



Faith Harbor

A beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing God's love through joyful service.

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Mark 1.12-13: "And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him."

I have been spending time in the wilderness. Actually, I have been spending so much time in the wilderness, that I brought a chair. I hope Jesus had a chair while in the wilderness. It does make it more tolerable. In the wilderness I have a sense of peace, mosquito bites, serenity,

chiggers, cool breezes, mud, rustling leaves, poison ivy, and snakes. Interestingly, I think Jesus' wilderness experience was much like that. And the funny thing is – the Holy Spirit was the one that "drove" him into the wilderness.

There are some wonderful things that can happen in the wilderness. You can spend time in God's creation and observing the wild animals in the wilderness. But the wilderness can also be a time that is disconcerting. It can feel like you are wandering and maybe even confused. It can even feel like you are experiencing a time of testing. Jesus was tested in the wilderness and the test giver was Satan.

I invite you into the wilderness as well. The wilderness is part of what it means to follow Jesus. I invite you to a time of wandering – maybe even a time where you struggle with not knowing what is going on and/or what to do. But it is in the wilderness where the wild beasts become your friends. It is in the wilderness where the angels come and minister to us. It is in the wilderness where the Holy Spirit will sometimes "drive" us.

Here at Faith Harbor the wilderness is part of our journey with Jesus. And while on this journey my prayer is that we can find some old chairs to rest on. But most of all I pray that on this wilderness we rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance. Knowing that the God who began a good work in us will surely see it to completion.

Sunday Scriptures

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...

שָׁמַע לֵב Shama'leb (Hebrew)

Shama means to hear, listen to, obey. Leb means heart, not the beating heart but inner person, mind, will, understanding. Closer in meaning to the word soul. Shama'leb, A soul that hears well; a soul that listens and then, based on what it hears chooses the path that best honors God and serves others. I so wish all of you would partake in the Tuesday missional discipleship training. I know we are all so busy and it's difficult to take time away from family and busy work schedules (daycare and meals are provided). Come and hear what God is revealing to His people. It drives one to want to seek the will of God for their own lives. God has called each one of us to do a work. And to do the work we all need each other doing what God has called us to do. Some are the hands, some are the feet, others are the eyes and others are the ears. We even have some who are the voice. No matter where the Lord is calling you to work, we all have a specific place where God wants to use each one of you to reach our community. Whether it's to be behind the scenes or out front, whether it's to hold a hand or to smile, whether it's to give a word of encouragement or to lift someone up in prayer. To be a listening ear or hammer a nail. To write a short note or cook a meal. No matter where you are being called there is a place for you here at Faith Harbor. God has supplied you with all you need to do what He is calling you to do. We are reaching lives and sharing the word of God and the gospel of Christ. Each one of you has been called to serve. The missional discipleship training will help you find that calling and then give you a wonderful team to work with on your journey. We are never meant to do anything alone. There is a place for everyone. Please do not close the door on what God has asked you to do. I pray that the Lord would grant you, a soul that hears well, a soul that listens and then chooses the path the best honors God and serves others. (Shama'leb)

Loving You Always,
Your Sister in Christ,
Jessica Blackburn, Lay Leader

Please join us in the Sanctuary for open prayer every Monday, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

All are welcome!

WELCOME TABLE:

October 30 ~ Sharon Jackson & Pat Vinson



Don't Miss Out!

Please join us this Sunday at Soundside Park Amphitheater for music provided by Worship North Carolina. This event is sponsored by Faith Harbor UMC

Time: 4:30p.m until Sunset

Free:

Small acoustic piano (would make a great DIY project!)

Also available are: 50-75 used cushioned Sanctuary chairs

If you are interested, contact Faye Decatur (910) 612-5486 or Marion Shade (910) 200-9669

Please join us this Sunday as we recognize and welcome the following to our Faith Harbor Family~

Jordan & Liz Albertson

Bill Brazill

Bryan & Amber Hengst

Roger & Janice Morton

William Cosner & Lynn Smith

Laura Alexander

Gail Hargett-Lilly

Marlaine Hopper

Danielle & LaNier Shepard

Kathy Winfield



We have an immediate need for:

*Prayer Warrior Coordinator - For more information please contact Kim/Office or Steve Cooney at: cooney.cai@gmail.com

Anyone interested in learning to quilt, please join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Any questions, call Alma at (540) 588-0738. All are welcome!

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Save the Date~ Annual charge conference is Sunday, November 6th at 11am

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Adult Sunday School will begin this Sunday, 10/30 following the 9:20 service. We will meet in Rm. 6

Harbor Thrift Store News



With cooler weather coming, the store is in need of gently used jackets and outerwear for children.

Reminder: Donations should always come through the Harbor Warehouse. When dropping off donations, please call ahead. *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

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



UWIF NEWS & UPDATES

*Thrift Store Bake Sale: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month



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.

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 basket in the narthex to leave them as your collection builds up. Any hygiene samples are appreciated.

Disaster Response team
Gail Widholm



Hello All,

Please mark your calendars with dates and other important info. regarding MS & HS bAsiC Youth group:

***Saturday, Oct. 29th~ Fhumc's Trunk or Treat Community event from 2-4pm at the church.** Youth/adult helpers are much appreciated to decorate a trunk, assist with Children's crafts and games, set up, clean up, etc. Please contact Ms. Melissa or myself if you can come and be a part of this fun family Fall event!

***Sunday, Oct. 30th~** All youth and adults invited to come out to Soundside Park to enjoy an awesome concert provided by Worship North Carolina from 4:30pm until Sunset. Any youth that need a ride can meet me at the church about 4pm and we can carpool over together.

***Wed., Nov. 2nd~ Youth Family Night Supper Fundraiser at 6pm.** Menu will be Soups, Stews, Salads. Dessert is an Ice Cream Sundae Bar. Cost is by donation. **Parents- Please sign up to make & bring your favorite Soup or Stew in a Crock pot (It's easiest). Popular soups- include Chicken noodle, Vegetable beef, Potato soup, beef stew, etc. I'll be making Chili. **Please have youth here at 5pm to help set up and eat OR they can be here at 6pm to eat and help clean up. Thank you.*

***Sun., Nov. 6th~** Regular youth group meeting time from 5-6:30pm in The Reef/Library.

Fri.- Sun., Nov. 11-13th~ NCC UMC Youth Pilgrimage Weekend in Rocky Mount, NC. We will leave on Friday afternoon and return on Sunday afternoon. No regular youth group meetings that evening. *A special email will be sent out to the parents of those youth attending with trip logistics, etc.

***Sun., Nov. 20th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month when youth serve at the 9:20am Service. **Please let me know how youth would like to participate. We will need Greeters, Ushers, Doormen, Children's classroom helpers. We will also be sharing about our Pilgrimage experience and pictures with the congregation that morning during the Children's Time.*

Regular youth group meeting time from 5-6:30pm in The Reef/Library.

***Sun., Nov. 27th~** No Regular youth group due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Enjoy time with family and friends.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me! Peace be with you.

Jewels Swain

Fhumc Youth Coordinator

910-232-9844

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Oct 29th: Trunk or Treat 2 - 4:00pm.

November

Nov. 6th: All Saints Day. We will have Jr. Basic this day because I will be away chaperoning with the youth for Pilgrimage on Nov. 13th.

Nov. 20th: Jr. Basic

Nov. 24th: Happy Thanksgiving!

December

Dec. 4th: Jr. Basic

I am looking into mission work the children can participate in. More details to come.

Dec 11th: Children's Music presentation and Jr. Basic Christmas party after church!

Dec 18th: Christmas Cantata. There will be no children's Sunday school for grade 1st through 5th. Children will remain in church service.

Dec 24th: Christmas Eve services at 5pm and 7pm

Dec 25th: Merry Christmas!!! There will be a church service. Time to be determined.



Trunk or Treat Event~

Come join us in your best Halloween costume for this free community event at Faith Harbor UMC! The fun starts this Saturday from 2-4pm. Kids of all ages welcome. We will be having cotton candy, games, crafts and of course candy! For further information please contact Melissa Schleinkofer at (484)515-7361. *Thank you for your support of this community-wide event. It's going to be a blast!*

Children's Christmas Music! We will be starting practice after church this Sunday for our children to have a small Christmas presentation on December 11th during Children's Sermon time. We will continue to meet after church with Ms. Alison for about 15 to 20minutes to practice our Christmas songs. All children are welcome to come join in celebrating the birth of Jesus in song! We will also be celebrating on Dec.11th during Jr. Basic with a Christmas party after church!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Each person has a part to play in serving God.

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we...have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

~Romans 12:4-6 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, *Harriet Byrd*; *Connie & Frank Carroll*; Doris & Mike Davis; *Dave (and Faye) Decatur*; Jean Hawley and family; Martha Marlow; 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, Michael Roberson.

Family and Friends: Eric Bower; *Daryl Carroll and family*; *Tommy Clemmons*; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; *Paula Hopper's daughter Carolyn and family*; JJ and Stephanie Modlin; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Loren Smith; *Pam Ulrich (Dear family friend of Sherrie & John Weaver)*

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 October 31st

Centering Prayer: You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119

M Philippians 2.1-4, Luke 14.12-14

Tu Revelation 7.2-14, I John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12

W Philippians 2.12-18, Luke 14.15-24

Th Philippians 3.3-8, Luke 15.1-10

F Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 16.1-8

Sa Philippians 4.10-19, Luke 16.9-15

Su II Thessalonians 2.16-3.5, Luke 20.27-38

Key scripture: Philippians 3.3: "For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh."



OCTOBER

27 th	David Decatur
28 th	Zander Guy
29 th	Roxey Jordan
30 th	Leigh Bizzell; Sue Smith

November

3 rd	Harriet Byrd
5 th	Fisher Taylor
7 th	Sandy Taylor
8 th	Dale Osborn; John Phillips
9 th	Will Hornthal
11 th	Cindy Arnold

12 th	Seth Swain
13 th	Brenda Munjas
14 th	Hillary Horne
15 th	Fiona Duddy
19 th	Jennifer Mizelle
20 th	Paige Swain; Kevin Taylor; Wayne Jenó
21 st	Doug Lowry
22 nd	Diane Secary
23 rd	Rebecca Drudge
24 th	Charles Burnett
26 th	Harley Taylor
27 th	Faye Graziano; Janet Hughes; Steven Cooney
28 th	Melanie Duddy; Steve Wells
29 th	Judy Pratt
30 th	Isla Butler

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 10/30

8:00 Communion Service
9:20 Worship Service
*New member Recognition
10:30 Adult Sunday School, Rm. 6
4:30 Worship NC @ Soundside Park

Sunday, 11/06 – All Saints Day

8:00 Communion Service
9:20 Worship Service
10:30 JR Basic Group
10:30 Adult Sunday School, Rm. 6
11:00 Annual Charge Conference

Monday, 10/31

7:30 a.m- Open Prayer in Sanctuary
3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:30 Cub Scouts, Rm. 1-4

Tuesday, 11/01

9:00 Quilters Club, Rm. 6
10:00 Children's Story Time
6:00 – Missional Discipleship Training
7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

Wednesday, 11/02

10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6
10:30 Staff Meeting
5:00 Girl Scout Troop #4242
6:00 Youth Ministry Family Supper
7:00 Cantata Practice
7:45 Choir Practice
7:00 Boy Scouts, The Reef

Thursday, 11/03

12:00 AA Meeting, Rm. 6
5:00 Girl Scout Troop #2424

Friday, 11/04

8:30 Women's Breakfast