



A Letter from your Lay Leader...



*“You are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.” **Joshua 1:11b***

Joshua commanded the officers to pass through the Israelite camp and tell everyone to prepare to pass over the Jordan in 3 days. To possess it they had to be obedient and cross over and take it.

What has the Lord given you to possess? Have you been faithful and obedient to follow His will and go after it? or have you said, it is too big, I cannot not do it? remember the 1st generation of Israelites who missed out on the promise land because the people seemed too big. So, the next generation was blessed with the promised land because they took courage and crossed the Jordan in faith and took what was given to them by God.

I am so excited with my personal Bible Study I have chosen this year. Throughout my life I have read the Bible through a few times. I couldn't tell you how many times I have read the Bible through but this year I am truly getting something out of this reading. I am doing the Bible Recap, which is a study of the whole bible chronologically, which I haven't done before. In my previous readings, it was just that, reading the scriptures that were required that day. I had tried several times to take notes, but I would lose interest when it came to the names. Don't get me wrong, I always learned something new with every reading of the scriptures, but this year is different. With the Bible Recap I listen to someone read it, after that I read it and highlight and/or underline scripture that speaks to me, I take notes and lastly, I listen to Tara-Leigh Copple recap the scriptures. Sometimes I hear what she hears, other times, something else is brought to my attention. But overall I love seeing God in the Scriptures. I am more aware this time, so I am seeing how the law flows through the scriptures. I can see how some of the Levitical laws is used in some of the situations Ruth found herself in later in scripture. I also noticed some of the Levitical laws that were already a law back with Judah and the issue with his sons and his daughter-in-law Tamar. If you are paying close attention, you can get a glimpse of Jesus in the Old Testament Scriptures. What a joy to open my Bible every morning and read something new and even read something I knew but seeing it in a different light. If you haven't read the bible through, I highly recommend reading it through with the Bible Recap.

If that seems too much for you right now, the MABS (Monday Afternoon Bible Study) group, meets at 3 on Mondays. We are starting a study on 1st John. For the next 2 Mondays for an hour, we are going to use 3 different Bible translations and read 1st John 3 times and pause between each reading to meditate on the scripture. Come join us. If you are one who cannot make that time, I do not mind starting a Tuesday evening session. Pray about it and let me know.

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.

New Study of 1st John beginning this Monday from 3pm - 4pm it will be for 2 Mondays. Come join us. Possible Tuesday night class if anyone shows an interest.
Contact Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193

INFORMATION NIGHT!

Wednesday March 29th 6:30pm at the "Gathering" in Surf City. Learn more about how you can be the HOPE for children in our area. I know we support the Methodist Childrens home, but this is for anyone who wants to get some information on the Baptist Children's Home of NC. Children are Children no matter the denomination that is giving them HOPE.



WELCOME TABLE:

March 26th: Faye Graziano & Sherry Mewborn

Communion Servers:

March 26th for the 9:30 service – Alan & Debbie Sasser, LaNier & Danielle Shepard, Stacie Holmes (gluten free)

REFUGEE NEWS:

Thank you everyone for your contributions towards the Refugee Program. We have furnished the living room of the apartment, but still need kitchen chairs and bedroom furniture. Stop by the Narthex after the 9:30 service and see how you can help.

ALL INTERESTED IN JEWISH CUSTOM AND WORSHIP are invited to Temple Israel with the Missional Disciple group this Friday 24 March. Temple of Israel Reibman Center is located at: 922 Market St, Wilmington. Rabbi Emily has invited 20 guests, as the synagogue is small and usually full on Fridays. We have a dinner planned at Surf City BBQ for the journey to Wilmington. For those not interested in meeting for dinner, please feel free to join us at the Temple at 7:00p.m. Rabbi Emily has a reception planned after the service for fellowship.

See the sign-up sheet in the narthex or let Pastor Phil know if you are interested.



Please join us as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter...

April 2nd at 8:00 & 9:30a.m.~ Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt

*April 3rd-7th: Holy Week Services each night @ 7:00p.m.
(Wednesday Seder Service @ 6:00p.m.)*

*April 9th~Easter Sunrise Service @ Soundside Park Amphitheater -
7:00a.m.*

April 9th~ Beach Service @ 8:00a.m.

Easter Services in Sanctuary- 9:00 & 11:00a.m.

THE HOSPITALITY TEAM INVITES everyone to the Easter Luncheon following the 11:00 service. We will be moving chairs and setting tables in the Narthex, so helpers will be needed. Lunch will start approximately 12:30. The Hospitality Team will provide the main entrée- Baked Ham, as well as rolls & sweet/unsweet tea. There will be a sign-up sheet near the kitchen for side dishes and/or assorted desserts. *Thank you!*



We will be having new membership classes on April 16th, 23rd, and 30th immediately following worship service. Please contact Pastor Philip with any questions.

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 sign-up sheets in the Narthex to see how you might be able to help. If you have large items to donate, please contact Bill Widholm or April Shannon



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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Faith Harbor United Methodist Church
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.



The Thrift Store will be looking for donations of gently used children's clothes for spring & summer.

Reminder: Donations for the thrift store should always come through the Harbor Warehouse. *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

Many thanks to all who supported the UWIF Bake/Frozen Entrée sale. It was a great success!

*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.



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

1) This will be our Youth Sunday of the month where youth serve at the 9:30am Service.

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

***Sunday, April 2nd ~ Youth Mission to Coastal Horizons 2:00 – 5:00p.m.**

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 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 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 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

I will allow Christ to take my burden so that I can find rest.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

~Matthew 11:28-29 (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 Paschall; Nancy Sproull; *the family of Mathew Treat*

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 27th

Centering Prayer: My soul waits for the Lord. Psalm 130

M Daniel 13.41-62, John 8.1-11

Tu Numbers 21.4-9, John 8.21-30

W Daniel 3.14-20, John 8.31-42

Th Genesis 17.3-9, John 8.51-59

F Jeremiah 20.10-13, John 10.31-42

Sa Ezekiel 37.21-28, John 11.45-56

Su Matthew 21.1-11

Key scripture: Matthew 21.10: "When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'"



March

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

April

3 RD	Leo Audet; Meg Barnes; Hiatt Ellis
6 th	Sean Mooney
7 th	Doris Davis
9 th	Amy Phillips; Rachel Shade
10 th	Connie Carroll
12 th	Nancy Smith
13 th	Allison Stowers; David Strohpaul
20 th	Janice Long
21 st	Kathy Dixon; Janice Morton
22 nd	Ben Black
23 rd	Patty Feige
27 th	Ann Bryan

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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
2:00p.m. Emmaus Meeting
5:00p.m. MS/HS Youth Group

Monday, 3/27

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
3:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:30p.m. Cub Scouts, Rm. 1-4

Tuesday, 3/28

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, 3/29

7:30 Open Prayer
9:30 Communion
6:30p.m. GS Troop #4242
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef
7:00p.m. Easter Music
7:30p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, 3/30

7:30 Open Prayer
11:00 Grief Support Group/REEF
12:00 AA Group Meeting, Rm. 6
6:00p.m. GS Troop #2424

Friday, 3/31

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 4/01

7:30a.m. Open Prayer

Sunday, 4/02 – Palm Sunday

7:30 Open Prayer
8:00/9:30 Communion Services
10:30 JR Basic Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6