



welcomes Dr. Tom Greener for the
23rd Anniversary on May 21st, 2023.

HOMECOMING

We will be worshipping together at 8am (beach) & 9.30am (sanctuary). There will be a luncheon right after this celebration. We invite all friends and previous members of Faith Harbor to this celebration of God's graciousness & goodness.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1.8

An idea came 23 years ago – and it was an idea that was motivated by the Holy Spirit. There was a group of people that felt called to gather together for worship, attending to the scriptures, partaking of the Lord’s Supper, sharing food with those who were hungry, and creating space for hearts to be touched by the power of God. This was God’s idea, for it was a movement of the Holy Spirit. This idea was based on the love of God that was revealed in the person and work of Jesus Christ. So, from this idea, Faith Harbor United Methodist Church was formed. The first worship gathering was at Cheri’s Steak House (which is where JM’s on the Water is currently).

This Sunday we will be celebrating that heritage as a congregation. We will be celebrating that Faith Harbor is God’s idea and that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire hearts to share the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord. We will be welcoming back the founding pastor of Faith Harbor – Tom Greener. All are invited to this time of celebrating what the Holy Spirit is doing through Faith Harbor.

A Letter from your Lay Leader...



MISSION STATEMENT

Faith Harbor UMC is an active and growing congregation seeking to keep an intimate experience of **Loving God** and our neighbors. We are a congregation that God has called to be **A Beacon of Hope** in a broken world. We seek to **Anchor Our Lives** in the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus as Lord. We strive to **Share God's Love** in our daily lives as we reach out **In Joyful Service**.

The words of our Mission Statement are a product of unity. Our church gathered in unity, and decided on what our purpose was going to be for Surf City and the surrounding area's. We narrowed it down to "A Beacon of Hope, Anchored in Christ, Sharing Gods Love through Joyful Service." That is still our mission and we do it in many ways: Thrift Store, Share the Table, ERT, United Women in Faith, Men's fellowship breakfast, Sunday School, Missional Discipleship Training, Tuesday work day, Saturday work day, Morning prayer sessions, Prayer Warriors, Quilting Mission, Backpack program, mid-week service, Beach service, 9:30 service, Music Ministry, Women's Friday breakfast group, Emmaus, Stephens Ministry, Mercy Abounds, Refugee Ministry, Children's ministry, Youth Ministry, VBS and soon our Preschool Ministry. I am sure there are several I have missed and of course I can't forget to mention all the committees. So, if you are new to our church or have been a member for a while and don't know where you should serve, find out where you are in the mission statement... Anchor yourself in Christ so you can be a Beacon of Hope who shares the love of God with a heart full of joy ready to serve wherever you are needed and wherever the Lord is calling you.

The enemy does not like us working together, he will do everything in his power to pull us apart and cause division. Stand firm, stand bold and put on the whole armer of God so you can withstand his darts of deception.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be alert with all perseverance and every request for all the saints." Ephesians 6: 10-18

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

Attention! WOMEN'S RETREAT~ September 23rd: Time to start planning for this amazing event. The speaker and Worship leader are all ready to do their part, now we need a planning team.

A phrase has been prepared that will go with the topics, but it needs to be narrowed down to fewer words, and we also need a name that will be used annually for this event. Many other things need to be planned.

If you would like to be a part of the planning team for the Women's retreat, please come next Thursday the 25th at 6:30 to help start planning. Thank you! Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193 jmb@rayblackburn.com

News & Announcements

WELCOME TABLE:

May 21st: Cathy & Doug Medlin

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

A note from Paula Hopper...*Thanks to the FHUMC men's group for the lovely flowers on Mother's Day! It was a nice way to remember our moms.*



Allison's student recital will take place this Saturday, May 20th at 2:00p.m. Feel free to join us in the Sanctuary and see what they have been working on, as they share their musical talents.



High School Graduates:
 Thomas Papke, Topsail High School
 Isaac Henry, Topsail High School
 Madison Jones, Topsail High School
 Coeburn Enyart (Grandson of Dale & Alma Osborn) Cave Spring HS,
 Roanoke, VA

College Graduates:

Hiatt Ellis, Appalachian State University
 Will Hornthal, UNC-Chapel Hill
 Peter Chryst, NC State University
 Crawford Enyart (Grandson of Dale & Alma Osborn), US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
 Jackson Henry, UNC-Charlotte

**Any high school or college graduates not listed here, we would like to extend our best wishes and blessings on your accomplishment*

Nursery Home Ministry

The **Nursing Home Ministry** has begun! We will join the members of the Gathering Church of Surf City on Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am in the Memory Care Unit at the Woodbury Wellness Center located at 2778 Country Club Dr, Hampstead, NC. 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)



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

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 a HOT breakfast, Bible Study and Games. Transportation is available if needed. Bring a friend!

Time: 9:30 – 11:00a.m.

When: Tuesdays in the Reef

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!

May

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! Sign-up forms are available in the Narthex. *If you would like to volunteer during VBS, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the kitchen. 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!*



***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. **If you would like to adopt a duck, you may do so here: <https://www.duckrace.com/wilmington/teams/12816>**

***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 don't know what my future holds, but I know God is with me.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28 (NRSV)



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; *Paula Smith and family*

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; Sue & Ted Penny (Vance's Mother & 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



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, 5/21- Youth Sunday

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 JR Basic Party
Homecoming Luncheon
5:30p.m. MS/HS Youth Group

Monday, 5/22

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

Tuesday, 5/23- 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, 5/24

9:30 Communion
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef
*No Choir Practice

Thursday, 5/25

7:30 Open Prayer
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6
6:30 Women's Retreat Meeting

Friday, 5/26

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Sunday, 5/28

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

Monday, 5/29- Memorial Day

Office Closed

SCRIPTURE CARD- Week of May 22nd

Centering Prayer: Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered. Psalm 68

M Acts 19.1-8, John 16.29-33

Tu Acts 20.17-27, John 17.1-11

W Acts 20.28-38, John 17.11-19

Th Acts 22.30-23.11, John 17.20-26

F Acts 25.13-21, John 21.15-19

Sa Acts 28.16-31, John 21.20-25

Su Acts 2.1-11, I Corinthians 12.3-7, John 20.19-23

Key scripture: Acts 28.31: "Proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance."