



We have a number of opportunities for you to grow in your faith and your commitment to Christ. At Faith Harbor we believe the Lord has called us to be *Anchored In Christ*. This takes consistency, intentionality, and it takes each other. If you would like information about any of these groups, feel free to reach out to the contact person in each group.

1 – Quilters – Missional Community: They gather on Mondays & Tuesdays at 9am in room #6. They pray together and work with each other. This group gives away quilts to groups like Roots of Recovery and Methodist Home for Children. Alma Osbourn 540.588.0738

2 – Disciple Bible Study (Fast Track): Starting Sunday, September 10th after worship there will be a small group study that covers the highlights of the Bible. This study is designed to create an eagerness to listen to scripture as the Word of God and a willingness to hear and obey it. This will be in room #6. Vance Penny 910.231.9185

3 – Disciple Bible Study (Fast Track): Vance is open to having an evening class for Disciple Bible Study as well. He is wondering if a Monday night or a Tuesday night is better for folks. Please give him a call or see him after worship. This will be in room #6. Vance Penny 910.231.9185

4 – Love God: Let go... Let Be... Let Flow... LET GOD! – Pilot program for 2023-2024, but this will be available in the future for others to attend. Bescye Burnett 678.882.6721

5 – Missional Discipleship Training: Starting Tuesday, September 12th from 6pm-7.45pm we will be offering this six month training. Our goal is to train men and women in missional discipleship during this six-month journey. At the end of this six months you will then have an opportunity to be prayerfully commissioned in the endeavor the Lord is calling you to. You will be given mentors for this journey of following after what the Holy Spirit is calling you to. Philip Chryst 910.524.5676

6 – Monday Afternoon Bible Study (MABS): On Mondays at 1pm you are invited to be a part of this small group Bible Study in Room #6. We are currently studying Adam Hamilton's book *The Walk*. Gail Wildholm 910.297.2465

7 – Women Rooted in Christ, Anchored in Love, Building Each Other Up: On Wednesdays at 11.30am (starting September 13th) there will be a place for women to be encouraged & strengthened, as we learn about Jesus's love for us and how to share it with others. Regardless of what stage of life you are in, you have gifts and insights that others need and we want you to be a part of building up God's Kingdom. Stacie Holmes 910.270.9465

8 – JEWELS--just everyday women enjoying life - Women's breakfast group: On Fridays at 8.30am we gather at Soundside Park for a time of prayer and sharing life with each other. Bonnie Hunter 540.621.3645

9 – United Women of Faith & Rainbow Circle & Book Club: Typically meets once a month (first Tuesday for UWIF) and their mission is to be the body of Christ that serves families and children. They come together as the Rainbow Circle and work on projects like cards for shut-ins and college students and they work on crafts for the Christmas bazaar. Bonnie Hunter 540.621.3645

10 – Faith Harbor Pilots – Men's Breakfast: On the third Saturday of the month at 8am you are invited to come to a time that includes a devotion, prayer, and fellowship. David Davilla 919.906.1591

If you would like to talk about any ideas based on what you have read – feel free to reach out to Pastor Bescye Burnett at 678.882.6721. Part of her work that she is focusing on is spiritual formation. We are always looking for how the Holy Spirit is prompting folks in the congregation to start up new endeavors.

A letter from your lay leader...



Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
Beneath His wings of love abide,
Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
When dangers fierce your path assail,
All you may need He will provide,
Nothing you ask will be denied,
No matter what may be the test,
Lean, weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you,
Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

"God Will Take Care of You" Civilla D. Martin

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5:6-11 NKJV

WOW! The Lord is really working on me to let go and let Him. Why do I find that so difficult? I know I can't do it better than He can. What hurts the most is seeing this man I have known all of my life, who once was strong and seemed to never tire, in one day turn weak and frail. It also hurts seeing people not caring for him as much as I do. Since my wonderful dad became weak on June 23rd he has struggled with doubt and confusion on why he is still here. I told him it was because God needed him to straighten me up. He said he could do that. I love my dad and now that he is living with Ray and I, we have had our struggles, and it is mainly because we are both strong willed independent people who can't stand needing help. My dad has had to let go and let me help him (he really doesn't have a choice, because there are a lot of things he can't do). I am working on letting go because there are some things he can learn to do again if I would just let him. Struggles wiggle their way into our lives, no one wants them, but we can use them to make us stronger if we don't let them pull us down. Reflecting on resting in the arms of Jesus as I sing *God Will Take Care of You*, gives me peace. I also have a few sayings and prayers I have repeated to help me through tough times as well, they are below.

The Holy Spirit will supernaturally empower you to do whatever God Asks you to do. God never planned for you to do it on your own. God will do the heavy lifting if you do the heavy trusting.

(Activate the Word) I can do whatever God wants me to do! Because the Spirit of Christ is in me, I am filled with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and am empowered to do the greater works He promised. Christ in me gives me strength when I am weak, clarity when I feel confused, the right words when I need them, hope when I feel discouraged, joy when I am weary, and the ability to do whatever God asks of me.

(Activate the Word) I don't worry about anything, I am not influenced by feelings of worry, anxiety, or fear, but I have love, power, and self-control. Because God's Spirit lives within me, I am strong and courageous. I cast all my cares on the lord, and I know that His peace is guarding my heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

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

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

WELCOME TABLE:

August 20th: Rev. Neal McHenry & Tom Bradford

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, August 21st

Centering Prayer: Live together in unity. Psalm 133

M Judges 2.11-19, Matthew 19.16-22

Tu Judges 6.11-24, Matthew 19.23-30

W Judges 9.6-15, Matthew 20.1-16

Th Judges 16.1-22, Matthew 20.20-28

F Ruth 1.1-22, Matthew 22.34-40

Sa Ruth 2.1-17, Matthew 22.23.1-12

Su Isaiah 22.19-22, Romans 11.33-36, Matthew 16.13-20

Key scripture: Ruth 1.16: "Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

News & Announcements

Faith Harbor Pilots

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 3rd 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.

Please join us this Saturday- August 19, 2023 at 8am.



Guest speaker
REV. DR. SARAH BOBERG

JESUS AS RABBI

Exploring the Pedagogy of Christ

JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE JOURNEY OF EXPLORATION INTO THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS. WE WILL EXPLORE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW JESUS TAUGHT THE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. THROUGH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF JESUS AS A TEACHER, WE WILL DISCOVER HOW WE CAN SHARE AND COMMUNICATE OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS.

Rescheduled Event!

Where: Faith Harbor UMC

Date & Time:

Friday, August 25th – 5 to 9:00p.m.

Saturday, August 26th – 9 to 2:00p.m.

Contact: Pastor Philip (910) 524-5676



On Sunday, August 27th at 6pm we will be having a Volunteer Appreciation get together on the island. Everyone who has helped with the addition is invited.



Please reach out to Philip Chryst if you plan to come: philipchryst@gmail.com

United Women in Faith News...

A Frozen Entree/Bake Sale will be held on 10 September before and after the 9:30 service. This fundraiser sponsored by the United Women in Faith will support women, families, and children. Start preparing your favorite frozen casseroles now. A sign-up sheet for casseroles and baked goods will be posted on the board near the kitchen window. Further details will be provided in later updates. Hope you can help. Praise Report, we have a bake sale organizer and a backup. Thank you to Sandy Wise and Nancy Merlino. Bonnie Hunter, 540 621 3645.



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If you are unable to come to the interest meeting, but want to be involved, please call Stacie Holmes at 910-270-9465 or email at stacieaholmes@gmail.com.

When? Wednesdays (starting Sept 13th) from 11:30-12:30.



My Dear Sisters in Christ, we are having our first annual women's conference right here at Faith Harbor, September 23rd from 9am-2pm. Registration begins at 8:30. It will be a day wonderful day of singing, learning and fellowship. Our speaker is Dr. Andrea L. Hines and praise, and worship will be led by Shirley Mercer. We will break for lunch.

Be **bold** in the Lord for He gives you **strength**. You are of great **value** to our Lord; you can put your **trust** in Him. *Please come join us and invite your friends as we worship our Lord together in Spirit and love.* Contact: Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193 jmb@rayblackburn.com



PIANIST/ACCOMPANIST NEEDED

If you are a pianist/accompanist or know of someone in our area that is, please let me know! I'm looking for someone who can assist with preparations for the Christmas Cantata and other occasional needs. This person would be compensated for their time. You can talk to me at church or contact me at: (804) 651-5488 or allisoncstowers@gmail.com

Thank you! Allison

The **Nursing Home Ministry** will join 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. You are welcome to join us on any Sunday to worship and visit with the residents, especially on the following Sunday: **August 20th**. *"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

Contact: Bescye P Burnett (678) 882-6721 or bescyep@gmail.com

"Love...Loves...Loved"

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



The craft fair has been scheduled for December 2nd. 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

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.

August

August 6th through Aug 20th: Sundays after church, Instructions on reading the Bible for children.

August 20th: Back to school bash after church! All children are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

August 27th: Backpack blessing and Bible recognition.



Do you have any of these listed items around the house that you don't use or need to get rid of? We are looking for the following things to help set up our Youth Coordinator's Office:

***Wooden Office desk with multiple drawers for storage**

***Filing Cabinet**

***Desk Chair**

****Let us know what you might have- we are happy to come pick up.**

Please let us know by 8/25. Thanks so much! Jewels

****For Middle School Youth:**

Tuesday, August 22nd, we will celebrate an awesome summer by gathering at Graham and Micheal Alexander's home. Meet us there from 9:30-11:30. Be prepared to go kayaking and all kinds of fun stuff. Address: 610 Holly Hill Rd., Hampstead. (Come on through the black metal gate and down the drive)

****For ALL Youth:**

***Sun., Aug. 27th~** **This will be our Youth Sunday for August at the 9:30am Service.** Please let me know how your youth would like to help. We will need readers-2, Greeters-2 or 3, Ushers-4, Children's helpers- 2 or 3.

After church we will have the **Back-to-School Youth Kickoff Party from 12-3pm at Doug & Cathy Medlin's house.** Lunch will be provided. Please bring your swimsuit & a towel- their house backs up to the canals. We plan to enjoy some water activities & games! This event is for all Rising 6th - 12th Graders. Address is: 9077 West 9th St., Surf City, NC 28445. Hope to see you all there!

If you should need further information or details about any of these events or the Fhumc bAsiC (brothers And sisters in Christ) youth group, please reach out to me. Thank you!

Peace be with you,
Jewels Swain
Fhumc Youth Coordinator
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Today I will practice generosity as a follower of Christ.

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
~2 Corinthians 9:6(NIV)*



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; *Judy & Ken Hoopes*; Janet Hughes; Martha Marlow; Hank & Jan Maser; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Judy Pratt; *Jim and Vicki Wygant*

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: Belle; Denise; Regina Androski (Sandy Sly's nephew's wife); *John Boggess and wife Karen*; Chimer Clark (Jessica Blackburn's Dad); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Rick Hughes (Janet's Son); Tim Maser; Jenny Merritt; *the family of J.O. Morris*; Jimmy Platts; Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Sue & Ted Penny (Vance's Parents); *Frank Russo*; Barbara & Neil Schilling; Jacob Smith and family/ Mark and Sarah (Johnsie's nephews & niece); Sue Thomas (Janet Hughes Sister)

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

**If you would like to add or have a name removed from the prayer list, please let me know via email. Kim- faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

2nd: Stacie Holmes

3rd: Edmund Audet

6th: Jenny Butler; Peter Chryst

10th: Ron Hritz; Vance Penny

11th: Max Schleinkofer

13th: Gail Robinson; Jerry Wood

16th: Ryan Hengst; Savannah Jones

17th: Jim Justice

22nd: Karter Duddy

25th: Amy Woolard

26th: Cale Horne; Patsy Matthews

28th: Willie Bryan

29th: April Shannon

30th: Sharon Jordan



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 8/20

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
11:00 Children's Bible Lesson
JR Basic Back to School Bash!

Monday, 8/21

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

Tuesday, 8/22

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
9:30 MS Bible Study End of Summer Party
7:00p.m. Women's AA/Reef

Wednesday, 8/23

9:30 Communion
10:30 Staff Meeting
7:00p.m. Choir Practice
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef

Thursday, 8/24

7:30 Open Prayer
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6

Friday, 8/25

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group
5 – 9pm Rev. Dr. Sarah Boberg Retreat

Saturday, 8/26

9 – 2p.m. Rev. Dr. Sarah Boberg Retreat

Sunday, 8/27 – Youth Sunday

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
12 – 3p.m. Youth Back to School Party
6pm Volunteer Appreciation Get-together