



Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage

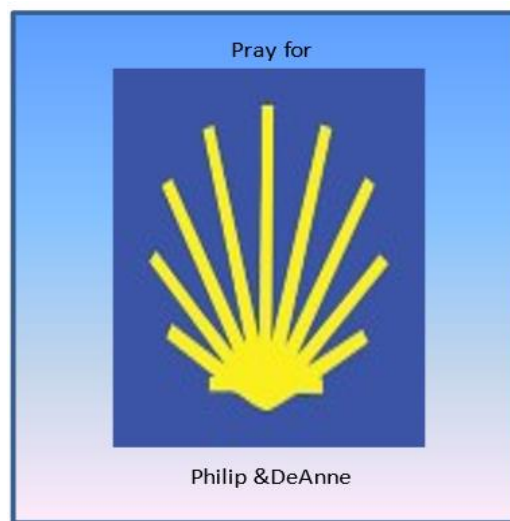
Pastor Chryst and his wife, DeAnne, left on Tuesday of this week to experience a pilgrimage. This is a trip they have been planning for years. What's a pilgrimage? A pilgrimage is a journey, often into an unknown or foreign place, where a person goes in search of new or expanded meaning about themselves, others, nature, and a higher good through the experience. It can lead to a personal transformation, after which the pilgrim returns to their daily life. As you may know, before coming to Surf City, Pastor Chryst worked for 9 years successfully starting a Methodist Church in downtown Wilmington which largely served the homeless community there. The work was very tough, with long hours and countless hurdles and he established a congregation of followers in the heart of the city, where they need to Jesus. His transfer to Faith Harbor was an important transition for him and for us here at Faith Harbor. He had planned this 5-week pilgrimage during the transition, but we really needed him at Faith Harbor, so they agreed to wait until this time. They will be going to Spain to walk an ancient pilgrimage called the Camino de Santiago (translated, it is "The Way of St. James" and you can read more on-line, just "Google" it). This is a 500 mile walk that countless Christian pilgrims have been traveling for close to 1500 years! DeAnne will return the second week of October and Philip will be returning on October 26th.

The symbol of this pilgrimage is a scallop shell, so we will use that image in our various communications and Sunday bulletins so we can all be in prayer for them as they make this incredible journey.

We will be welcoming different preachers on Sundays for the next several weeks. For example, next week we will welcome Rev. Bruce Stanley, who is the CEO of the Methodist Home for Children.

You can contact our Assistant Pastor Bescye Burnett or our Pastoral Intern Stacie Holmes for any pastoral concerns while Philip is gone. If there is anything that you think I need to be aware of, you can always reach out to me: 703-801-2851.

Mike Hopper
Chairman, Staff Parish Relations Committee



A Letter from your lay leader...



I AM THE WAY

Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6 KJV

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 NIV

Jesus told him, "I am the Way—yes, and the Truth and the Life. No one can get to the Father except by means of me." Jon 14:6 TLB

Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me." John 14:6 GNT

Ok, Jesus said it... It doesn't matter what translation you have. Jesus said it. HE (Jesus) is the ONLY way to our heavenly Father. He is the way; He is the truth, and He is the life. So, if someone is trying to tell you there are other ways to get to heaven... THEY ARE WRONG!! If you say there is another way, because someone who is a wonderful author, or great preacher says others can get to God other ways, then you need to run far away from them. They are what scripture calls a false prophet/teacher, they are leading others astray and they are calling Jesus a liar. NO One can get to the Father any other way than through Christ.

Time to stand up for what scripture says it truth.... You will hear others say, well that is just how you interpret the Bible... Well, you can't get any planner than what is written above. Jesus said it so I believe it. Don't even get me started on what people say about the Bible, being written by man... that is a book in itself.

I love you all, Thank you for your continued prayers.
You are all my valued brothers and sisters in Christ,
Love, Jessica Blackburn your lay leader

News & Announcements

WELCOME TABLE:

September 24th: Jeanette Mason & Carrie Olmstead

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, September 25th

Centering Prayer: God gave them food from heaven. Psalm 105

M Ezra 1.1-6, Luke 8.16-18

Tu Ezra 6.7-20, Luke 8.19-21

W Ezra 9.5-9, Luke 9.1-6

Th Haggai 1.1-8, Luke 9.7-9

F Zechariah 1.7-17, Luke 9.37-43

Sa Zechariah 2.5-15, Luke 9.43-45

Su Exodus 17.1-7, Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32

Key scripture: Haggai 1.5: "Consider how you have fared."



Ladies, it's not too late to join us this Saturday!

September 23rd 9-2:00. Registration begins at 8:30. Please Sign up below. Any Questions, contact Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193 or jmb@rayblackburn.com

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-harbor-womens-conference-tickets-708112322017?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 6:30pm in the sanctuary this Saturday, September 23rd for a contemporary Worship service!

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.



Hello, Faith Harbor! We need additional volunteers to help with our Joyful Drivers mission. There is a tremendous need within the area for rides to medical appointments, shopping, church services, etc. and Faith Harbor has met the need with volunteers. Most of our requests come from people within the Faith Harbor community, and occasionally from outside our church.

Unfortunately, many of our previous volunteers can no longer drive, or are otherwise unavailable. Requests usually come in a few days before needed, and the coordinator sends them out via email or text.

We need drivers who can help occasionally, maybe once a month or less. Volunteers help when they can. I realize that everyone is busy! Drivers must be licensed, have their own insurance, and complete a waiver. Waivers are available on our welcome table on the narthex. Please let me know if you would like to sign up, or have questions: Paula Hopper, call or text: 703-403-3017, email: fhumcjoyfuldrivers@gmail.com.

The Quilting group is growing! We are looking for another sewing machine if you have one you would like to donate to this wonderful mission! We meet every Monday and Tuesday at 9:00a.m. Thank you!



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 from 11:30-12:30 in the Sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please call Stacie Holmes at 910-270-9465 or email: 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 meeting on October 21, 2023 at 8am.**

Faith Harbor United Women in Faith

To the women of Faith Harbor United Methodist Church:

You are cordially invited to attend the Harbor District United Women in Faith annual meeting on Saturday October 28th. Registration will begin at 9:00 with a light brunch provided from 9-10. Our meeting will begin at 10:00.

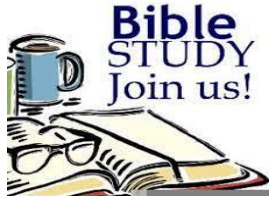
It is an honor and blessing for our church to have the opportunity to host this event. We encourage not only current members of the United Women in Faith to attend but warmly welcome any women who would like to learn more about being a member of this wonderful fellowship of women both at the district and local levels. We will have two dynamic speakers from Organizations that support families and children. Dawn Ellis with Share the Table and Regina Hawse with Methodist Home for Children.

If you have any questions or plan to attend this event, please contact me. I can be contacted via email at sherridavila01@gmail.com or via phone at 919-608-3448.

I will look forward to hearing from you. Blessings to all.

Sherri Davila

Harbor District United Women in Faith VP



The Monday Afternoon Bible Study (MABS) 12-week study of Isaiah continues Mondays at 1:00 PM, Room 6.

All are welcome!



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 contact: Bescye Burnett at bescye@gmail.com or Kim McCluskey at Kmac5036@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.



We are excited to welcome back Worship North Carolina!

When: Saturday, October 29th

Time: 4:00p.m.

Where: Soundside Park Amphitheatre in Surf City



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

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)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



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

Sept. 24th: Jr. Basic. Pick up 12:30



*Sun., Sept. 17th~

4-5 pm, Middle Schoolers regular youth group meeting

5-5:30pm, ****Homemade Chili Dinner with all the fixings & Grilled Cheese provided for all MS & HS Youth, come and enjoy a meal together! (Families are invited too- just kindly let me know how many are coming, if possible, thanks!)**

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~**

In the evening there is a JV Football Home 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.



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

(910)232-9844 or julietswain@hotmail.com

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

What images remind me that I am a child of God?

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

~Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Judy & Ken Hoopes; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Judy Pratt; *Rev Alan Sasser*

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; Amanda Gooler and family; Rick Hughes; Tim Maser; Jenny Merritt; the family of Rachael Meyer; Jimmy Platts; Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Barbara & Neil Schilling; Sue Thomas (Janet Hughes Sister); Jacob Smith and family/ Mark and Sarah (Johnsie's nephews & niece)

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
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, 9/24

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Disciple Bible Study
10:30 JR Basic
4-5p.m. MS Youth Group
5:00p.m. MS/HS Fellowship
5:30-6:30p.m. HS Youth Group

Monday, 9/25

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

Tuesday, 9/26

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
6- 7:45p.m. Missional Disciple Training
6:30p.m. Disciple Bible Study
7:00p.m. Women's AA/Reef

Wednesday, 9/27

9:30 Communion
11:30 Women Rooted in Christ Group
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef
7:00p.m. Cantata Practice
7:45p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, 9/28

7:30 Open Prayer
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6
6:00p.m. "Love God" program
6:30p.m. GS Troop 4242

Friday, 9/29

8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 9/30

2- 4:00p.m. Youth Baking Party

Sunday, 10/01 – Youth Bake Sale

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Communion Service
10:30 Disciple Bible Study, Rm. 6