

MESSENGER APRIL 23, 2021

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Perhaps most of you know that the outcome of our church conference last Sunday was overwhelming approval (greater than 9 out of 10 votes cast) for the construction of two additional classrooms on the east end of our building that will enable us to pursue the vision of a pre-school/child-care ministry. I will plan to regularly use this space in our Messenger to keep the church informed of our progress.

I will begin with a reminder that the funds to pay for this addition (which we are calling Phase 1 of our building plans) have already been raised through the Build the Vision (BTV) campaign. It is important for all of us to know that the BTV funds are designated funds that cannot be used for anything other than building onto the church. We should all be grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of those who have contributed to BTV. I know that includes many of you who are reading this letter! Abundant and sincere thanks to each of you!

Our BTV funds, with a present value of nearly \$525,000.00, are currently invested with the United Methodist Foundation (UMF). As with all investments, there is a measure of risk involved. Persons on our finance and trustee committees who are authorized to act on behalf of the church have determined to remove from risk the amount we will need for Phase 1 construction, with generous allowance for overages (just under \$350,000.00 total). We have taken action this week to withdraw all but \$175,000.00 from our investment accounts. We will deposit the receipts into a new checking account where they will be available for the exclusive use of Phase 1 construction. Any money that is not spent for Phase 1 will be added back to the \$175,000.00 which remains invested with UMF to go toward Phase 2 of our BTV plans and dreams.

Our next steps will be to identify a project manager and procure a contractor. Our Building Steering Committee will serve in an advisory and oversight capacity as we move forward. We will make every effort to be as transparent and informative as possible.

May we always keep in mind that these efforts are all being made for the purpose of being in ministry with and for those in our community we are called to serve. God is clearly at work in our midst and I believe He has great plans for Faith Harbor. It is a privilege to be a part of furthering His Kingdom here in Surf City and the surrounding area. To God be the glory!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Week of 04-26-21 Scripture Readings

Centering Prayer: Lead me and guide me, O Great Shepherd of the sheep.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 23

M Isaiah 53:6-7

T Ezekiel 34:11-16

W Matthew 18:10-14

T John 10:11-15

F 1 Peter 2:24-25

S Psalm 100:3

Key Scripture: *John 10:14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

BEACH SERVICES to begin **Mother's Day, May 9th** at 8:00am at the gazebo at the end of Roland Avenue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE BULLETIN need to be to Judy by noon on Wednesday of each week. They will be in the Messenger as well. Send them to secretary@faithharborumc.org



Thrift Store and God's Goodness!!

While our Thrift Store continues to do well, we also have facility needs that must be budgeted for like any other business.

Top of our list was overhead lighting in two areas that were outdated and totally inefficient.

Since, Beth Walker, Assistant Store Manager, recently had some electrical work done at her home, after referral by her Paint Contractor and was very satisfied with the work we decided to ask Kyle Miller. Ebb Tide Electrical, LLC (910) 915-3015 to assess our lighting needs and cost.

Mr. Miller arrived at our store, very prompt, checked out existing lights to be replaced with LED lighting. We chatted some about the store's operation and mission work. He said he would procure the lighting fixtures and call with cost quote and set up time to do the work.

A few days later, Beth Walker received a call from Mr. Miller, she asked when he could do the work and what would the cost be, he said, " If you can be patient with me I can do the work in two weeks. Beth, again asked about the cost, He said " I would like to do this as donation to your store".

Needless to say, we were speechless, but also knew immediately that this was ...

" God's work through others".

CONTINUED GOOD NEWS.....

This is not the end of God's Generosity!

The week following Mr. Miller installing new LED lights our HVAC system shut down (14 years old). Another Blessing, our new neighbor, David Lacey of Pelican Cooling & Heating, LLC came to our rescue, installing a new Mini-Split System at a greatly reduced cost. However, HVAC systems require the services of a Licensed Electrician to finish the connection to electrical power. Again, we called Kyle Miller, who gratuitously and graciously completed the HVAC system work for our Store.

"GOD IS GOOD!!!"

Jean Hawley, Store Manager

Beth Walker, Asst. Store Manager



GENTLE REMINDER:

USE OF FAITH HARBOR KITCHEN

After the church kitchen was closed by COVID-19 in March 2020, the kitchen was thoroughly cleaned; appliances, counters and sinks sanitized. Condiments removed from main refrigerator and freezer, and condiments with expired dates removed from Jr. Basic refrigerator.

Storage space is limited in our kitchen, we have asked that any special celebratory napkins, plates etc. be removed after the special event or donated to Share the Table.

We also have a standard check list that all Programs and Users are required to complete when using the kitchen. [THE CHECKLIST IS STILL REQUIRED.](#)

On Tuesday , April 21,2021 the Facility Manager and Hospitality Chairperson did a "walk through" of our kitchen. Both sinks were full of pizza pans, cups & utensils; counters had assortment of baskets, napkins, drainers out of the sinks. a large utility bucket had standing water and cup was stagnant!!!! Laundry left in washing machine.

Please note: All equipment, utensils or dishware are to be washed, dried and [PUT AWAY](#) after use.

We will appreciate your attention to these concerns.

Jean Hawley, Hospitality Chairperson
Marion Shade, Facility Manager

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

Prayer crowns God with the honor and glory due to His name, God crowns prayer with assurance and comfort.

Psalm 145:1-3 I will exalt you, my God the King...and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Prayer always gets through to God no matter where a person might be.

Jonah 2:2 From the depths....I called for help, and you listened to my cry.



Members Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Harriet Byrd, Dawn Ellis, Diane Geary, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, and John Wilson.

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

Friends: Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, **Children,** David, **Sympathy to the Ray Fawcett family,** Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Grayson-Cancer, Tara Hall, Grandmother Sue Heavner, Jewel's grandmother, Roy and Tony Horne, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Kathy-Liver Cancer, **Tammy and Nick Kefallinos,** Kelly, Janet Durman Kokran, Craig Jenkins, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren, Tim McCart, Jill Maurer, Ed Minnich, Rick Nauss, **Ruth Nordquist,** Chuck Osburn, **Parents,** Rose Peters, Dot Phillips, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Todd Rice, Tania Roth, Katrina Seferyn, **Skip and Marcia,** 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 22nd grade though 5th

NO JR. BASIC ON MOTHER'S DAY MAY 9TH

May 16..... Pre. K. though 1st

May 23.....Pre K though 5th.....All ages for end of the school year celebration.

May 2nd Vacation Bible School Registration will be open for Faith Harbor families and friends only. We are limited to spots this year as we have decided for the safety of all to operate on half capacity. June 6th I will open registration to the public to fill any remaining spots.

There will be a registration table in the narthex with forms. If you are unable to fill out a form on Sunday feel free to stop by during our church hours. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Safety is our number one priority moving forward and we will be doing everything in our power to keep within COVID 19 safety protocol (our door activities and meal time, masks worn at all times, temperature checks,....)

Dates for VBS will be: **Decorating on Sunday June 27th** and VBS starting Monday June 28th to July 1st from 5:30 to 8:15pm.

Theme: "Night's of North Castle"



Hello MS & HS bAsiC Youth parents~

I hope you and yours had a wonderful Easter and Spring Break! ♥ Please see below for meeting information for April & May (the rest of the School year) and Summer Youth Mission Trips & possible events:

***Sun., May 2nd ~ Group A meets from 5-6:30pm**

Older HS Group
Older MS Group

***Sun., May 9th ~ Mother's Day Holiday, No Youth Group meetings that evening**

***Sun., May 16th ~ Senior Recognition at the 9:20 am service**

Group A meets from 5-6:30pm (End of School year celebration & wrap up)

Older HS Group
Older MS Group

***Sun., May 23rd~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm (End of School year celebration & wrap up)**

Younger HS Group
Younger MS Group

Sun., May 30th~ Memorial Day Holiday Weekend, **No Youth Group meetings that evening*

Summer Mission Trips & Other events~

***HS Youth Summer Mission trip~ June 21-25th at Lake Junaluska Retreat & Conference Center.** Deposits of \$100 per youth due on Sun. April 18th at Youth group if possible. Please note-if you need more time or need assistance with this fee, please let me know directly. Thank you.

***MS Youth Summer Mission trip~ July 19-23rd at Lake Junaluska Retreat & Conference Center.** Deposits of \$100 per youth due on Sun. May 23rd at Youth group if possible. Please note-if you need more time or need assistance with this fee, please let me know directly. Thank you.

*Other possible late Spring/Summer youth opportunities to include Beach Clean-up days, Service Days, Fellowship events, etc. will be announced to parents as they are determined. **Please don't forget that FHUMC's Vacation Bible School will be on June 28-July 1st in the evenings and if your youth is interested in volunteering, please let Ms. Melissa or myself know at your earliest convenience.

If you should need more information about anything listed above or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at (910)232-9844. We are looking forward to finishing out the rest of the school year strong and a Summer of making new memories with our Middle and High School youth! Thank you 😊

Wishing each of you the Peace of Christ~

Jewels Swain
FHUMC Youth Coordinator



- 23 Patty Feige
- 26 Mollie Gurley
- 27 Ann Bryan
- Conner Frye



- 2 Isaac Henry
- 7 Gail Ace
- 8 Linda Wells
- 9 Tamara Jones
- Jessica Matthews
- 11 Hunt Tayloe
- 13 David Cosner
- 17 Sandy Sly
- 18 Oscar Phillips
- 20 DeAnne Chryst
- Dawn Frazier
- Doug Medlin
- 21 Beth Kane
- 29 Vonda Gardner
- 30 Chaundel Medlin