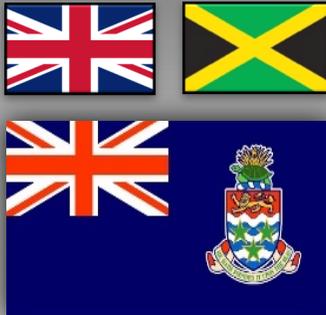




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The British, the Jamaican, and the Cayman Islands flags

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Cayman Islands used to be tied to Jamaica as one British colony with Jamaica.
- In 1959 the Cayman Islands split from Jamaica to become an independent British colony.
- In 1962 Jamaica gained its independence from Britain.
- The Cayman Islands decided against gaining independence and now are a self-governing British Overseas Territory.
- A British Governor acts as liaison between the Islands and London, but a local premier and cabinet govern the Islands democratically.
- Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: “¡Si ya!” – meaning “Yeah, that’s all” – what we say when we’re done with something.



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The Importance of the Church Family



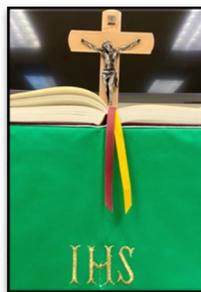
The flock at Safe Harbour may be little and may look slightly different - the size fluctuating from Sunday to Sunday - but, oh boy, are they a tight-knit group and have each other's backs!

Island-life: idyllic or not so much?

All that glitters is not gold. Even on a tropical island. We’ve seen glimpses of how island life can be really challenging, even for the islanders. High up on the list is being separated from family and friends in a unique island way. Add Covid restrictions and that the island is still closed to the rest of the world with only three flights out and in a week! So, what do you do when a loved one dies, and you can’t “just jump in the car and drive there”? This is when the church family becomes more important than ever.

Giving comfort to grieving members

What a privilege to be able to share the comfort of God’s Word with those who are hurting, reassuring them that “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble”(Ps.46) and that nothing can separate



us or our loved ones from the love of God (Rom.8:39). What greater comfort is there than to know that although we die, through faith in Christ we “will never die” (John 11) but see our Savior with our own eyes (Job

19:27). We have sat with grieving members, hugged them with God’s Word and our arms, and the Safe Harbour family have been there for their hurting brothers and sisters, visiting, texting, and bringing them meals. Thank God for the church family when your own family is so far away!

Being treated to live music!

Texas natives, John and Luca, here through the summer, have been treating us by leading us in song. We’ll sure miss them when they go back so Luca can finish out his senior year in high school!



It’s official...

The sign is up in our yard. Multiple viewings a week. Our search for other options with enough space for us and for all the church’s things has kicked into high gear.



Help needed with banner-making!



Please Pray for:

- A solution to our housing situation, to accommodate us, as well as the church office and the church's things
- More to return to church
- The unbaptized children and grandchildren of members to be baptized.
- People's hearts to be opened to the invitation to attend bible study and bring their kids to Sunday school.

Give thanks for:

- Our supportive church family
- Every Sunday revealing more members returning to church
- The faithful few regularly attending the Divine Services

Praise God for:

- The many congregations and individuals who encourage support and pray for us and the mission.
- We thank YOU personally for all of YOUR support, prayers and encouragement. We LOVE receiving your notes, messages and emails!



Three sets of eights designs (not to scale) that Heidi has created and would like applied. However, she faces challenges unique to island life preventing her from doing it herself.

Calling banner-makers!

We believe banners would help transform the rented conference room, that has to be set up every Sunday, into a sacred worship space. Heidi has made designs for banners of every liturgical color and festival and now needs help in making them.



Thrivent Action Team Grants

Heidi wanted to use her two Action Team grants for the supplies, but those cannot be sent to/used on the island, only in the USA.

USA Coordinator needed

Heidi needs someone in the USA to spearhead this operation to coordinate with other volunteers on the banner-making team to use Heidi's and/or their Action Team grants to buy supplies and create these banners. Heidi has written up specs and construction ideas to go with the designs. If you feel called to be this coordinator, or if you want to join our banner-making team,

please contact us for more info. Thank you! We look forward to getting this project started and working with you!

Our favorite bird to date?

Would it be:

1. The chicken – which is everywhere and arguably the island's unofficial national bird;
2. The Common Ground Dove – little, quiet, unobtrusive with understated beauty;
3. The Greater Antillean Grackle – annoying, persistent, noisy dive-bombers;
4. The Cayman Parrot – the island's actual national bird - beautifully clad in green and peach, that makes loud parrot-screeches;
5. the Northern Mockingbird – homely in color but so cheerful and uplifting in song, especially when we're out on an early jog.

We look forward to its encouraging twitters and cheerful chirps every morning.



Soli Deo Gloria

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3

Thank you, Jesus, for your comfort in our troubles.

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