

MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am writing this morning from New York City, where I have traveled with my dad, son and grandson on a baseball trip. We have tickets tonight to see our fifth game in six days, each one in a different stadium. It has been a wonderful time for four generations of baseball fans to spend time together and enjoy watching the game we love.

One of the things that is apparent when you watch a baseball game is how much of what happens is contingent upon the umpires. The players are the stars. They have the athletic skills and abilities that everyone comes to watch. The managers often have a high-profile role as well, deciding who plays where and when. The umpires are far less well known, yet not a single pitch is thrown or a play made apart from the oversight and decision-making of the umpires. They have the authority and the final word on whether a pitch is a ball or strike, and whether a player is safe or out on any given play. They may occasionally rely on video replays to help make the call, but even then, the umpires make the final call. They are the authority. Whatever they say goes.

It's interesting to me how the highly paid superstars and managers submit to the authority of the relatively unknown umpires, and even take care not to get on their "bad side." Occasionally players and managers will argue an umpire's decision, but it doesn't get them anywhere other than perhaps thrown out of the game.

You may be wondering what any of this has to do with the you or our church! Well, my point is that no matter what our position or station is in life, we all have to answer to a higher authority. No matter how famous or talented or rich or successful or powerful any of us might be, we will still have someone or something above us. Ultimately of course, the One above us all is God. God alone establishes the laws and precepts and rules that govern our lives. God is the final authority. He has the last word.

Thankfully, the comparison with umpires goes only so far. God is very used to people arguing with Him, and He will not throw us out of the game of life for doing so. God gives us second and third and ten-thousandth chances to change the outcome of our lives. Even so, it does not go well for us when we resist God's authority over our lives. The sooner we learn to trust God's decisions and His authoritative word, the better life will go for us.

As enjoyable as my baseball trip has been, I am looking forward to being back home in North Carolina tomorrow and worshipping our God with you on Sunday. I hope to see you then!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Scripture Card September 13, 2021

Centering Prayer: *Lord Jesus, help me to let you order my life.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 31

M Psalm 37:23-24

T Proverbs 16:9

W Isaiah 48:17

T Romans 8:28

F Proverbs 19:21

S Isaiah 43:18-19

Key Scripture: *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)*



FROZEN ENTRÉE AND BAKE SALE

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



Please consider supporting us in this mission by your purchases on Sunday.

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.

Thank you for your generosity toward this important and worthy cause. We are able to send nearly \$900 to help the Armenian people.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICE –

We have begun practicing for our Christmas Cantata and Advent Special Music. It is not too late to join us next Wednesday at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited!

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

THRIFT STORE WAREHOUSE APPEAL “MISSING TABLE”

As many of you know the Thrift Store warehouse has a code lock on the door which we have entrusted to a select few people.

We have had to change this code two previous times because too many people shared the code with others, thus, folks were free to "browse around". This "free" use of the code resulted in some missing furniture pieces without notice to store staff.

In checking our inventory this past week we are missing a dark wood 52'X52" table. We are requesting that whoever removed the table from the warehouse please make contact with Jean Hawley (910) 330-0760 or Beth Walker (252) 213-2240 to arrange payment for the table.

We will determine how access to the warehouse in the near future that will be most efficient for our staff and donors. In the meantime, access will be by appointment with store staff.

Thank you for your support of our Thrift Store and the ability to maintain our inventory by adhering to the new policy being put in place.

Jean Hawley and The Thrift Store Board

SHARE THE TABLE MINISTRY

On **Sunday, September 19**, at the 9:20 service, there will be a brief presentation of the Share the Table campaign.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

The monthly accounting for August:

Aug. Giving: \$ 36,145.18

YTD giving: \$269,989.51

YTD budget: \$281,416.00

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Faith Harbor.



COMING SOON BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

A schedule is being planned for some Fall Bible Studies. We will have something in the Messenger next week and in the bulletin on the studies that will be offered.

In the past we have done the studies on Tuesday evening. We hope to stay with the Tuesday time frame. If you wish to

take a Bible Study and will need childcare, please let the church office or Melissa know so the nursery can be staffed for the classes.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS.. 😊

Hello Middle & High School bAsiC Youth parents!

I hope and pray this email finds each of you and your families doing well lately and getting acclimated to the new school year. Most of you should have already received your welcome back goodie bags via porch drop the last few days with your paperwork in them. After recently meeting with our Youth Council and Pastor David, we have decided to continue to meet in our "Sub Groups" on designated Sundays (similar to how we did it last year) for now. ***Starting on Sunday, Sept. 12th (that's a 2nd Sunday) at our regular meeting time of 5-6:30pm**, this is how we would like to arrange our age groups and meetings.

***High School Youth (10th Grade High Schoolers) Group B-1~ Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month**

***High School Youth (All other High Schoolers) Group B-2~ Meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month**

***Middle School Youth (Older Middle Schoolers) Group A-1~ Meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month**

***Confirmation Age Youth- younger Middle Schoolers (A separate email was sent out to these youth from Pastor David) Group A-2~ Meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month**

*This is a bit different from last year due to changes in age groups/sizes & youth moving up. I will send out a text to everyone to let them know what "sub group" their youth are in, but basically for the most part- they are with the kids they have always been with because of separation by age/group of kids they started with.

Since we are still dealing with Covid, our thoughts for keeping it this way is to reduce the total number of youth gathering at one time (for example, each Middle school sub group would still meet separately for the lesson part of their meeting on their assigned Sundays). Hopefully by reducing our group sizes with Sub groups and spacing out meetings with those groups, we will be able to continue to gather safely.

Here are Sept. dates for your calendar:

***Sept. 12th~** at the 9:20am Service, this will be a Youth Sunday. If your youth can volunteer by being a Doorman, Greeter, Scripture reader, help with Children's church- Please let me know, thanks!

Regular Youth group meeting from 5-6:30pm for High Schoolers Sub group B-1 and group B-2

***Sept. 13th~** Youth Council meeting at 5pm (via Zoom)

***Sept. 19th~** Regular Youth group meeting from 5-6:30pm for Older Middle Schoolers Sub group A-1 and Confirmation age youth, Sub group A-2 (Most likely a Parent/Confirmand info. meeting with Pastor David)

***Sept. 26th~** Regular Youth group meeting from 5-6:30pm for High Schoolers in Sub group B-1 and group B-2

A few other things:

*Parents, please fill out the Permission forms and your youth can bring them back on their first meeting date of the month.

* Parents, if any of you are willing to be a Parent Helper or Volunteer to teach 1 time per month, please let me know.

*Please have youth wear their masks for the meetings when we are indoors. We will try to do as much Outdoors as possible, weather permitting. Hand sanitizer will be available at each of our meeting areas.

*If your youth doesn't feel well, we ask that you kindly have them wait until they are better to attend their next designated Sunday meeting.

*I'll resume sending the bAsiC youth monthly updates, texts, etc.

I know this is a lot of information and if you should have any questions, as always feel free to contact me directly. I am looking forward to seeing you and your youth(s) very soon!

Until then, stay well friends! 😊

**Peace & Grace,
Jewels Swain
FHUMC Youth Coordinator
(910)232-9844**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS.....
ALL IMPORTANT.....
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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:

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

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

Trunk or Treat

October 24 3:00-5:00

Set up time is 2:00pm

Contact Melissa Schleinkofer to
volunteer
and sponsor a trunk for the event.



A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

The greatest privilege God gives to you is the freedom to approach Him at any time.

Then let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 NIV



Members: Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd, Lisa Bryd, Connie Carroll, **Bill Feige**, Diane Geary, The Glass Family, **Janet Hughes- wrist surgery**, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Bill Moore, Bob Patterson-cancer, Paula Smith, **Jill Strohpaul- surgery**, **Gail Widholm- recovery from hip surgery**, and John Wilson.

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, Cassandra Hill, Craig James Ervin Horne, Jenkins, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Kathy-Liver Cancer, 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.

May the strength of God pilot us.

May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us.

May the shield of God defend us.

May the host of God guard us-----against the snares of the evil one.

-----against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us!

Christ be over all!

May thy salvation, Lord, always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and evermore.

(Attributed to St. Patrick)



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| 1 | Dana Byrd | <i>If your name should be on here and is not</i> |
| 2 | Mary Sheffield | <i>let me know and I will add it next week.</i> |
| 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 | 24 Frances Moore |
| 18 | Jimmy Platts | 26 Will Moore |
| | Mary Lynn Wood | 27 Angie Jernigan |
| 19 | Missy Carswell | Ava Barnes |
| 20 | Arness Krause | 28 Jean Hawley |
| 22 | Jim Black | Michael Kauffman |
| | Frank Carroll | Scott McArthur |

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC.

Sunday 9/12

8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary

UMW BAKE AND FROZEN ENTRÉE SALE

after this worship service.

9:20 Worship Service

11:15 JR. BASIC- Rms. 1,2,3,4

–pick-up at 12:30

5:00 YOUTH GROUP “B” HS

Monday 9/13

2:00 MABS Rm. 6

Tuesday 9/14

7:00 Women’s AA Group in Rm. 6

Wednesday 9/15

10:30 Staff Meeting

7:00 CANTATA PRACTICE

7:45 Choir Practice

Thursday: 9/16

12:00 AA Group Rm. 6

Friday 9/17

8:30 Women’s Breakfast

Saturday 9/18

9:00-11:30 CPR & Defibrillator Training for those who registered – Narthex

Sunday 9/19

8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary

9:20 Worship in Sanctuary

5:00 YOUTH GROUP “A” MS