

MESSENGER MARCH 26, 2021

Lenten Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am writing this on Thursday evening just after a meeting of the Faith Harbor Leadership Team. I am excited to share with you a portion of the outcome of tonight's meeting.

Many of you know that we recently obtained architectural plans for a large addition on the western end of our existing building along with two classrooms on the east end of the building. The [architect's renderings](#) can be found on our website. You may also know that the bishops of our denomination recently postponed our General Conference for another 18 months, which means that issues regarding the expected separation of our denomination will not be resolved anytime soon. With so much uncertainty facing our church, our Building Steering Committee, Finance Committee and Leadership Team have all agreed that we cannot move forward at this time with the full construction project.

That does not mean, however, that we are not able to do anything. Thanks to the forward thinking and generosity of those who have gone before us and many who are still among us, we currently have monies in our Build The Vision fund to cover the cost of adding the two classrooms on the east end of the building. Those classrooms could be used for educational purposes, and would especially be suitable for a proposed pre-K school. There is a tremendous need for quality pre-K care in our community, and our church is in position to utilize our resources to help meet that need.

Our Children's Minister Melissa Schleinkofer and Deaconess Kim King recently attended a two-day workshop offered by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. They did so on behalf of our church to learn about the requirements for opening a pre-K school in the church. Melissa will be making a presentation to the Leadership Team at 6:30 on Tuesday, April 13th to provide information about the proposed pre-K school. That presentation will be via Zoom and will be open to all church members.

Our Leadership Team agreed tonight to seek the approval of the membership of our church to proceed with building the two classrooms with the goal of opening a pre-K school in our church. We will bring this matter before the church at a called church conference at 10:30 on Sunday morning, April 18th. We will ask the congregation to vote to approve the addition of the classrooms that will be used primarily for a pre-K school. Our Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will promote Melissa to take on the added role of Early Childhood Education Director, contingent upon church approval to proceed with a pre-K school. We will be sharing information about the logistics of the voting in the coming days.

I believe this is a very important decision you will be making (I don't get to vote!). I hope you will pray about your vote and that you will plan to attend the church conference if you are able.

May grace and peace be multiplied to each of you as we prepare for the holiest week of the year.

Pastor David

Week of 03-29-21 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 22

M Isaiah 53:2a-4

T Isaiah 53:5-6

W Isaiah 53:7

T Isaiah 53:8

F Isaiah 53:9-10a

S Isaiah 53:11,12b

Key Scripture: *Isaiah 53:5a He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.*



On Easter Sunday, we will continue our Faith Harbor tradition of covering the Cross with live flowers during Communion. Please bring a small flower with you to contribute to this beautiful representation of the Resurrection and new life we find in Christ.



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.



TOMORROW - Saturday, March 27th at 10am

Easter egg hunt

ages 1 to 5th grade.

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

The best advice my Mother gave me-don't forget to say your prayers.

Prayer is the generator for God's power at work in our world.

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. Psalm 32:6

True prayer is a way of life, not just in case of emergency.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Ephesians 6:18

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Martha Marlow in recovery mode, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, 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, 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, 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 Parrmar, 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, 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 NEWS*Hello all bAsiC Youth and Parents~*

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.

*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

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 27 Marianne Sliwa
- 28 Nancy Merlino
- 29 Maris Jordan
Sherry Mewborn
- 30 Evangeline Schleinkofer



- 3 Leo Geovanni Audet
Megan Barnes
Ellis Hiatt

- 6 Sean Mooney
- 7 Doris Davis
- 9 Amy Phillips
Rachel Shade
- 10 Connie Carroll
- 11 Hailey Grace Frye
- 12 Nancy Smith
- 13 Dave Strohpaal
- 17 Frances Bliss
Sandra Brown
Ann Hummel

- 19 Kim King
Brent Livingood
Andrew Osborn
- 20 Morgan Bizzell
Dave Gardner
Janice Long
- 21 Cody Mayers
- 22 Ben Black
- 23 Patty Feige
- 26 Mollie Gurley
- 27 Ann Bryan
Conner Frye