

MESSENGER DECEMBER 16, 2021

Advent Greetings to each of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I pray that you are finding times in the midst of this busy season to reflect on what it is all about, and to marvel at the miraculous wonder of God becoming one of us in order to save us.

We will have an opportunity this Sunday to hear the story of that miraculous wonder told musically as our choir presents the Christmas cantata, "The Birthday of a King." We will have just one worship service this week for the cantata at 10 AM, followed by a Christmas fellowship luncheon hosted by our hospitality team. Kim and I are greatly looking forward to being back with you in person for this special Sunday after having been quarantined the last two Sundays. We enjoyed watching the services from home, but there's nothing like being in God's house worshipping with sisters and brothers in Christ!

We felt a bit like our world had been turned upside-down with the death of my father coinciding with both of us catching COVID ... but even so, we can scarcely imagine the suffering that persons in Kentucky and other places are experiencing in the aftermath of the devastating tornadoes last weekend. Like you, we are praying for them, and we long to be of help in some way. Thankfully, we have the opportunity to send help through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

We know that 100% of donations made to UMCOR go directly toward providing relief to the situation so designated (UMCOR's administrative expenses are paid from contributions received on just one Sunday per year). To make a donation to provide relief directly to those suffering from the Midwest tornadoes last week, you can make a check out to Faith Harbor, then indicate in the memo line: Midwest Tornado Disaster Response, Advance 200902. We will see to it that those donations are promptly forwarded to UMCOR. Of course, you can also donate directly to UMCOR through their website: umcmmission.org.

May God grant mercy and comfort to all who suffer, and may we be a means of extending God's comfort in whatever ways we are able, in the name and Spirit of the One who came to be God with us.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

NO SCRIPTURE CARD THIS WEEK - CONTINUE WITH YOUR ADVENT DEVOTIONS

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS - The 2021 Advent Devotionals are available in the narthex. **ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE**



SAVE THE DATE!!!



Sunday, December 19th: 10:00 –One Service/**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** (Reception to follow)

Friday, December 24th: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 26th: 10:00 a.m.- One Service “Lessons and Carols”



Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will remain in the Sanctuary until after the Christmas Eve Services.

The White Poinsettia is given by Bernie and Barbara Poole in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary on December 28th

Given to the Glory of God by:

Zander and Sabrina Guy

Johnsie Smith

Sam and Lois Snyder

Carl and Jolene Ward

In Honor of:

Our Grandchildren

Bonnie Hunter

David and Kim King
Ron and Donna Wilkerson

Given to the Glory of God by:

Zander and Sabrina Guy

Harriet Byrd

Michael Kaufmann

Jean Hawley

Kellie and David Henry

Rick and Sharon Love

Bonnie Hunter

Gail Ace

Ray and Jessica Blackburn

In Memory Of:

Kathy Worley

Billy Byrd
Annie Mae O'Leary

Gail L. Kaufmann, Wife

Richard Hawley, Husband

Susan Sutton, Kellie's Mom

Our Parents:
Royce and Doris Dickerson
Leon and Doris Love

Bennett Hunter

Jim Ace

Ray's Parents:
Zona and Ray Blackburn
Jessica's Mother:
Joyce Clark

Given to the Glory of God by:

In Memory Of:

Owen and Alice Williams

Our Parents:
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cavender
Mr. and Mrs. Nawkum Williams

Barbara Seidel

Bill Seidel, Husband
Gene Smallwood, Father

Johnsie Smith

Walt Warren

Sam and Lois Snyder

Margaret Colbath

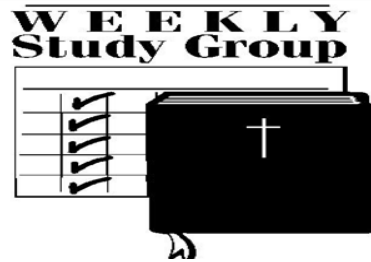
Jim and Faye Graziano

Tanya Strickland, Daughter



Many thanks to all who supported the United Methodist Women Craft, Bake and Frozen Entrée sale. It was a great success!

MABS Update: The Monday afternoon Bible Study group will resume January 10, 2022 (2:00 – 3pm). The focus will be the Book of Revelation. Study guide/book is titled: “Revelation for Everyone” by N.T. Wright



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS.. 😊

***Sunday, Dec. 19th~** Possible Youth Christmas outing (depending on interest and participation-TBD)

***Sunday, Dec. 26th and Sunday, Jan. 2nd, 2022~** No regular youth group meetings due to Christmas Holiday school break.

Regular Youth group meetings to resume for the New Year on Sunday, Jan. 9th, 2022.

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS....

Due to Covid protocols, we are asking that children ages 4 and older wear masks when in the children's classrooms.

Important Dates:

Dec. 19th: Christmas Cantata. Church starts at 10am.

There will be no children's church for 1st-5th grade.

Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve Services 5pm & 7pm.

Jan. 9th- Jr. Basic

Jan. 16th- Acolyte Recognition during church service

Jan. 23rd- Jr. Basic

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Forgiving is hard, but God's grace makes it possible.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

~Ephesians 4:32 (NRSV)



Members: Pastor David, Kim, and family; Joyce Arnette, Judy Beck, Nancy Buckman, Doris Davis, Lanae Fowler; Diane Geary, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, Bob Patterson, Diane Secary, Paula Smith, Jill Strohpaull, Linda Wells, and John Wilson.

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

Family and Friends: *Don (Ron & Donna Wilkerson's friend), Emma and family (friend of Lois Snyder);* Curtis Campbell; *Dylan and Ashley* (Connie Carroll's daughter & SIL); Johnny Carter; Mike Commee; **Beverly Foley;** Sarah Kilpatrick; Shirley Paul; Teresa Sanderson; Nancy Serrano; **Loren Smith; Bill, Erica and Linda St. John;** Mark Wansley; Leo Wolfe

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.

Dear Lord, help us to quiet the chaos in our minds so that we can take the time to hear your voice, accept it, and put into practice what you tell us. Amen.



December

BIRTHDAYS

1 - Kelly Byrd
Wilson Jones

3 - Marion Shade

4 - Hayden Arnold
Leslie Jones
Neal McHenry

5 - Liam Lozano

6 - Sherry Sliwa

7 - Sam Snyder

8 - Jo Ann Rivenbark
Savanah Paliotti

9 – Bill Widholm

10 – Melanie Greene
Carl Ward

13 – Britney Lozano
Donald Mizelle

14 – Sandi Lowry
Doug Mewborn

15 – Harriet Rice

16 – Judy Paliotti
Kenny Burgess

17 – David Henry

21 – Robert Barnes
Sonya Burgess

25 – Alex Harris

26 – Alexis Medlin Passingham

29 – Jill Strohpaal

31 – Gerard Colman
Perry Chase Smith

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday 12/19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

NO 8:00 SERVICE TODAY

10:00 Christmas Cantata

11:30 Cantata Reception

Monday 12/20

No Classes

Tuesday 12/21

No Classes

7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

Wednesday 12/22

7:00 Boy Scouts 777 in Reef

Thursday: 12/23

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6

Friday 12/24

5:00 Christmas Eve Service

7:00 Christmas Eve Service

Sunday 12/26

No 8:00 Service Today

10:00 "Lessons and Carols" Service

No classes or youth group

Monday 12/27 – Friday 12/31

Office Closed

