



Faith Harbor

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Genesis 2.7-8: "then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed."

Genesis 2.15: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

This last Tuesday about 50 people went on a mission that involved sand, sidewalks, cigarette butts, trash, sunsets, laughing, praying, reading scripture, and table fellowship. This involved small children, parents, grandparents – it involved caring for creation as ones that have been created – it involved bending down and making sure that God's beauty is the focus, rather than discarded trash. This was the living out of God's mission of re-creation, that we get the joyful pleasure to participate in.

In Genesis chapter 2 we get a glimpse of what humanity's job was. It was a job that involved tilling the ground and keeping/taking care of the garden. This garden was humanity's place to inhabit – and humanity had a job to do. Because of humanity's relationship with the Lord – they cared for creation. The created were instructed to care for creation – based on their relationship with the creator. Imagine this first scene – God on hands and knees forming the dust / dirt / sand being. And this dust being then is given mouth-to-mouth by the Lord God and life is breathed into creation. Humanity inhales God's breath. That our first breath was from the Lord's mouth. And now – may our exhale be God's breath into the world.

Let us as God's ambassadors be sensitive to the mission of God that is all around us. Let us hold fast to the simple things of picking up cigarette butts and trash. Let us hold fast to the simple things like sharing a meal in remembrance of Jesus. Let us hold fast to the simple things like grabbing each other's hands and praying for those who are struggling. For in those simple things, we exhale God's breath into all the earth. ~Philip Chryst



Sunday Scriptures

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

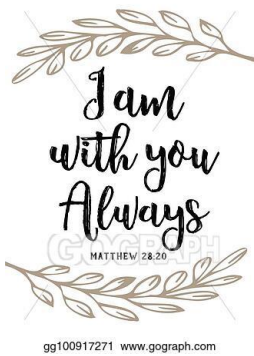
12/18/22 Isaiah 7: 10-16

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...



⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice!

⁵ Let your ^[b]gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. ⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-7 is my favorite scripture. (8-9 added as a bonus) It helped me through the death of my mom and my surgery that was messed up. But through it all, I learned that there is nothing too big for my God to handle, but also there is nothing too little that will bother my God as well. In the big and little concerns in life God wants to help us. God loves us and wants what's best for us. He is always with us.

God takes away our worries and fills us with divine peace and love. Our issues are never too small enough to bother God with, or too big for Him to handle. We have a Big, Big God, who can handle the big and little in life. Lay them all at His feet and let Him handle them. Trust that God will take care of all things in His timing.

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!



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:

October 9th: Jeanette Mason & Carrie Olmstead



We have an immediate need for:

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

*Counters (1-2)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Trinity UMC will be hosting an Emmaus Gathering & Potluck Supper. Everyone welcome...bring a friend or two!

When: Saturday, October 22nd

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: 1403 Market St, Wilmington, NC



If anyone would be interested in joining an adult Sunday school class after worship service, please see Sherry Mewborn.

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. Typically, volunteers are working/available at the warehouse Mondays and Fridays (before noon). 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!*



FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:

September monthly giving: \$ 23, 279.45
Monthly budget need: \$ 37, 496.98

2022 YTD Giving: \$ 265, 012.13
2022 YTD Budget: \$ 337, 472.82
2022 YTD Deficit: \$ 72, 460.69

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

*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.

Save the Date!

Please join us October 30th 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

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.



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,

Happy beginning of Fall everyone! Feeling thankful for the calm weather and cool breezes today. Please see below to mark your calendars with dates and other important info. regarding MS & HS bAsiC Youth group:

***Sunday, Oct. 9th~** MS & HS youth to meet at regular time from 5-6:30pm in The Reef/Library.

***Wednesday, Oct. 12th~** Deposits are due for youth that plan on going on the NCC Pilgrimage Youth trip. The amount is \$40 per youth & you can send in cash or check (made out to Fhumc w/ Pilgrimage & your youth's name in memo). Either way- please put the payment in a sealed clearly marked envelope & hand into me so that I can track our numbers for the group. Thanks! Please see the bottom of this email for more info. about this event for those who have not attended before.

***Sunday, Oct. 16th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of Oct. at the 9:20am Service. Please let me know if your youth can serve as greeters, doorman, ushers, children's classroom helpers, etc.

That afternoon/evening, we will be doing our Missions for the month. *More info. with time & details to come. I'll text this out to all of you as soon as possible.

***Sunday, Oct. 23rd~** Follow up from Missions & Lesson. MS & HS youth to meet at regular time from 5-6:30pm in The Reef/Library.

***Saturday, Oct. 29th~** Fhumc's Trunk or Treat Special 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.

***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! We will leave on Friday early afternoon (there's no school that day) and return on Sunday afternoon. *Below is a brief description of what Pilgrimage is all about: *Pilgrimage has been bringing thousands of youth (6th – 12th grades) and their mentors to gather for over 25 years. It is a life-changing weekend event filled with amazing artists, thought-provoking speakers, and inspiring youth leadership – all bearing witness to the transforming love of Christ. This weekend is for students and adult student leaders looking for a weekend worship experience that calls everyone to a new or stronger faith in Jesus, challenging everyone to share God's love in word and action.*

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 9th: Jr. Basic

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

UPDATE: There is still a need for our 4-K room on the 4th Sunday of the month and our 1st-2nd grade classroom on the first Sunday of the month.



Trunk or Treat Event~

We need Volunteers to decorate trunks and hand out candy please. I have three Trunk or treat kits anyone can use. Also if you need ideas there are tons on Pinterest or you can just keep it simple with Fall décor. Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex. Also we have a bin located in the Narthex for Candy and prize donations.

Come join us in your best Halloween costume for this free community event at Faith Harbor UMC! The fun starts on October 29th 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. See you there! *Thank you for your support of this community-wide event. It's going to be a blast!*

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!

It is the beginning of the school year, and I am currently working on a new bulletin board in the children's hallway with their photographs. I was able to take pictures of the children who were in attendance for the back-to-school kickoff party. **If your child was unable to make it, please send me a current photo from the chest up or have them come see me during church and I will take their picture.**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When I focus on God's goodness, I can better see the good around me.

More than anything you guard, protect your mind, for life flows from it.
~Proverbs 4:23 (CEB)



Members: Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, *Harriet Byrd*; Connie Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; 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; *Eileen Eifert* (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Loren Smith

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 October 10th

Centering Prayer: Let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 66

M Galatians 4.22 - 5.1, Luke 11.29-32

Tu Galatians 5.1-6, Luke 11.37-41

W Galatians 5.18-25, Luke 11.42-46

Th Ephesians 1.1-10, Luke 11.47-54

F Ephesians 1.11-14, Luke 12.1-7

Sa Ephesians 1.15-23, Luke 12.8-12

Su Exodus 17.8-13, II Timothy 3.14 - 4.2, Luke 18.1-8

Key scripture: Ephesians 1.4: "Just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love."



OCTOBER

1 ST	Sabrina Guy
3 rd	Hunter Tayloe
4 th	Buddy Fowler
5 th	John Pratt
7 th	Kelsey Swain
9 th	Pastor Philip
10 th	Scott Passingham; Barbara Poole
12 th	Jessica Blackburn; Parker Burgess
13 th	Lisa Berg
15 th	Becky Moore
16 th	Rosalie Kerr
17 th	Bill Moore; Greg Holmes

18th	Faye Decatur; Jann Tayloe
19th	Sandy Rogers
20th	Louis Secary
21st	Cindy Jester; Cathy Medlin
27th	David Decatur
28th	Zander Guy
29th	Roxey Jordan
30th	Leigh Bizzell; Sue Smith

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



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 10/09

8:00 Communion Service
9:20 Worship Service
10:30 Jr. Basic Group
10:30 New Membership Class
5:00 MS/HS Youth Group in REEF

Monday, 10/10

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

Tuesday, 10/11

10:00 Children's Story Time
6:00 – Missional Discipleship Training
7:00 Women's AA Group in Reef

Wednesday, 10/12

10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6
7:00 Cantata Practice
7:45 Choir Practice
7:00 Boy Scouts, The Reef

Thursday, 10/13

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

Friday, 10/14

8:30 Women's Breakfast

Saturday, 10/15

10:00 Trustee's Meeting, Rm. 6

Sunday, 10/16 – Youth Sunday

8:00 Communion Service
9:20 Worship Service
10:30 New Member Class