



## What do you do?

Let's take a little test...

You look into a bathroom stall and see the toilet paper roll empty and one wrapped and setting on the back of the commode. What do you do?

- You walk to the next stall that has plenty of paper for you on the holder.
- You use that stall, unwrap the paper and place it on top of the used roll/holder as pictured above.
- You use that stall, unwrap the paper and place it on the back of the commode.
- You use that stall, and because you know how, you replace the holder with the new one you just opened.
- You are curious about how it works so you tear off the used role and figure out how to replace it with a new one.

Now I realize there is usually maintenance who changes out the type of holder I am talking about, but just humor me. I believe each person would handle this issue in one of the ways above. Because everyone has been made unique in the way they think and in the way they do things.

God created us in His own image, and He created this beautiful world for us to be able to see Him in it and to enjoy it. We have been given creative minds by the Great Creator. We are to use that creativity, that gift for His glory. What drives you? What makes you stay up at night because you are so excited about the coming day and what you have to show it?

Let's now picture that new wrapped TP role as a creative gift that has been given to you...

How are you going to use it to show Christ to this world?

- You walk on, because you are afraid to accept it, that's not something you are good at, someone else will do it.
- You set your creative Idea out for all to see you made an attempt and the next person can use it or walk on.
- You set your creative gift in the back waiting for the right person who will come in and perfect your gift.
- You have been sharing your gift for a while and feel very comfortable in sharing Christ, it's just how you roll.
- You want to know more about how to use your gift, you are a sponge. You get into the Word and let the Holy Spirit guide you.

Again, everyone is different on how they handle the gift that God has placed inside each and every one of us. You are not too old, too young, too week, too poor, too rich, or even too busy to share that creativity, the amazing gift that God blessed you with. There is one thing we all are limited on and that is time... Our time on earth is very limited and tomorrow is not promised to us.

So, how, to whom, and where are you going to reflect (your gift) the love of Christ **TODAY?**

Each day is a blessing, use it wisely.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.” John 17:20-23 ESV

I love you all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Jessica Blackburn, your lay leader

#### Announcements:

\*Reminder Emmaus starts tonight with the sendoff at 6:30pm and Sponsor Hour at 7pm (Salt & Light Center) If you are a part of Emmaus and have not been receiving the email updates, please let Jessica Blackburn know. [jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com)

\*The Craft Fair is Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-2, Share the news! I am looking forward to a great turn out. I also have one vendor spot left if you know of anyone that is crafty and would like to sale their items. There will be a meeting Sunday after church November 12<sup>th</sup> for all who are interested in helping during the Craft Fair. **Contact** Jessica Blackburn [jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com) 910-622-1193

#### Communion servers:

**Sarah Harris & Bonnie Hunter; David & Sherri Davila;  
and Pat Vinson (gluten free)**

#### WELCOME TABLE:

November 5<sup>th</sup>: Bonnie Hunter & Tammy Campbell

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: I will bless the Lord at all times. Psalm 34

M Romans 11.29-36, Luke 14.12-14

Tu Romans 12.5-16, Luke 14.15-24

W Romans 13.8-10, Luke 14.25-33

Th Romans 14.1-9, Luke 15.1-7

F Romans 15.14-21, Luke 16.1-8

Sa Romans 16.3-27, Luke 16.9-15

Su Joshua 24.1-25, I Thessalonians 4.13-18, Matthew 25.1-13

Key scripture: Joshua 24.15: "Choose this day whom you will serve."

# News & Announcements



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

For anyone interested in learning more about Faith Harbor, Pastor Philip will be offering new membership classes on Sundays right after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

The dates will be as follows: November 5, 12, and 19.



CHAP (Community Holiday Assistance Program) will be collecting \$25.00 Harris Teeter gift cards or monetary donations for Thanksgiving distribution. **Indicate CHAP on check (payable to Faith Harbor UMC) and/or envelope, and place in the collection plate through Sunday, November 11th.** You may also drop them off at the church office or Share the Table. Meals are expected to cost between \$60-\$70 and we are planning for 300 to be distributed on Saturday, November 18th. If you would like to volunteer for Thanksgiving set up and distribution, please contact Faye Strickland. Thank you!

We are blessed to be a blessing to others!

Faye Strickland

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910-264-6151



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 6:30pm in the sanctuary~  
**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** 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*

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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.

**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](mailto:rramorton@gmail.com).

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

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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 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)



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

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.



**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



Update – the visit will take place November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m.

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...



### 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

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### 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., Nov. 5th~

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

**\*Fri., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> (No School) ~** Friday Fun Night with a Scavenger Hunt, Devo & Dinner and an Outing for the MS & HS youth. Arrival time at 4pm at the church. Pick up time for Middle Schoolers will be 9:30pm. High Schoolers will stay overnight for a Lock In. More info. to come

**\*Sun., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>~** No Regular Youth meetings that evening. (Having Friday evening activities instead) Enjoy Veteran's Day weekend with your family!

**\*Sun., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>~** This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of November at the 9:30am 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. Thanks!

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

**\*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). We will place a marked bin in the Narthex by next week. We are looking into participating in further ministry needs with this organization.

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 seek God with all my heart.

*“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord.*

~Jeremiah 29.13-14(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:** Johnsie's great niece Rebekah and family; 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*



## 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

22<sup>nd</sup>: Diane Secary; 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, 11/05 All Saints Day**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Communion Service  
10:30 Disciple Bible Study  
10:30 New Member Class  
3 – 7pm Emmaus Closing Ceremony  
4:00pm MS Youth Group  
5:00pm MS/HS Fellowship  
5:30pm HS Youth Group

### **Monday, 11/06**

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

### **Tuesday, 11/07**

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, 11/08**

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

### **Thursday, 11/09**

7:30 Open Prayer  
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6  
6:00pm "The Church" Session  
6:30pm GS Troop 4242  
6:30pm Faith Harbor Charge Conference

### **Friday, 11/10**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group  
4:00pm Youth Fun Night/HS Lock-in

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

6:30pm Praise Service

### **Sunday, 11/12**

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