

MESSENGER APRIL 2, 2021

Good Friday Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I mentioned in an email earlier today, it is natural for us to wonder why it is that this day when our Lord suffered and died is referred to as “good.” Good Friday is “good” because it resulted in God's forgiveness and salvation being poured out on humanity. Without that awful day of suffering that Jesus endured on the cross, we would be forever lost in our sins and forever separated from God. Without Good Friday, there could be no Easter, no joy of resurrection, and no promise of eternal life. Easter could not have happened without the darkness of Good Friday.

Our Good Friday service of Darkness, called a Tenebrae service, will be at the church at 7 PM tonight. We will hear the story of what Jesus endured on our behalf as we extinguish candles to represent the light of Christ being taken out of the world.

On Easter morning we will celebrate our Lord's resurrection, the best news the world has ever received and the event on which all of human history pivots. We will have three services, a 7 AM sunrise service at Soundside Park (bring your own chairs and dress warmly!) and two services at the church, one at 9:20 and one at 11:00. We are hoping to have enough room for everyone who wishes to worship with us, and we are especially concerned about attendance at the 9:20 service. We have added a row of chairs in the sanctuary and extra chairs in the narthex. We believe it will further be helpful if a number of you will plan to attend either the 7 AM or 11 AM services.

Looking beyond Easter, I want to remind all of our members of the church conference that will take place after the 9:20 worship service on April 18th. The purpose of this conference will be to vote on proceeding with the construction of two new classrooms which will allow us to open a pre-K school in our church. I hope many of our members will plan to be in attendance. Only members will be eligible to vote, and you must be present to vote. Melissa Schleinkofer will be making a presentation to the church regarding the pre-school on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30 via Zoom. We will send an invitation to this meeting to all of our members.

I am excited and exceedingly grateful for the many ways God is moving in our midst, and for the faithfulness of the people of God at Faith Harbor church. May God richly bless you and yours as we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Week of 04-05-21 Scripture Readings

Centering Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the gift of eternal life*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 46

M Acts 11:19-26

T John 10:1-18

W 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

T 2 Corinthians 4

F 1 John 3:11-24

S John 15:1-11

Key Scripture: *John 10:10 I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*



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.



Wednesday, April 7

UMW Reading Circle

will meet at the church at 10:00 to discuss Gum Moon.

Everyone is invited to attend even if you have not read the book. After the discussion, the book for the month of May will be selected.



On **Wednesday, April 14**, the **Rainbow Circle** will meet at the church at **10:00am** to decide on crafts that we would like to create.

Please bring your glue gun and glue sticks and we might make some things on the 14th.

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

Daily prayers will diminish your cares.

Daily prayer clears away the brambles in our hearts. Don't give up! God is working something good in you...prayer by prayer!

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice, Psalm 55:17

By far the most important thing about praying is to keep at it.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not loose heart. Luke 18:1

 IN OUR 
Thoughts and Prayers

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, JoAnn Rivenbark, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaal, Kelly Wills and **John Wilson recovering at home.**

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, **Tara Hall**, **Grandmother Heavner**, **Jewel's grandmother**, Roy and Tony Horne, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Lea Jones, Kathy-Liver Cancer, Kelly, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, **Janet Durman Kokran**, 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, **Jill Maurer-hospitalized with covid and pneumonia**, 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, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, Sister Monique Schwartz, **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.

CHILDREN'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A look ahead

April 11th: Jr. Basic 2nd through 5th grades. 10:15 to 12:15pm

April 18th: Jr. Basic PreK through 1st grade. 10:15 to 12:15pm.

Mark your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School (Yay!!!!).

Monday, June 28th to Thursday, July 1st. "Knights of North Castle"

More information to come in the following weeks.

YOUTH NEWSHello all bAsiC Youth and Parents~

Looking ahead in April ~ *No Youth Meetings on Sunday evening , April 4th.

Enjoy Easter services and celebration with your families.

*More info. coming in next week Messenger regarding Summer plans/events.



3 Leo 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
Allison Stowers
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