



Faith Harbor
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A Letter from your Lay Leader...

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU A LEMON....



What do you do when things don't go the way you would like? Do you look on the bright side? Or are you one who only sees the negative side of things? I have never been one who likes lemons, but while my husband and I were in Italy this past week I had the opportunity to drink some fresh squeezed lemon juice. WOW! It was amazing, then I tried some ice cream that was in a lemon and had lemon juice added to it. Again Amazing. So, I say when you are given a lemon, enjoy it.

Yes, I am one of those who tries to see the positive in everything. Sometimes it can be testing, but the Lord blessed me many years ago with a peace that surpasses all understanding. It is hard to explain this peace, but it helps me see the positive and not dwell on the negative. Especially when it is something I cannot fix.

For example, on our flight to Italy, our first flight was to be from Wilmington to Newark. Well, while our plane was taxiing, there was a horrible sound that came from the plane. The pilot stopped and we sat there for a few minutes. The pilot then came over the intercom that we would have to go back to the terminal. We all had to deboard the plane. We waited and waited. I could have gotten angry at the airline for giving me a lemon of a plane, but I saw that I was blessed with a pilot who was concerned about the plane not performing as well as it should. Come to find out there was an issue with the fuel line and the plane had to be grounded. This was to be the last plane out; another would not go out until the next morning. Another opportunity to be negative or positive, I choose to wait and see what would happen next. Well, the plane that came and was going to go out in the morning, was taken over by the crew of my plane and they took us to Newark. At this point we had already missed our flight from Newark to Frankfurt. But I was taking this, one moment at a time. The next lemon was the flight itself, the one to Newark. I have never been in a plane with such turbulence before in my life, it shook, swayed back and forth, bounced up and down, but inside I was calm. Even when it was time to land the plane it was swaying but we were blessed again with an amazing pilot (the same one by the way) who landed that plane with ease. I heard a few choice words from some young men behind us who had been uneasy about the flight. I was just happy to be safe and sound on the ground. We had several more lemons on our trip to and from Italy, but I consider it all joy that I had time away with my husband enjoying the beauty of God's creation.

What do you do when life doesn't seem to be going the way you planned? Could it be you're not going in the direction God has planned for you, and maybe He is trying to catch your attention? Could it be that you just have a bad plane and/or the weather is bad? Just knowing that if you leave the lemons in God's hands, He will make you the best lemonade you have ever tasted.

May the Peace that surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Loving you always, Your Sister in Christ,
Jessica Blackburn, your lay leader

Please join us in the Sanctuary for prayer service at 7:30am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. All are invited.



Emmaus Gathering at Pine Valley Methodist in Wilmington this Saturday, March 18th @ 5:30p.m. Bring a covered dish to pass. This is an open gathering, so even if you have not been on a walk, you are welcome to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, and a chance to learn more about the Emmaus community.



*Faith Harbor Family-
Please take a moment to pray for the following youth and adult chaperones as they travel to Camp Don Lee this weekend. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide them, protect them, and lead them to a greater awareness of Christ's love.*

- Aiden Roberson
- Gabrielle Roberson
- Airlie Passingham
- Eve Schleinkofer
- Hunt Tayloe
- Casey Tayloe
- Grace Holmes
- Karlie Holmes
- Kelsey Swain
- Maris Jordan
- Nathan Chryst
- Ryan Chryst
- Thomas Papke
- Jack Papke
- Connor Kurtz
- Brock Woolard

*Adults~ Philip Chryst, Deanne Chryst, Jann Tayloe, and Jewels Swain



WELCOME TABLE:

March 19th: Sharon Jackson & Pat Vinson

Communion Servers:

March 19th for the 9:30 service – Zander & Sabrina Guy; Gary & Beth Walker and Amber Hengst.

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE:

We will be helping to sponsor a refugee family in the near future. We will be furnishing their apartment and helping them with their initial adjustment. If you are able, we will need furniture, some monetary support, and provisions to stock the apartment.

Please check the bulletin board in the Narthex to see how you might be able to help.



Easter Flower order forms will be included in the bulletin for anyone wanting to purchase a lily or hydrangea in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost will be: Lily \$10 / 8” Hydrangea \$25.
Orders are due by: March 26th - flowers will remain in the sanctuary until Easter Sunday

Please join us! The United Methodist Men's group will be meeting this Saturday, March 18th at 8:00a.m. Breakfast will be served!

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!

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!*



COTTON PATCH GOSPEL
 The Greatest story ever re-told

Music by Harry Chapin
 Starring
 Curtis Campbell
 with
 Michael Commee
 Mollie Philbin
 Dave Spencer




**SUNDAY
 MARCH 19
 6:00PM**

FAITH HARBOR UMC
 14201 NC HWY 50
 SURF CITY, NC



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

United Women in Faith NEWS & UPDATES

Looking forward to Sunday, March 19, when we will have our Frozen Entree/Bake Sale before and after the 9:30 service. Prepare your frozen entree in a foil ovenproof pan and identify the dish with cooking instructions and how many it will serve. Baked items should be in a disposable container with a description of the item. Store frozen entrees in the church freezer (behind the kitchen door). Baked items can be put in fridge but mark for Bake Sale. Church is open 9 to 1:00 Monday-Thursday or call me to make other arrangements. If you bring your item on 19 March, please bring no later than 9am. Thank you for supporting this Fund Raiser focused on assistance to women, children, and families.

Also, at our April 4 meeting at 4PM, we will welcome as guest speaker Jo Wainwright, President of the Harbor District for United Women in Faith. Please join us.
Bonnie Hunter, 540 621 3645.



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.



***Fri., March 17-Sun., Mar. 19th~**

Spring Spiritual Retreat / Confirmation Retreat at Camp Don Lee in Arapahoe, NC. We will meet at the church by 5pm to load up and depart and return on Sunday about 1pm. This will be a time to grow in our knowledge of Jesus Christ and enjoy this beautiful camp together! 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. **A trip email with more detailed info. will be sent out to all youth who have registered for this event.

***Sun., March 19th~**

No evening Youth or Confirmation meetings since we will have just returned from the weekend away that day.

***Mon., March 20th~** Youth Council to meet at 5:30pm at the Church in the Library.

***Sun., March 26th~**

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) Regular Youth group meetings for MS & HS in the Reef and Library from 5-6:30pm. Missions to be determined. Confirmation Class to meet from 5:30-6:30pm in the Classroom by the Kitchen.

Feel free to contact me should you need further information about anything listed here. We covet your prayers for our youth and this ministry during this Lenten season. Much thanks!

Peace,
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.

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 is located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support of Children's Ministry.

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

April

April 2nd: Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

April 9th: Easter!!!!

April 16th: Jr. Basic. Pick up 12:30

A look ahead:

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Even when my life does not go as I had hoped,
God's promises remain true.

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed,
for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help
you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*
~Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)



Members: Gail Ace; Joyce Arnette; *Ray Blackburn*; 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; Sean Mooney, Wendy Mooney and family; Judy Pratt; *Paula Smith and family*; 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: *Karen & John Boggess*; Robin Coates, Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Nathaniel Lewis; Wendy Mooney's mother Shirley; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; *Connie Paschal*; 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 20th

Centering Prayer: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23

M II Samuel 7.4-14, Luke 2.41-51

Tu Ezekiel 47.1-12, John 5.1-16

W Isaiah 49.8-15, John 5.17-30

Th Exodus 32.7-14, John 5.31-47

F John 7.1-30

Sa Isaiah 7.10-14, Luke 1.26-38

Su Ezekiel 37.12-14, Romans 8.8-11, John 11.1-45

Key scripture: Romans 8.10: "The Spirit is life because of righteousness."



March

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 3/19

7:30 Open Prayer
*UWF Frozen Entrée/Bake Sale
8:00/9:30 Communion Services
10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6
Youth Retreat/Return

Monday, 3/20

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6
5:30p.m. Youth Council Meeting
6:30p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 3/21

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
10:00 Children's Storytime
6:00p.m. MDT
7:00p.m. Women's AA Group/Reef

Wednesday, 3/22

7:30 Open Prayer
9:30 Communion
10:30 Staff Meeting
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef
7:00p.m. Easter Music
7:30p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, 3/23

7:30 Open Prayer
11:00 Grief Support Group/REEF
12:00 AA Group Meeting, Rm. 6

Friday, 3/24

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 3/25

7:30a.m. Open Prayer

Sunday, 3/26 – Youth Sunday

7:30 Open Prayer
8:00/9:30 Communion Services
10:30 JR Basic Easter Party
10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6
2:00 Emmaus Meeting
5:00p.m. MS/HS Youth Group