

MESSENGER MAY 14, 2021

Greetings in the name of our risen and ascended Lord!

I intentionally included the word “ascended” in that greeting because I am writing this on Thursday, Ascension Day, the day forty days after our Lord’s resurrection when he was taken up into heaven while his disciples witnessed. We affirm our belief in the Ascension of the Lord each time we recite the creeds, as we declare, “he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.” Since we do not typically gather for worship on Thursdays, the church commemorates the Ascension of the Lord on the Sunday following Ascension Day. This Sunday our Scripture readings will be two passages that describe the Ascension. Our focus will be on the last words Jesus spoke to his disciples just before He was taken up, when He told them, “you will be my witnesses.” We will consider together what it means for us that Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father, and what it means to be His witnesses. I hope you will be able to join us either on the beach at 8:00, or in the Sanctuary at 9:20.

The 9:20 service will be special for another reason this Sunday, and that is the recognition of our graduating seniors; **Cameron Barnes, Paige Swain** and **Noah Schiefelbein**. We will present our graduates with gifts and say a special prayer for them. There will be an opportunity to greet them in the narthex after the service.

After greeting the graduates, we will gather back in the Sanctuary to begin a six-week study called “The Prodigal God.” This video-based Bible study and the book with the same title were written by author and pastor Tim Keller. He is my favorite pastor. Copies of the book will be available for \$9.00. If you are not able to join us on Sunday mornings, we will also offer the study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning May 19th.

Just before the pandemic began a little over a year ago, we made the decision to purchase pew Bibles, since we did not have Bibles in our Sanctuary for worshippers to use. Due to precautions associated with COVID, we have not yet placed the Bibles in our Sanctuary chairs, but we are planning to do so soon. We are hoping to cover the cost of these Bibles by offering the opportunity for persons to purchase them in honor or memory of a loved one. A label will be placed inside each Bible with the name of the person who is being honored or memorialized, and the name of the person who is presenting the Bible. Bibles may be purchased in someone’s honor or memory for ten dollars on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact Judy in our office to purchase a Bible.

While on the topic of memorializing a loved one, I want to be sure to mention that the memorial service for Ed Drudge will be in our Sanctuary next Saturday, May 22nd at 11 AM. Rebecca will have refreshments in her home for family and friends immediately after the service.

Please find additional announcements of importance to our church family elsewhere in the Messenger. May our Lord bless you and keep you safe, and grant you his peace.

Pastor David

Week of 05-17-21 Scripture Readings

Centering Prayer: Lord let me bear witness to the truth of the Gospel.

Psalm for the week: Psalm 86

M John 1:14-17
T 1 Timothy 2:1-4
W John 17:15-17
T Zechariah 8:16-17
F John 8:31-32
S John 15:26-27

Key Scripture: John 8:32

“...and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

AC WINDOW UNITS-

The Thrift store has 4 window units available that will cool 1000 sq. ft. If you are interested in purchasing one of these units for \$25 please contact Jean Hawley at 330-0760, Beth Walker at 252 213-2240, or Gloria at 704 804-4909 and they will meet you at the warehouse to get the units.

April 2021 Finance Report and Year to Date Totals

April Contributions:	\$32,670
Year to Date Contributions:	\$130,021.52
Year to Date Budget:	\$140,706.72

Thank you for your continued and faithful generosity in supporting the ministries at Faith Harbor UMC.

Dale Osborn, Chairman of Finance Team

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

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, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd, Connie Carroll, Dawn Ellis, Diane Geary, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Brenda Munjas, 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, Mary Pharr Erickson, cancer and husband Jae, **Beverly Foley,** 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, Brenda Munjas' mother,** 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, **Mary 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.



DO YOU HAVE THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR?

May 23 at 10:15 am.....Pre K though 5th....All ages for end of the school year celebration.

At our **Sunday, May 23rd church service** we will be having a Bible presentation ceremony for all of our 3rd through 5th graders. They will all be receiving their own Bible compliments of Faith Harbor Children's Ministry.

NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT.....



Vacation Bible School Registration is 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 is 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 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

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***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



17	Sandy Sly	21	Beth Kane
18	Oscar Phillips	25	Joyce Arnette
20	DeAnne Chryst	29	Vonda Gardner
	Dawn Frazier	30	Chaundel Medlin
	Doug Medlin		