



Mark 9.36-37: "Then he took a little child and put it among them and taking it in his arms he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'"

We at Faith Harbor are welcoming the children of our area. Our preschool is opening on Tuesday, September 5th. This is our opportunity to live into the calling God has placed on our lives to help anchor children and their families in Christ. Jesus says that when we welcome children – we welcome him. And when we welcome Jesus – we welcome

God the Father who sent Jesus. This Sunday, September 3rd we are going to celebrate the opening of our preschool with a ribbon cutting and a dedication of the building addition. At the conclusion of our 9.30am worship service we will all process out to the addition, and all participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony. We would encourage you to bring your own scissors. Remember, we all broke ground together on All Saints Day, so now we are all going to cut the ribbon together. The ministry of Faith Harbor is the ministry of us all. So, let's all take our scissors, cut a ribbon, and welcome the children.

A letter from your lay leader...



When is enough, enough? Last night I was at my wit's end. I have been praying and praying. My faith for complete healing for my dad is bigger than a mustard! I cry out to the Lord that I just don't understand...

And then I quiet myself and read my verse for today. ***"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*** Psalm 34:18 NIV

WOW!! Did you hear Him? "Dear daughter, I am here, and I hear you." Oh, what peace flooded my soul.

Even King David suffered with some tough times, but he recognized God's presence in the midst of His circumstances. He knew God was near, and God could change any situation in an instant. I may never understand, but I know God does and He is here to carry me and my family through what comes our way. So, I praise my Lord for all things whether good or bad, because God will be glorified in it all.

I will praise You Lord with all my heart, I will tell the wonders You have done, I will sing with joy because of you, I will sing my praises to You. For you are the Creator of my life, I have peace knowing You are in complete control.

Loving you always and thank you for your prayers,

Jessica Blackburn, your lay leader



Ladies, you don't want to miss this wonderful day of praise, worship, and fellowship. September 23rd 9-2. Registration begins at 8:30.

Sign up below (press Ctrl, put cursor on link, click mouse). Questions, contact Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193 jmb@rayblackburn.com

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News & Announcements

Communion Servers:

Roger & Janice Morton, Jordan & Liz Albertson and (Judy Miller Gluten free bread)

WELCOME TABLE:

September 3rd: Alma Osborn

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, September 4th

Centering Prayer: O give thanks to the Lord. Psalm 105

M I Thessalonians 4.13-18, Luke 4.16-30

Tu I Thessalonians 5.1-11, Luke 4.31-37

W Colossians 1.1-8, Luke 4.38-44

Th Colossians 1.9-14, Luke 5.1-11

F Colossians 1.15-20, Luke 5.12-16

Sa Colossians 1.21-23, Luke 6.1-5

Su Ezra 33.7-9, Romans 13.8-10, Matthew 18.15-20

Key scripture: Colossians 1.18: "He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything."



There are still spots available for the Fast Track Disciple 1 Bible Study class. For more information, contact Vance Penny at fhdiscipleclass@gmail.com, or 910-231-9185. Classes will begin September 10th after the Sunday service, or Tuesday at 6:30pm on the 12th.

Thanks,
Vance



Looking for folks to help re-start the visitation ministry at Faith Harbor. Planning for once-a-month visitation in homes, nursing homes and senior care facilities. Visits could include scripture sharing, singing, visiting and communion. If you are interested in this ministry, please reach out to Bescye Burnett at bescye@gmail.com or Kim McCluskey at Kmac5036@yahoo.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.



We are excited to announce the ground-breaking for our new facility! Come help us celebrate the first “flinging” of dirt at our groundbreaking ceremony. Snacks will be provided!

When: Wednesday, September 13th at 5:00p.m.

Where: Corner of Hwy 17 & Perkins Road

*Parking is limited – please carpool if possible

For many years., the UMIF women have gathered and sent Christmas boxes for struggling children in Armenia. It's another area of the world faced with destruction from war with many families and children working through poverty and loss. It's simple. Members collect small items that are packed in plastic shoe boxes. We will provide the boxes next Sunday, September 3rd. **Need to be returned by September 20th.** Please help us help children who only get running water for several hours a day. For questions, please contact Gail Widholm- (910) 297-2465 or gwidholm12@yahoo.com



Are you missing anything? Please check out our lost and found box over by the mailboxes (across from Room 6). We have several umbrellas, water bottles, glasses, and many other items.

Women Rooted in Christ, Anchored in Love, Building each other up.

Connections matter...connections with God and with each other. Come and see how God creates 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. When? Wednesdays (starting Sept 13th) from 11:30-12:30.

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.

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. The men of the Church are 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.

We hope to see you at our next scheduled meeting on September 16, 2023 at 8am.



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 every second Sunday for worship and visit with the residents:** *“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.

SEPTEMBER

September 10th: JR Basic following church

September 24th: JR Basic following church



Please see the below information about Youth group happenings/events to mark your September calendar accordingly:

*Sun., Sept. 3rd~ No Regular Youth group meetings due to the Labor Day Holiday.

*Sun., Sept. 10th~ This is our Youth Sunday for the month of Sept. at the 9:30am Service. Please let me know if your youth can serve in any of these ways: Readers (Need 4)- Psalm Reader, Lead Opening Prayer, Prayers of the People, Lead Nicene Creed, Greeters (Need 2 to 3), Doorman (Need 1 to 2), Ushers (Need 4), Children's Classroom helpers (need 2-typically)

Note- After church service on this date, we will invite all Youth Group Parents to a brief Meet & Greet to check out The Reef, meet our leaders, pick up info. and of course, have some delicious snacks together!

That Evening-

4-5 pm, Middle Schoolers regular youth group meeting

5-5:30pm, This is fellowship time (snacks, games, hangout) for Middle AND High Schoolers

5:30-6:30pm, High Schoolers regular youth group meeting

*Sun., Sept. 17th~

4-5 pm, Middle Schoolers regular youth group meeting

5-5:30pm, **Pizza Dinner provided for all MS & HS Youth, come and enjoy a meal together!

5:30-6:30pm, High Schoolers regular youth group meeting

*Sun., Sept. 24th~ This will be our "Missions Sunday" for the month

4-5 pm, Middle Schoolers regular youth group meeting to work on a designated Mission project

5-5:30pm, This is fellowship time (snacks, games, hangout) for Middle AND High Schoolers

5:30-6:30pm, High Schoolers regular youth group meeting to work on a designated Mission project

*Thurs., Sept. 28th~ There is a JV Football game at Topsail High School and one of our youth- Aiden Roberson will be playing. If anyone would like to come out and enjoy the game together and support our fellow youth member, please let Stacie Holmes know at 910-270-9465. She is the volunteer leader in charge of this outing. We would especially need to know if a youth is being dropped off unaccompanied by an adult- they would need to meet her at the Ticket box by 5:45pm, the game starts at 6pm. Parents would need to pick up their youth at Topsail High after the game.

*Sat., Sept. 30th~ We are having a Baking Party for our Bake Sale! Any youth that would like to meet at the church from 2-4pm to cook some muffins and sweet treats, please let us know.

*Sun., Oct. 1st~ Youth Bake Sale Sunday morning before and after the 9:30am Service. Youth, please plan to be here by 9am. Much thanks!

If you 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! Jewels Swain, Fhumc Youth Coordinator - (910)232-9844 or julietswain@hotmail.com

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Instead of worrying about my future, I will focus on God.

Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

~Matthew 6:34 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Judy & Ken Hoopes; Janet Hughes; *Giles & Jeanne Jeffreys; Janice Long*; 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: Belle; Denise; Chimer Clark (Jessica Blackburn's Dad); *the family of Nick Davis*; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Tim Maser; Jenny Merritt; *the family of Rachael Meyer*; Jimmy Platts; Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Sue & Ted Penny (Vance's Parents); Barbara & Neil Schilling; Sue Thomas (Janet Hughes Sister); *Audrey Batts Viner and her sister Anne (Diane Geary's cousins)*

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 a name to the prayer list or if someone no longer needs to be on the prayer list, please let me know via email. Kim- faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com**



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

- 1st: Dana Byrd
3rd: Ray Blackburn
5th: Giles Jeffreys
6th: Sandy Wise
8th: Lance Jordan
9th: Bryan Hengst
11th: Mattie Albertson
14th: Hazel Passingham
16th: Pat Byrd; Jackson Sliwa
17th: Palmer Rice
18th: Mary Lynn Wood
20th: Arness Krause
22nd: Frank Carroll; Jim Black
25th: Quinn Woolard
26th: Will Moore
27th: Ava Barnes
28th: Jean Hawley; Michael Kaufmann
29th: Jordan Albertson

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 9/03

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Communion Service
10:30 Preschool Ribbon Cutting

Monday, 9/04 – Labor Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, 9/05

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

Wednesday, 9/06

Preschool Opens
9:30 Communion
10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6
10:30 Staff Meeting
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef

Thursday, 9/07

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

Friday, 9/08

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Sunday, 9/10 – Youth Sunday

8:00 Beach Service
UWIF Frozen Entrée/Bake Sale
9:30 Worship Service
UWIF Frozen Entrée/Bake Sale
10:30 Disciple Bible Study, Rm. 6
10:30 JR Basic Group
4-5p.m. MS Youth Group
5:00p.m. MS/HS Fellowship
5:30-6:30p.m. HS Youth Group