



Acts 2.42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Fellowship! I am convinced that fellowship is a spiritual practice. But it is a spiritual practice that has its roots and consecration in the community of believers. In Matthew 4.4 Jesus says that "one does not live by bread alone." It isn't the food that is the spiritual practice – instead it is the Spirit of the Lord present in the community of believers that are in fellowship with one another. This fellowship is where everyone brings to the community their little bit – and offers it to Jesus – so that all might share the life of Jesus with one another. This is true fellowship. And this is what we see in the early church.

Pay attention to this passage that is indicative of the early church. On the day of Pentecost a revival breaks out and 3,000 persons were baptized. Through the baptism waters these folks emerged and formed the habits of learning from the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and the prayers. This fellowship is a practice that is indicative of a Christian community – for it is a sharing in the body of Christ – by being the body of Christ.

This Sunday we are inviting everyone to a fellowship time that involves having fun with one another. We are going to meet at the church building at 6pm and caravan to Lake Linda for the Christmas Lights (218 Old House Rd, Hampstead, NC). I would encourage you to check out Lake Linda online – for it is an impressive light display. This will be an opportunity to enjoy one another and allow the Spirit of the Lord to be the binding agent that knits our hearts together in unity and love. ~Philip Chryst

Sunday Scriptures

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

1/08/23 Isaiah 42:1-9

1/15/23 Isaiah 49:1-7

1/22/23 Isaiah 49:8-16

1/29/23 Isaiah 55:1-13

A Letter from your Lay Leader...

CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT

Let's go on a Christmas Scavenger Hunt. What do you think you will find?

The 12 days of Christmas are randomly placed throughout the church. When you find them, bring your list to me for a wonderful surprise.

Rules:

You must list the 12 days of Christmas and where you found them.

No moving them, leave them for the next person to find.

You have until Christmas Eve to find them all.

Have fun!!

This game comes to you from your loving Lay Leader.

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 18th. Order forms will be in this week's bulletin. You can also make a payment online.



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.

WELCOME TABLE:

December 11th ~ Susan Wieland & Bill Widholm



From the Finance Team:

November monthly giving/deposits:	\$29,185.74
Budget needed for November:	\$37,496.98
Monthly deficit:	-\$8,311.24



The 2022 Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex.

ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE

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!



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



Donations are still being accepted for Roots of Recovery. Donation box is located near the front door of the Narthex. Items needed: Size 5 & 6 Diapers; Wipes; Lotion; Shampoo; Feminine Hygiene Products; Cleaning Supplies; Detergent; Children's Table & Chairs; Gas Cards; Gift Cards to Entertainment Venues

Thank you for your support!

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!

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



UWIF NEWS & UPDATES

The UMW/UWIF Harbor Thrift Bake Sale will have the last 2022 sale on December 15 at the store. The next sale after that will be on January 19, 2023. Thanks to all who support us by sharing your baking talents and by purchasing our goodies! The sale has been a blessing for all! We do welcome any new bakers that might be interested. Just let us know.



The "Keep Me Dry" diaper program is a mission of the 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.

Reminder: Donations for the thrift store 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

ATTENTION!

If you have a youth who is in 8th 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. 8th 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.



***Sun., Dec. 11th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month.

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. 25th 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 11th

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



December

Dec 11th: Children's Music presentation and Jr. Basic Christmas party at 4:30 pm then heading to Lake Linda at 6pm as a 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!!! Church services: 8am and 9:20am.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every creature in God's world has something to teach me.

Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~Romans 8:39 (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 Strohpaui*; 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 12th

Centering Prayer: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 146

M Isaiah 49.1-10, Luke 1.26-38

Tu Isaiah 49.8-13, Matthew 21.28-32

W Isaiah 45.6-25, Luke 7.18-23

Th Isaiah 54.1-10, Luke 7.24-30

F Isaiah 56.1-8, John 5.33-36

Sa Genesis 49.2-10, Matthew 1.1-17

Su Isaiah 7.10-14, Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-24

Key scripture: Isaiah 55.6: "Seek the Lord while he may be found."



DECEMBER

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

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 12/11 – Youth Sunday

8:00 Communion Service
9:20 Worship/Communion Service
10:30 Adult Sunday School, Rm. 6
4:00 JR Basic Christmas Party
6:00 Caravan to Lake Linda's Lights

Monday, 12/12

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

Tuesday, 12/13

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

Wednesday, 12/14

9:30 Communion Service
10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6
7:00 Cantata Practice/7:45 Choir Practice
7:00 Boy Scouts, The Reef

Thursday, 12/15

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6
5:00 GS Troop #2424

Friday, 12/16

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 12/17

9:00- 1:00 Cantata Rehearsal

Sunday, 12/18

10:00 Cantata
*Reception to follow