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John 19.34: "Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out."

I have a good friend who is a medical doctor and he used to teach in the Medical School at University of Charleston. I asked him to do some research to explain to me how this passage above is possible. He spoke about things that are horrific and traumatic that would have to occur for a person's heart to enlarge under severe conditions. He talked about the angle of the spear, so as to avoid the rib cage. He talked about why water would come out – and how that water was based on trauma caused to the

individual. And in that moment, I had an epiphany. The horrors of Jesus' death are for my redemption. The trauma that Jesus endured, is for my reconciliation. The empire piercing his side, pierces Jesus' heart, and therefore he is exposed to the world.

God is vulnerable.
God suffers.
God dies.

This time of year, we want so much to go to the resurrection. Maybe this year wallow in Jesus' death. Be reminded that the blood and water flowed from his heart because of trauma, horrors, and spears. Be reminded that you can't have Easter without Good Friday – and if you try to – you don't really understand Easter. We have opportunities during the next few days to look closely at Jesus' death – and to the void that we find in an empty tomb. I would encourage you to wallow in Jesus' death. So that in his death you might find hope.

Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, April 6th at 7pm

Self-guided Stations of the Cross – in the Sanctuary – Friday, April 7th open from 9am-5pm

Stations of the Cross at the beach – Friday, April 7th at 7pm. We will gather at Public Beach access #13 (near 514 N. Shore Drive, Surf City). If you need free parking, you can park at The Gathering Church (304 Wilmington Avenue).

Easter Sunrise Service – Soundside Park Amphitheater – Sunday, April 9th at 7am

Easter Service at the Beach – the end of Roland Avenue (Crossover) – Sunday, April 9th at 8am

Easter Services in the Sanctuary – Sunday, April 9th at 9am & 11am

Easter Luncheon – Sunday, April 9th at 12.30pm

If you have any questions, feel free to call. 910.524.5676 ~Philip Chryst

A Letter from your Lay Leader...



SISTERLY LOVE

My princesses have their moments, but I have truly enjoyed these past couple of weeks with them. Though there was a lot of driving around to school and back. Soccer practice and a game. Oh, and if Maddie hasn't told you, she scored 2 goals. I think she has told everyone she has talked to.

To add Holy week to this amazing time with them has been the topping on the cake. We got our feet washed by the pastor, we were prayed over and interceded for their mom during the healing service. We participated in a seder meal together. Tonight, we will be involved in the Maundy Thursday Service.

These precious granddaughters I have been blessed with have such love for each other it is a joy to watch and be a part of. Brooklyn helps her little sister in so many ways. Maddie loves to be read to and Brooklyn loves to read. Brooklyn picked up the Beginners Bible of her daddy's that I had at my house and started reading it. She thought it was cool that she read this morning what Pastor Philip talked about last night at the seder meal.

Watching my granddaughters and what is going on in the world makes me more and more strive to keep them close to the word of God and prayer. God told the Israelites over and over again to love the LORD their God with all their heart and with all their soul. That they should walk after the LORD their God and fear Him and keep His commandments and obey His voice and they should serve Him and hold fast to Him. The above can be found throughout the Old Testament. When they did, things went well and when they didn't, things went terribly wrong. So, I long to teach my granddaughters the truth that is found in Scripture and then pray they follow the truth as they get out in this crazy messed up world.

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8

Loving you Always,

Your Sister in Christ,

Jessica Blackburn, Your Lay Leader

EASTER LILIES AND HYDRANGEAS



Given to the Glory of God by:

Holly Carter
Carol Franklin
Linda Capps
Faye & Jim Graziano
Dave & Kim McCluskey

In Honor of:

Clem & LaRue Faircloth
Ash Zonazesz, Grandson
Adrian Capps, Sr.
Doris Douglas
Delores Cook
Jacklyn & Josh Banyas
Megan & Kevin Wolfe
Nick & Jenn McHenry
Justin & Sarah McHenry

Given to the Glory of God by:

Dave & Kim McCluskey
Gail Ace
Bonnie Hunter
Linda Capps
Mike Kaufmann
Pat Vinson
Linda Capps
Zander & Sabrina Guy
Rick & Sharon Love

Ray & Jessica Blackburn
Bodie & Fisher Taylor
Carol Franklin
Jean Hawley

Owen & Alice Williams

In Memory of:

Harriet McCluskey
Jim Ace, Husband
Bennett Hunter, Husband
Vivian E. Croom
Gail Kaufmann, Wife
Marianne Faith Vinson, Daughter
Adrian Capps, Jr. and Jeffrey Graham Capps
Nora Lewis Nemby and Kathleen Guy Boleware
Our Parents, Doris & Leon Love
Doris & Royce Dickerson
Mathew Treat and Penny Turner
Dean Rivenbark "PaPa"
Eunice Moore and Thurman Moore
Richard Hawley, Husband
Bob Hawley, Son and Dan Pearson, Son
Our Parents, Frances & Nawkum Williams, Joe & Lucile Cavender



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Announcements

WELCOME TABLE:

April 9th: Bonnie Hunter

April 9th- Communion Servers:

9:00 Service – Tony & Nancy Merlino; Scott & Alexis
Passingham, (Ray Blackburn – Gluten Free)

11:00 Service - Youth



Please join us as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter...

April 3rd-7th: Holy Week Services each night @ 7:00p.m.

April 9th~Easter Sunrise Service @ Soundside Park Amphitheater -
7:00a.m.

April 9th~ Beach Service @ 8:00a.m.

Easter Services in Sanctuary- 9:00 & 11:00a.m.

THE HOSPITALITY TEAM INVITES everyone to the Easter Luncheon following the 11:00 service. We will be moving chairs and setting tables in the Narthex, so helpers will be needed. Lunch will start approximately 12:30. The Hospitality Team will provide the main entrée- Baked Ham, as well as rolls & sweet/unsweet tea. There will be an attendance sign-up sheet near the kitchen for side dishes and/or assorted desserts. *Thank you!*



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We will be having new membership classes on April 16th, 23rd, and 30th immediately following worship service. Please contact Pastor Philip with any questions.

The Quilting Mission is now meeting Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Please join us...no experience necessary. Any questions, feel free to call Alma at (540) 588-0738



The Thrift Store will be looking for donations of gently used children's clothes for spring & summer.

Reminder: Donations for the thrift store should always come through the Harbor Warehouse. Thank you for your support!

Jean Hawley: (910) 330-0760
Beth Walker: (252) 213-2240

Gloria Richardson: (704) 804-4909
Sylvia Bowman: (910) 284-3131

United Women in Faith NEWS & UPDATES



The "Keep Me Dry" diaper program is a mission of the Harbor Thrift Store and supported by United Methodist Women. It is housed at Share the Table where clients can pick up a package of 20 diapers per week to supplement their babies' diaper needs. Studies have shown that 1 out of 3 families experience diaper shortages and our area is no exception. As you are able, please consider donating diapers or a monetary gift. There is a play pen for collection next to the front door as you enter our church. **We are especially in need of size 5 and 6.**

Thank you for your continued support and God's blessings as we care for the smallest ones in our community.



***April 3 -7th ~**

Please see The Messenger for info. about the various Services offered each night as we journey through Holy Week together as a congregation. *Good Friday- Beach Stations of the Cross at 7pm for Confirmands.

***Sun., April 9th~**

Easter Sunday!!! Services at 7am (Sunrise at Soundside Park), 8am Beach Service at the Main Access, 9am & 11am at the church. *Any youth that would like to assist with serving Communion at the 11am service, please let me know.

No Regular Youth group or Confirmation class that evening.

***Sun., April 16th~**

Confirmation Sunday (The youth that have been in Confirmation class will join the church at the 9:30am service). It is also a Youth Sunday. Please let me know how you would like to serve. We will need Greeters, Ushers, Doorman, Children's helpers, and Readers. We encourage all youth to be there to show support for those being confirmed. Baptisms afterwards at Serenity Point.

Regular Youth group meetings for MS and HS from 5-6:30pm. Note- Confirmands will not meet that evening.

***Sun., April 23rd~**

Monthly Fun Youth outing- specifics, and timing to be announced soon out to parents. Note: Confirmands will not meet that evening as this is a time of discernment for them.

***Sun., April 30th~**

Regular Youth group meetings for MS & HS in the Reef and Library from 5-6:30pm. Last Confirmation Class to meet from 5:30-6:30pm in the Sanctuary with Sponsors.

****Save the Date~**

On Sunday, May 21st at the 9:30am service, we will be recognizing our current Seniors. We will be praying a blessing over them as they begin this new chapter in their lives. There will be refreshments afterwards. This is also Homecoming Sunday! ***If you have a Senior that is graduating High School or College, please let Jewels or the church office know, so that we can include them in this special celebration. (If they are unable to attend in person, please send us their information so that we can include that in the Messenger and the Bulletin). Thank you!

Feel free to contact me should you need further information about anything listed here. We thank you for your faithful support and prayers for our youth and this ministry. Peace be with you.

Blessings,

Jewels Swain, Youth Coordinator

910-232-9844

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Please join us every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for Children's Story Time!
Tell a friend, bring a friend!

Jr. Basic is in need of parent volunteers to help with preparing and cleaning up for lunch time. Please let me know if you can help with one of the dates listed below. All food will be provided. Volunteers will be asked to heat up and prepare simple food items (Chicken nuggets, fresh fruit...) and cleanup after.

April 9th: Easter!!!!

April 16th: Jr. Basic. Pick up 12:30

A look ahead:

Vacation Bible School June 26th-29th. 5:30 - 8:30pm. Dinner will be served!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God is the true source of my strength.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

~Psalm 28:7 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, *Bescye Burnett*; the family of Harriet Byrd; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Janet Hughes; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Sean Mooney, Wendy Mooney and family; Judy Pratt; Paula Smith and family; Dave & Jill Strohpaul

Military: Joe Fraley, Alex Harris, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Greg Holmes; Sgt. Joey Horne; John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, David Ritz, Michael Roberson.

Family and Friends: Karen & John Boggess; Douglas Thomas Cain Jr; Robin Coates, *Sean Donahoe & family*; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; *Pastor Tim Gore & family*; *Fran Graziano & family*; Roy Thomas Horne; Nathaniel Lewis; Wendy Mooney's mother Shirley; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Connie Paschall; *Barbara & Neil Schilling*; *Mary Sloan*; Stephen Smith; Nancy Sproull; the family of Mathew Treat; Henry Williams; Johnsie Smith's niece Sarah and nephew Mark Wansley

Website Prayer Requests: *Adrian Capps*; Lorraine Chavez; Betty Parrish, Mylinda Paschal & Tetsuo Nakatsu

And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort, and healing. Heavenly Father, I am praying for complete healing and good health. Please take away my worries & grant me inner peace and strength. AMEN

SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of April 10th

Centering Prayer: The Lord is my strength and my might. Psalm 118

M Acts 2.14-33, Matthew 28.8-15

Tu Acts 2.36-41, John 20.11-18

W Acts 3.1-10, Luke 24.13-35

Th Acts 3.11-26, Luke 24.35-48

F Acts 4.1-12, John 21.1-14

Sa Acts 4.13-21, Mark 16.9-15

Su Acts 2.42-47, I Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31

Key scripture: Acts 3.8: "Walking and leaping and praising God."



April

3rd: Leo Audet; Meg Barnes; Hiatt Ellis

6th: Sean Mooney

7th: Doris Davis

9th: Amy Phillips; Rachel Shade

10th: Connie Carroll

12th: Nancy Smith

13th: Allison Stowers; David Strohpaul

20th: Janice Long

21st: Kathy Dixon; Janice Morton

22nd: Ben Black

23rd: Patty Feige

27th: Ann Bryan



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 4/09 Easter

7:00 Sunrise Service @Soundside Park
8:00 Beach Service
9:00/11:00 Easter Services
12:30 Easter Luncheon

Monday, 4/10

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:30p.m. Cub Scouts, Rm. 1-4

Tuesday, 4/11

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
10:00 Children's Story Time
7:00p.m. Women's AA Group/Reef

Wednesday, 4/12

7:30 Open Prayer
9:30 Communion
10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef
*No Choir Practice

Thursday, 4/13

7:30 Open Prayer
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6

Friday, 4/14

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 4/15

8:00 UMM Breakfast & Meeting
5:30p.m. Emmaus Gathering/Pot Luck

Sunday, 4/16 Youth & Confirmation Sunday

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 New Member Class
10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6
10:30 JR Basic
5:00p.m. MS/HS Youth Group