



*Matthew 21.6-8 "The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road."*

Could you imagine the raucous atmosphere that was going on in Jerusalem as Jesus is riding into the city? It is like a parade. There are preparations that have been made, which are fueled by numerous expectations and anticipations.

This might be the one who will restore Israel to its former glory! This might be the one who overthrows the Roman Empire! This might be the one who makes things right with the religious/political system! This might be the one who relieves the proletariat from over-taxation by the bourgeoisie! This might be the one who can make my life better! This might be the one who can get my children to behave! This might be the one who can get my spouse to not drink so much! This might be the one who....!

As a result of Jesus' arrival – the whole city is in turmoil (v10). And there is a fervor that has spiked around who this man is, and what is he there to accomplish. To the best of their knowledge, he is a prophet from a lowly town called Nazareth (v11).

This coming Sunday we will be welcoming Jesus in a way that makes sense to each of us personally. We all come to this time with anticipation and expectation. And in the festivities around Palm Sunday, Jesus comes into our lives in ways that seem very humble. I pray that we all prepare our hearts to meet Jesus in this season. Please know that he comes as one that is humble and lowly – even in the midst of a parade and fanfare.

We as a church have some work to do in preparation for the next week and a-half. We are having a church workday on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am-1pm. Bring your work gloves. We are going to have work to do for every skill level. We need beds weeded, bushes cut, gutters installed, construction debris removed, sticks picked up, walls taken down, HVAC hung, and maybe even some painting. This really reminds me of the simple preparations the disciples made to bring Jesus into Jerusalem. Let us prepare personally, and as a congregation, to welcome Jesus as well.

Feel free to call if you have any questions about this coming week. 910.524.5676 ~Philip Chryst

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



## **WELCOME TABLE:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Neal McHenry & Tom Bradford

## **April 2<sup>nd</sup> Communion Servers:**

9:30 service – Gary & Beth Walker; David & Sherri Davila; Rebecca Drudge – (Gluten Free)

*Please join us this Saturday @ 9:00 for Pre-school Demo Day!*





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

*April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 & 9:30a.m~ Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt*

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

*April 9<sup>th</sup>~Easter Sunrise Service @ Soundside Park Amphitheater –  
7:00a.m.*

*April 9<sup>th</sup>~ 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 an attendance sign-up sheet near the kitchen for side dishes and/or assorted desserts. *Thank you!*

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## **REFUGEE NEWS:**

Thank you everyone for all your generosity towards our Refugee mission. We have almost completed furnishing the apartment, but still need beds and almost new mattresses for the family. If you happen to have these items, please contact April Shannon or Bill Widholm.

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

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The Quilting Mission is now meeting Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Please join us...no experience necessary. 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

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## United Women in Faith NEWS & UPDATES

\*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.*

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**\*Sat., April 1st~**

Workday at the church- yardwork and work on the Pre-school project. Starts at 9am.

**\*Sun., April 2nd~**

Palm Sunday at the 9:30am service. Afterwards will be our Children's Easter Egg Hunt at the church. \*Please let me or Melissa know if your youth can help hide Easter eggs for kiddos.

This will be our Missions Sunday. \*Youth will meet at the church about 2pm to load up in the Van and head down to Wilmington to visit the Coastal Horizon's WHAT clinic and learn about the important work this organization does here on the East coast and ways we can support them. Pick up will be back at the church at 4:15pm. (This outing is in lieu of Regular meetings, except Confirmation Class will still meet at 5:30pm).

**\*April 2-7<sup>th</sup> ~**

Please see The Messenger for info. about the various Services offered each night as we journey through Holy Week together as a congregation. \*Good Friday- Beach Stations of the Cross at 7pm for Confirmands.

**\*Sun., April 9<sup>th</sup>~**

Easter Sunday!!! Services at 7am (Sunrise at Soundside Park), 8am Beach Service at the Main Access, 9am & 11am at the church. \*Any youth that would like to assist with serving Communion at the 11am service, please let me know.

No Regular Youth group or Confirmation class that evening.

**\*Sun., April 16<sup>th</sup>~**

Confirmation Sunday (The youth that have been in Confirmation class will join the church at the 9:30am service). It is also a Youth Sunday. Please let me know how you would like to serve. We will need Greeters, Ushers, Doorman, Children's helpers, and Readers. We encourage all youth to be there to show support for those being confirmed. Baptisms afterwards at Serenity Point.

Regular Youth group meetings for MS and HS from 5-6:30pm. Note- Confirmands will not meet that evening.

**\*Sun., April 23<sup>rd</sup>~**

Monthly Fun Youth outing- specifics, and timing to be announced soon out to parents. Note: Confirmands will not meet that evening as this is a time of discernment for them.

**\*Sun., April 30<sup>th</sup>~**

Regular Youth group meetings for MS & HS in the Reef and Library from 5-6:30pm. Last Confirmation Class to meet from 5:30-6:30pm in the Sanctuary with Sponsors.

Feel free to contact me should you need further information about anything listed here. We thank you for your faithful support and prayers for our youth and this ministry. Peace be with you.

Blessings,  
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.

**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

What fears do I need God to help me conquer today?

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

~Joshua 1:9 (NIV)





**Members:** Joyce Arnette; *Ray Blackburn*; Nancy Buckman, *the family of Harriet Byrd*; Doris & Mike Davis; *David Decatur*; Patty Feige; Janet Hughes; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Sean Mooney, Wendy Mooney and family; Judy Pratt; *Paula Smith and family*; Dave & Jill Strohpaal

**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; *Douglas Thomas Cain Jr*; Robin Coates, Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Roy Thomas Horne; Nathaniel Lewis; Wendy Mooney's mother Shirley; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Connie Paschall; *Stephen Smith*; Nancy Sproull; *the family of Mathew Treat*; *Henry Williams*

**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 April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Centering Prayer: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Psalm 118

M Isaiah 42.1-7, John 12.1-11

Tu Isaiah 49.1-6, John 13.21-38

W Isaiah 50.4-9, Matthew 26.14-25

Th Exodus 12.1-14, John 13.1-15

F Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12, John 18.1 - 19.42

Sa Ezekiel 36.16-28, Matthew 28.1-10

Su Acts 10.34-43, John 20.1-9

Key scripture: Exodus 12.6: "Then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter *the lamb* at twilight"



## March

30<sup>th</sup>: Amber Hengst; Evangeline Schleinkofer

31<sup>st</sup>: Audrey Audet

## April

3<sup>rd</sup>: Leo Audet; Meg Barnes; Hiatt Ellis

6<sup>th</sup>: Sean Mooney

7<sup>th</sup>: Doris Davis

9<sup>th</sup>: Amy Phillips; Rachel Shade

10<sup>th</sup>: Connie Carroll

12<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Smith

13<sup>th</sup>: Allison Stowers; David Strohpaal

20<sup>th</sup>: Janice Long

21<sup>st</sup>: Kathy Dixon; Janice Morton

22<sup>nd</sup>: Ben Black

23<sup>rd</sup>: Patty Feige

27<sup>th</sup>: Ann Bryan





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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **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  
2:00– 5:00p.m. Youth Mission Field Trip

### **Monday, 4/03**

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

### **Tuesday, 4/04**

7:30 Open Prayer  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
10:00 Children's Story Time  
4:00 UWIF Meeting, Rm. 6  
7:00p.m. Holy Week Service  
7:00p.m. Women's AA Group/Reef

### **Wednesday, 4/05**

7:30 Open Prayer  
9:30 Communion  
10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6  
6:00p.m. Seder Service  
6:30p.m. GS Troop #4242  
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef  
7:00p.m. Easter Music  
7:30p.m. Choir Practice

### **Thursday, 4/06 Maundy Thursday**

7:30 Open Prayer  
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6  
6:00p.m. GS Troop #2424  
7:00p.m. Holy Week Service

### **Friday, 4/07**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group  
7:00p.m. Holy Week Service

### **Sunday, 4/09 Easter Day**

7:00 Sunrise Service @ Soundside Park  
8:00 Beach Service  
9:00/11:00 Easter Services  
12:30 Easter Luncheon