



*Faith Harbor* invites you to:  
A beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing God's love through joyful service.

# The Stranger, the Monastery, the Camino



a presentation by Philip & DeAnne Chryst on homelessness, pilgrimage & monasticism.

**Luke 10.3: Go on your way. See, I am sending out like lambs into the midst of wolves.**

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**Sunday,  
November  
19th @ 5pm**

**14201 Hwy  
50/210 - Surf  
City NC**



\*There will be a light reception immediately following the presentation provided by Pastor Philip, DeAnne and the Hospitality Team

## CHOOSE JOY!



*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope". **Romans 15:13***

To look at the world as a child would be so wonderful. No worries or cares to cause anxiety. I realize there are some places that are really bad off, where even the children get scared but even then, and there, they seem to look at the world with open eyes because they see things a lot differently than us adults do. We get so caught up with worldly things we forget who is above all things. And He has the power to get us through whatever we are going through, even if it is a bad situation, we have put ourselves in. He is willing and able to help us out or through it. We just need to call on Him.

We can choose joy that will conquer all fears and doubts. We can choose joy over the unknown. We can choose joy in the darkest hours. We can choose joy, even when we feel we have no way out, no hope and that all is lost.

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." **John 10:10***

Call on Jesus, seek His face and turn from the path of destruction, or hopelessness and allow God to give you the power of the Holy Spirit that is our comforter.

Joy is here for all; you just need to ask for it and then accept it. Unlike children, adults have several responsibilities. Some more than others, but it is ok to raise your arms up to our heavenly Father and say "here I am Lord, I need a hug, and I choose joy, fill me with Your Spirit for I am ready to let the cares of this world go into Your hands because I need help."

My dear brothers and sister in Christ, you know I love you and I pray, all of you accept the joy that is available to you.

Peace and blessings to all,  
Jessica Blackburn, your lay leader.



**Announcement:** The Craft Fair is Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-2, Share the news! I am looking forward to a great turn out. We have printed out fliers for all who would like to help spread the news, pick a few up after church service this Sunday.

## WELCOME TABLE:

November 19<sup>th</sup>: Debbie Sasser & Sandy Wise

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: To you I lift up my eyes. Psalm 123

M Luke 18.35-43

Tu Luke 19.1-10

W Luke 19.11-28

Th Luke 19.41-44

F Luke 19.45-48

Sa Luke 20.27-40

Su Ezekiel 34.11-24, Ephesians 1.15-23, Matthew 25.31-46

Key scripture: Ephesians 1.18: "With the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you."

# News & Announcements



**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. at Faith Harbor**  
GriefShare is offering a holiday module with video and discussion to help those having trouble facing the holidays or who have endured a loss of any kind, ways to "survive" and find hope this holiday season. Bring a photo of your loved one to celebrate them with the group.  
All are welcome – feel free to bring a friend or neighbor.



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 5:30pm in the sanctuary~ **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** for a contemporary Worship service!

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.

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The United Women in Faith will offer crafts, baked goods, and frozen entrees for sale during Faith Harbor's Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2, 9am to 2pm. We need your donations of baked items and frozen entrees. Your entrees should be in a pan suitable for warming up in the oven. Please identify your item, how many it will serve, and provide warmup instructions. Call or text Bonnie Hunter at 540 621 3645 so that I can list and price the available items. Entrees can be stored in the church freezer (behind the kitchen door) or brought to the church by 9am, Saturday, 12/2.

Thank you for your support towards programs benefitting women, children, and families.

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*Thank you for your CHAP Thanksgiving meal donations!*

Beginning today, CHAP (Community Holiday Assistance Program) will be collecting toys and gift cards for children of families in need. Bring toys or gift cards (for teens: Ulta, Target, GameStop, Walmart, etc.) to Faith Harbor. Toy drop-off and set up will be December 14 & 15 at Blakes Chapel with distribution on Saturday, December 16. Families with children are paired with volunteers and invited to “shop” for new toys/gifts for their children in a special Christmas shop where everything

is offered free of charge including wrapping materials. Each individual/family also receives a Christmas card, along with a list of all participating organizations in the area. Volunteers are needed. For information, please contact Faye Strickland.

Thank you!

We are blessed to be a blessing to others!

Faye Strickland

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# 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 monthly meeting on Saturday December 16, 2023 at 8am.**

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## Monday Morning Men’s Group

**Come as you can, if you can** - This weekly men’s group will meet at Sears Landing every Monday beginning around 8:30am and waiting until 9:00am to order for those wishing to eat. 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](mailto:rramorton@gmail.com).

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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](mailto: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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Our new Preschool is off to a great start, and we already need to hire another staff member! We are now looking for candidates to be an Assistant Teacher. This person will collaborate with the preschool director and teachers to implement an engaging and developmentally appropriate curriculum for our students. If you are interested, please check out the position description, available at the church office or you may contact Mike Hopper, 703-801-2851, for further information.

To apply, submit your resume with qualifications along with a short letter sharing why you would like to work with our students. **The deadline to apply for this position is Monday, Nov 27th.**

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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*Please join us for 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](mailto:gail.robinson0694@gmail.com)*



**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](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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### **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





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.

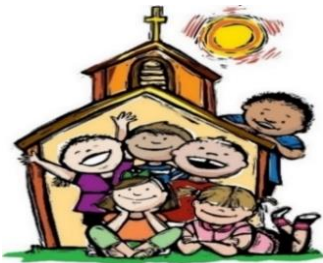
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Perhaps you have noticed that the new tax law has reduced your ability to deduct your contribution to charitable entities, including Faith Harbor. For the past couple of years, you were able to deduct at least \$600 per couple. However, that amount 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 more information, see Gail Widholm, Finance Chairperson, or your tax advisor.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



### November

Nov. 19th: Jr. Basic

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

Looking ahead:

Dec. 3rd: Cookies, cocoa and caroling.

Meet at Faith Harbor at 4pm for Caroling to those who need their Spirits lifted.

Dec. 10th: Jr. Basic we will be heading to Woodbury to sing Christmas songs and hand out cards.

Dec 17: Jr. Basic Christmas Party!

Blessings,

Melissa Schleinkofer, Children's Ministry Director

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**\*Sun., Nov. 19th~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of November at the 9:30 Service. Opportunities to serve include: 3 Readers (Psalms, Opening Prayer, Prayers of the People with Nicene Creed), 2 Doorman, 2 Greeters, 4 Ushers, 2 Children's classroom helpers. Please let me know if your youth can serve. Also, afterwards for all Youth- The Passingham's will provide an early Lunch in The Reef. This will serve as our Monthly meal together! Thank you Alexis and Scott

That evening~ Middle Schoolers- Regular Meeting from 4-5pm in The Reef

For Any Youth (MS & HS) that would like to attend - At 5pm there will be a presentation in the Sanctuary given by Pastor Philip and Deanne Chryst sharing about their experience in Spain. It's called "The Stranger, the Monastery & the Camino". There will be light refreshments served afterwards. This is in lieu of HS Regular youth meeting, we encourage all to attend. Pick up will be at regular time of 6:30pm.

**\*Sun., Nov. 26th~** No regular youth group due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Enjoy some family time!

**\*Mon., Nov. 27th~** Youth Council Meeting at 5pm in the Library. All parents and youth are welcome to attend. Thank you and hope to see you there!

**\*Other Info./Missions~** Our youth will participate in a Coat Drive with CWS (Church World Services) for refugees coming into the local area during the Winter months. They are in need of New or Gently Used Coats of all sizes (Children, Women & Men). A marked bin is in the Narthex. We are looking into participating in further ministry needs with this organization.

If you need further information or details about any of these events or the Fhumc's bAsiC (brothers And sisters in Christ) youth group, please reach out to me. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your youth!

Peace of Christ be with you,

Jewels Swain

Fhumc Youth Coordinator

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God is always near, protecting and upholding me.

*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

~Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)



**Members:** Joyce Arnette; 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:** David Abernethy (Jewels Dad); Johnsie's great niece Rebekah and family; Kelly Bonnell's Husband; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; Sue Heavner (Jewels Grandmother); Rick Hughes; Elizabeth Lilly (Gail's granddaughter); Tim Maser; *Tommy Mears*; 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*



## NOVEMBER

5<sup>TH</sup>: Fisher Taylor

7<sup>th</sup>: Sandy Taylor; Garrett Burgess

8<sup>th</sup>: Dale Osborn; John Phillips

9<sup>th</sup>: Will Hornthal

11<sup>th</sup>: Cindy Arnold

12<sup>th</sup>: Seth Swain

14<sup>th</sup>: Hillary Horne; Tammy Campbell

15<sup>th</sup>: Fiona Duddy

19<sup>th</sup>: Jenny Mizelle

20<sup>th</sup>: Paige Swain; Kevin Taylor; Eunice Lytton

21<sup>st</sup>: Doug Lowry; Diane Secary

22<sup>nd</sup>: Stacy Papke

23<sup>rd</sup>: Rebecca Drudge

24<sup>th</sup>: Charles Burnett

26<sup>th</sup>: Harley Taylor; James Wygant

27<sup>th</sup>: Faye Graziano; Janet Hughes

28<sup>th</sup>: Melanie Duddy; Steve Wells

29<sup>th</sup>: Judy Pratt

30<sup>th</sup>: Isla Butler

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 11/19- Youth Sunday**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:30 Disciple Bible Study  
10:30 New Member Class  
10:30 JR Basic  
Youth "Friendsgiving" Celebration  
5:00pm Pilgrimage Presentation  
\*Reception to follow

### **Monday, 11/20**

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

### **Tuesday, 11/21**

7:30 Open Prayer  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
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, 11/22**

9:30 Communion  
11:30 Women's Group, Sanctuary  
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef  
No Choir Practice

### **Thursday, 11/23**

Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

### **Friday, 11/24**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

### **Saturday, 11/25**

5:30pm Praise Service

### **Sunday, 11/26**

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