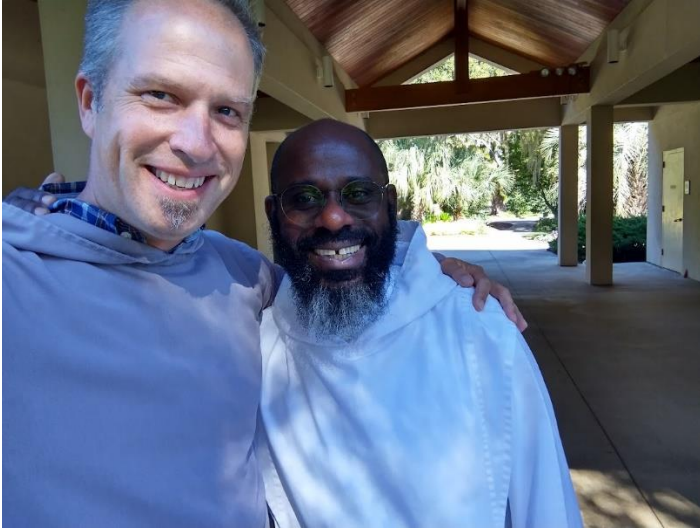




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*Isaiah 2.2: "In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it."*

The call to pilgrimage is for the nations. In my own personal life, I practice a pilgrimage to Mepkin Abbey in South Carolina yearly. This weekend I am going to be with the monks of Mepkin Abbey and practice things like prayer and work. These are practices that we

all can engage in during pilgrimage. That as we stream to the mountain of the Lord – we journey in anticipation of Jesus' presence – on Calvary's hill – in a manger throne – on Mount Olives – and in our fellow Pilgrims.

One of my fellow pilgrims is my friend Brother Ambrose (you can see him in this picture). He has laid down his life so that he might devote his life to prayer and contemplation. He prays for us at Faith Harbor. He is a pilgrim that has been a blessing to me on this journey.

I would encourage you to not buy into the hustle and bustle that this season invites you into. Instead, gaze upon the manger throne – but do it with your fellow pilgrims. Do it in a way that is not busy – running to and from throughout the earth. Instead, be slow, intentional, deliberate, vigilant, and methodical in following Jesus. Take it one step at a time – here a little – there a little.

This Sunday we are welcoming a preacher that is intentional, deliberate, vigilant, and methodical in following Jesus – her name is DeAnne Chryst. She is spending time gazing on Jesus through the book of Isaiah. I would invite you to gaze along with her – and ask God for ears to hear and eyes to see what the Spirit is saying. DeAnne is a fellow pilgrim to us – and on this pilgrim way may we look to the hills from where our help comes from. For Jesus is making himself known to us on this pilgrim way. ~Philip Chryst

## Sunday Scriptures

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...*

## Jesus is our Hope

Tell all the world Jesus is king  
Loudly proclaim with one accord  
The happy tale, welcome the Lord  
Ring Christmas bells, sound far and near  
The birthday of Jesus is here  
Herald the news to old and young  
Tell it to all in every tongue  
Ring Christmas bells, merrily ring  
Tell all the world Jesus is king



Ring Christmas bells, toll loud and long  
Your message sweet heal and prolong  
Come all you people, join in the singing  
Repeat the story told by the ringing  
Ring, ring, ring, ring  
Ring, ring, ring, ring, ring  
Ring Christmas bells throughout the earth  
Tell of the news of Jesus birth  
Loudly proclaim with one accord  
The happy tale, welcome the Lord



Ring Christmas bells, merrily ring  
Tell all the world Jesus is king

As bells loudly proclaim, so are we to proclaim to all the world Jesus is King!

**Help is needed:**

Friday night from 6-8pm and

Saturday from 7-8am to help vendors bring their crafts in so they can set up.

Saturday from 2-4pm to help vendors load their remaining crafts (if any) and to set chairs back up for Sundays Service.

Thank you, Jessica Blackburn [jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com) 910-622-1193



## Faith Harbor Craft Fair

Date: December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 9:00 a.m. -2:00

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

*All are welcome!*



*It is time to order your poinsettia for our Christmas Service. This year the poinsettias will be the 6" size. The cost is \$12.00 Order deadline is December 18<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be in this week's bulletin.*

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The Staff at Faith Harbor support our church in so many ways and the holidays give us, the congregation, an opportunity to express our appreciation. Your Staff Parish Relations Committee is collecting a love offering for our church staff. Donations can be made on Sunday or through the internet. *Please designate "Love Offering for Staff."*

We will be collecting money through Sunday, DEC 19th.

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## WELCOME TABLE:

December 4 ~ Debbie Sasser & Sandy Wise



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Dear Faith Harbor Friends,

Christmas greetings from Lexington, SC. The move from Surf City and FHUMC was difficult for me. However, I am settled in my home and know I made the correct decision. I am enjoying being near family and reconnecting with high school and college friends who also moved to this area.

I am attending and becoming involved in Lexington UMC. It is not the same as being with you, but it is a church where I will continue to grow and serve. Please come see me and enjoy the worship service here.

Best wishes to everyone for a joyous holiday season and a new year of peace and prosperity.

Love and blessings to all,  
*Johnsie*



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Announcements

*The last day to donate toys or gift cards for CHAP (Community Holiday Assistance Program) is this Sunday! In years past, we've been able to help so many families at Christmas time...please consider donating. Thank you!*



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## Harbor Thrift Store News



*The Annual Christmas Shop is Here!*

*When: December 2<sup>nd</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Time: 10:00- 3:00pm*

*Where: Faith Harbor UMC (2<sup>nd</sup> Building behind church)*

*\*All sales CASH ONLY!*

Reminder: Donations should always come through the Harbor Warehouse. When dropping off, 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



The 2022 Advent Devotionals will be available in the Narthex this Sunday. ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE

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### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

OUR CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "And on Earth Peace" will be at **10:00am -Sunday, December 18th**  
This cantata has musical styles for everyone...be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy the beautiful music!!!

**THE HOSPITALITY TEAM INVITES** everyone to the brunch/reception following the Christmas Cantata. We will be moving chairs and setting tables in the Narthex immediately following the service (Helpers will be needed). The sign-up sheet for desserts and sides is posted by the kitchen. The Hospitality Team will provide the main entrée. Thank you!

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Coming Soon to a Methodist Church near you...Men's Group  
Details to follow!

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Anyone interested in learning to quilt, please join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.  
No experience necessary. Any questions, call Alma at (540) 588-0738. All are welcome!

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





## UWIF NEWS & UPDATES

### \*Thrift Store Bake Sale: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month

The United Methodist Women (United Women in Faith) is participating in the Faith Harbor Christmas Craft Fair this Saturday, December 3, from 9 to 2. Our Rainbow Circle will offer crafts, wreaths, decorations, and unique gifts. YOUR help is needed to prepare frozen casseroles and baked goods for our Frozen Entree/Baked Goods Sale. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the kitchen window. Reminder: all proceeds go to missions supporting women, children, and families such as Methodist Home for Children, Share the Table, and Roots for Recovery. Please contact Bonnie Hunter at (540) 621 3645 with any questions.

Also, the UMW will hold its annual Christmas Potluck and Installation of Officers on Wednesday, December 7, at 10am. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please bring a tasty brunch item to share. In lieu of gift exchange, please bring an unwrapped toy for donation to CHAPS (Community Holiday Assistance Programs). JOIN US!



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. **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.*

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### **ATTENTION!**

If you have a youth who is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or higher in our bAsiC Youth group here at Faith Harbor UMC and/or you have expressed an interest in your youth completing a Confirmation Class here. We are happy to announce that this will be offered starting in January of 2023 with Pastor Philip leading the class. **\*It will begin with a luncheon for those interested on Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 12noon.** Please mark your calendars accordingly. The actual class day and time will run the same time as our regular Youth group meetings (typically Sunday evenings from 5-6:30pm). A more detailed schedule with class and retreat information will be sent by Pastor Philip very soon. Until then, please save the date for the above-mentioned luncheon. We are looking forward to going on this Confirmation journey with your youth. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Philip (910) 524-5676 if you should have any questions about this upcoming class or interested in your youth being a part of this upcoming confirmation class.

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**Sat., Dec. 3rd~ Annual Fhunc's Christmas Craft Fair.** \*Youth run the Concessions as a Fundraiser from 9-2pm. Please let me know if your youth can run a shift (typically 2 hours) to help.

**\*Sun., Dec. 4th~ Caroling, Cookies & Cocoa event.** Open to all children, youth and anyone interested in singing! Join us at the church at 4:00pm for this festive event.

**\*Sun., Dec. 11th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month when youth serve at the 9:20am Service. \*Please let me know how your youth would like to help. We will also be helping with the lighting of the Advent Candles.

Youth Christmas outing and/or parties that evening- more info. to come

**\*Sun., Dec. 18th~** Christmas Cantata at 10am & reception following. All are invited to attend

**\*Sun., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 1st, 2023~** No Regular youth group meetings due to Christmas and holidays.

**\*Sun., Jan. 8th, 2023~** Regular youth group meetings to resume from 5-6:30pm in The Reef/Library.

**\*\*\*Save the date for the Youth Ski Retreat trip on MLK weekend, Jan. 14-16th, 2023. Deposits will be due December 11<sup>th</sup>**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



### December

Dec. 4th: Jr. Basic. Making Christmas cards for the elderly.

Dec 11th: Children's Music presentation & Jr. Basic Christmas party

Dec 18th: Christmas Cantata (There will be no Sunday school for grades 1-5).

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

Dec 25th: Merry Christmas!!! Church Services: 8am and 9:20am.



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God will grant me an opportunity to help someone today.

*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do.*

~Ephesians 6: 7-8 (NIV)



**Members:** Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd; Connie & Frank Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; *Diane Geary*; Martha Marlow; Larry & Becki Modlin; Judy Pratt; *Dave & Jill Strohpaul*; Lou Wilson and family

**Military:** Joe Fraley, Alex Harris, Andy Harrison, Greg Holmes; Sgt. Joey Horne John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, David Ritz, Michael Roberson.

**Family and Friends:** Parker Fox; Lori Herring; JJ and Stephanie Modlin; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Reverend Sheverlon Powell and family (Bescye Burnett's sister)

**Website Prayer Requests:** Lorraine Chavez

*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 December 5<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people.  
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 72

M Isaiah 35.1-10, Luke 5.17-26

Tu Isaiah 40.1-11, Matthew 18.12-14

W Isaiah 40.25-31, Matthew 11.28-30

Th Isaiah 48.1-2, Matthew 11.20-24

F Isaiah 48.17-19, Matthew 11.16-19

Sa Isaiah 48.20-22, Matthew 17.9-13

Su Isaiah 35.1-10, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

Key scripture: Isaiah 48.17: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you for your own good, who leads you in the way you should go."



## DECEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kelly Byrd; Wilson Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marion Shade
4 <sup>th</sup>	Neal McHenry; Katherine Alexander; Hayden Arnold; Leslie Jones
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sherry Sliwa
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Snyder
8 <sup>th</sup>	JoAnn Rivenbark

9 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Widholm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Ward; Laura Alexander; Melanie Greene
11 <sup>th</sup>	Danielle Shepard; Reagan Shepard
13 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Mizelle
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sandi Lowry; Doug Mewborn
15 <sup>th</sup>	Harriet Rice
16 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Paliotti; Kenny Burgess
17 <sup>th</sup>	David Henry
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sonya Burgess
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Marlaine Hopper
24 <sup>th</sup>	Duke Lackey
25 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Harris
26 <sup>th</sup>	Alexis Passingham
29 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Strohpaul
31 <sup>st</sup>	Perry Chase Smith; Gerry Colman; Stephen Cosner

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 12/04**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:20 Worship/Communion Service  
10:30 Adult Sunday School, Rm. 6  
10:30 JR Basic Group  
4:00 Caroling, Cookies & Cocoa  
(Children & Youth Ministry)

### **Monday, 12/05**

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

### **Tuesday, 12/06**

9:00 Quilting Mission, Rm. 6  
10:00 Children's Story Time  
6:00 – Missional Discipleship Training

### **Wednesday, 12/07**

9:30 Communion Service  
10:00 Reading Circle  
10:00 UWIF Christmas Potluck & Installation of Officers  
5:00 GS Troop #4242 meeting  
6:00 GS Troop #2424 Family Night Supper  
7:00 Cantata Practice/7:45 Choir Practice  
7:00 Boy Scouts, The Reef

### **Thursday, 12/08**

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6

### **Friday, 12/09**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

### **Saturday, 12/10**

1:00 – 4:00 Recital

### **Sunday, 12/11 – Youth Sunday**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:20 Worship Service  
10:30 JR Basic Christmas Party  
10:30 Adult Sunday School, Rm. 6