



WELCOME TABLE:

October 15th: Sharon Jackson & Pat Vinson

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, October 16th

Centering Prayer: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Psalm 106

M Romans 1.1-7, Luke 11.29-32

Tu Romans 1.16-25, Luke 11.37-41

W Romans 2.1-11, Luke 11.42-46

Th Romans 3.21-30, Luke 11.47-54

F Romans 4.1-8, Luke 12.1-7

Sa Romans 4.13-18, Luke 12.8-12

Su Exodus 33.12-23, I Thessalonians 1.1-10, Matthew 22.15-22

Key scripture: I Thessalonians 1.6: "In spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit."

News & Announcements



On Sunday October 15th following morning service, we will honor Frank Tarbell for his many years of service as Head Usher for Faith Harbor United Methodist Church.
Refreshments provided by Hospitality Team



The Women's Emmaus Walk will take place Thursday, November 2nd through Sunday the 5th. If you are interested in participating, please get your applications in. Any questions, feel free to contact Jessica Blackburn at jmb@rayblackburn.com

The Mercy Abounds Program has received a \$5,000.00 challenge donation from a very generous and caring family. The purpose of the challenge is to raise an equal amount of money to support the mission work of Mercy Abounds within a specified period of time. The challenge must be matched by December 15th.

Mercy Abounds has processed 46 family cases from January through August for a total of \$22,145.24 in assistance to families in need. Given that there are four more months to account for, Mercy Abounds estimates \$8,000.00 in family assistance needs to close out the year. Mercy Abounds asks that you consider your gifts to this worthy program so we can meet the \$5,000.00 challenge by the target date.

Grateful, Generous, and Giving
Blessings for all,
Case Advocates: Jean Hawley, Sandy Taylor, and Sherri Davila



*Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 6:30pm in the sanctuary~ **Saturday, October 21st** for a contemporary Worship service!*

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP! "Nourishing Joy" will be meeting every Monday at 7:00pm in the Reef. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 16th. We want to create a place of joy, hope, and connection for women of our church and community. Our goal is to support each other as we go through life's challenges applying Christian principles. All women welcome, bring a friend! Please contact Annie Voli, avolibeach@gmail.com, 804-338-4784 or Natalie Lindsey, namick12@gmail.com, 864-423-6763 with any questions.



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.**



Please join us as we begin our 13-week Grief Share Group held by the Stephen Ministry group here at Faith Harbor. The 1st session will be held Monday October 23^d, 10am-12:00pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome!
There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex near the kitchen window.

Feel free to contact Gail Robinson with any questions~ gail.robinson0694@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!





The Harbor Thrift Store is in need of gently used Halloween costumes for children. You may drop off at the store or Harbor warehouse.

Thank you!

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 begins at 9:00 with a light brunch. The meeting will begin at 10:00a.m.

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, please contact me at: sherridavila01@gmail.com or 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



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.

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

If you have any questions, please call Stacie Holmes at 910-270-9465 or email: stacieaholmes@gmail.com.



We are excited to welcome back Worship North Carolina!

When: Sunday, 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)



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.



Perhaps you have noticed that the new tax law has reduced your ability to deduct your contribution to charitable entities, including Faith Harbor. For the past couple of years, you were able to deduct at least \$600 per couple. However, that amount has now gone away. In fact, unless you can itemize your deductions for more than \$27,700 for a couple (\$13,800 for a single), you can't deduct any contribution that you make to a charity. Those of you who have paid off your home mortgage usually have a tough time getting past that.

BUT THERE IS A SOLUTION. A Qualified Charitable Contribution can be made from your IRA, 401K, or any brokerage account directly to the charity on your behalf, and it is not included in your income (eliminating the tax you would have paid on it) and the charity gets the benefit of your donation. And if you are over the age of 73, you may need to do an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). This is a great way to take the distribution and avoid paying income tax on those tax-free dollars and profits that you put away years ago.

As we get close to the end of the year, you may want to consider taking advantage of this. For further information, see Gail Widholm, your Finance Chairperson, or your tax advisor.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Hello Faith Harbor Families,
Happy Fall ya'll! This year children's ministry counsel has determined instead of having a Trunk or Treat here at Faith Harbor we will be attending several Trunk or Treats in our area to hand out candy, prizes, and information regarding Faith Harbor. **We will be collecting candy and prize donations to hand out to our community. Please see the donation box in the Narthex for anything you wish to donate.**

October

Oct 22nd: Jr. Basic (I am researching a Fall outing to a farm or pumpkin patch).

Blessings,

Melissa Schleinkofer

Children's Ministry Director

Faith Harbor UMC

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Changes/Updates~

- 1) In an ongoing effort to actively be present with each other & to God, as we learn and grow together, we ask that every youth place their phone (if they have one) in a designated basket upon arrival to Youth Group on Sunday evenings. Once Youth group time is over, they can be picked back up. Thank you for your support!
- 2) For Youth Sundays- Youth will now sit together on the Front Right Side of the Sanctuary (instead of the Front Left). This will hopefully help with the flow of the service. There will still be Reserved Signs put out on the rows we are using on those Sundays.
- 3) We are excited to announce that once a month on a Sunday evening, we would like to offer Dinner to our MS and HS Youth during their regular Fellowship/Snack time of 5-5:30pm. **Next scheduled date for this is 11/19.** *Please let us know if your family would like to volunteer to provide a meal for our youth.

***Sun., Oct. 15th~ This will be our "Youth Sunday" for the month at the 9:30am Service. Please let me know if your youth can serve by Reading (Psalms, Opening Prayer, Prayers of the People), Greeting (2 to 3), Ushering (4), Helping with Children's church (2).**

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

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***Sun., Oct. 29th~ This is our Missions Sunday and youth will be helping/attending the Worship in NC Concert at Soundside Park!**

Youth, please plan to meet at the church by 3pm to help load up and head over to the park. Concert is from 4-6pm. **We will be offering cold drinks/waters/snacks by donation at the event. Parents-if you would like to donate any canned drinks or bottled waters/snacks for this, please let me know the week prior. Thanks!

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

God works in and through me to fulfill God's purposes.

God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes.

~Philippians 2:13 (CEB)

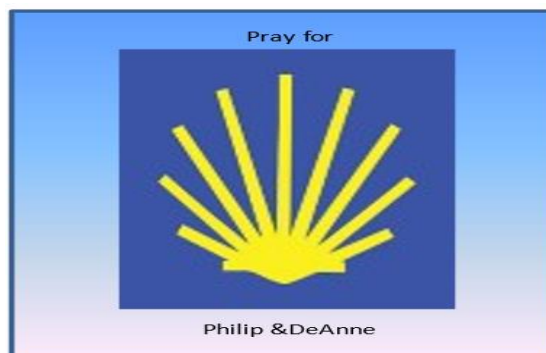


Members: Joyce Arnette; Jessica & Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, Doris & Mike Davis; David & Faye Decatur; Patty Feige; Judy & Ken Hoopes; Janet Hughes; *Janice Long*; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Judy Pratt; Rev Alan Sasser

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; 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; *Bernie Poole*; Todd Rice (Colin's brother); Barbara & Neil Schilling; Sue Thomas (Janet Hughes Sister); Jacob Smith and family/ Mark and Sarah (Johnsie's nephews & niece); Brenda (Harriet Rice's friend):

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





OCTOBER

- 1ST: Sabrina Guy
- 3rd: Hunter Tayloe
- 4th: Buddy Fowler
- 5th: John Pratt
- 7th: Kelsey Swain
- 8th: LaNier Shepard
- 9th: Pastor Philip; Oliver Alexander
- 10th: Scott Passingham
- 12th: Jessica Blackburn
- 13th: Lisa Berg
- 15th: Becky Moore
- 16th: Rosalie Kerr
- 17th: Greg Holmes; Graham Alexander
- 18th: Jann Tayloe; Faye Decatur
- 19th: Sandy Rogers
- 20th: Louis Secary; Sarah Harris
- 21st: Cathy Medlin
- 27th: David Decatur
- 28th: Zander Guy
- 29th: Roxey Jordan
- 30th: Sue Medlin Smith; Leigh Bizzell

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 10/15- Youth Sunday

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

Monday, 10/16

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
1:00p.m. Monday Bible Study
6:00p.m. Finance Meeting, Rm. 6
6:30p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00p.m. Nourishing Joy Group/Reef

Tuesday, 10/17

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
3:00 Trustee's Meeting, Rm 6
6- 7:45pm MDT
6:30p.m. Disciple Bible Study, Rm. 6
7:00p.m. Women's AA/Reef

Wednesday, 10/18

9:30 Communion
10:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 6
11:30 Women's Group
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef
7:00p.m. Cantata Practice
7:45p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, 10/19

7:30 Open Prayer
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6
5:30pm Preschool Board Meeting, Rm. 6
6:30pm GS Troop 2424

Friday, 10/20

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 10/21

8:00a.m. Faith Harbor Pilot's Group
6:30p.m. Praise Service

Sunday, 10/22

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Disciple Bible Study

10:30 JR Basic
4:00pm MS Youth Group
5:00pm MS/HS Fellowship
5:30p.m. HS Youth Group