



Faith Harbor

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“He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’” Luke 11.1

It has always been fascinating to me that the only time the disciples ever asked Jesus to teach them anything – it was to teach them how to pray. Remember, they would call Jesus Rabbi – which means teacher. The only time it is recorded in the Bible that the disciples asked their Rabbi to teach them anything, it was how to pray. And that is when Jesus introduces them to this pattern of prayer that we have come to call the Lord's prayer.

Prayer is an ancient pattern of communicating with God, but it is also a way of living out a posture of paying attention to what the Lord is doing in our midst. We are called to be people that have the ears to hear and eyes to see what the Holy Spirit is doing through the Church. As we practice this attitude of curiosity we can be like Moses who recognizes that something suspicious is happening when the bush is not being consumed by the flames. And in that pause of looking upon the burning bush – the Lord makes himself known to Moses.

Jesus invites us into this time of being curious as we grow in our commitment to God and our commitment to each other. As we acknowledge the fact that we are journeying beside our sisters and brothers, we discern together what the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst. We can be bold to call each other sister and brother – because we are bold to pray “Our Father”. In this journey let us take on a posture of curiosity, as we link arms and traverse the mountain of the Lord, together. Let us acknowledge that we need each other. Let us acknowledge that the miraculous is happening in our midst and we are open to God even using us for that miraculous work.

During Lent, I would encourage you to devote yourself to prayer – and to pray together. In your devotion may awe and wonder fill your heart – as we continue to be bold in praying “Our Father”.

A Letter from your Lay Leader...



"Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." James 4:14 esv

Life is here today and gone tomorrow. We have plans and dreams and some people believe they have a lifetime to pursue them. But you know. Tomorrow is not promised to us. We need to make each day count. Treat today, each day you have been blessed with, like there is no tomorrow.

Don't get so caught up in work that you miss what is most important, time spent with your family. I wish I had spent more time with my mom, but, out of the blue, one morning she did not wake up. Well, I have made sure I get plenty of time with my dad and granddaughters, for I am not promised another day with them. I have just watched within this past week friends and even a dear loved one lose someone close to them. Some were expected and others just out of the blue.

When your little one wants you to stop in the middle of what you are doing to watch them, please stop because you are not promised tomorrow or when your parent/parents call to talk or want to spend time with you, don't tell them you are too busy for you are not promised tomorrow. Forgive someone, even though they are completely in the wrong, for you are not promised tomorrow. Do good to others, because their last memory of you may be a bad memory, for you are not promised tomorrow. So don't plan on correcting a mistake tomorrow because it is not promised to you. Today is the day to spend time with your family, today is the day to check on your neighbor or your friend you haven't talked to in a while. Today is also the day to take care of yourself, to be a better steward of your physical and mental being. For tomorrow is not promised to you.

What are you going to do with the little time you have been blessed with? Who are you going to share the "blessing of time" with today?

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!



A Memorial Service and reception will be held for Harriet Byrd on Saturday, March 4th at Faith Harbor UMC.

Please join us at 1:00pm as we remember and celebrate Harriet's life.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Faith Harbor United Methodist Church
Offered during the 6 weeks of Lent
Thursdays: February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2023
11 AM- 12:30 PM – The Reef
Facilitated by: Donna Fisher and Alan Sasser
ALL are welcome!

WELCOME TABLE:

March 5th: Sabrina & Zander Guy

The Quilting Mission is growing! We will now be meeting on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Please join us...no experience necessary. All are welcome! Any questions, feel free to call Alma at (540) 588-0738.



Lenten Devotionals are available in the Narthex.

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

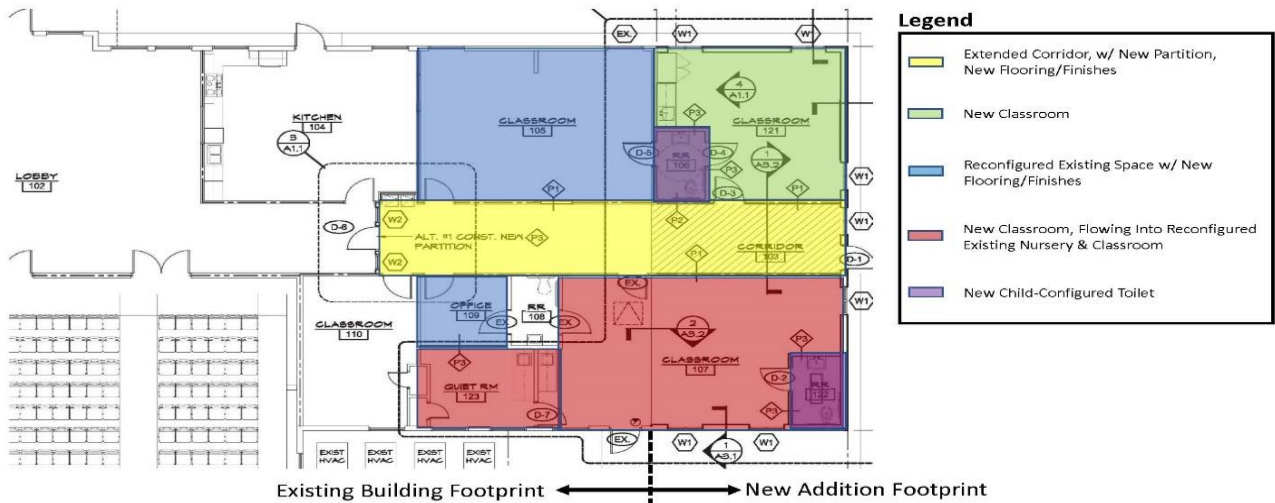


Save the Date! You won't want to miss out.

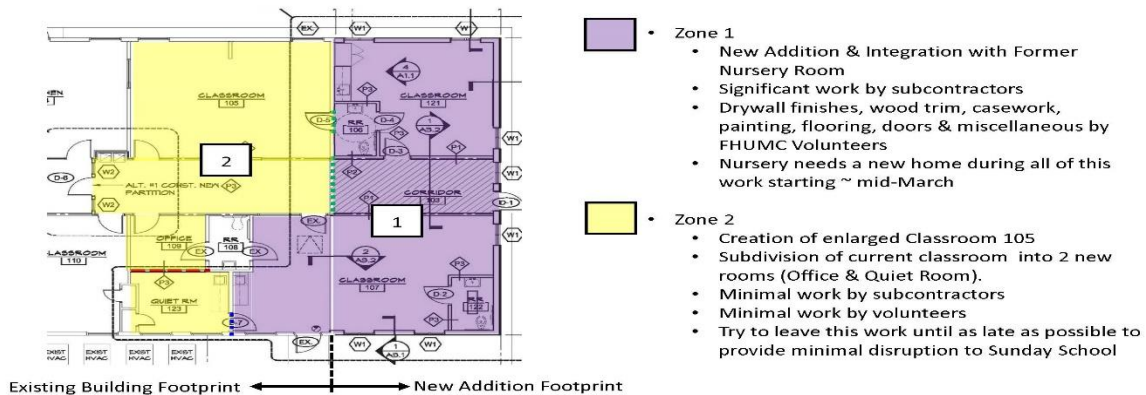


Please take a look at the following items regarding our ongoing construction project, our plan to have it dedicated and ready to use prior to VBS, and the opening of our Preschool in August!

FHUMC Phase 1 Expansion – Nov22 to Aug23



FHUMC Phase 1 Expansion – Planned Construction Sequencing



Activity Name	Start	Finish	2023													
			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			
FHUMC Phase 1 Expansion	12-Nov-22 A	28-Aug-23														
Zone 1 Work	12-Nov-22	26-May-23														
Demolition, Piles, Underground Plumbing, Concrete Foundation	12-Nov-22	17-Feb-23														
Structural Framing & Exterior Sheathing	20-Feb-23	01-Mar-23														
Roofing Dry-In	02-Mar-23	10-Mar-23														
Exterior Air Barrier, Window & Exterior Door Installation	02-Mar-23	10-Mar-23														
VOLUNTEER DAY (Demolition of Zone 1 Current Exterior Wall)	11-Mar-23	11-Mar-23														
VOLUNTEER DAY Alternate (Demolition of Zone 1 Current Exterior Wall)	18-Mar-23	18-Mar-23														
Electrical Above-Slab Interior Rough-in	20-Mar-23	14-Apr-23														
HVAC Interior Rough-In	20-Mar-23	14-Apr-23														
Plumbing Above-Slab Interior Rough-in	20-Mar-23	14-Apr-23														
Finished Roofing Panels, Eaves/Fascias & Siding	20-Mar-23	14-Apr-23														
Surf City In-Wall & Overhead Rough-in Inspections	10-Apr-23	14-Apr-23														
VOLUNTEERS - Drywall, Wood Trim, Casework, Painting, Flooring	17-Apr-23	26-May-23														
VOLUNTEERS Construct Pre-School Play Area	06-May-23	26-May-23														
Electrical, HVAC & Plumbing Trimout	22-May-23	26-May-23														
Zone 2 Work	13-May-23	09-Jun-23														
VOLUNTEERS - Demolition for Zone 2 - 1 Wall, 1 Door Passage & Flooring	13-May-23	13-May-23														
VOLUNTEERS - Frame New Dividing Wall	15-May-23	15-May-23														
In-Wall Electrical Rough-In at Dividing Wall	16-May-23	16-May-23														
Surf City In-Wall Inspections	17-May-23	17-May-23														
VOLUNTEERS - Minor Amounts of Drywall, Wood Trim, Painting & Door + Lots of Flooring	18-May-23	26-May-23														
Minor Amounts of Electrical Trimout	25-May-23	26-May-23														
Surf City Final Inspections & Approval for Occupancy (allow 2 weeks)	29-May-23	09-Jun-23														
Church Usage of Existing, Interim & Finished Spaces	13-Feb-23	28-Aug-23														
Normal Sunday School & Nursery Usage on Sundays	13-Feb-23	12-Mar-23														
Nursery Moves to New, Temporary Location	19-Mar-23															
Sunday School As Usual, Minus the Nursery Room Space	19-Mar-23	07-May-23														
Sunday School in Diminished Configuration in Zone 2 Areas	14-May-23	04-Jun-23														
Dedication of New/Reconfigured Facility & Commence Full Usage of Sunday School Spaces	11-Jun-23	11-Jun-23														
VBS (verify which week)	25-Jun-23	30-Jun-23														
Preschool Furnishings & Certification/Licensing	03-Jul-23	25-Aug-23														
Start FHUMC Preschool	28-Aug-23															

United Women in Faith NEWS & UPDATES

On Sunday, 19 March, we will have a Frozen Entree/Bake Sale before and after the 9:30 service. These events are major boosts to our fund raising in support of women, children, and families. Start preparations now for your donation of a Frozen entree or baked goods. We hope to increase our donation support this year to include our Faith Harbor Preschool. Contact Bonnie Hunter if you have any questions.



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.



The Thrift Store will be closing out their winter-wear inventory and will be looking for gently used children's clothes for spring & summer.

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



****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 breakout 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. We are looking forward to this new event!

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.

We are currently taking donations of plastic eggs, candy and/or prizes for our JR Basic Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. A donation bin will be located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support of Children's Ministry.

March

March 12th: Jr. Basic, pick up 12:30

March 26th: Jr. Basic, pick up 12:30

April

April 2nd: JR Basic Easter Egg Hunt & party

A look ahead:

Vacation Bible School June 26th-29th. 5:30 - 8:30pm. Dinner will be served!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

No matter how rocky the path, I can find comfort by holding on to God.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

~Psalm 23:4 (NIV)



Members: Gail Ace; Joyce Arnette; Nancy Buckman, *the family of Harriet Byrd*; Doris & Mike Davis; Patty Feige; Marlaine Hopper; Mike & Paula Hopper; Janet Hughes; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Wendy Mooney and family; 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: Robin Coates, Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; the family of James Ervin Horne; Nathaniel Lewis; Wendy Mooney's mother Shirley; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Nancy Sproull; *the Family of Penny Turner*

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 March 6th

Centering Prayer: My help comes from the Lord. Psalm 121

M Daniel 9.4-10, Luke 6.36-38

Tu Isaiah 1.10-20, Matthew 23.1-12

W Jeremiah 18.18-20, Matthew 20.17-28

Th Jeremiah 17.5-10, Luke 16.19-31

F Genesis 37.3-28, Matthew 21.33-46

Sa Micah 7.14-20, Luke 15.1-32

Su Exodus 17.3-7, Romans 5.1-8, John 4.5-42

Key scripture: Micah 7.20: "You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."



March

1 st	Alma Osborn
3 rd	Alice Williams
9 th	Kent Smith
11 th	Jewels Swain
17 th	Jency Paliotti
18 th	Ryan Chryst
20 th	Debbie Sasser
21 st	Bonnie Hunter; Cole Frazier; Mike Davis
27 th	Marianne Sliwa
28 th	Nancy Merlino
29 th	Maris Jordan; Sherry Mewborn
30 th	Amber Hengst; Evangeline Schleinkofer
31 st	Audrey Audet

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 3/05

8:00/9:30 Communion Services
10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6

Monday, 3/06

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:30p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 3/07

9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
10:00 Storytime
6:00p.m. MDT
7:00p.m. Women's AA Group/Reef

Wednesday, 3/08

9:30 Communion
10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef
7:00p.m. Easter Music
7:30p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, 3/09

11:00 Grief Support Group/Reef
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6

Friday, 3/10

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Sunday, 3/11

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