

MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

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

I want to take the opportunity in this week's Messenger to inform you about an informational session that I plan to lead on Sunday, October 3rd beginning shortly after the conclusion of our 9:20 worship service.

Many of you know that conversations are currently taking place in churches around our denomination about the *Protocol for Separation* that is expected to be approved at General Conference in August of 2022. We had similar conversations here at Faith Harbor shortly after the *Protocol* was announced in early 2020.

These conversations are taking place more earnestly of late because it is very likely that the *Protocol* will be approved in less than a year. If and when that happens, every local United Methodist Church including Faith Harbor will need to decide on a significant change. We will not have the option of staying the same or being neutral.

Specifically, our church will decide by congregational vote whether to:

- a) retain the name *United Methodist* with profound changes to our current policies on human sexuality and marriage, or;
- b) retain our current policies on human sexuality and marriage while adopting a different denominational name.

As the pastor here at Faith Harbor, I believe you need and deserve to know where I stand and how I intend to lead. Moreover, as the Bishop and Cabinet begin making decisions about pastoral appointments shortly after the first of the year, our Conference needs to know where Faith Harbor stands and where I stand on this issue.

It will not be my intention in this presentation to focus on the history of our denominational disagreements or the details of the *Protocol for Separation*. I provided that information when the *Protocol* was first announced. There will certainly be a need for us to talk further about the details of the *Protocol* and its implementation. However, my intention in this presentation is to speak directly about the same-sex issues at the center of our denominational disagreement.

I believe there are well-meaning people and strong arguments on both sides, and for many the question is, what are we to believe? So I am calling this presentation:

What to Believe? What's Next For Us?

Considering the cultural, scientific and biblical views on same-sex attraction

and practice, and how this issue will impact our church.

Further details will be forthcoming over the next week. In the meantime, I hope you will please keep our denomination, Faith Harbor and me in your prayers.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

September 27th, 2021

Centering Prayer: *Lord Jesus, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 4

M 1 Timothy 2:1-5

T Matthew 6:5-8

W Philippians 4:5-7

T Psalm 69:13-18

F Mark 11:22-26

S 1 Thessalonians 5:16-25

Key Scripture: *The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16b)*



In loving memory of Gail Llewellyn Kaufmann we will be gathering to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh, to cry and remember a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.

We will gather together on Saturday November 20, 2021 at 12 noon at the home of Bob and Jan Reid, 119 White Heron Cove Road, Hampstead, NC. Attire: Comfortable.

Please RSVP by October 15th to Mike Kaufmann at (908) 892-0777 text.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thanks to all who contributed frozen entree and baked good items, and to those who purchased those items.



It was a sell out and the UMW made a little over \$600 which will greatly help toward our goal of supporting The Methodist Home for Children and other missions.

We are hopeful of having another sale in December 2021. We will keep you posted.

Thank
You

Bill and I deeply appreciate all the love and prayers we have been showered with during this recovery from hip replacement. It came as a huge surprise and was unexpected but the surgeon said it went well.

I am overwhelmed with the Christian love of Faith Harbor and its members. Prayers, cards and meals gave us such a huge lift. We are truly blessed being part of this church family.

God is good and He has beloved helpers. May God continue to bless you and my prayer is to be able to pay this forward.

Peace and Love
Gail Widholm



UPDATE.....

WE REACHED AND SURPASSED OUR GOAL

by \$1349 in donations!!!!

Thank you for your generosity in making this happen.

**COMING SOON
BIBLE STUDY CLASS**



There is a registration insert in the bulletin this Sunday for the *Companions in Christ* study. (See David's message for description of this study.)

For those interested in a study of shorter duration, we will also be offering a four-week study later this Fall about keeping the sabbath called *24/6: A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life*. Details will be provided soon.

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. Below 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**

*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. 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

we have resumed our Children's Church for all elementary school ages and under every Sunday.

Jr. Basic



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

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.

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.



I have posted a sign-up sheet in the narthex for families that wish to decorate a trunk as well as a candy/treat/prize donation bin located near the front door. We will definitely need volunteers to set up their trunks and help with the fun.

See information below:

Invite Your Friends!

Come join us in your best Halloween costume for this free community event at Faith Harbor UMC!

The fun starts on October 24th from 3-5pm. Kids of all ages welcome. We will be having cotton candy, games, face painting and of course candy!

For further information please contact Melissa Schleinkofer at (484)515-7361.

See you there!



A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

Prayer is profitable wherever it is invested.

Jonah 2:1 *Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly.*



Members: Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd, Lisa Bryd, Connie Carroll, **Faye Decatur**, Bill Feige, Diane Geary, The Glass Family, Janet Hughes- wrist surgery, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Bill Moore, Bob Patterson- cancer, Paula Smith, Jill Strohpaal, surgery, Gail Widholm- recovering 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, **Sarah Kilpatrick**, Janet Durman Kokran, Butch Knight-covid, Paulette Kisner, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren, Tim McCart, Margie-breast cancer, Ed Minnich, Renee and Carlton, 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, **Mel Skibinski**, Roxanne Smith, Stanley and Ruby, **Susie and her family in death of her husband**, Maria Sutton, **Teachers**, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Dorothy Ward, and Bill Zell.

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

With the dawning of each new day, we need courage to take each new step in our walk of faith.

***My dearest Lord,
Be thou a bright flame before me,
Be thou a guiding star above me,
Be thou a smooth path beneath me,
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today and for evermore.***

Saint Colomba



- 24 Frances Moore
- 26 Will Moore
- 27 Angie Jernigan
Ava Barnes
- 28 Jean Hawley
Michael Kauffman
Scott McArthur



- 1 Sabrina Guy
- 2 Teresa Luisi
- 3 Hunt Tayloe
- 4 Buddy Fowler
- 5 John Pratt
- 7 Kelsey Swain
- 10 Scott Passingham
Barbara Poole
- 12 Jessica Blackburn
Parker Burgess
- 13 Lisa Berg
- 15 Becky Moore
- 16 Sheryl Johnson
Rosalie Kerr
- 17 Bill Moore
Greg Holmes
- 18 Faye Decatur
Jann Tayloe
Martha Vaughn
- 19 Sandy Rogers
- 20 Lou Secary
- 21 Cindy Jester
Cathy Medlin
- 24 Linda Kimrey
- 27 David Decatur
- 28 Zander Guy
- 29 Jan Jenó
Roxey Jordan
- 30 Leigh Bizzell
Sue Medlin Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC.

Sunday 9/26

8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary
9:20 Worship in Sanctuary
11:15 Jr. Basic – Pick-up at 12:30
12:00 Handbell Choir
5:00 YOUTH GROUP “B” HS

Monday 9/27

2:00 MABS Rm. 6
New Study-Parables of Jesus
5:00 YOUTH COUNCIL MTG. BY ZOOM

Tuesday 9/28 7:00 Women’s AA Group in Rm. 6

Wednesday 9/29 7:00 CANTATA PRACTICE
7:45 Choir Practice

Thursday: 9/30

12:00 AA Group Rm. 6
6:30 LEADERSHIP MTG. BY ZOOM

Friday 10/1 8:30 Women’s Breakfast/Soundside Park

Sunday 10/3

8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary
9:20 Worship in Sanctuary
11:15 Jr. Basic – Pick-up at 12:30
12:00 Handbell Choir
5:00 YOUTH GROUP “A” MS