



Acts 1.8: "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."

In Acts 1 Jesus commissions his disciples to witness, but it is a witness that involves movement. It doesn't involve inviting folks into our buildings – instead it is a witness that involve power from the Holy Spirit that enables us to go. We are called to go.

Recently the Olmstead family heard the call of God to go and serve in Panama. They followed where the Lord was leading them and had a dental clinic and helped lead Vacation Bible School through a local church. They did this with a team of people that included folks from The Gathering Church. This is

truly living into the calling to be witnesses of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. This Sunday, September 10th, after our 9.30am worship service, we will have an opportunity to hear from the Olmstead family about their experience. This will be in the sanctuary. They will have pictures and an update on the ministry that went on while serving in Panama. You might recall that a few weeks ago they did a spaghetti fundraiser for this mission. We raised over \$1,800 to support this mission. If you have any questions about this mission, please come on Sunday and share them with the family. ~Philip Chryst

Faith Harbor Community Outreach Opportunities

Operation Military Kids Club: The Mission of OMKC is to create a fun and safe place for military kids to be encouraged, strengthened, and connected in their schools. Volunteers are needed to help accomplish this mission. To get involved, go to <http://operationmilitarykidsclubs.com>

Refugee Program: The program is designed to help families being brought into the US as refugees. We work with Church World Services and assist them in helping a family in their initial adjustment to the US. We furnish their apartment, take the family for medical appointments, Social Security appointments and help them find employment. We also provide tutoring services. We have a four-month commitment to working with each family. We would gladly welcome volunteers into the program. If interested contact Bill Widholm at bwidholm@yahoo.com or 910-431-5056.

Quilters: The quilters motto is to share the love of God with comfort of quilts for those in need – especially children. They meet on Monday and Tuesdays 9:00-12:00 in room 6. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged. Other than "hands to quilt", other needs are fabric, batting, thread, and monetary donations. For more info contact Alma Osborn 540-588-0738 or odaledo@gmail.com.

Joyful Drivers: This program matches riders within our Faith Harbor community with volunteers who assist them with transportation to church functions, medical appointments, shopping, errands, etc. The program coordinator sends requests via email or text, and drivers respond when they can help. Volunteer drivers need a valid driver's license, insurance and sign a waiver. Please contact Paula Hopper, fhumcjoyfuldrivers@gmail.com or 703-403-4017 if you are in need of transportation or would like to volunteer.

Nursing Home Sunday Service: The nursing home service shares God's love on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am at Woodbury Wellness Center located at 2778 Country Club Dr., Hampstead. This ministry creates a sense of belonging and being to both the volunteers who participate and the patients at the Wellness Center. This ministry is for anyone who would like to participate on Sunday mornings. For more info call Bescye Burnett at 678-882-6721

Share the Table: Share the Table assists those who struggle with food insecurity through a food pantry, community meals and the munch backpack program. Currently we are in the process of building a larger facility as we have grown out of the space we occupy. Food needs are growing rapidly, and our client base is growing even faster. At the present time our needs include monetary donations to help us expand, any food donations or small household items. For more information, please check out the website at sharethetable.com or email at sharethetablenc@gmail.com

Methodist Home for Children: MHC has been providing safe and loving homes for children in need in NC for over 124 years. Faith Harbor locally has been connecting and helping children and families with MHC for over 22 years. Through the thrift store, packing backpacks, Undie Sundays, hygiene kits, quilt ministry and Gold sponsorship of the EPIC evening, Faith Harbor has helped sponsor many children and helped families struggling to make ends meet. For more information or to make a monetary donation contact Regina Hawse, Development Officer, MHC: rhawse@mhfc.org. 910-471-6088

Keep Me Dry: This is a service ministry to assist the area's struggling families in need of diapers for babies. Diaper drop off can be made in the church narthex.

Roots of Recovery: Roots of Recovery is working to decrease the number of women suffering from homelessness and poverty and reduce the number of children entering the foster care system by keeping families together. They offer a range of volunteer opportunities with a special focus on women and children skill development, financial literacy and occasional project workdays for maintenance and building tiny homes. This would be a great "project based" organization to participate in. For more info: Catherine at 910-508-6923, info@rootsofrecovery.org,

Lauren's Hope – Pregnancy Center: This center is just getting started. It will be a place for women facing unexpected pregnancies. They will be offering self-pregnancy testing, counseling, and courses in preparation for pregnancy and birth along with emotional, physical, and spiritual support. For more info: Jessica Blackburn jmp@rayblackburn.com or 910-622-1193

Harbor Thrift Store: The Thrift Store is a community outreach ministry that provides select merchandise at affordable prices and provides gratuitous assistance to individuals and families in need. It also provides the general community with an option to dispose of household furnishings and gently used infant equipment. The store is staffed by volunteers. Donations are received at FHUMC Monday – Thursday 9:00am to 1:00 pm. Appointments must be made for all furniture donations. 910-328-4422 or 910-329-1336.

Mercy Abounds Program: Mercy Abounds is dedicated to helping people in our community by providing temporary financial or material support so they may overcome an immediate and pressing financial need. Funds are provided to address basic food, shelter and health needs, and children's back-to-school necessities. This ministry is supported exclusively from contributions directed specifically to "Mercy Abounds Ministry".

Emergency Response Team: This team serves as a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster to help rebuild home, communities, and lives. ERT members can be certified by taking a class, but it's not mandatory to be certified (unless mold removal is necessary). Some of the work done by ERT has been tarping roofs, mucking out houses, cleaning up and mold removal after hurricanes. Other times ERT has been involved in renovating houses for Roots of Recovery. For more information, contact Diane Secary at 410-739-5420 or dsecary@gmail.com

A letter from your lay leader...



"I told you these things so that you can have peace in Me. In this world you will have trouble but be brave! I have defeated the world." John 16:33 NCV

You know? We live in a world where bad things happen to good people. If you are like me, you wonder in confusion about this mystery. And the truth is it really doesn't faze people until it happens to them or to someone they love. Things have been happening to my family for the past 5 years. And they keep getting harder to deal with. I have always done my best to stay in the word of God daily. But I found myself missing my quiet time because I either didn't get any sleep the night before and was too tired in the morning or felt the little morning prayer was enough. We can't let this world defeat us, and I came close to letting it defeat me. But my gracious and loving Lord always sends me a message every time He sees me getting discouraged. Again, this morning, I was seeking answers in my quiet time and got distracted and wound up on Facebook. But while I was scrolling, a friend shared their daily devotion, and who did I hear? My Lord...

TRUST ME in the midst of a messy day. Your inner calm, your peace in My Presence, need not be shaken by what is going on around you. Though you live in this temporal world, your innermost being is rooted and grounded in eternity. When you start to feel stressed detach yourself from the disturbances around you. Instead of desperately striving to maintain order and control in your little world, relax and remember that circumstances cannot touch My Peace.

Seek My Face, and I will share My mind with you, opening your eyes to see things from My perspective. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid. The Peace I give is sufficient for you.

Yes, it is, His peace has always been with me and is sufficient to get me through, for He has given me His peace that surpasses all understanding to guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

My Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I realize these last few letters have been about my family and me. I know the Lord is using each one of you as you pray for me to have the strength and peace needed to manage each day. I pray these letters will also help someone else who may be going through their own struggles and know that I pray the peace of Christ is with you today and every day.

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



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

News & Announcements

WELCOME TABLE:

September 10th: Debbie Sasser & Sandy Wise

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, September 11th

Centering Prayer: Sing to the Lord a new song. Psalm 149

M Colossians 1.24-2.3, Luke 6.6-11

Tu Colossians 2.6-15, Luke 6.12-19

W Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 6.20-26

Th Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 6.27-36

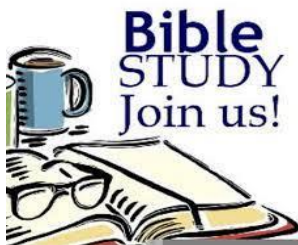
F Colossians 4.2-6, Luke 6.37-42

Sa I Timothy 1.1-17, Luke 6.43-49

Su Exodus 14.19-31, Philippians 1.21-30, Matthew 18.21-35

Key scripture: Luke 6.20: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

This Sunday, September 10, the United Women in Faith will hold a Frozen Entree/Bake Sale before and after the 9:30 service. If you are preparing a dish, please place your dish in a foil covered pan, with a note to identify the Entree, cooking instructions, and how many it will feed. Please call or text Bonnie at: 540 621 3645 to let me know what you are bringing or to make arrangements for drop-off at church. Baked Goods may be brought Sunday morning, hopefully by 9am. Thank you for your contributions and your purchases.



The Monday Afternoon Bible Study (MABS) will begin a 12-week study of Isaiah on Monday, September 11 at 1:00 PM. The study will be led by Alan Sasser. Please read Isaiah, chapters 40-41, in preparation for this class.

All are welcome!

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



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 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: Bescy 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 10th: Jr. Basic. Pick up 12:30

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



***Sept. 10th~** This is our Youth Sunday for the month 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- 3), Doorman (Need 1 to 2), Ushers (Need 4), Children's Classroom helpers (need 2-typically) **Note-** After church service, 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

I will share my burdens with Jesus, who offers me comfort and rest.

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give your rest.

~Matthew 11:28 (NRSVUE)



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; 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; *Amanda Gooler and family*; Rick Hughes; 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); 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; 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, 9/10- Youth Sunday

8:00 Beach Service
UWIF Frozen Entrée/Bake Sale
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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

Monday, 9/11

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

Tuesday, 9/12

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, 9/13

9:30 Communion
10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6
11:30 Women Rooted in Christ Group
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef
7:00p.m. Choir

Thursday, 9/14

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

Friday, 9/15

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 9/16

8:00a.m. Faith Harbor Pilots Meeting/Breakfast

Sunday, 9/17

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