



Galatians 6.2: "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

This last weekend we had a staff retreat. Two nights away to pray together, read scripture together, play board games together, eat together, take communion together, and laugh..... together. It was a terrific time away, and we appreciate you all filling the gaps while we were gone for the weekend. We especially appreciate Rebecca Drudge for hosting us. What a time to rest, reflect, and rejuvenate.

What you will notice in this opening paragraph is this word "together". My takeaway from this weekend is this notion that we are in this together, and that we need each other. Did you know that in the Garden of Eden God said that something wasn't good? God said that in this perfect place and this perfect creation where everything was created good and very good -- that in that perfect place God said "it is not good that the man should be alone" (Genesis 2.18). We are created for each other. And that is why we need each other to carry heavy burdens, and to laugh, and to have fun, and to eat, and to pray, and to read scripture, and to learn, and to work, and to rest. We need each other.

As we continue through 2023, let us bear with one another, let us be there for one another. Just like Simon of Cyrene was there for Jesus, even when the cross was too heavy to carry. Because we are better when we're together.

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Sunday Scriptures

2/05/23 Isaiah 58:1-12
2/12/23 Isaiah 62:1-5
2/19/23 Isaiah 65:17-25
2/22/23 Ash Wednesday

A Letter from your Lay Leader...



“Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?”

Isaiah 58:6-7 ESV

To those who know me, know when I fast, I sustain from eating for the length of time I feel I have been called to fast. Others fast by sustaining from things that may take their time away from God, like TV, Cell phones and hobbies. I was directed by Pastor Philip Chryst to read Isaiah 58 and see what it says to me about fasting. Isaiah showed me a different way to look at fasting that I have never reflected on before. So has I pondered over Isaiah 58 and meditated specifically on Isaiah 58: 6-7. I started realizing that there was another way to look at fasting. I still believe in sustaining from food, but there needs to be F.A.S.T. (Faith and Service Together) as well. Isn't that what Faith Harbor is all about? A Beacon of Hope Sharing Gods Love through Joyful Service, and we do this together. Not individually but together. I am looking forward to hearing what Philip has to say in his sermon Sunday about this passage in Isaiah.

I have been out for the past few weeks. I managed to slip-in Monday and looked over our friendship pads, I saw some new names, actually I have been seeing new names every Sunday. So, I am also looking forward to meeting all of you and serving beside all of you as we journey together in faith and service. Yes, and worshiping with my Faith Harbor family.

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!



*There will be a meeting after the 9:30 service in the sanctuary, about the formation of a church mission to welcome Refugees into the country. Come and join us. If you have any questions give me a call. My number is (910) 431-5056.

Bill Widholm

WELCOME TABLE:

February 5th: Janice Long & Alma Osborn



Yearly Tax Statements for 2022 have been mailed out. If you have not already received yours, you can expect them by the end of the week.

Thank you!

The ladies of the Quilting Mission wish to thank all who came out to last night's Family Night Supper...we had a great turnout! We appreciate your support!



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

Save the Date!

Faith Harbor Men's Group will be serving breakfast again on Saturday, February 11th at 8:00 a.m. Please join us...bring a friend!



We are going to have a church workday on Saturday, February 11th at 9am.

“Many hands make light work.”

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV).*

Connections & Reflections... Faith & Hope & Love
Faith Harbor United Methodist Church Lent 2023

Mondays of Lent 2023 at 6:30 pm (Zoom)

April 1, 2023-Saturday morning before Palm Sunday (In person at the FHUMC) ...10:00-12:00 p.m

We invite you to join us during the season of Lent for a gathering of Connections and Reflections... Faith... Hope...Love via Zoom. Each Monday, February 27-March 27, 2023, we will gather for about 90 minutes to ponder with the following:

- **February 27: Pain and Healing...**Rev. Aaron Hayworth, Resourceful Communities
- **March 6: Anger...**Rev. Philip Chryst and Bescye P. Burnett, Faith Harbor UMC
- **March 13: Grief and Forgiveness...**Rev. Linda Mozee, Assoc Pastor @ St. Thomas AMEZC, Roseboro, NC
- **March 20: Trauma...**Rural Opportunity Institute (ROI)
- **March 27: Equipping the Church to Prevent Suicide-** Justin Powlison, *Founder, Director of Suicide Prevention*
- **April 1: Connections and Reflections...Faith, Hope, Love... Saturday morning before Palm Sunday (In person at the FHUMC)...10:00-12:00 am...breakfast...gathering...**Gail Bailey Lindsey, Lay Servant Minister, Trinity United Methodist Church, New Bern

Please send your name and email to Bescye P. Burnett at bescyep@gmail.com or call the church office at (910) 328-4422 or faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com . Please join us for these sessions as you set aside a time to remember the love of God that is poured out through Jesus' death and resurrection that brings us Eternal Life.



Save the Date!

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



UWF NEWS & UPDATES



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



***Sun., Feb. 5th~**

- 1)Confirmands & Parent meeting at 12 with lunch.
- 2)Sponsors for Confirmation (this includes youth aged sponsors AND adult sponsors) training at 1:30pm
- 3)Regular Youth group meeting for MS & HS youth from 5-6:30pm. We will be practicing some stretching & breathing exercises along with Centering prayer, so please have youth wear comfortable clothing & bring a towel. This is a great follow up to last week's lesson on Self Care.

***Sun., Feb. 12th~**

- 1)This will be our Youth Sunday of the month where youth serve at the 9:30am Service. *Please let me know if your youth can assist in any of these ways, Greeters, Doorman, Ushers, Readers, Children's classroom helpers. Thank you!
- 2)Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors meet at 12 for a meet and greet time of fellowship
- 3)It's back- Youth Superbowl Party! Time is from 6pm- 8:30pm (about half time). This event is in lieu of our regular youth meetings. The Holmes family will host this at their home. Address is: 116 Roughleaf Trail in Dogwood Lakes Subdivision. Please plan to bring an Appetizer or Finger food to share & let Jewels know if you plan to attend, thanks!

***Sun., Feb. 19th~**

Regular Youth group meetings for MS & HS in the Reef and Library from 5-6:30pm

***Tues., Feb. 21st~**

Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper youth fundraiser at 6pm!! Parents- we need most of the youth here by 5pm to help set up and start cooking up some pancakes! If they can't come by 5pm because of a schedule conflict, then some can come at 6pm and eat & be on the clean-up crew. This is a favorite supper enjoyed by everyone. We will serve pancakes, bacon, sausage, and fruit. *Parents- if you can help, please let me know- I will need 1 or 2 parent helpers for this event.

***Wed., Feb. 22nd~**

Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm. Hope everyone can plan to attend this special service.

***Sun., Feb. 26th~**

Missional activities for MS & HS youth. Time/Location tba. Will get back with everyone on specifics.
Confirmation Class to begin during regular youth group time of 5-6:30pm in Classroom #1.

****Important News/Other Info.~** Spring Spiritual Retreat is set for Fri., Mar. 17th- Sun. Mar. 19th at Camp Don Lee in Arapahoe, NC. This will be a time to grow in our knowledge of Jesus Christ and enjoy this beautiful camp together! This retreat is open to ALL bAsiC youth members 6th-12th graders. Confirmands will also be on this retreat, but the break out sessions will be different for those youth. Everyone will get some free time to Kayak, Sail, Hike and explore the camp over the weekend, Camp staff will assist with certain activities. *Cost is only \$50 per youth (due by Feb. 15th), the rest is covered by the church. If you wish to attend, please contact Jewels asap for more information. We are looking forward to this new event!

As always, we thank you for your continued prayers and support as we seek to assist your youth on their spiritual journey. Feel free to contact me should you need further information about anything listed here.

Peace be with you,
Jewels Swain
Youth Coordinator
910-232-9844

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Please join us every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for Children's Story Time! Tell a friend, bring a friend! 📖

Jr. Basic is in need of parent volunteers to help with preparing and cleaning up for lunch time. Please check let me know if you can help with one of the dates listed below. All food will be provided. Volunteers will be asked to heat up and prepare simple food items (Chicken nuggets, fresh fruit...) and cleanup after. Thank you! 🍕🍴🍪

February

Feb. 12th: Jr. Basic trip to Woodbury

Feb. 26th: Jr. Basic pick up 12:30

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In the visible storm, I will trust the invisible God.

The Lord spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light at night.

~Psalm 105:39 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette, Nancy Buckman, Harriet Byrd; *Connie & Frank Carroll*; Doris & Mike Davis; Patti Feige; Diane Geary; Stephanie Hardin; *Tom Jackson*; *Janice Long*; Martha Marlow; Kim McCloskey and family; *Tony Merlino*; Larry & Becki Modlin; Judy Pratt; Dave & Jill Strohpaul

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

Family and Friends: Jim and Barbara Armstrong; Donna Carter and family; Jerry Douglas; John Durnil; Stan Druzeck; Barbara Drye and family; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; the Gore family; Susan Grice; Lori Herring; the family of Paul Holland; *Meghan Jordan and family*; Nathaniel Lewis; Barbara Mills; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Reverend Sheverlon Powell and family (Bescye Burnett's sister); Marilyn (Sandy Sly's Sister)

Website Prayer Requests: Lorraine Chavez; Betty Parrish, Mylinda Paschal & Tetsuo Nakatsu

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 February 6th

Centering Prayer: Happy are those who fear the Lord. Psalm 112

M Genesis 1.1-19, Mark 6.53-56

Tu Genesis 1.20-2.4, Mark 7.1-13

W Genesis 2.4-17, Mark 7.14-23

Th Genesis 2.18-25, Mark 7.24-30

F Genesis 3.1-8, Mark 7.31-37

Sa Genesis 3.9-24, Mark 8.1-10

Su I Corinthians 2.6-10, Matthew 5.17-37

Key scripture: Genesis 2.18: "It is not good that the man should be alone."



FEBRUARY

2nd	James Dixon
4th	Payton Rice
5th	Judy Miller
8th	Jameela Kerr
9th	Jim Graziano
10th	Sophie Albertson; Anita Phillips; Cecilia Watson
12th	Samuel Kerr
17th	Mike Hopper; Laura Frazier; Dawn Ellis
20th	Grace Holmes
22nd	Lucille Horrell; Suzanne Fussell; Tom Fisher
24th	Lisa Colman
27th	Avery Harrison

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 2/05

8:00 & 9:30 Communion Service
10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6
5:00p.m. MS/HS Youth Group

Monday, 2/06

7:30 Open prayer
3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:30p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 2/07

9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
10:00 Story Time
6:00p.m. MDT

Wednesday, 2/08

9:30 Communion
10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6
10:30 Staff Meeting
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef

Thursday, 2/09

12:00 AA Group

Friday, 2/10

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group, Rm. 6

Saturday, 2/11

8:00 UMM Breakfast
9:00 Church Workday

Sunday, 2/12 – Youth Sunday

8:00 Communion
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 JR Basic trip to Woodbury
10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6