

**WELCOME TABLE:**

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Faye Graziano & Sherry Mewborn

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Centering Prayer: The LORD our God is holy. Psalm 99

M Romans 4.20-25, Luke 12.12.13-21

Tu Romans 5.12-21, Luke 12.35-38

W Romans 6.12-18, Luke 12.39-48

Th Romans 6.19-23, Luke 12.49-53

F Romans 7.18-25, Luke 12.54-59

Sa Romans 8.1-11, Luke 13.1-9

Su Exodus 34.1-12, I Thessalonians 2.1-8, Matthew 22.34-46

Key scripture: I Thessalonians 2.8: "So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us."

# News & Announcements

## *Faith Harbor Pilots*

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**



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

*Bring your friends and come with an open heart.*



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<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:gail.robinson0694@gmail.com)

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### ~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](mailto:sherridavila01@gmail.com) or phone at 919-608-3448.

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

Sherrí Davila

Harbor District United Women in Faith VP

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**We are excited to welcome back Worship North Carolina!**

**When: Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 4:00p.m.**

**Where: Soundside Park Amphitheatre in Surf City**

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The Women's Emmaus Walk will take place Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, please get your application in. Any questions, feel free to contact Jessica Blackburn at [jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto: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

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**The craft fair has been scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** 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](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com)

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**NEW WOMEN'S GROUP!** "Nourishing Joy" will be meeting every Monday at 7:00pm in the Reef. 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](mailto:avolibeach@gmail.com),

804-338-4784 or Natalie Lindsey, [namick12@gmail.com](mailto:namick12@gmail.com), 864-423-6763 with any questions.

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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!*

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A note from the Hospitality Team: When using the kitchen, please remember to sign the kitchen checklist (on the shelf near the stove) and follow all kitchen instructions/rules. Thank you for keeping the kitchen clean and ready to use for the next person.



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](mailto:bescye@gmail.com) or Kim McCluskey at [Kmac5036@yahoo.com](mailto:Kmac5036@yahoo.com).

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**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. If you have any questions, please call Stacie Holmes at 910-270-9465 or email: [stacieaholmes@gmail.com](mailto:stacieaholmes@gmail.com).

When? Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30





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)

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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.

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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. Donation box in the Narthex for anything you wish to donate.**

## October

Oct 22nd: Jr. Basic Flip N Fly in Mayfare/ 10:30 – 2:30pm

## November

Nov. 12th: No Jr. Basic. Happy Veteran's Day. Thank you, Veterans!

Nov. 19th: Jr. Basic

Nov. 26th: No Jr. Basic Happy Thanksgiving!

Looking ahead:

## December

Dec. 10th: Jr. Basic

Blessings,

*Melissa Schleinkofer, Faith Harbor UMC*

Children's Ministry Director

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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. 22nd~**

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., 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

(910)232-9844 or [julietswain@hotmail.com](mailto:julietswain@hotmail.com)

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Today I will be honest with God, who already knows my heart.

*Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

~Psalm 37:4 (NRSVUE)



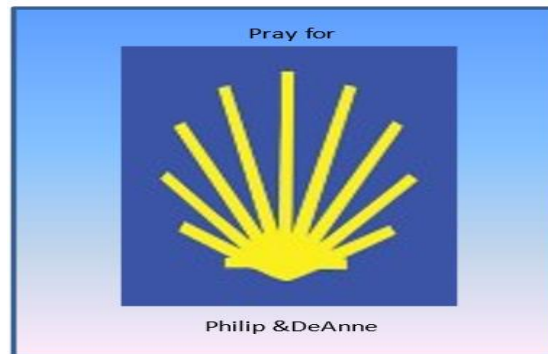


**Members:** Joyce Arnette; Jessica & Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, Doris & Mike Davis; David & Faye Decatur; Patty Feige; Judy & Ken Hoopes; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; *Anita Phillips*; Judy Pratt; Rev Alan Sasser; *Jim Wygant*

**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:** Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Rick Hughes; Tim Maser; Jenny Merritt; the family of Rachael Meyer; Jimmy Platts; Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Todd Rice (Colin's brother); Barbara & Neil Schilling; Sue Thomas (Janet Hughes Sister); 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

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

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 10/22**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:30 Disciple Bible Study  
10:30 JR Basic Outing  
4:00pm MS Youth Group  
5:00pm MS/HS Fellowship  
5:30pm HS Youth Group

### **Monday, 10/23**

7:30 Open Prayer  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
10 – 12p GriefShare Group, Sanctuary  
1:00p.m. Monday Bible Study  
6:30p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00p.m. Nourishing Joy Group, Reef

### **Tuesday, 10/24**

7:30 Open Prayer  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
1:00 Preschool Board Meeting, Rm 6  
6- 7:45pm MDT  
6:30p.m. Disciple Bible Study, Rm. 6  
7:00p.m. Women's AA/Reef

### **Wednesday, 10/25**

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

### **Thursday, 10/26**

7:30 Open Prayer  
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6  
6:00pm *Love God* Session  
6:30pm GS Troop 4242

### **Friday, 10/27**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group  
5 – 8:30p LA Music Camp

### **Saturday, 10/28**

9 – 3p United Women in Faith District Meeting

### **Sunday, 10/29**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:30 Disciple Bible Study  
3 pm Youth Mission – Soundside Park  
4:30pm Worship NC Soundside Park