



Vacation Bible School 2023 has been a success!  
Many thanks to all that made it possible.

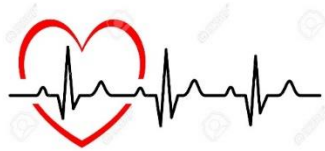




*So Many Smiles!*



*from your lay leader...*



Why do some people have better hearts than others? Why can some people eat whatever they want and never have an issue with their heart and others have to watch everything that touches their lips? Is it genetics, what we have eaten in the past, or just plain bad luck? I am not a doctor so I can't answer these questions. I just know that my 83-year-old

dad, who has always been very active and never overweight has battled with type 1 diabetes since his late 30's. He has always been careful with what he eats, he is faithful to check and notate his glucose level 4 times a day plus take his insulin. I have never seen any sugary products around him and those who know him always make a sugar free desert at church functions for him. Throughout the years he has had 8 stints put in around his heart. Monday, we found out they are all still working (praise the Lord). One stint may be a little slower than the others but seems to have been that way for a while. I say all of this, because I love my dad, but I am getting to where I do not like Father's Day. This Father's Day was the 2<sup>nd</sup> one my dad spent in the hospital. 3 years ago, my brother and I found him on the floor in his kitchen. He was lying down as if he had laid down to rest on the floor, but he had been there for 18 hours. We had come to find out he had realized he was not feeling well and didn't want to fall. He was in a coma for 2 weeks. The docs believe it was because of his diabetes but I'm not sure if that was the case, only God really knows. That was unlike any episode I had ever seen.

God has made each one of us unique. Our bodies can handle so much, it is tougher than we give it credit for. But God wants us to take care of it and treat it like a temple. Though we do not know why some of us have illnesses that weaken this temporary vessel the Lord has given us, we are still to do our best to treat it with care and fuel it properly. My dad has lived a long and prosperous life. I have prepared myself for when the time comes for my dad to meet the Lord and Savior he so dearly loves. But for now, he will continue to mow his lawn, and walk without his cane, no matter how slow he is. Because in his eyes he is as strong as he was when he was in his 20's and you cannot tell him otherwise. (This was supposed to be my letter for the messenger last week, but I didn't get it sent. Since then, my dad has gone back into the hospital battling mini seizures. I have prayed looking for answers on why my dad is going through this. Then I started praying, asking the Lord to show me what I am supposed to learn from this. In the meantime, I am starting to see the path I took when I was younger was preparing me for this time with my dad. I became a Nurse's Aide in my late 20's, never realizing what I learned would be preparing me to take care of my dad today. I never thought I would have to take care of my dad this way. But I am glad that I know how. He did so much for me, this is the least I can do for him. God is always at work, though we may not be seeing it now, in time we will.

I love the song, "Lord, listen to your children praying" it gives me so much peace knowing my Savior hears me and is always at work in my life.

*Lord, listen to your children praying*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place*

*Lord, listen to your children praying*

*Send us love, send us power, send us grace*

Loving you always, your sister in Christ  
Jessica Blackburn, your lay leader





I am so excited for our women's conference coming up in September. I still need a team of women willing to help behind the scenes. I have the speaker and worship leader, and they are busy getting the talks and music ready for this amazing day. This first conference will be a one-day retreat. The future conferences will be a full weekend. Contact: Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193 or [jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com)



The craft fair has been scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. I will be sending out applications starting the 1<sup>st</sup> week in July. If you know someone who has a unique craft, please let me know, I would love to get them an application. Thank you!  
*Jessica Blackburn* 910-622-1193 or [jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com)

## News & Announcements

### WELCOME TABLE:

July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Debbie Sasser & Sandy Wise

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

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Lou & Diane Secary, Tom & Donna Fisher, Grace Roberts (Gluten free)

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Centering Prayer: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. Psalm 13

M Genesis 19.1-14, Matthew 8.18-22

Tu Genesis 19.15-29, Matthew 8.23-27

W Genesis 21.5-20, Matthew 8.28-34

Th Genesis 22.1-19, Matthew 9.1-8

F Genesis 23.1-4, Matthew 9.9-13

Sa Genesis 27.1-29, Matthew 9.14-17

Su Zechariah 9.9-10, Romans 8.9-13, Matthew 11.25-30

Key scripture: Genesis 22.8: "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

## *Faith Harbor Pilots*

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**A ministry for men, by men, for the good of all.**

The Faith Harbor United Methodist Men invite all men to be a part of something special. After a brief pause the men are once again being called to serve as ***"A beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing God's love through joyful service."***

The meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month unless otherwise designated. We meet at 8am for breakfast and fellowship. Please join us as we begin our planning for the future. All men are eligible to join. The only requirement is the desire to become a disciple of Christ. For more information contact Dave Davila at [davila21@bellsouth.net](mailto:davila21@bellsouth.net) or Tom Jackson at [tsjaction@yahoo.com](mailto:tsjaction@yahoo.com). Have a great summer and we will see you again as we meet next on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note that there will be no meeting in July due to summer vacation.**

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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: **July 2nd...July 23<sup>rd</sup>...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!*

Reminder: Donations for the thrift store should always come through the Harbor Warehouse. *Thank you for your support!*

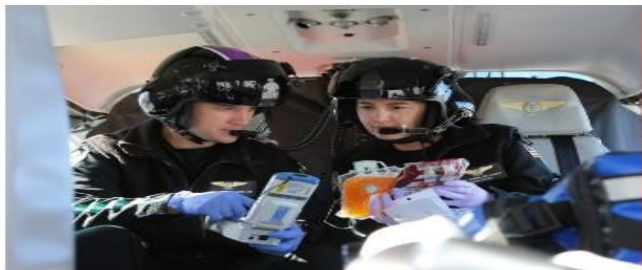
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# NOVANT HEALTH

## AirLink VitaLink

### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



**June 30th, 2023**  
**10:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**Faith Harbor UMC**  
**14201 NC-50**  
**Surf City, NC 28445**

***Every blood donation saves up to 3 lives!***  
***Help AirLink ensure life-saving blood is available to every patient needing an emergency transfusion.***

Blood drive is open to the public  
COVID-19 precautions: Social Distancing & Masking is Required

**Ways to register:**

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code: **AirLink**  
Download the Blood Donor App | 1-800-733-2767  
Scan QR code



## 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!

Children's ministry is currently in need of Sunday school teachers to serve once a month for our 1st and 2nd grade class. We need teachers for the first and third Sunday of the month. For more information, please reach out to Melissa Schleinkofer at: [Mxcook8@yahoo.com](mailto:Mxcook8@yahoo.com).

*Thank you for your support of the children in our community!*

### August

August 6th through Aug 27th: for the month of August Sunday after church, Instructions on The Lord's Supper and reading the Bible for children. More information to come.

August 27th: Backpack blessing and Bible recognition.

Blessings,

*Melissa Schleinkofer*

Children's Ministry Director



### ***SUMMER bAsiC (brothers And sisters in Christ) YOUTH HAPPENINGS:***

MS youth local missions~ July 19-23rd, VBS at Maple Hill Presbyterian Church. Pastor Philip is the contact person (910) 524-5676

HS Mission trip~ July 17-21<sup>st</sup> through Camp Generate in Asheville, NC and on Sun., July 23<sup>rd</sup> we will share our experience with the Congregation at the 9:30am Service. \*A trip email with detailed logistics will be sent out to those parents about 2 weeks prior to the trip. Permission/Release forms for Camp Generate will need to be completed & notarized- Ms. Jessica will be available to do this for us on July 9th & 16<sup>th</sup> after church. Thanks!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need information. \*Please be in prayer for our youth this Summer, especially during the times they are on mission together. Thank you! Peace be with you all.

Blessings,

*Jewels Swain*, Fhumc Youth Coordinator

910-232-9844

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is not weakness but strength that allows me to put my struggles in God's hands.

*Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.*

~Psalm 55:22 (NIV)



**Members:** Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; *Stephanie Hardin*; Janet Hughes; Martha Marlow; Hank & Jan Maser; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; 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:** *Denise*; Regina Androski (Sandy Sly's nephew's wife); *Chimer Clark (Jessica Blackburn's Dad)*; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Tim Maser; Wendy Mooney's mother Shirley; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Sue & Ted Penny (Vance's Parents); Barbara & Neil Schilling; Mary Sloan; *Jacob Smith and family* (Johnsie's nephew); Stephen Smith; Nancy Sproull; *Ron Wilkerson*

**Website Prayer Requests:** Lorraine Chavez and Joe; Seve and Jackie; Jeff S. and children (Savannah, Sasha, and Aaron)

*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*





## JUNE

29<sup>th</sup>: Paula Austin

30<sup>th</sup>: Donna Fisher; Sydney Burgess

## JULY

1<sup>st</sup>: Casey Tayloe; Jolene Ward

2<sup>nd</sup>: Airlie Passingham

3<sup>rd</sup>: Deanna Taylor

6<sup>th</sup>: Frank Tarbell

8<sup>th</sup>: Dave McCluskey

9<sup>th</sup>: Carroll Greene; David Menzies

12<sup>th</sup>: Jim Selby

13<sup>th</sup>: Larry Modlin; Martha Marlow

14<sup>th</sup>: Jamie Canady

15<sup>th</sup>: Layne Lockamy

17<sup>th</sup>: Lynn Smith

18<sup>th</sup>: Colin Rice

19<sup>th</sup>: Jackson Henry

20<sup>th</sup>: Owen Williams

21<sup>st</sup>: Mike Kane

24<sup>th</sup>: Marsha-Lee Ray; Kathy Cantrell

25<sup>th</sup>: Todd Bizzell; Vicky Cooney; Kathy Winfield

27<sup>th</sup>: Lyle Butler

31<sup>st</sup>: Emily Frazier



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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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**Sunday, 7/02**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Communion Service

**Monday, 7/03**

7:30 Open Prayer  
6:30p.m Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, 7/04**

*Independence Day*  
Office Closed

**Wednesday, 7/05**

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

**Thursday, 7/06**

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

**Friday, 7/07**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

**Sunday, 7/09**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service