

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

- Opening Worship Song.....*"Christ Be In My Waking"*
- Welcome & Invocation.....*Jim Loeffler*
- Church Life Video
- Prelude.....*Linda Morey*
- Old Testament Reading (Exodus 32:1-14).....*Jill Shaffer*
- Praise & Worship.....*"It Is You"*
"Offering"
- Baptism of Sofia Grace Callejas..... Parents: David & Mara Callejas
Godparent: Lori Doult
- Prayer
- Kids' Talk.....*Jim Loeffler*
- Hymn #349.....*"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"*
- Offering/Blessing of Gifts
- Doxology
- New Testament Reading (Matthew 22:1-14)
- Message.....*Pastor Tim*
The Wedding Is Prepared
- Responding to God's Love.....*"Great Are You, Lord"*
- Benediction/Blessing
- Exit Song.....*"Your Name"*

ATTENDANCE PADS
Please sign the pad and pass it along!



God Talk, Good Talk
God Wants Us to Be Encouragers
Genesis 21:1-14

All Are Welcome

**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

**Tuesday
9:30 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings with Denny Scalise in the old kitchen.

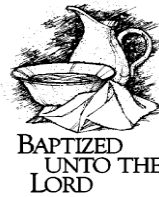
COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE

Study

The 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning Bible Study with Elna Morton meets in the multi-purpose room.

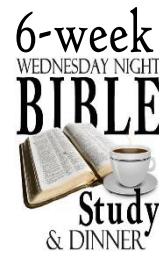
Congratulations!
Let the children come unto me...for to such belongs the Kingdom of God." Luke 18:16



Today, we celebrate the baptism of Sofia Grace Callejas who is brought before our Lord and this congregation by her parents, David and Mara Callejas. The Callejas family would like to invite the congregation to a small reception in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.



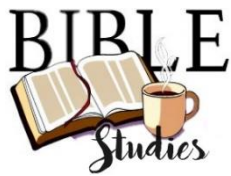
After worship today the Mission Committee will have a brief meeting downstairs.



Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study is happening! We have a themed dinner at 6 p.m. and 3 different Bible studies to choose to participate in beginning at 6:45 p.m. **Dinner this coming week will be "Guinea Pig" (make something you've never made before).** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know what you'll be bringing. Join us Wednesday, Oct. 18!



This fundraiser will be held on from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20. The proceeds will benefit those going on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic.



Many of our Bible Studies are starting to resume again.

➤ Christa Craven's Bible Study has resumed on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. They are studying, "Making Sense of the Bible" in the multi-purpose room.

- Young Mom's with Adrienne Morton will be at 6 pm in the multi-purpose room beginning Mon., Oct. 16
- Pastor Tim's small group, "Spiritual Disciplines" meets on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference room. They have room for YOU in the study. Let Pastor Tim know you would like to join in.
- Faulhaber's home study on Wednesday evenings has begun.



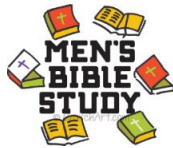
Mark your calendar for the Youth Halloween Party on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 5-7 pm



Our Condolences and Sympathy to: The family of Lonnie "Butch" McLaughlin. Butch is Mary Montgomery's brother and he passed into the arms of the Lord on October 5.



The Band of Brothers is back and held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. All men (teen & older) are invited.



The men's Bible Study that meets Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am has resumed. If interested in joining in, see Gary Faulhaber.



HELP THE ELLA COCHRAN FOOD PANTRY

Food insecurity is the consistent lack of food to have a healthy life because of economic circumstances. The Ella Cochran Food Pantry serves more than 140 families facing food insecurity every month. **The Food Pantry needs your help!**

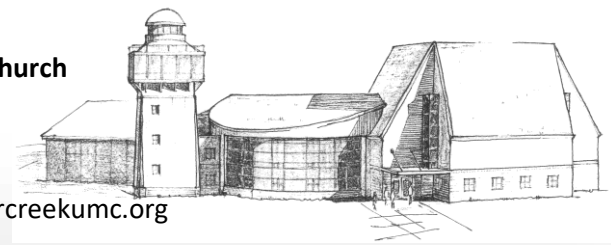
We rely on volunteers to serve our neighbors, government grants and community donations to purchase food & household necessities. In recent years, the grants at both state & federal level have diminished as well as local support. The Pantry is now operating at a deficit. Would you consider a donation to the Food Pantry? Donations can be made by making out a check to SHUMC and in the memo write Food Pantry or go on line @ <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA647>



Gretchen Tinsley has moved to Minnesota. Here is her new address if you'd like to keep in touch: Gretchen Tinsley, 6600 Auto Club Rd., Minneapolis, MN 55438

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Welcome! If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome. Each guest is considered special here at South Harborcreek Church and we are thankful you chose to be with us! We hope this will be a meaningful time of worship for you.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. God uses the church to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread spiritual holiness, thereby changing the world.

We make disciples as we:

PROCLAIM the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;

LEAD persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;

NURTURE persons in Christian living through worship, and the sacraments, spiritual disciplines;

SEND persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, free the oppressed being and becoming compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel;

CONTINUE the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sofia Grace Callejas

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, our heavenly Father, grant that *Sofia Grace Callejas*, as she grows, in years, may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by the restraining and renewing influence of the Holy Spirit she may ever be a true child of thine, serving thee faithfully in her days. So guide and uphold the parents/sponsors of this child that, by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example, they may lead her into that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and for evermore. Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present *Sofia Grace Callejas* for baptism.

Parents—

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Parents and Godparents—

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

Members of the Household of faith—

Do you as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on an ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in His final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Sofia Grace Callejas, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Do you as a congregation accept the responsibility of assisting these parents in fulfillment of the baptismal vows, and do you undertake to provide facilities and opportunities for Christian nurture and fellowship?

We will, by the grace of God.