

## MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

Dear Faith Harbor Family,

This weekend is traditionally regarded as the last weekend of Summer, even though Summer does not officially end until September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It looks like we are going to be blessed with glorious weather for the long Labor Day weekend, and I pray that you will all have an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful holiday weekend with your families and loved ones.

I will be out of town myself this Sunday, and I am grateful to inform you that Reverend Skip Williams will be filling in for me at both the 8:00 Beach Service (our last Beach Service of the year) and at 9:20. Many of you already know Pastor Skip, as he recently retired from serving as the lead pastor at Hampstead UMC. Skip is very excited about preaching and leading worship at Faith Harbor, and I know he has an inspiring message to share with you. I know you will make him feel welcome and that you will be blessed by his presence with you.

Looking ahead beyond Labor Day, the month of September will be a busy one in the life of our congregation as we have several meetings scheduled and we will be introducing new small group Bible studies and other opportunities to learn and grow together. Please regularly check our church calendar which can be found elsewhere in this Messenger as well as on our website: [faithharbortopsail.org](http://faithharbortopsail.org).

May the Lord grant each of you an opportunity to rest from your usual labors this weekend, and may you be abundantly blessed as you make time to worship Him.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor David

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### Scripture Card September 6, 2021

Centering Prayer: *Lord Jesus, in your mercy, hear us when we pray.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 66

M John 9:31

T 1 Peter 3:12

W 1 John 5:15

T Jeremiah 29:12-13

F Psalm 66:17-20

S John 16:24

**Key Scripture:** *"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you."  
(Jeremiah 29:12)*



## 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 12<sup>th</sup>.**



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](mailto: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.

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**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 **another opportunity this Sunday (September 5<sup>th</sup>)** 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.

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## CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICE –

We will begin practicing for our Christmas Cantata and Advent Special Music on **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>!!!!!!**

Everyone is invited!

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

# 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**

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**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.

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**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.

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## **A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER**

**I know not by what methods rare, but this I know: God answers prayer.**

Isaiah 58:9 (NRSV) *Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.*



**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 Mizell, Bill Moore, Bob Patterson-cancer, Paula Smith, Jill Strohpaal, 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, **Cassandra Hill,** 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.***



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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                                   |

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**HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC.**

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**Sunday 9/5**

8:00-8:40 BEACH SERVICE (last one)

***Parking is free before 9:00 am.***

9:20 Worship in Sanctuary

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

**Friday 9/10**

8:30 Women's Breakfast/Soundside Park

**Saturday 9/11**

**10:00 TRUSTEE MEETING Rm. 6**

**Sunday 9/12**

8:00-8:40 BEACH SERVICE

Parking is free before 9:00 am.

**UMW BAKE AND FROZEN ENTRÉE SALE**

(before and after the 9:20 service.)

9:20 Worship in Sanctuary

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

5:00 YOUTH GROUP HS

**Monday 9/6 OFFICE CLOSED**

NO MABS-will resume 9/13

**Tuesday 9/7 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry**

7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

**Wednesday 9/8**

**10:00 RAINBOW CIRCLE Rm. 6**

7:00 CANTATA PRACTICE

7:45 Choir Practice