



Let your light shine.... The scripture is not saying, do good works so others can see what a great person you are. The Scripture is saying, let your **Light shine**, that Light is Christ. Let Him shine in everything you do, so that God would be glorified. Let the Light of Christ radiate throughout your life in everything, not just while you're at church, but while you are at work, at home, with your family, with your friends and if you are in a place where you cannot shine the Light of Christ then maybe it would be best if you left that place. Don't read this wrong, I am talking about a place you have put yourself in, like a club or party...

We have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, Who is our Helper in understanding Scriptures, Who gives us wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment. We were not meant to travel this world alone. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter and Guide. The Holy Spirit is a gift from our Lord and Savior. When He ascended into heaven the Holy Spirit was given to all who call upon the Name of the Lord. Being a Child of God is such a privilege and we should want to share it with the world.

Let your Light shine, let the world see Christ in you. How do they see Christ in you? By the works you do in the name of our heavenly Father. Your works also reveal your faith. ***"So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead"***
James 2:17

If you are not sure of your salvation or feel that you are not worthy to be a Child of God, please come see me. You have a Light that wants to shine in you, you just need a little Spark to ignite it.

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





Coastal Carolina Emmaus Women's Walk has arrived. (November 2nd-5th) If you are interested in being a pilgrim on this walk or know of someone who wants to be on it, there is still a week left to get signed up. There are 4 spots open, let's get them filled. I would love to see Faith Harbor represented on this walk.

The **Craft Fair** is filling up fast, I have one spot left, if you are interested, please don't hesitate to get with me and grab that spot. The Craft Fair is December 2nd from 9-2, please tell your friends, let's have a great year for the vendors, our Women of Faith, the Quilting club, our youth, and the Thrift Store. A great turnout will bless all involved. Contact: Jessica Blackburn jmb@rayblackburn.com

WELCOME TABLE:

October 29th: Carrie & Steve Olmstead

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, October 30th

Centering Prayer: From everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90

M Romans 8.12-17, Luke 13.10-17

Tu Romans 8.18-25, Luke 13.18-21

W Revelation 7.2-14, I John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12

Th Romans 8.26-30, Luke 13.22-30

F Romans 9.1-5, Luke 14.1-6

Sa Romans 11.1-29, Luke 14.7-11

Su Joshua 3.7-17, I Thessalonians 4.13-18, Matthew 23.1-12

Key scripture: I Thessalonians 4.18: "Therefore encourage one another with these words."

I am grateful for your prayers and support during these days when I am recovering from this recent stroke. Thank you for your cards, visits, food, texts, and phone calls. It means so much to feel your love and care.

~ Alan and Debbie Sasser

News & Announcements

ATTENTION! A Leadership Council Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, October 27th at 6:30p.m- Room #6. All are welcome to attend.

~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 this 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 met: 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

We are excited to welcome back Worship North Carolina!

When: Sunday, October 29th

Time: 4:00p.m.

Where: Soundside Park Amphitheatre in Surf City - Bring a Chair!



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER...Soups, Stews and Salads!

Sponsored By: Youth Ministry

When: Wednesday, November 1st

Time: 6:00pm

Dessert: Ice Cream Bar

Price: Donation – All proceeds benefit Faith Harbor Youth



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 6:30pm in the sanctuary~
Saturday, November 11th for a contemporary Worship service!
Bring your friends and come with an open heart.

Do you play an instrument or sing? Please join us on Tuesdays at 6pm!

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.

Come as you can if you can. Beginning on Monday November 16, 2023 at around 8:30 or 9:00 am, a new weekly men’s group will be meeting at Sears Landing. This will be an informal gathering for all men who are interested in food and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Roger Morton at rramorton@gmail.com.

We hope to see you at our next monthly meeting on Saturday November 18, 2023 at 8am.

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

Please join us as we begin our 13-week Grief Share Group held by the Stephen Ministry group here at Faith Harbor. We will meet every Monday from 10am-12:00pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome! Feel free to contact Gail Robinson with any questions~ gail.robinson0694@gmail.com



NEW WOMEN'S GROUP! "Nourishing Joy" meets 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, 804-338-4784 or Natalie Lindsey, namick12@gmail.com, 864-423-6763 with any questions.

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!

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 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. If you have any questions, please call Stacie Holmes at 910-270-9465 or email: 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)



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,
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.**

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:

Dec. 10th: Jr. Basic to Woodbury to sing Christmas songs for residents and hand out cards.

Dec 17: Jr. Basic Christmas Party!

Blessings,

Melissa Schleinkofer, Children's Ministry Director

mxcook8@yahoo.com or <http://www.faithharborumc.org>



Changes/Updates~

1) In an ongoing effort to 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. 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.

***Mon., Oct. 30th~ Topsail High School Spook-tacular Family Friendly Event Trunk or Treat from 5-7:30pm at the THS Auditorium and Student Parking Lot.** Several from the Youth Council will host a Trunk at this fun event! If any youth would like to come out and help us or just come and enjoy this event, please let me know.

***Wednesday, Nov. 1st – Family Night Supper “Soups, Stews and Salads” sponsored by Youth Ministry**

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

Today I will look for Christ in every person.

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

~1 Samuel 16:7(NIV)



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; *Steve Wells*; 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: *Kelly Bonnell's Husband*; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Rick Hughes; *Elizabeth Lilly (Gail's granddaughter)*; Tim Maser; Jenny Merritt; the family of Rachael Meyer; 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

27th: David Decatur

28th: Zander Guy

29th: Roxey Jordan

30th: Sue Medlin Smith; Leigh Bizzell

NOVEMBER

5th: Fisher Taylor

7th: Sandy Taylor; Garrett Burgess

8th: Dale Osborn; John Phillips

9th: Will Hornthal

11th: Cindy Arnold

12th: Seth Swain

14th: Hillary Horne; Tammy Campbell

15th: Fiona Duddy

19th: Jenny Mizelle

20th: Paige Swain; Kevin Taylor; Eunice Lytton

21st: Doug Lowry

22nd: Diane Secary; Stacy Papke

23rd: Rebecca Drudge

24th: Charles Burnett

26th: Harley Taylor; James Wygant

27th: Faye Graziano; Janet Hughes

28th: Melanie Duddy; Steve Wells

29th: Judy Pratt

30th: Isla Butler

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 10/29

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

Monday, 10/30

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm 6
10-12p GriefShare Group, Sanctuary
1:00pm Monday Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Women's Group-Nourishing Joy/Reef

Tuesday, 10/31

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
11:00 Preschool Halloween Parade
6:00pm Praise Band practice
6- 7:45pm MDT
6:30p.m. Disciple Bible Study, Rm. 6
7:00p.m. Women's AA/Reef

Wednesday, 11/01

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

Thursday, 11/02

7:30 Open Prayer
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6
6:30pm GS Troop 2424
*Women's Emmaus Walk

Friday, 11/03

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group
*Women's Emmaus Walk

Sunday, 11/05

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Communion Service
10:30 Disciple Bible Study, Rm. 6
3- 7p Emmaus Closing Ceremony
4:00 MS Youth Group
5:00 MS/HS Fellowship
5:30 HS Youth Group