



Faith Harbor
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Luke 16.9: "Make friends for yourselves."

I know there is a lot more to this passage than just these four words – but these four words are important for us today. Yes, I would encourage you to read the entirety of the pericope – but for us at Faith Harbor we are being called to make friends. All around us are people that we do not know. They are neighbors, people fishing on the pier, co-workers, classmates, fellow playground users, surfers, wait staff, postal workers, etc. The Lord is calling us to make friends. One of the ways Jesus showed us how to make friends is by eating together. That in this action of eating together there is a vulnerability, and at the same time safety. You can be at the table and be safe that you have your own space and your own

personhood. While at the same time, at the table there is vulnerability in opening up to conversation and to sharing food with a new friend. Let us take on this noble calling to make friends.

A year ago, I had lunch with a complete stranger – her name is Marie Griffin. We met for lunch on the river front in downtown Wilmington. And on that day, I made a friend. I found out that Marie is the pastor of Vision Center Baptist Church – and we immediately became friends that eat together and shared ministry with one another. We could tell that we were cut from the same cloth.

Sunday Scriptures

9/18/22 Luke 16: 1-13

9/25/22 Luke 16: 19-31

10/02/22 Luke 17: 5-10

10/09/22 Luke 17: 11-19

10/16/22 Luke 18: 1-8

10/23/22 Luke 18: 9-14

10/30/22 Luke 19: 1-10



11/06/22 Luke 20: 27-38

11/13/22 Luke 21: 5-19

11/20/22 Luke 23: 33-43

11/27/22 Isaiah 2: 1-5

12/04/22 Isaiah 11: 1-10

12/11/22 Isaiah 35: 1-10

12/18/22 Isaiah 7: 10-16

12/24/22 Isaiah 9: 2-7

12/25/22 Isaiah 52: 7-10

1/01/23 Isaiah 63: 7-9

A Letter from your Lay Leader...

Theology is the house you live in.



Is your house built on rock or sand?

If you have not made it to the Missional Discipleship Training on Tuesday nights, you are missing a true blessing. My body is being nourished physically and mentally. I know God is reaching each one of us where we are at. No matter how much or how little we know and understand scripture. God is revealing to us new insights. He has great plans for this body of believers, and I feel it every time I think of what the future holds for Faith Harbor.

Just a few notes from Tuesday night:

What God wants to do through you, He first wants to do in you.

Rightly handle the Word of God.

Hear from God and be obedient of where He leads you.

See what God is up to.

Be suspicious of what is going on around you, then take action with Gods leading.

We are called to suffer for each other, be there for each other. Carry each other's burdens.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. – Ephesians 1:18-23 NASB

I pray you will hear from the Holy Spirit and will come to know who you are in Christ and comprehend the power you have been given. You are in submission to Christ and as a bonus, you have the power and authority of Christ. As you lay your life down at His nail-scarred feet, His authority floods your humanity. You are then known as His ambassadors, living a life of unmatched power through heaven's authority.

Loving you all, your sister in Christ,

Jessica Blackburn, Lay Leader

Woman of Joy

Sign up for an amazing weekend. May 5-7, 2023



This incredible weekend is designed, created, and intended to bring women of all ages and cultures together to help you pursue a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you are interested please contact Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193

jmb@rayblackburn.com

WELCOME TABLE:

September 25th: Sharon Jackson & Pat Vinson



FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:

August monthly giving: \$ 27, 559.40
Monthly budget need: \$ 37, 496.98

2022 YTD Giving: \$ 241, 749.21
2022 YTD Budget: \$ 299, 975.84
2022 YTD Deficit: \$ 58, 226.63

*This Sunday, you will find a *Family Responsibilities* insert in the bulletin. Please take a moment to look over and if you find an area of interest, please mark accordingly. You may return the forms to the offering plate or place in the box next to the office (on the credenza). *Thank you!*



Family Responsibilities

All families have responsibilities. Here at Faith Harbor, we are a family. Below is a list of opportunities for you to prayerfully consider choosing to serve and minister to our growing family. If you have any questions, please contact Philip Chryst: 910.524.5676 or philipchryst@gmail.com. The schedule will be planned out for six months [starting in October] so you can plan accordingly. Thank you for considering these ministries—all of God's people are in ministry—and not any position is of greater or lesser importance. If you want your name on the same list that you had it on before – you do not need to fill another one of these out. You will automatically be added on to the new list.

Sundays:

Ushers: _____

Greeters (Welcome Table): _____

Sound & Video Booth: _____

Communion Server: _____

Offertory prayer: _____

Nursery Volunteer: _____

Volunteer for Children's Sunday School: _____

Set-up & Break-down Beach service: _____

General Interest:

I am interested in helping maintain our social media: _____

I have an interest in videography: _____

I have an interest in journalism: _____

I have an interest in photography: _____

I have an interest in music/singing: _____ instrument _____

I have an interest in hand bells: _____

I have an interest in art: _____ what medium? _____

Do you have a construction background? _____

details: Landscaping: _____, Painting: _____,

Construction cleaning: _____, Sheetrock: _____,

plumbing: _____, electrical: _____,

flooring: _____, insulation: _____,

demolition: _____, other: _____

Would you like to learn more about Faith Harbor? _____

Would you like to know more about Missional Discipleship Training? _____

Would you like to learn more about donating to the Harbor Thrift Store: _____

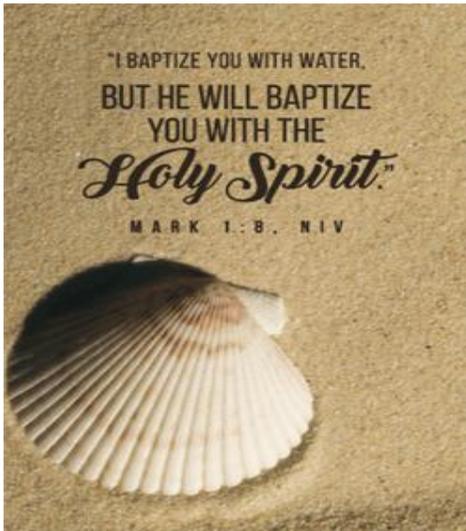
Would you like to learn more about volunteering at the Harbor Thrift Store: _____

Would you like to learn more about Emergency Response Team (disaster response): _____



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Announcements



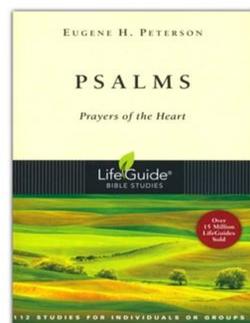
Baptism Day... September 25th at 10:30 a.m

Let's carry-on together to the South end, as Milly, Ruthie, Lainie, and Brooklyn begin their journey with Christ through the baptismal waters.



Monday Afternoon Bible Study

You are invited to join us for the next Monday Afternoon Bible Study which will on September 26, 2022, at 3:00 pm. We will study the book of Psalms through the lens of Eugene Peterson' Psalms: Prayers of the Heart. "Psalms show us how to relate to God as we pray our doubt, fears, and anger. They show us how to respond to God in praise. Here we find the best place to explore who we are and what God means to us." Lessons will include Psalms 1,2,3,8,51,103,23,137,6,73,90 and 150.



The Harbor Thrift Store is in need of gently used Halloween costumes for children (toddler/school-aged). Drop off at the store or warehouse



Please join us Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for *Children's Story Time!*



The Rainbow Circle cordially invites any lady from the church to participate in a day of fun and fellowship on October 19th. We will be traveling to Calabash, NC where the food is great and the shopping even better! As we plan to take the church van and extra vehicles if needed, **we will need to know by October 14th if you plan to participate.** On October 19th, we will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the church. We'll return later that evening.

Please notify Sherri Davila at (919) 608-3448 if you are attending. Look forward to your participation!

UWIF NEWS & UPDATES

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

Resumption of Thrift Store Bake Sales on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

The United Women in Faith will sell frozen entrees and baked goods before and after the 9:20 service on Sunday, 18 September. This is a major fund raiser for us which supports missions such as Roots of Recovery, Share the Table, Methodist Home for Children, and others. We appreciate your help in providing the frozen entrees and baked goods, as well as in the purchasing of those items to serve your families. **Frozen entrees may be brought to the church on Friday or Saturday morning between 9 and 11 for storage in our kitchen freezer. If you bring your item on Sunday morning, please provide by 8:45 am and let me know in advance what your item will be.**

Frozen entrees should be in a foil/oven proof container sealed with foil. Include a label identifying the item and providing thawing/heating instructions. Baked goods should be in a disposable container.

Thank you so much for your support.

Bonnie Hunter

Phone: (540) 621-3645

Email: bennettandbonnie@yahoo.com



The "Keep Me Dry" diaper program is a mission of the Faith 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. This can lead to health issues and stress on families. We appreciate the donations of churches, service organizations, and individuals to supplement our supply. **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.

We received the following information from our ERT trainers.

Two ERT Basic Training classes scheduled. If interested, please pick one.

1. October 15, 2022 from 8:30 to 4:30 at Wrightsboro UMC, N. Kerr Ave., Wilmington, NC
2. October 22, 2022 from 8:30 to 4:30 at Sharon UMC, 2030 Holden Beach Road, Supply NC 28462

If anyone is interested in training or recertification, please go to the Conference website www.nccumc.org and click on Disaster Ministries. Follow the tab to Training and pick the class you or anyone in your church wants to register for. This registration ensures that the Conference gets your information and insures having the materials you will need for the class.

Email: Dsecary@gmail.com or call Lou: 410-739-3706 / Diane - 410-739-5420.



How to donate for KY flood relief:

Checks may be made to KY Disaster Response Advance #200902

Mail to: The Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Disaster Response Ministry Fund

Attn: Treasurer

7400 Floydsburg Rd

Crestwood KY 40014

Give electronically: kyumc-reg.brtapp.com/DisasterReliefDonations

With many needs to prepare for, we are asking church members to save their hotel sample bottles of shampoo, soap etc. There will be a bucket in the narthex to leave them as your collection builds up. Any hygiene samples are appreciated.

Disaster Response team

Gail Widholm



Greetings all Youth group parents!

We will be gearing up our youth group activities. You will notice that some of the Sunday meeting times may vary this year as we are trying to develop a new flow in the Youth program of mission work, follow up, fun/recreation and lessons. Please mark your calendars for Sept. happenings and events accordingly:

***Sunday, Sept. 18th~** This will be our Follow up/Lesson from our Mission work for everyone. Schedule will be 5-5:30pm for fellowship, snacks, games for MS and HS youth. Then, from 5:30-6:30pm- the MS youth will have their Follow up/lesson in the Library and the HS youth will have their Follow up/lesson in The Reef.

***Sunday, Sept. 25th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of Sept. at the 9:20am service. Please let me know how your youth would like to serve. We will need several Doorman, Greeters, Ushers, Children's helpers, etc. **Also, we will be doing a Bake Sale Fundraiser that morning before & after the 9:20am Service. Parents/youth- if you can bake something (individually wrapped cookies, brownies, muffins, small cakes, etc.) move well. Please let me know if you can assist in this way. Baked goods and youth, lol- need to arrive that day by 8:45 am. We will need youth available to "man" the bake sale table. Much thanks!

That evening will be a planned Fun/Recreational activity from 4:30-6:30pm. All youth meet at the church at 4:30pm. (more info. to come on this!)

***Coming Soon- In October, we will start collecting deposits for NCC Youth Pilgrimage event that will be due for our group. More details to come.

***Save the date- the actual date for the **NCC Youth Pilgrimage event will be on Nov. 11-13th** in Rocky Mount, NC at the Event Center. This event is open all to 6th-12th graders! 😊

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



September:

Sept 16th-18th: Mother/Child Retreat at Camp Don Lee

Sept 25: Jr. Basic

A Look Ahead

Oct 9th: Jr. Basic

Oct 29th: Trunk or Treat 2 - 4:30pm.

*Volunteers are needed for Jr. BASiC – If you would like to help, sign-up sheet is in Narthex

Thank you!

Melissa Schleinkofer

Email: Mxcook8@yahoo.com



Volunteer sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board near the kitchen window for anyone who would like to decorate a trunk. The more the merrier! We will also need donations of candy/treats - donation bin will be in Narthex.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Today I will take time to be nurtured by God's word.

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

-Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, *Harriet Byrd*; Connie Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; Art and Diane Dayton; Jean Hawley and family; Martha Marlow; Pastor Neal and family; *Larry & Becki Modlin*; Judy Pratt; Lou Wilson and family

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

Family and Friends: Eric Bower; Parker Fox; *Virginia (and Jimmy Platts)*; Loren Smith; the family of David Taylor (brother of Jean Hawley, brother-in-law of Sandy Taylor)

Website Prayer Requests: Lorraine Chavez; Steven Donaghy

*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 it into practice. Amen*

SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of September 19th

Centering Prayer: Help us, O God of our salvation.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 79

M Proverbs 3.27-34, Luke 8.16-18

Tu Proverbs 21.1-13, Luke 8.19-21

W Ephesians 4.1-13, Matthew 9.9-13

Th Ecclesiastes 1.1-11, Luke 9.7-9

F Ecclesiastes 3.1-11, Luke 9.18-22

Sa Ecclesiastes 11.9 - 12.8, Luke 9.43-45

Su Amos 6.1-7, I Timothy 6.11-16, Luke 16.19-31

Key scripture: Ecclesiastes 3.11: "He has made everything suitable for its time."



SEPTEMBER

1 st	Dana Byrd
2 nd	Mary Sheffield
3 rd	Ray Blackburn
6 th	Sandy Wise
8 th	Lance Jordan
14 th	Hazel Passingham
16 th	Jackson Sliwa; Pat Byrd
17 th	Palmer Rice
18 th	Mary Lynn Wood
20 th	Arness Krause
22 nd	Jim Black; Frank Carroll
24 th	Frances Moore
25 th	Quinn Woolard
26 th	Will Moore
27 th	Ava Barnes
28 th	Jean Hawley; Michael Kaufmann

*If any member would like to be added to the Birthday list, please let me know

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 9/18

8:00 Communion Service
UWIF Frozen Entrée/Bake Sale
9:20 Worship Service in Sanctuary
UWIF Frozen Entrée/Bake Sale
5:00 Youth Follow-up Lesson
5:30 MS/HS Youth Group in Reef

Sunday, 9/25 – Youth Sunday & Bake Sale

8:00 Communion Service
9:20 Worship Service
*Youth Ministry Bake Sale
10:30 Baptisms @ Topsail (South end)
4:30 – 6:30pm Youth Activity

Monday, 9/19

3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:30 Cub Scouts, Rm. 1-4

Tuesday, 9/20

10:00 Children's Story Time
6:00 – Missional Discipleship Training

Wednesday, 9/21

11:00 Staff Meeting
7:00 Cantata Practice
7:45 Choir Practice

Thursday, 9/22

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

Friday, 9/23

8:30 Women's Breakfast @ Soundside park