

MESSENGER DECEMBER 23, 2021

Early Christmas Greetings in the name of the Christ-child!

I am writing this on the eve of Christmas Eve, and I am thinking of the things I need to get done by tomorrow! While I still have some work to do at home, I think the church is all set for our Christmas Eve services tomorrow night. I hope you will be able to gather with us to celebrate the birth of our Savior. One service will be at 5 PM and the other at 7 PM. They will both be traditional Christmas Eve candlelight services with Holy Communion.

While the rest of the world will move on from Christmas as soon as Christmas Day is over, we will continue to celebrate the Christmas season in the church until Epiphany Sunday. This Sunday, December 26th we will have just one worship service at 10 PM. The majority of the service will be a Festival of Lessons and Carols in which we will have the joy of hearing the Christmas story retold through Scripture readings and music.

January 2nd is Epiphany Sunday when we commemorate the Wise Men's visitation to the Christ child. We will return to the schedule of having both an 8:00 and a 9:20 worship service on that day.

The church office will be closed from Christmas Eve through New Year's Eve. This will be the last Messenger of 2021! Kim MacDougall will be sending the bulletins for Christmas Eve, December 26th and January 2nd with this week's Messenger. Please feel free to contact me at 919-637-2245 should you need me over the holidays.

I pray that you and all your loved ones will have a safe, peaceful, and joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Merry Christmas to all!

Peace, blessings, and joy,
Pastor David

Dear Church family,

The staff of Faith Harbor wishes to express our deepest appreciation for the exceedingly generous Christmas love offering you gave to us. We are overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity, and we are profoundly grateful. We are abundantly blessed to be serving in ministry with you. May God richly bless each of you and your loved ones in 2022 and always.

Love,
Allison, David, Jewels, Jim, Kim, Melissa, Seth, and Shade.



A tremendous Thank you to Jean Hawley and the Hospitality Committee, as well as the volunteers for all your hard work in planning and providing for the Cantata reception last week. It was so wonderful to gather together and enjoy all the delicious food!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

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

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

SCRIPTURE CARD Week of December 27th

Centering Prayer: Lord, my hope is in your future.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 32

M Prov. 23:17-18 **T** Matthew 6:31-33 **W** Isaiah 43:1-2 **Th** Proverbs 24:13-14

F John 10:27-29 **S** Jeremiah 29:11

Key Scripture: *Jer. 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*



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

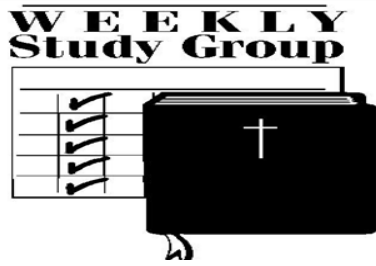
Jim and Faye Graziano

Tanya Strickland, Daughter



ALTAR FLOWER CHART is available to sign-up for flowers for the Sanctuary. Next to the date you select, give your name and who you wish to remember or honor for the bulletin information. The sign-up list is on the credenza outside the church office, across from the restrooms. *The list is updated for the 2022 calendar year.*





***Companions in Christ Classes will resume Sunday, January 9th at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, January 11th at 6:00pm.**

**The Messy Grace group will start back up Monday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m*

**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. 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. 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

Today I will look for God's unexpected miracles.

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

~Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)



Members: *Joyce Arnette, Stephanie Hardin and family;* Judy Beck, Nancy Buckman, Doris Davis, Lanae Fowler; Diane Geary, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizell, ***Sean & Wendy Mooney and family,*** Bob Patterson, Diane Secary, Paula Smith, Jill Strohpaul, Linda Wells, ***Owen Williams, John (and Lou) Wilson.***

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

Family and Friends: ***Samantha Banks;*** Don (Ron & Donna Wilkerson's friend), Emma and family (friend of Lois Snyder); ***Curtis Campbell;*** Dylan and Ashley (Connie Carroll's daughter & SIL); Mike Commee; Beverly Foley; ***Scott and Cheri Gray,*** Sarah Kilpatrick; ***Victor Mooney;*** Teresa Sanderson; Nancy Serrano; Loren Smith; Bill, Erica, and Linda St. John; ***Carolyn and Karlo Swenson;*** Mark Wansley

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	9 – Bill Widholm	17 – David Henry
	10 – Melanie Greene Carl Ward	21 – Robert Barnes Sonya Burgess
3 - Marion Shade	13 – Britney Lozano Donald Mizelle	25 – Alex Harris
4 - Hayden Arnold Leslie Jones Neal McHenry	14 – Sandi Lowry Doug Mewborn	26 – Alexis Medlin Passingham
5 - Liam Lozano	15 – Harriet Rice	29 – Jill Strohpaal
6 - Sherry Sliwa	16 – Judy Paliotti Kenny Burgess	31 – Gerard Colman Perry Chase Smith
7 - Sam Snyder		
8 - Jo Ann Rivenbark Savanah Paliotti		

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS...

1 – Becki Modlin	15 – Alexander Hornthal	26 – Judd Schleinkofer
2 – Carole Justice	17 – Wendy Mooney	28 – Madison Rose Jones
3 – Tom Bradford	18 – Doug Munjas	29 – Bodie Taylor
4 – Kellie Henry	18 - Diane Geary	30 – Porter Olmstead
5 – Avery Lozano	19 – Cam Barnes	30 – Jimmy Canady
8 – Lyla Passingham	22 – Gail Widholm	31 – Stacy Menzies
10 – Hanna Arnold	23 – Brittany Audet	
13 – LaNae Fowler	25 – Bill Fussell	
15 – Bradley Bizzell	25 – Karlie Holmes	

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday 12/26 NO 8:00 SERVICE

10:00 "Lessons and Carols" Service
No Classes or Youth groups

Thursday: 12/30

Office Closed
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6

Monday 12/27

Office Closed

Friday 12/31

Office Closed

Tuesday 12/28

Office Closed
7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

Sunday 1/02

8:00 Communion Service in Sanctuary
9:20 Worship in Sanctuary
11:15 Jr. Basic

Wednesday 12/29

Office Closed
7:00 Boy Scouts 777 in Reef

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Monday, 1/03

6:30 Cub Scout Troop 777

Friday, 1/07

8:30 Women's Breakfast, Rm. 6

Tuesday, 1/04

No Classes

Sunday, 1/09

8:00 Communion Service
9:20 Worship Service
10:30 Companions in Christ, Rm. 6
5:00 Youth Group "B" (HS)

Wednesday, 1/05

10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6

Thursday, 1/06

12:00 AA Group Meeting, Rm. 6
5:00 GS Troop #4242 meeting

