

MESSENGER MAY 21, 2021

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am writing today with some important announcements.

Several persons who attended the first session last Sunday of "The Prodigal God" study found the opening video to be so powerful and impactful that they want others to experience it.

Here are a few testimonials:

This is THE BEST presentation and explanation of this parable I have EVER experienced. While it is probably the most famous of Jesus' parables, I found it to be one of the least fully understood. The presenter bridges the gap of time and culture to explain what the story was intended to convey to its listeners and how that applies to us today. It was eye-opening and impactful. It is well worth the investment of time to see this presentation and I encourage everyone to do so. Spoiler Alert: Is it really focused on the older son? - Bill F.

This video grabs your soul. I can't stop thinking about it. – Bonnie H.

After watching The Prodigal God video I was blown away. It not only gave me new insight regarding the parable, but helped me see how the Christian journey is truly a continuous one. It had some surprises and I look forward to examining them. – Johnsie S.

This Sunday after the 9:20 worship service we will show the video again. We hope many of you will plan to remain afterwards to watch it. You don't need to commit to the full six-week study to watch the video. [Here](#) is a short trailer to give you a flavor of the video.

A second announcement follows from Barbara Poole:

Each summer Faith Harbor UMC serves as the hub for Share The Table's MUNCH program. We are in need of a few more packers and a few more driver delivery teams. We will begin our packing on June 3 at 9 am in the Narthex and will pack every other Thursday until the first of September. Our VBS group will pack on July 1, so you will have a break that week. Our packing takes us around 30 minutes to get the food into the bags. As for driving teams, you would need to be available to pick up your bags any time after 10 am on Thursdays, and deliver them to the homes on your route. The church is open until 1 when Judy leaves. If you do not have a church key, but need to pick it up on Friday, we can coordinate to have someone there to let you in. We would like to have all bags delivered no later than Friday, unless there's an emergency. So, if you are looking for a great mission to volunteer, please consider this. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Poole at barbarapoole71@gmail.com or 910.391.0897.

Finally, this Sunday is a very important day in the life of the church. At the 9:20 service our children who are completing grades 3, 4 and 5 will be presented with Bibles from the church. Additionally, it is Pentecost Sunday, the day we commemorate as the birthday of the Christian Church. The sanctuary will be decorated in red, and **we invite you to also dress in colors of red, orange and yellow to represent the fire of the Holy Spirit that came upon the Christians on the day of Pentecost.**

Whether or not you choose to wear those colors (it's not mandatory!) I hope to see many of you at either 8:00 or 9:20 this Sunday!

Peace and blessings,
Pastor David

Week of 05-24-21 Scripture Readings

Centering Prayer: *Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, to help us live for you.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 139

M Genesis 1:1-2

T Acts 1:8

W Acts 2:38

T John 14:25-26

F Romans 5:1-5

S 2 Corinthians 13:14

Key Scripture: *Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AC WINDOW UNITS- The Thrift store has some 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.



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Thanks,
Barbara

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



Wear Red for Pentecost

A Reminder from Pastor David's message.

Yellow or orange can be worn if you prefer.

Let's celebrate this

PENTECOST SUNDAY

in colorful fashion.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is meeting again.

The group meets at the church (Rm. 6) the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00am.

Yarn and needles are available, you would not have to purchase these items.

Join us. It will be a blessing to you and to someone else by providing a prayer shawl for them.

Any questions contact Rachel Shade at 329-1831.



PEW BIBLES will soon be placed in the Sanctuary. 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 bookplate 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. Send an e-mail to secretary@faithharborumc.org

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

is again available to sign-up for flowers for the Sanctuary.

By the date you select, give your name and who you wish to remember or honor for the bulletin information.

The list is on the credenza outside the church office, across from the restrooms.



A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

God's answers are wiser than our prayers.

*The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 1
Corinthians 1:25*



Members: **Jim and Gail 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, **Wes Dunbar**, 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, **Sarah Kilpatrick** Janet Durman Kokran, Craig Jenkins, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren, **Madalynn-Kate, Jessica Blackburns Granddaughter**, Tim McCart, 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 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



JUNE BIRTHDAYS WILL BE IN THE MESSENGER
NEXT WEEK!

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