership Council	
Lay Leader	Jessica Blackburn	2023
SPRC Chair	Debbie Sasser	2021
Finance Chair	Dale Osborn	2022
Trustee Chair	Faye Decatur/Marion Shade	2022
Treasurer	Martha Vaughn	Permanent
Financial Secretary	Seth Swain	Permanent/Staff
Lay Member to AC	Greg Holmes	2022
Alternate to AC	Stacie Holmes	2022
UMW President	Sherry Mewborn	2021
Young Adult Rep	Steve & Carrie Olmstead	2021
bAslc Youth Rep	Sonya Burgess	2021
Children's Rep	Britney Lozano	2021
Congregational Care	Bonnie Hunter	2023
Mission & Outreach	Faye Graziano	2023
Worship Chair	TBD	2023
Pastor	David King	Permanent/Staff
Generosity Team	Pastor is current chair; 2021 Chair TBD; Inactive	
Secretary	Vicki Rivenbark	2021
At-Large Member	Emily Law	2022
At-Large Member	Leslie Jones	2021

Lay Leadership Team

2021	2022	2023
Harriet Byrd	Matt Rogers	Barbara Poole
Gail Robinson	Sharon Blair	Doug Munjas
Pastor David – Chair	Steve Olmstead	Jessica Blackburn - Lay Leader

Staff-Parish Relations Team

2021	2022	2023
Debbie Sasser - CHAIR	Jann Tayloe	Seaborn Blair
Leah Smith	Dave Strohpaal	Sylvia Bowman
Frank Tarbell	Jim Vaughn	Jessica Blackburn - Lay Leader

Finance Team

2021	2022	2023
Jim Black – At Large	Brenda Munjas-At Large	Carl Ward – At Large
Doug Mewborn – At Large	Dale Osborn – Chair	Jo Ann Riverbark – At Large
PERMANENT ROLES		
Permanent: Bernie Poole Counting Coordinator	SPRC – Debbie Sasser	Greg Holmes – Lay Delegate to AC
Trustee Rep: Faye Decatur	Martha Vaughn - Treasurer	Seth Swain – Financial Secretary
Leadership Chair - Mike Kaufmann	Pastor	Lay Leader - Jessica Blackburn

Trustees Team

2021	2022	2023
Bernie Poole	Judd Schleinkofer	Gary Walker
Sandy Sly	Faye Decatur- Chair	Vance Penny
Seaborn Blair	Wendy Mooney	Permanent: Shade (Facilities Manager)
	Steve Cooney– Security	

Steering Committee for New Building

Jim Black	John Weaver	Jann Taylor
Carl Ward	Don Mizelle	Faye Graziano
Sandy Sly	Harriet Rice	Bill Widholm
Judd Schleinkofer	Jennifer Smith	Buddy Fussell
David Strohpaal	Jim Vaughn	David King – Pastor

Worship Team

2021	2022	2023
Sherri Weaver	Ron Wilkerson	Neal McHenry
Wendy Mooney	Christine Redmond	Sandy Wise
Alexis Passingham	Jessica Blackburn	Allison Stowers - Minister of Music
Pastor David	Frank Tarbell - ushers	

Congregational Care Team

Bonnie Hunter - Chair	Evangelism – Neal McHenry	
Spiritual Formation – Bescye Burnett	Youth Rep - Sonya Burgess	Meal Train – Jan Jenó
Stephen’s Ministry – Gail Robinson	Children’s Rep - Britney Lozano	Joyful Drivers - Clayann Binning
Emmaus – Lois Snyder	Hospitality – Jean Hawley	

Mission & Outreach Team

Faye Strickland - Chair	UMW – TBD	Zoe - Dale Osborn
	Thrift Store Rep – Jean Hawley	Share the Table Dawn Ellis/Sandy Sly
ERT - Lou and Diane Secary	Mercy Abounds – Jean Hawley	Disaster Preparedness - Gail Widholm

Hospitality Team

Tony Merlino	Brenda Munjas	Jean Hawley
Jill Strohpaúl	Mike Kaufmann	Johnsie Smith
Frank Tarbell	Nancy Merlino	Alma Osborn
Bonnie Hunter	UMW Rep Kim King	Lois Snyder

Youth

Sonya Burgess - Chair	Hillary Horne	Judy Paliotti
Harriet Rice	Jim Ellis	Lisa Byrd
		Donna Wilkerson

Children

Britney Lozano - Chair	Donna Wilkerson	Leah Smith
Linda Wells	Jennifer Smith	

Property Development for Ministry Team – inactive but available as resource to Steering Committee for new building

	Don Mizelle	Mike Kaufman
Jessica Blackburn	Barbara Poole – Secretary	Steve Wells
Kirk Binning	Alan Sasser - Chair	John Weaver

Broadcast Team

Jim Ellis - Chair	Greg Holmes	Sandy Wise
Barbara Poole	Dallas Smith	Hunt Tayloe
Steve Cooney	Jessica Blackburn	

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Happy New Year Faith Harbor Families!!!! (from Melissa and Pastor David)

I pray that everyone enjoyed their Christmas and will continue to feel the Christmas spirit in Christ as the New Year continues. I am so excited to start this New Year with fresh eyes and a fresh heart. I am sure many of you feel the same way!

We will be resuming our rescheduled Jr. Basic for 2nd through 5th graders on January 10th at 10:15 after church. This will be our Christmas party and we will keep the Christmas joy continuing into the New Year! Lunch will be served. Again you may choose to come to church with your children seated with you and have them come to Jr. Basic after or drop them off at 10:15.

Please see lessons below and a message from Pastor David at the end of this email.

Lessons for Pre-k through 2nd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tndc-HlhKh8>

Lessons for 3rd through 5th

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmQ9Fn_eAKI

In the New Year, this right here 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌! Let's not lose sight of what's really important and may God abundantly bless you all. ❤️



Blessings,
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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAVID TO FAITH HARBOR FAMILIES:

Happy New Year in the name of the One seated on the throne who said, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Rev. 21:5)

We have likely never so eagerly desired to put a year behind us, and so strongly desired to turn the page to a new year as we do on this New Year's Day of 2021. One year ago when we were entering the new year, we looked forward with anticipation to what the year would bring, just as we do today. None of us could have predicted the kind of year 2020 would be. Some would say it is the worst year they have ever experienced. We would all like to think we will never have to live through a worse year. We certainly hope 2021 will be a better year for all of us.

We are in much the same predicament today as we were one year ago in the sense of not being able to predict what the new year will hold for us. But there is one thing we can count on, and that is that our Lord, who promised never to leave or forsake us, goes before us into the new year. We also know that His desire is for our good. He told us through the words of the prophet Jeremiah, "*For I know the plans I have for you,*" *declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jer. 29:11)

We are not promised that life, or even the coming year, will be easy; in fact Jesus said very plainly that in this world we will have trouble. But he followed that immediately by saying, "But take heart! I have overcome the world." With those words of assurance and promise, we can enter 2021 without fear. We cannot know the future, but we know the One who holds the future is making all things new.

Our prayer for each of you is that God will grant you peace, prosperity and the fulfillment of His plans and purposes for your life in 2021.

Happy New Year, with much love.

Pastor David and Kim



- 1 Becki Modlin
- 2 Carole Justice
- 3 Tom Bradford
- 4 Kellie Henry
- 5 Avery Paul Lozano
- 8 Lyla Morgan Passingham
- 10 Hanna Arnold
- 13 LaNae Flower
- 15 Bradley Bizzell
Alex Hornthal
- 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