

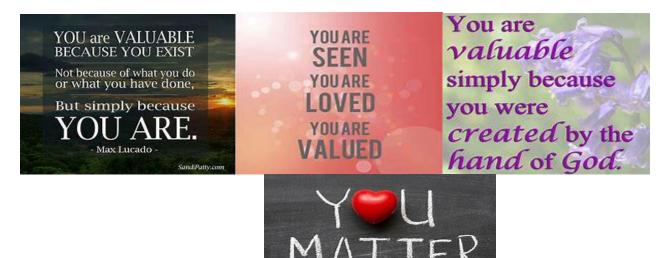


This summer we have the wonderful opportunity of welcoming a seminary student named David Bumgardner. He is at Duke Divinity School. Below is his bio. Feel free to reach out to him via email to welcome him to Faith Harbor this summer: davidbum45@gmail.com

David Bumgardner is a minister and author based out of North Texas. David has been serving the Lord since his radical teenage conversion at 16 years of age in 2015. He has served in several diverse churches across Texas, along with churches in urban areas such as Seattle and New Orleans. David's journalistic and theological writings have been

featured in places such as Baptist News Global, The Roys Report, and Christianity Today. He is a licensed Anglican evangelist on the pathway to ordination as a deacon, and then as a priest/elder. Drawing from deep spiritual roots, a testimony filled with redemption from immense suffering, and theological nourishment from the great thinkers of the Christian tradition, David preaches the Word with passion, precision, and piety. David's hobbies include writing, traveling, theology, socializing over good food and drink, urban adventuring, quaint hikes, and the occasional trip to the gun range. Learn more and connect with David at his website: www.davidbumgardner.org

# A Letter from your Lay Leader...



"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:8-10 nkjv

I got a different look into this scripture yesterday. In our discussion, we talked about how the angels of God rejoice over one sinner who repents. But something else was pointed out that I have never really paid attention to before. The mentioning of the ten silver coins. Silver coins were very valuable and the loss of even one meant it was time to search it out and do whatever to find it. The mention of the coin being significant... that you are valuable.

Did you know that you are like that silver coin? You are valuable in the eyes of God. All of us are sinners, not one of us is perfect. And God still sees the value in each one of us. He will not give up on us so do not give up on yourself. You are valuable, you are worth searching for. Many feel lost and unsure of their place in life. Some will take a wrong turn and get lost on the road to nowhere. Others will be blinded by the lies of the world. But we as a family will continue in prayer, in encouragement and in love to help you find your way home. Then we will rejoice together when a lost one is found.

You are loved in more ways than you will ever know, for you are valuable and you matter. Your Sister in Christ,
Jessica Blackburn, your lay leader



Are you ready to get away for a wonderful, inspiring, Worship filled weekend to Myrtle Beach?

There is group of women heading to Myrtle Beach for a Women of Joy conference May 5-7. Sorry guys, this is a Women's retreat. We will have an amazing weekend of singing, listening to inspiring speakers, and I believe we have planned for a few hours of shopping as well. Come

join us! If you are interested, contact Jessica Blackburn for details. jmb@rayblackburn.com 910-622-1193



# WELCOME TABLE:

April 23rd: Debbie Sasser & Sandy Wise

Please join us in the Sanctuary for prayer service every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 7:30a.m.

All are invited!



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

4/20/23~ SPRC Meeting @ 6:30p.m.

4/22/23~ Trustee's Meeting @ 9:00a.m.

4/27/23~ Leadership Council Meeting @ 6:30p.m.

4/30/23~ Children's Council Meeting @ 10:30a.m.

# New class:

Spiritual Gifts by Patricia D Brown (the book "Participants Guide of Spirit Gifts" can be ordered through Amazon). Spiritual Gifts sets you on a course to open yourselves to God in ways that will enable you to see and accept your gifts, which are spiritual realities.

\*Starting Tuesday evenings May 2 @ 6:30p.m. or Wednesday afternoons at 12 pm. Once a week for two months. (You can choose either the day or evening class)

Sign-up sheet on bulletin board at Faith Harbor. Contact Gail Widholm with any questions: #910-297-2465 <a href="mailto:gwidholm12@yahoo.com">gwidholm12@yahoo.com</a>



The men of the church are gathering on the third Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. Please join us as we venture forth in establishing a permanent and sustainable ministry for all men in the church.

For more information contact Dave Davila at davila21@bellsouth.net or Tom Jackson at tsjaction@yahoo.com

The Quilting Mission meets on 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 is in need 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 Gloria Richardson: (704) 804-4909 Beth Walker: (252) 213-2240 Sylvia Bowman: (910) 284-3131

# United Women in Faith NEWS



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. If 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.

# **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.

## <u>May</u>

May 7th: Parent's Potluck/Jr. Basic May 14th: Happy Mother's Day!

May 21st: Jr. Basic/End of school year party!

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



### \*Sun., April 23rd~

Monthly Fun Youth outing. Note: Confirmands will not meet that evening as this is a time of discernment.

#### \*Sun., April 30th~

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.

\*We were invited to create a team and participate in Coastal Horizons Annual Coastal Duck Derby fundraiser. Folks can "adopt a duck" to help a child. \*There is a QR code that takes you straight to our team's donation page on the Info. table in the Narthex. **The Duck derby race will be on May 19**<sup>th</sup> at **5:30pm at Jungle Rapids with an amazing Grand prize for the winning duck!** Our youth are encouraged to attend and volunteer at this fun family event! I can drive us there in the church van (More information to come). Feel free to reach out should you have any other questions. Thanks all!

#### \*\*Save the Date~

On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the 9:30am service, we will be recognizing our current seniors. We will be praying a blessing over them as they begin this new chapter in their lives. There will be refreshments afterwards. This is also Homecoming Sunday! \*\*\*If you have a Senior that is graduating High School or College, please let Jewels or the church office know, so that we can include them in this special celebration. (If they are unable to attend in person, please send us their information so that we can include that in the Messenger and the Bulletin). Thank you!

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

# THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God is patient with me, and I will be patient with others.

The Lord is waiting to be merciful to you and will rise up to show you compassion. The Lord is a God of justice; happy are all who wait for him.

~Isaiah 30:18 (CEB)



**Members**: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, *Bescye Burnett;* 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; 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**: 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; Barbara & Neil Schilling; Mary Sloan; Stephen Smith; Nancy Sproull; the family of Mathew Treat; Henry Williams; Johnsie Smith's niece Sarah and nephew Mark Wansley

**Website Prayer Requests:** *Adrian Capps;* 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 24th

Centering Prayer: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Psalm 116

M Acts 6.8-15, John 6.22-29 Tu Acts 7.51-60, John 6.30-34 W Acts 8.1-8, John 6.35-40

Th Acts 8.26-40, John 6.44-51

F Acts 9.1-20, John 6.52-59

Sa Acts 9.31-42, John 6.60-69

Su Acts 2.36-41, I Peter 2.20-25, John 10.1-10

Key scripture: I Peter 2.22: "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."



# <u>April</u>

3rd: Leo Audet; Meg Barnes; Hiatt Ellis

6<sup>th</sup>: Sean Mooney 7<sup>th</sup>: Doris Davis

9th: Amy Phillips; Rachel Shade

10<sup>th</sup>: Connie Carroll 12<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Smith

13th: Allison Stowers; David Strohpaul

20th: Janice Long

21st: 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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2<sup>nd</sup>: Isaac Henry

4th: Michael Alexander; Kevin Woolard

7th: Gail Ace

8th: Linda Wells

9th: Jessica Matthews; Tamara Jones

11th: Hunt Tayloe

13th: David Cosner

17th: Caroline Shepard; Sandy Sly

18th: Oscar Phillips; Austin Hengst

20th: Doug Medlin; DeAnne Chryst

27th: Emma Chryst

# HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

### **Sunday, 4/23**

8:00 Beach Service 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6 10:30 New Member Class MS/HS Youth Outing

### Monday, 4/24

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

### Tuesday, 4/25

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

### Wednesday, 4/26

9:30 Communion 7:00p.m. Choir practice 7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef

### Thursday, 4/27

7:30 Open Prayer 12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6 6:30p.m. Leadership Council Meeting

### Friday, 4/28

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

### **Sunday**, 4/30

8:00 Beach Service 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6 10:30 New Member Class 10:30 Children's Council Meeting 2 – 8:00p.m. *Little Pink Houses*/Narthex 5:00p.m. MS/HS Youth Group