



Luke 10.2: Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Jesus sent out his disciples to go before him. He said they were laborers in the harvest – and that the disciples of Jesus were sent into the harvest. This notion of being sent is built into the very understanding of discipleship. That Jesus was in the business of sending because he was the one who was sent into the world (John 3.16). His departing words to his disciples were ones of sending (Matthew 28.19

& Acts 1.8). As United Methodists we practice this in our understanding of pastors – they are sent to serve beside a congregation – much like how Barnabas & Saul were sent in Acts 13.1-3.

The sending of laborers into the harvest is based on the revelation of God that is made known to us in scripture, prayer, fasting, the sacraments, and wise counsel. This summer we are getting to see this firsthand through our youth. Our Youth Minister, Jewels Swain, is being sent with our high school youth to go and serve as laborers for the harvest in the mountains of North Carolina. They are going this summer on a mission trip to Camp Generate in Asheville NC. They are going with joy to love and serve the Lord. While at the same time our middle school youth are being sent as laborers in the harvest to love and serve the Lord in Maple Hill this summer. The middle schoolers will be trained in leading Vacation Bible School – and then they will be taking that same curriculum to Maple Hill Presbyterian Church to share the gospel with children there. What a beautiful example they are giving to us of being sent by Jesus as laborers for the harvest. For the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few.

My sisters and brothers – the Lord has called us to be a people of prayer, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we are to go forth with joy to love and serve the Lord. This service is to be intentional, consistent, real, and tangible. For it is our humble opportunity to participate with what the Holy Spirit is doing in this world. I am over-joyed that we have youth that serve in such a way – and they do it with joy. If you would like to learn about ways that you can participate with what the Holy Spirit is doing here at Faith Harbor feel free to reach out to me. My phone number is 910.524.5676. I would love to get coffee with you and learn about what God is calling you to participate in. Below you can find some of the wonderful opportunities our youth will have this summer to be laborers in the harvest. ~Philip Chryst

Save the Date:

Vacation Bible School at Faith Harbor June 26-29 (needing Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers to learn all the parts so we can share in Maple Hill) – lead by Melissa Schleinkofer 484.515.7361

Youth Mission Trip to Maple Hill Presbyterian Church – July 19-23 – lead by Philip Chryst 910.524.5676

A Letter from your Lay Leader...



*Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his Temple;
praise him in his mighty heaven.
Praise him for his strength;
praise him for his greatness.
Praise him with trumpet blasts;
praise him with harps and lyres.
Praise him with tambourines and dancing;
praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.
Praise him with loud cymbals;
praise him with crashing cymbals.
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD. Praise the LORD! Psalm 150 ncv*

Some of you may have known that a few of us ladies went to the Women of Joy conference this past weekend. I have always wanted to share this wonderful experience with several people. But many just were not able to go due to one thing or another. I have always enjoyed going to conferences whether it was to a Beth Moore conference, Women of Faith or Women of Joy, I was always uplifted in my spirit. I love worshiping loudly and joyfully and when you go to these conferences all the women fill the same and just let their emotions for God show.

After every conference I want to worship at my church the same way I worship at the conference, but then when I get there, and I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, I want to shout and lift my hands and rejoice because I know I serve an Awesome God who wants to hear my praises. But, I look out on the congregation, and I don't see what I feel, and I get in my head that I will distract from the song that is being sung. I don't want to be a distraction, so I keep my hands down and just feel it in my heart. The only time my hands come up is if I am singing a solo or singing with the praise team. I have never worried about what people thought of me, because my only concern is what God thinks of me. I just didn't want to be a distraction. But you know what? I am going to be a distraction for my God and maybe that will make others comfortable enough to lift their hands up in praise and worship Him as well. **Our God is an Awesome God and worthy of our praise!**

For several years now I have wanted to have a Women's conference here. At first, I was met with opposition, then when I did get the go ahead COVID hit. Now the opportunity has been given to me again and I have jumped in with both feet. This year we will be having a Women's retreat here at Faith Harbor. It will be for one day, but next year I am looking forward to a whole weekend. So keep September 23rd open for a full day of fellowship with Dr. Andrea L. Hines who will be our speaker and we will be lead in praise and worship with Shirley Mercer. For those of you who attended the Worship North Carolina concert last year, Dr. Andrea L. Hines was the speaker. Shirley Mercer is a local musician.

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



WELCOME TABLE:

May 14th: Sabrina & Zander Guy

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

All are invited!

Nursery Home Ministry

The **Nursing Home Ministry** will formally start this Sunday at the Woodbury Wellness Center located at 2778 Country Club Dr, Hampstead, NC 28443. We will join the members of the Gathering Church of Surf City on Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am in the Memory Care Unit in the Wellness Center. You are welcome to join us on any Sunday to worship and visit with the residents especially on the following Sundays:

May 28th...July 2nd...July 23rd...August 13th

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” –John 3:16

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“Love...Loves...Loved” ...!

“Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced”. —James Baldwin (1924–1987)

Correction: Stephen Ministry will meet the 2nd **Monday** (not Tuesday) of each month at 6:30p.m.



Please join us on Tuesday mornings for our weekly workday from 8:00-12:00. *We would love to see you!*



The Faith Harbor Homecoming will take place May 21, 2023. There will be a catered meal provided. In order to get an accurate food count, please sign up with the number of those attending/eating. There is a sign-up sheet on bulletin board near kitchen. **The deadline to sign-up will be Wednesday, May 17th.** *Thank you!*

Reminder: *If you have any serving dishes and/or personal items in the kitchen, please pick them up. The Hospitality Team will be needing to utilize the counter space to prepare for the Homecoming Luncheon. Items not picked up will be donated to the Thrift Store or disposed of. Thank you for your help in keeping our kitchen clean and tidy!*

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

ITEMS STILL NEEDED FOR OUR REFUGEE FAMILY~

1 QUEEN MATTRESS PAD
1 QUEEN BLANKET
4 TWIN MATTRESS PADS
6 STANDARD PILLOWS
6 STANDARD PILLOW COVERS
4 TWIN BEDSPREADS (17 YEAR OLD BOY, 15 & 11 & 2 YR OLD GIRLS)
TODDLER TWIN BED GUARD RAIL
LAPTOP COMPUTER
VACUUM CLEANER
TOOLBOX WITH TOOLS
FIRST AID KIT
DISH DRYING RACK
SPONGES
SCRUB BUCKET
1 TALL KITCHEN TRASH CAN
5 SMALL TRASH CANS FOR BATHROOMS AND BEDROOMS
LIGHT BULBS FOR LAMPS
2 TOILET BRUSHES
BATHROOM RUGS FOR 2 BATHROOMS
1 SHOWER CURTAIN ROD
FRONT DOOR MAT
WASHER/DRYER IN GOOD WORKING ORDER
2 SMALL TABLES/DESKS) -

*Any questions, please call: April Shannon (252) 227 8236 or Sandy Rogers (252) 902 4742



Save the Date!!! Summer Youth Kick-off

When: Sunday, June 4th

Time: 5 - 8:00p.m.

For: Rising 6th - 12th grade & Families

Please join us for games, water slide & dinner...Bring a friend! RSVP by May 29th to Jewels #910-232-9844

New Bible Study! If you are a rising 6th through 9th grader, please join us for Breakfast and Bible Study. Transportation is available if needed.

Time: 9:30 – 11:00a.m.

When: Tuesdays

Date: June 6th – July 11th

Contact: DeAnne Chryst (910) 524-5705



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 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
Beth Walker: (252) 213-2240

Gloria Richardson: (704) 804-4909
Sylvia Bowman: (910) 284-3131

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.

May

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!

Vacation Bible School Volunteer sign-up sheet is in the narthex. It takes many hands to make VBS possible! Even if you cannot commit to all four days, please consider signing up to help one evening or for decorating and cleaning up. Thank you for your support!



***Sun., May 14th~** No Regular youth group meetings due to Mother's Day holiday. Enjoy some Family time!

***Fri., May 19th~** Coastal Duck Derby Race at Jungle Rapids at 5:30pm. Youth are encouraged to attend to represent our team T.I. Ducks in MOcean & volunteer at the event as a group. Please let me know if your youth would like to go, I can drive the Van. We would need to leave by 4ish that afternoon due to traffic on a Friday.

***Sun., May 21st~** Senior Recognition & Youth Sunday at the 9:30am Service. Please let me know how your youth would like to serve. We will need Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Doorman, Children's helpers. This is also Homecoming Sunday!

MS & HS youth to meet at regular time from 5-6:30pm in The Reef/Library. End of School Year celebration & activities!

***Sun., May 28th~** No Regular youth group meetings due to the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend.

SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER:

1) Sun., June 4th~ Summer Youth Kickoff Event from 5-8pm at the church. We will have a huge waterslide, games, cornhole, etc. All Youth (including rising 6th graders) & families are welcomed to join us. Dinner is being provided, Come join the fun! Jewels Swain & Deanne Chryst are the contacts.

2) MS Breakfast & Bible study & games~ June 6th- July 11th (includes Rising 6th- Rising 9th Graders). Transportation can be provided. Deanne Chryst is the contact person.

3) VBS at Faith Harbor UMC~ June 25-29th. All MS & HS youth are encouraged to serve in the different areas. Melissa Schleinkofer is the contact person.

4) MS youth local missions~ July 19-23rd, VBS at Maple Hill Presbyterian Church. Pastor Philip is the contact person.

5) HS Summer Mission trip~ July 17-21st through Camp Generate in Asheville, NC. Deposits have already been paid. More info. soon. If your youth has NOT signed up & they are interested- please contact Jewels Swain ASAP.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I will seek the face of Jesus in every person I meet today.

Serve one another humbly in love.

~Galatians 5:13 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Janet Hughes; Martha Marlow; Hank & Jan Maser; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Sean Mooney, Wendy Mooney and family; Judy Pratt

Military: Joe Fraley, Alex Harris, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Greg Holmes; Sgt. Joey Horne; Abbie Kizer, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, David Ritz, Michael Roberson, Charlotte Taylor

Family and Friends: David Boyd; Scott Carlson (Gail Ace's nephew); Gerry Cook (Kim McCluskey's Mother); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; the Hoopes family; Tim Maser; Wendy Mooney's mother Shirley; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Connie Paschall; Ted Penny (Vance's Father); Barbara & Neil Schilling; Mary Sloan; Stephen Smith; Nancy Sproull

Website Prayer Requests: Lorraine Chavez

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 May 15th

Centering Prayer: Truly God has listened. Psalm 66

M Acts 16.11-15, John 15.26-16.4

Tu Acts 16.22-34, John 16.5-11

W Acts 17.15-18.1, John 16.12-15

Th Acts 18.1-8, John 16.16-20

F Acts 18.9-18, John 16.20-23

Sa Acts 18.23-28, John 16.23-28

Su Acts 1.1-11, I Peter 4.12-14, John 17.1-11

Key scripture: I Peter 4.13: "Rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings."



MAY

2nd: 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
31st: Chris Campbell

JUNE

1st: Jim Ellis; Roger Morton; Bobby Phillips
3rd: William Cosner
4th: Savannah Harrison
5th: Melissa Schleinkofer; Amanda Williams
6th: Jackson Moore
7th: Sherri Davila
9th: Aiden Moore
12th: Liz Albertson
13th: Nathan Chryst
17th: Spencer Henry
18th: Lydia Blackburn; Paula Hopper; Kim McCluskey
21st: Nancy McCurtin; Brock Woolard; David Davila
23rd: Paula Fox
25th: Alan Sasser; Tony Merlino
26th: Lisa Byrd
29th: Paula Austin
30th: Donna Fisher; Sydney Burgess

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 5/14 – Mother's Day

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6

Monday, 5/15

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

Tuesday, 5/16- Workday

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

Wednesday, 5/17

9:30 Communion
10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6
10:30 Staff Meeting
12:00 Spiritual Gifts Class, Rm. 6
6:30p.m. Girl Scout Troop 4242
7:00p.m. Choir practice
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef

Thursday, 5/18

7:30 Open Prayer
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6
6:30p.m. Girl Scout Troop 2424

Friday 5/19

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group
5:30p.m. Duck Derby

Saturday 5/20

8:00 Men's Group/Breakfast
1:00p.m. Music Recital

Sunday 5/21 – Youth Sunday

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 JR Basic Party
Homecoming Luncheon