



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

invites you to:

# The Stranger, the Monastery, the Camino



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

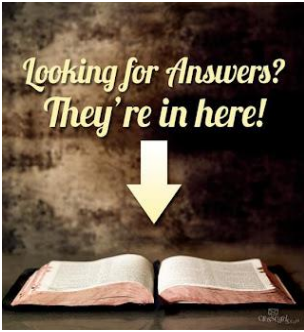
**Luke 10.3: Go on your way. See, I am sending out like lambs into the midst of wolves.**

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

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





**“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8 esv**

How do we ask? In prayer

Where do we seek? In the Bible

Why do we knock? Though God knows what you need before you ask it, he wants you to bring your request to Him by knocking on His door so He can open it up to you.

Are you making adequate use of your time? Our time on this earth is very short. So, we need to make the most of it. And I'm not talking about having the attitude that "well, I have only one life to live so I am going to party hardy!" We are each here at this time and in this place for one sole purpose. That is to share the Good News with everyone we meet. At the place you work, do people know you are a Child of God? Do you represent Christ well? Or would they be surprised if they found out you go to church? How about your neighbors? Do you even know who lives next to you? How about the family just a few houses down?

My brothers and sisters, Christ died for each and every one of you. If He is truly the center of your life the world would see Him living in you. He has blessed all His children with the gift of the Holy Spirit, you just need to ask. He has also blessed all His children with the gift of wisdom, you just need to ask.

What are you waiting for? Start asking, start seeking and knock for you will receive, you will find, and it will be opened unto you.

Blessings upon blessings await you. Time is short and there are lost people in this world wanting to know...? Glorify God who is in heaven by living a joy filled life.

Ask for wisdom, seek for knowledge, and knock for the Lord is ready to open the door for you to receive His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be poured over you to spread the love of Christ to all you encounter. His joy is so rich you cannot contain it all and it will spill out to those around you.

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



**Announcements:** 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.

There will also be a very brief Craft Fair meeting directly after church this Sunday for all who are interested in helping during the Craft Fair. If you will not be at church but are interested, please **contact** Jessica Blackburn [jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com) #910-622-1193.

## WELCOME TABLE:

November 12<sup>th</sup>: Paula Fox & Alma Osborn

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching. Psalm 34

M Luke 17.1-6

Tu Luke 17.7-10

W Luke 17.11-19

Th Luke 17.20-25

F Luke 17.26-37

Sa Luke 18.1-8

Su Judges 4.1-7, I Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

Key scripture: Judges 4.6: "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you."

# News & Announcements



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.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

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

The dates will be: November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>



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 12th.** 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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The Monday Afternoon Bible Study will be taking a day off on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will resume Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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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.

**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.**



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](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.** Please consider being a part of our preschool team!

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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*

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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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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.



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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.



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. 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 for residents and hand out cards.

Dec 17: Jr. Basic Christmas Party!

Blessings,

*Melissa Schleinkofer*, Children's Ministry Director

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**\*Fri., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> (No School)~** Fun Night with a Scavenger Hunt, Dinner, Outing & Magician with a Christian message for the MS & HS youth. Arrival time at 4pm at the church. Pick up time for Middle Schoolers will be 10pm. High Schoolers will stay overnight for a Lock In. Pick up time for High School youth is Saturday morning at 8:30 am. (Please bring your own Sleeping bag, pillow, small blow up mattress for sleeping). \*All Youth- Middle Schoolers & High Schoolers, please bring a jacket and \$10 for outing/buying a snack out.

**\*Sun., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>~** No Regular Youth meetings that evening. 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 9:30 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. 26<sup>th</sup>~** No regular youth group due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Enjoy some family time!

**\*Mon., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>~** 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

Focusing on God will help me find joy no matter my circumstances.

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.*

~James 1:2-3(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; 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, 11/12**

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

### **Monday, 11/13**

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

### **Tuesday, 11/14**

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, 11/15**

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

### **Thursday, 11/16**

7:30 Open Prayer  
12:00 AA Group, Reef  
6:00pm "The Church" Session  
6:30pm GS Troop 2424

### **Friday, 11/17**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

### **Saturday, 11/18**

8:00a.m. Faith Harbor Pilot's Meeting

### **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