

MESSENGER AUGUST 27, 2021

Dear Faith Harbor Family,

I had planned to write about something else today, but after yesterday's terrorist attack(s) in Afghanistan, everything else seems to pale in significance. Original reports were that there were two explosions at the Kabul airport; now it is being reported that there may have been only one. What we do know is that 90 Afghans and 13 US military personnel were killed. Additionally, 150 Afghans and 18 US servicepersons were injured.

The loss of servicepersons certainly hits close to home in our area that has such a strong military presence and is so close in proximity to Camp Lejeune. I was told this morning that six persons from just the subdivision where Kim and I live are stationed in Afghanistan. As of the time of this writing, names of those killed have not yet been released. I can only imagine the dread and fear that families and loved ones are experiencing as they wait for news. Whether those killed were from nearby or from farther away, we know that loved ones will be grieving the loss of spouses, parents, children, siblings and fellow service members. May God comfort and sustain the surviving loved ones during this time of tragic loss.

We are vividly reminded of the sacrifices and risks that our servicepersons and their families are constantly making on our behalf. We all too easily take those things for granted most of the time. May we remember to pray for and give thanks to those who serve so that we can enjoy the blessings of freedom. May we also remember the Afghan people who do not have the freedoms we enjoy, in particular all those who are also mourning and grieving this day.

This Sunday during both services, we will have a moment of silence to remember and honor those who have lost their lives. In the meantime, please keep in your prayers all those who are serving as well as their families, and especially remember to pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

May God grant comfort, mercy, and strength to all who mourn, and may the peace of the Lord be with each of you.

Pastor David

Scripture Card August 30th, 2021

Centering Prayer: *Lord, help me not only to hear but to obey your holy word.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119

M Matthew 7:24-27

T 1 John 2:3-6

W Luke 11:27-28

T John 15:7-11

F Matthew 5:14-19

S Joshua 1:8

Key Scripture: *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22)*

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING will be held after the 9:20 service on **August 29th**. If interested in taking this training please attend on the 29th. Any questions contact Melissa Schleinkofer, Children's Ministry Director



FROZEN ENTRÉE AND BAKE SALE

The United Methodist Women of Faith Harbor, tentatively plan to sell our frozen entrées and bake goods **after the 8:00 and 9:20 service on Sunday, September 12th**.



Please consider supporting us in this mission by both your purchases and your willingness to prepare frozen entrees or bake goods. A SIGN-UP SHEET is posted on the bulletin board beside the serving window of the kitchen. If you are not currently attending services due to covid concerns please e-mail Bonnie Hunter at bennettandbonnie@yahoo.com.

All proceeds from these sales support the UMW Missions, in particular The Methodist Home for Children.

Thank you for your support of the UMW and the Mission Projects we support.

PROJECT AGAPE -For several years our church has helped support Project Agape, a ministry of our Conference with the people of **Armenia**. Last fall a brutal war broke out in that region, resulting in much suffering. A link to a video is posted on our website.

We will have an opportunity each of the next two Sundays to provide financial support to our brothers and sisters in Armenia. Checks may be made to Faith Harbor, with "Armenia" on the memo line.

Thank you in advance for your generosity toward this important and worthy cause.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICE –

We will begin practicing for our Christmas Cantata and Advent Special Music on Wednesday, September 8th!!!!!!

Everyone is invited!

We will practice on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. **Please join us!!!!**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS.. 😊

Hello all parents of 6th Graders! 😊

This school year, if there is enough interest- we will be offering a **Confirmation Class** for youth age 6th grade and on up (if they haven't already been confirmed).

It would run from about mid-September 2021 through mid-March 2022 with a break over the holidays. These are approximate dates. Typically, the class meets 2 Sunday evenings per month.

*****If you are interested in your youth participating, please contact the church office or Pastor David or myself directly as soon as possible.*** Once we know we have enough to hold a class, we will set up a parent/confirmand informational session with more detailed information. We look forward to hearing from you all soon!

Peace friends,
Jewels Swain, Youth Coordinator
910-232-9844 Church Office 910-328-4422

***Save the Date.....**

We are planning to have our **bAsiC Youth Kick-off** event on

Sunday afternoon, August 29th at Sound Side Park in Surf City.

We will have 1 or 2 of the Shelters reserved there for our group. More detailed information will be sent out to the parents next week.

Thank you! 😊
Jewels Swain
Youth Coordinator

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS.....

ALL IMPORTANT.....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Back to school is approaching remember **on August 22nd** we will have children's church for all ages Elementary school and under.

- We will also be celebrating with a **backpack blessing** and a back to school kick off during that time....**back to school party, yay!**
- Please have your child bring their school backpack this day and place them on the steps in the front of the sanctuary to be blessed.
- We will celebrate our kick off party during church service in children's classrooms.

Children's Church

will resume for all ages on **Sept 12th** and continue with Children's church offered for all elementary school ages and under every Sunday.

Jr. Basic



will also be resuming in September.

Sept 12th and Sept 26th will be

Jr. Basic dates for Kindergarten through 5th grades.

Due to a rise in Covid 19 cases in Pender and surrounding counties we are asking that children ages 4 and older wear masks when in children's classrooms. I have extra masks available for children that may need them.

We will have Nursery (infant to 2 years old) and 3 through Kindergarten classrooms open for the remainder of the month of August.

Schedule of dates:

Aug 22nd: Children's church for all ages Elementary and under/Backpack blessing/Back to school party during church service.

Aug 29th: Safe Sanctuary training after church

Sept. 12th: Children's Church resumes every Sunday/Jr. Basic. Pick up at 12:30.

Sept 26th: Jr. Basic. Pick up at 12:30.

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

Prayer is a conversation with God.

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him sincerely and in truth. Psalm 145:18



Members: Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd, Lisa Bryd, Connie Carroll, Diane Geary, The Glass Family, Janet Hughes, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Bill Moore, Bob Patterson-cancer, **Paula Smith**, Jill Strohpaul, The Swain Family, and John Wilson. Any of our church family that has covid.

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

Friends: Paul Arnette, Elizabeth Blair, Danny and Pam Brock-covid, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Marcus Burnett, Candie, Curtis Campbell - surgery, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris, Sam Snyder's brother-recovering from surgery, and Sam's Missouri Family, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, **Children**, David, Debra and Jonathan, Wes Dunbar, Mary Pharr Erickson, cancer and husband Jae, Beverly Foley, Jan Foster, Sybil Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Grayson-Cancer, Ann Grant-cancer, Tara Hall, Grandmother Sue Heavner, Jewel's grandmother, Craig James Ervin Horne, Jenkins, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Kathy-LiverCancer, Tammy and Nick Kefallinos-covid, Kelly, Janet Durman Kokran, Butch Knight-covid, Paulette Kisner, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren, Tim McCart, Margie-breast cancer, Ed Minnich, Kaleb Mungas, Rick Nauss, Ruth, Brenda Munjas' mother, Ruth Nordquist, Chuck Osburn, **Parents**, Dot Phillips, Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Sharon Ray, Todd Rice, Tessa Rogers, Tania Roth, Katrina Seferyn, Skip and Marcia, , Roxanne Smith, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, **Teachers**, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Dorothy Ward, and Bill Zell.

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

BIRTHDAYS ON NEXT PAGE.....

ACTIVITIES AT FAITH HARBOR FOR AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 3 ON NEXT PAGE



- 28 Willie Bryan
- 29 Elethia Osborn
April Shannon
- 30 Clayann Binning
Sharon Jordan

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS ON NEXT PAGE



- 1 Dana Byrd *If your name should be on here and is not*
- 2 Mary Sheffield *let me know and I will add it next week.*
- 3 Ray Blackburn
- 6 Sandy Wise
- 8 Lance Jordan
- 10 Malia Osborn
- 14 Hazel Mae Passingham
- 16 Bill Feige
Pat Byrd
Jackson Sliwa
- 17 Palmer Rice
- 18 Jimmy Platts
Mary Lynn Wood
- 19 Missy Carswell
- 20 Arness Krause
- 22 Jim Black
Frank Carroll
- 24 Frances Moore
- 26 Will Moore
- 27 Angie Jernigan
Ava Barnes
- 28 Jean Hawley
Michael Kauffman
Scott McArthur

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC.

Sunday 8/29 8:00-8:40 BEACH SERVICE

Parking is free before 9:00 am.

9:20 Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Safe Sanctuary Training

Monday 8/30 NO MABS-

Tuesday 8/31

7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

Wednesday 9/1

10:00 READING CIRCLE Rm. 6

Book is *Fire in Beulah* by Rilla Askew

7:00 Choir practice

Thursday: 9/2 12:00 AA Group Rm. 6

Friday 9/3 8:30 Women's Breakfast/Soundside Park