

## MESSENGER JULY 2, 2021

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Happy Independence Day weekend to each of you!

As we celebrate our nation's independence this Sunday and give thanks for the gift of freedom, we will also reflect during worship on what the Bible teaches about Christian independence. I'll offer this thought for you to consider as a preview to my message this Sunday: The world thinks of freedom in terms of the things we are free to do. Christians know that true freedom includes what we are free not to do. I'll explain on Sunday!

On another note, some of you have expressed an interest in being able to go online to access a directory of the members of our church, as well as to be able to view a record of your personal financial contributions to the church. I have good news to report, thanks to our financial secretary Seth Swain and our webmaster Glen Pierce! Because of their efforts, you can now access this information through our website by signing up to join Realm. Realm is the name of our church management software that was designed for "making it easier for your church family to connect and grow with each other, your church, and the Kingdom."

Many of you previously signed up for Realm when you made an online contribution to the church (although you are not required to join Realm in order to make a contribution). If you have not yet joined Realm but would like to, you can do so by clicking on the MEMBER LOGIN button just to the left of the blue ONLINE GIVING button on the task bar at the top of our [website home page](#). That action will take you to a page that will allow you to either log in or sign up for Realm.

In order to ensure that only members of the Faith Harbor Realm community can access this database, we have made it a closed system. To sign up, you will need to provide your name, email address and phone number, and then click on the blue SEND button. Only persons who are recognized as part of our Faith Harbor family (members and known visitors) will be granted permission to join. This will prevent your personal contact information from being openly publicized through our website. Once you become a member of Realm, you will be able to see the contact information of other members. You will also be able to see a record of only your own personal financial giving to the church (you will not be able to view the giving records of any other member).

I hope you will find this to be a beneficial tool and a valuable resource for connecting with our Faith Harbor church family.

May God grant each of us a safe and happy Fourth of July holiday, and may God bless America!

Peace and blessings,

*Pastor David*

## Week of 7-5-2021 Scripture Readings

Centering Prayer: *Lord, teach me what it means to be truly free.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 118

M John 8:34-36

T 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

W Galatians 5:13-14

T Romans 6:20-23

F 1 Peter 2:16

S Galatians 5:1

**Key Scripture:** *2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

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# AGAPE....

A virtual mission trip is happening on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm est via Zoom.

The link to the registration is as follows:

<https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/VirtualMissionTripProjectAGAPE>

Project AGAPE Country Director, Nara Melkonyan gave a presentation to our church and Faith Harbor has been involved in their shoebox ministry.



## NEEDED ....VOLUNTEERS

to learn CPR and how to operate a defibrillator. A defibrillator has been given to the church and is mounted on the wall in the narthex. If you are interested in taking the training class please contact Sandy Sly or

Faye Decatur to get your name on the list. They will make an announcement when the class can be offered.



## Harbor Thrift Store News

During 2020 Pandemic shut down people stayed home cleaned out storage units , attics, or refurbished their homes which provided the Thrift Store with an abundance of great donations.

We appreciated immensely these sellable treasures which enabled the Thrift Store to give \$11,000.00 to various area service programs supporting families and children.

***Fast forward, in 2021 with the "reopening" donations have slowed to a trickle so the THRIFT STORE stock is very low.***

Currently, the store is in need of gently used children's wear, linens, pots, pans, bake ware, home decor, lamps, furniture and outdoor furnishings.

Please drop off at Harbor Warehouse Monday-Thursday 9am to 1pm. Or call for appointment to make furniture donations:

Jean Hawley (910) 330-0760

Beth Walker (252) 213-2240

Gloria Richardson (704) 804-4909

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## Faith Harbor Hospitality Team

Hospitality News: We have lost some members of our team and seek new volunteers to join us. Should you be interested in serving on our team, please see [sign up sheet on bulletin board by kitchen.](#)

The duties of the Hospitality Team are quite extensive:

1. report all appliance and/or equipment maintenance needs to [Facilities Manager, Marion Shade.](#)
2. maintain a clean, health-rated kitchen facility with inspection after every function use including the completion of [Check-out Sheet by all groups/programs.](#)
3. schedule and solicit refreshments for special events, established holidays, family night suppers and bereavement services.
4. assign cleanup teams, need [at least 3 teams of four volunteers per function.](#)
5. attend quarterly meeting of team to determine availability of volunteers for upcoming functions.
6. maintain and order supplies to operate kitchen ([Chairperson, facility Manager & Chef Tony](#))

We have some great volunteers , come and join us.

***Thanks Volunteers For All You Do in Service For Others.***

Jean Hawley, Hospitality Team Chairperson

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BAKE SALE IS HAPPENING AGAIN !



The bi-monthly bake sale at our Harbor Thrift Store will be back and serving on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> after our long break due to Covid-19. Then going forward it will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

With our current group, bakers are asked to contribute about 3 times a year.

Money from these sales go into the UMW treasury to be used for local and global missions.

All bakers who have previously agreed to help will be contacted by e-mail with a brief reminder of procedures. We would love to have **NEW VOLUNTEERS** to bake for us for this ongoing project! If interested please contact Sylvia Bowman by e-mail at [sylviabowman54@gmail.com](mailto:sylviabowman54@gmail.com) or by phone at 910 284-3131.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY (MABS)** will begin a new study on **July 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** in Room 6 at the church. Come join our group as Alan Sasser will lead us in another great study. It will be on the Gospel of Mark.



## CHURCH MOBILE DIRECTORY from Life Touch.

*(This is not the same as the church data base that Pastor David referenced in his article. This is just the same information that is in the last pictorial directory done by Life Touch, Inc.)*

We posted this information in the Messenger a while back but felt it would be good to provide it again. You can access this directory on-line. It will give photos and address information on all those families that are in the last pictorial directory and new families that have been added. Any new family will not have a photo.

To access it go to <https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/429577/faith-harbor-united-methodist-church>.

You will then have to provide an access code. To get this information e-mail me at [secretary@faithharborumc.org](mailto:secretary@faithharborumc.org) and I will send it to you.

## A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

**Strength in prayer is better than length in prayer.**

*I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 1 Corinthians 14:15*



**Members:** Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd, Connie Carroll, Dawn Ellis, Diane Geary, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Wendy Mooney, **Hunter Tayloe**, John Wilson and Jerry Wood.

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

**Friends:** Families and the rescue teams in Florida at the building collapse site, Elizabeth Blair, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, **Marcus Burnett**, 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, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Kathy-Liver Cancer, Tammy and Nick Kefallinos-covid, Kelly, Janet Durman Kokran, Craig Jenkins, Paulette Kisner, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren, Tim McCart, Ed Minnich, **Kaleb Mungas**, Rick Nauss, Ruth, Brenda Munjas' mother, Ruth Nordquist, Chuck Osburn, **Parents**, Dot Phillips, Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, **Sheverlon Powell**, Judy Pratt, Sharon Ray, Todd Rice, **Chester Robinson**, Tania Roth, Katrina Seferyn, Skip and Marcia, Roxanne Smith, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, Sister Monique Schwartz, **Teachers**, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, **Dorothy Ward**, and Bill Zell.

**And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort and healing.**



- 1 Casey Tayloe  
Jolene Ward
- 2 Airlie Passingham
- 3 Deanna Taylor
- 4 Bernie Poole
- 5 Thomas Gardner
- 6 Frank Tarbell
- 9 Carroll Greene  
David Menzies

10 Duane Brown  
Martha Marlow  
11 Kirk Binning  
12 Jim Selby  
Jim Vaughn  
13 Larry Modlin  
14 Jamie Canady  
17 Lynn Smith  
18 Colin Rice  
19 Jackson Henry

20 Owen Williams  
21 Mike Kane  
24 Marsha Ray  
25 Todd Bizzell  
Victoria Cooney  
26 Chris Medlin  
27 Lyle Butler  
31 Emily Frazier