

MESSENGER MARCH 12, 2021

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

This week marks the one-year anniversary of that time last year when everything shut down and all of our lives changed dramatically and profoundly due to COVID-19. We experienced things we had never before experienced. We saw the cancellation of events that had never before been cancelled, including in-person worship, even on Easter Sunday! We were unable to visit with our loved ones. We were desperate to find toilet paper and disinfectant wipes.

While we are certainly still dealing with the impact of the pandemic and we acknowledge it is far from over, things feel very differently one year later. This is due in large part to the development and distribution of vaccines against COVID-19 that many are receiving. Among the changes we are seeing is that families are being reunited, the ACC tournament is being played (albeit now without Duke), and people are giving away the toilet paper they had stockpiled. We are being told that we will attain “herd immunity” sometime with the next few months, which means COVID-19 will no longer be a pandemic, thanks be to God!

One of the changes we are observing at Faith Harbor is that more and more people are gradually returning to in-person worship. We will continue to take all of the same precautions we have been taking, but it sure has been great over these last couple of weeks to see faces that we have not seen in a year—even if those faces are masked!

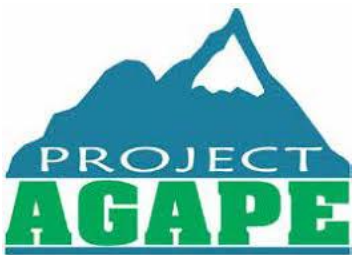
We were thrilled to learn within the last few days that we will be able to have an Easter Sunrise service at the pavilion at Soundside Park. We have made the decision that we will also have both a 9:20 and an 11:00 service on Easter Sunday. We believe there might be more than a few people who have targeted Easter Sunday as the day they will return to worship. We plan to add an additional row of chairs in the sanctuary, and more chairs in the narthex, while still maintaining proper distance. It will be helpful if many of our members will choose to attend either the sunrise service at 7 AM or the 11:00 AM service, since the 9:20 AM service is likely to be the most attended and may push the limits of how many people we can safely seat. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We also learned this week that we will be able to hold beach services at the gazebo near the pier beginning on Mother’s Day. We should see a return to Sunday school and other small group meetings in our church in the not-too-distant future. While it is undoubtedly true that some things will never be as they were before the pandemic, we are grateful for these hopeful signs of a return to some semblance of normalcy.

May we give thanks and praise to God for all these encouraging developments, and may we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic. We are exceedingly grateful that no one has become infected with COVID through attending one of our worship services. Our Lord has blessed us and kept us and made his face to shine upon us. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David



Project Agape is turning attention to helping these internally displaced persons trying to survive in a bitter cold environment.

We have been asked to help by sending much needed supplies that are very hard to find in Eastern Armenia.

**Items due at the church Saturday March 13th
from 12:00-3:00 and**

SEE LAST WEEKS MESSENGER FOR THE DETAILS

***Monetary donations will be used to buy other supplies in Armenia. Make check out to NC Conference, noting **Advance #S-00276** on the memo line and send to Conference Treasurer-Raleigh Area, PO Box 890202, Charlotte, NC 28289-0202**



Again this year we will decorate with lilies and hydrangeas in the Sanctuary at Easter.

To order a lily or hydrangea send an e-mail to Judy at secretary@faithharborumc.org with the person you wish to honor or remember.



The cost is Lilly \$10 and Hydrangea \$20.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MARCH 24TH

To pay, please send check, place in offering plate or do an on-line purchase. Be sure to mark your order Easter Flowers so it can be posted by the Financial Secretary to the correct fund.

Thank you, Worship Planning Team

Week of 03-15-21 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: *Lord, forgive us our trespasses, and help us to forgive others.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 32

- M Ephesians 1:3-8
- T Colossians 1:11-14
- W Psalm 103:1-12
- T Colossians 3:12-13
- F Matthew 6:14-15
- S Ephesians 4:32

Key Scripture: *1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*



Faith Harbor

Spring Clean Up Time!!

We will be having a Spring Clean Up day on Saturday March 20th from 9-11am. We will be weeding flower beds, trimming trees and spreading 240 bags of mulch, so if you have an hour or two please consider stopping by and lending a hand!!



Our Bible Study!

The Monday Afternoon Bible Study Group returns!!!

Come **JOIN US** on Monday, April 5th at 2:00pm for our new study. It will be “Job and the Mystery of Suffering”.

The book is available on Amazon and you have plenty of time to get it ordered and delivered before our first class. Pastor Alan Sasser will lead this study.

We will follow the safety protocols for the church like mask wearing and social distancing.

We hope those who were a part of this group before the pandemic will return and we welcome new members to this group. See you April 5th.



SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH so set those clocks **FORWARD** an hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

It will be nice to have daylight longer each day to get outside and enjoy all God gives us daily.

February 2021 Finance Report and Year to Date Totals

February Contributions:	\$ 29,596.00
Year to Date Contributions:	\$ 66,799.52
Year to Date Budget:	\$ 70,353.36

MEETINGS FOR MARCH

Trustee Meeting March 13th at 10:00 am at the church.

SPRC Meeting March 15th 6:00pm by zoom

Finance Team Meeting March 18th at 6:00pm by zoom.

Children's Council Meeting is March 22nd at 6:30 by zoom.

Leadership Council Meeting March 25th at 6:30 pm by zoom

JR. BASIC SCHEDULE

Dates to remember:

March 14th: Jr. BASIC 2nd through 5th grade from 10:15 to 12.

March 27th: **Easter Egg Hunt FHUMC at 10am,**



Mark your calendars!!!👉

Easter egg hunt

Saturday, March 27th at 10am

ages 1 to 5th grade.

We will be collecting candy/prizes and plastic egg donations at the front door in the narthex.

This will all be outdoors

We will reschedule for inclement weather if need be.

*Due to COVID this will not be a public event but for those families and relations of FHUMC.

Thank you for your understanding.*

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

A single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer.

Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 106:1

Human life is a constant want, and ought to be a constant prayer.

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Members Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, **Harriet Byrd**, Nancy Buckman, Dawn Ellis, Buddy and Suzanne Fussell, Diane Geary, Stephanie Hardin, Courtney Kane, Beth Kane and her father, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Janice Long, Doug Lowry, Terri Luisi, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow in recovery mode, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Anita Phillips, JoAnn Rivenbark, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaal, Kelly Wills,

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



Friends: Christine, Willie Arnette, Kim Audet, Peggy Barton, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, **Children**, Chimer Clark, David, Bill Dirk and Teresa, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Suzanne Fussell's mother, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson,

Kelly and Amy Glass, Lisa Godwin, Grayson-Cancer, Roy and Tony Horne, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Lea Jones, Kathy-Liver Cancer, Kelly, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Otis Ledford, 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, Rick Nauss, Chuck Osburn, **Parents**, Pastor Stephanie, Jack Parmar, Rose and Dick Peters, Dot Phillips, Bobby Phillip's cousin Tommy and family in death of his wife to covid, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Todd Rice, Stanley and Ruby, Tania Roth, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Katrina Seferyn, Jonathan Sloan, Roxanne Smith, Family of Patricia Sox, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, Sister Monique Schwirtz, **Teachers**, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, and Bill Zell.

And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort and healing.

IF YOU HAVE REQUESTED PRAYERS FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED AND THEY ARE HEALED OR RECOVERED AND CAN COME OFF THE LIST PLEASE LET JUDY KNOW.

YOUTH NEWSHello all bAsiC Youth and Parents~

Sun., Mar. 14th~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm

*Younger HS Group

*Younger MS Group

Sun., Mar. 21st~ Group A meets from 5-6:30pm

*Older HS Group

*Older MS Group

Sun., Mar. 28th~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm

*Younger HS Group

*Younger MS Group

Looking ahead in April ~

*No Youth Meetings on Sunday evening , April 4th. Enjoy Easter services and celebration with your families. **(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)**

*More info. coming regarding Summer plans/events.

A few ongoing reminders about Youth Group Meetings for parents and youth~

Please have youth bring and wear their masks to each meeting.

If your youth doesn't feel well, kindly have them wait until they are better to attend their next scheduled (Group A or B) youth meeting. If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Wishing you the Peace of Christ~

Jewels Swain

FHUMC Youth Coordinator

910-232-9844



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alma Osborn
- 3 Alice Williams
- 6 Jake Jernigan
- 9 Kent Smith
- 10 Sarah Adams
- 11 Jewels Swain

17 Jency Paliotti

20 Debbie Sasser

21 Mike Davis

Cole Frazier

Bonnie Hunter

27 Marianne Sliwa

28 Nancy Merlino

29 Maris Jordan

Sherry Mewborn

30 Evangeline Schleinkofer