

MESSENGER APRIL 30, 2021

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday will be the fifth Sunday in the season of Easter on the church calendar, and the first Sunday of the month of May on the secular calendar. The month of May promises to be full of exciting events in our church, and I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of those upcoming events.

As we gradually return to including traditional elements of worship that we left out due to the pandemic, we want to begin having acolytes in our worship services. This Sunday, May 2nd following our 9:20 worship service I will be leading a training and refresher session for young people (3rd grade and older) who would like to be acolytes. A meal will be provided for all participants by our Children's Minister Melissa Schleinkofer.

Our music minister Allison Stowers is once again leading choir practice on Wednesdays at 7 PM. Please contact Allison or just show up on Wednesdays if you are interested in being a part of the choir!

Next Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day. We will be honoring the women in the congregation and presenting them with a special gift.

May 9th is also when we will resume our beach service at 8 AM under the gazebo just north of the Surf City Pier. **Please note that Surf City parking is free until 9 AM. We will plan to conclude our beach services by no later than 8:40 AM.**

On Sunday May 16th at the 9:20 worship service we will honor the graduates in our church family and present all of our seniors with a special gift.

Also on Sunday May 16th, immediately after the 9:20 service we will begin a six-week study called The Prodigal God by pastor and author Tim Keller. This study is based on the Parable of the Two Sons, or The Prodigal Son. This is a video-based study with a companion book that will be available to all participants. Each session will meet for one hour. The same study will also be offered on Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

Sunday May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday. This is one of the most special Sundays of the year, when we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church.

Please check elsewhere in the Messenger and on our website for other upcoming activities in our church. May we always be about doing God's work and staying true to God's Word, all for His glory!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Week of 05-3-21 Scripture Readings

Centering Prayer: Prune me and shape me according to your will, O God.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 94

M Hebrews 12:5-7
T Proverbs 3:11-12
W Revelation 3:19-22
T Deuteronomy 8:5-10
F John 15:1-8
S Hebrews 12:8-11

Key Scripture: *John 15:2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*

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

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

UMW NEWS.....



Reading Circle will meet Wednesday in May 5TH at 10:00 at the church.

At that time we will discuss the book, *How the Woman at the Well Became a Well Woman* by Donna Rhodes.

This meeting is open to all women.

Please come, we often have lunch together afterwards.

RAINBOW CIRCLE will meet on

Wednesday in May 12th, at 10:00 to continue our craft work in preparation for the Christmas Bazaar in December.

Everyone is invited to this meeting too. Again, we generally go out together for lunch afterwards.





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 CHECKL LIST 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.

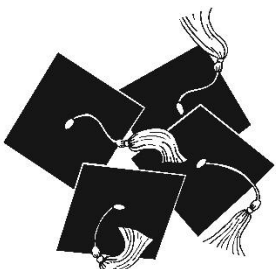
Jean Hawley, Hospitality Chairperson
Marion Shade, Facility Manager



Dear Faith Harbor Church Family,

Thank you for the support during my confirmation journey. I am thankful to have your thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

Sincerely,
Aiden Moore



Celebrating
our Graduates

SENIOR YOUTH RECOGNITION – Please advise the church office at 910 328-4422 when you will graduate and from which high school. If you have college or military service plans after graduation please provide that information as well. We will recognize all our graduating seniors on May 16th at the 9:20 service.

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

Open Yourself to God...(Henry Nouwen daily meditation)

To pray means to open your hands before God. It means slowly relaxing the tension that squeezes your hands together and accepting your existence with an increasing readiness, not as a possession to defend, but as a gift to receive. Above all, prayer is a way of life that allows you to find stillness in the midst of the world where you open your hands to God's promises and find hope for yourself, your neighbor, and your world. In prayer, you encounter God not only in the small voice and the soft breeze, but also in the midst of the turmoil of the world, in the distress and joy of your neighbor, and in the loneliness of your own heart.

Praying pervades every aspect of our lives. It is the unceasing recognition that God is wherever we are, always inviting us to come closer and to celebrate the divine gift of being alive.



Members: *Jim Ace, for testing this past week*, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, *Harriet Byrd, upcoming test and treatments*, *Vicki Cooney recovering from hip surgery*, Dawn Ellis, Diane Geary, *Janet Hughes for safe travels*, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, *Brenda Munjas, upcoming test and procedures*, Duke Smith and family for upcoming decisions to be made, and *John Wilson, recovering at home..*

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, **Mary Pharr Erickson, cancer and husband Jae, 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-covid, 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, **Sharon Ray, Duke Smiths Mom hospitalized**, 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



- 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
- 25 Joyce Arnette
- 29 Vonda Gardner
- 30 Chaundel Medlin