



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



REMINDER: This Saturday (1/13) will be a day for all to serve. We need the Christmas decorations taken down, so we have plenty that needs to be done. I will be at the church starting at 10:00am hopefully with enough people it will all be done within a couple of hours. **ALSO- Poinsettia's need to be picked up before Saturday.** Thank you, Jessica Blackburn



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

The walks are right around the corner. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact me so we can get you or them an application and a sponsor. Don't delay, they fill up fast. Contact: Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193 or jmb@rayblackburn.com

If you have been qualified to be a sponsor, please get with me so we can get you set up with pilgrims needing one. Thank you. **Men's walk January 25th-28th, Women's walk February 8th-11th.**

News & Announcements

WELCOME TABLE

January 14th: Steve & Carrie Olmstead

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, January 15th

Centering Prayer: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Psalm 139

M I Samuel 15.16-23, Mark 2.18-22

Tu I Samuel 16.1-13, Mark 2.23-28

W I Samuel 17.32-51, Mark 3.1-6

Th I Samuel 18.6-9, Mark 3.7-12

F I Samuel 24.3-21, Mark 3.13-19

Sa II Samuel 1.1-27, Mark 3.20-21

Su Jonah 3.1-10, I Corinthians 8.1-13, Mark 1.21-28

Key scripture: II Samuel 1.27: "How the mighty have fallen."



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 5:30pm in the sanctuary~ **Saturday, January 13th** for a contemporary Worship service!

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.

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.

We hope to see you at our next monthly meeting on Saturday January 20, 2024 at 8am.

Monday Morning Men’s Group

Come as you can, if you can - This weekly men’s group will be meeting 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.

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

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“Love...Loves...Loved”

“Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced”. —James Baldwin (1924–1987)



Nourishing Joy Women’s Group will be taking a break in the month of December. We will let everyone know in January when we will begin meeting again. Thank you so much!

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



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.



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.



FIGHT THE PHISH

HERE ARE COMMON RED FLAGS OF A PHISHING ATTEMPT

LOOK OUT FOR AWKWARD OR UNUSUAL FORMATTING

BEWARE OF A SENSE OF URGENCY OR PRESSURE TO CLICK A LINK OR DOWNLOAD AN ATTACHMENT

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MISSPELLINGS OR GRAMMAR MISTAKES

BE CAUTIOUS OF UNUSUAL REQUESTS FROM SOMEONE YOU KNOW



Some tips for avoiding online scams. This can include phone calls as well. When in doubt, it's always best to decline or delay any action so that you can research the validity of the request being made.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding emails you receive from the church that may seem strange, please do not hesitate to contact me.

~Kim

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Important Calendar News!

There will be a mandatory Safe Sanctuary Power Point Presentation on January 21st after the church service. It should take about 30 minutes. This is a requirement for all present teachers and anyone that will ever work with the children. If you cannot be in attendance, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can make other arrangements. Thank you!

Jr. Basic youth group starts back January 14th. I am looking for anyone who would be willing to heat up and serve food to our elementary school children. I can provide all the food (chicken nuggets, pasta, easy type foods that are kid friendly), I just really need help with someone to prepare it and then clean up afterwards. Please reach out if you can help. Let me just add that this is one of the children's favorite things to do at church; have a meal and fellowship together. Please let me know if you can be a part of it.

A look ahead:

January

Jan 14th: Jr. Basic. Pick up at 12:30pm

Jan. 21st: Safe Sanctuary Training after church. This is required for anyone working with our children or youth. This presentation will take no longer than 30 minutes.

Jan. 28th: Jr. Basic. Pick up at 12:30pm.

Jan 28th: Children's Counsel meeting after church in classroom 1.

Blessings,

Melissa Schleinkofer, Children's Ministry Director

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***Sun., January 14th~** Youth who are eligible (by age- 8th grade & up) and interested in the Spring 2024 Confirmation Class will meet and go to lunch with Pastor Philip and Jewels at 12:30 at Camino Real in Surf City.

Regular MS Youth Meeting from 4-5pm in The Reef

Youth Meal for the Month/Fellowship time from 5-5:30pm for all youth in the Narthex

Regular HS Youth Meeting from 5:30-6:30pm in The Reef

***Sun., January 21st~** Faith Harbor will be having the Safe Sanctuary Training at 10:30am (right after worship) in the Sanctuary. *Anyone working/volunteering with Children or Youth are required to attend this important 30-minute training session. Thanks!

Youth Council Meeting at 11:15am (right after the Safe Sanctuary Training) in The Reef. All parents and youth are welcome to attend! A simple lunch of Soup will be provided. Hope to see you there!

That Evening:

Regular MS Youth Meeting from 4-5pm in The Reef

Fellowship time from 5-5:30pm for all youth

Regular HS Youth Meeting from 5:30-6:30pm in The Reef

***Fri. January 26th- Sun., January 28th~** High Schoolers will be on the Youth Ski Retreat at Lake Junaluska. Leave early a.m. on 1/26 & return early evening on 1/28. (This event is currently full- we had limited spaces available). Per our Youth Council- this was first offered to High Schoolers, then if any spots remained, it would be offered to 8th Graders and so on- down the line. However, it filled up quickly with High

Schoolers. If anyone cancels & a spot(s) comes open, I will let the 8th graders know and on down accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

(Sun., Jan. 28th) That Evening: **MS Youth Outing. (More info. to come out to the parents very soon)**
HS Youth will NOT meet that evening, as they will just be returning from their trip.

****Looking ahead (Mark your calendars)***

1. Confirmation Class of Spring 2024- (Jan.-April) Info. coming out soon, youth that are 8th Graders & Older are welcome to participate. Email to parents went out.
2. Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper youth fundraiser will be on Tues., Feb. 13th at 6pm (Save the Date!)
- 3) Spiritual Retreat/Confirmation Class Retreat weekend at Camp Don Lee- Tentative Date of Mar. 15th-17th, more info. to come!

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

I will place my hope and faith in God's tomorrow.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

~Hebrews 11:1 (NRSVUE)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Judy & Ken Hoopes; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Doug & Sandi Lowery; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Judy Pratt; Colin Rice and family; Ron (Annie) Voli; 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; Barbara & Neil Schilling; Julie Scott (Hank & Jan Maser); *Gideon Shakespeare*; Sue Thomas (Janet Hughes Sister); Brenda (Harriet Rice's friend); Betty Ann (friend of Diane Secary)

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



JANUARY

1st: Becki Modlin

2nd: Carole Justice

3rd: Tom Bradford

4th: Kellie Henry

8th: Lyla Passingham

10th: Hana Arnold

13th: Gail Hargett-Lilly

15th: Bradley Bizzell; Alexander Hornthal

17th: Wendy Mooney

18th: Diane Geary

19th: Cam Barnes

22nd: William Brazill; Gail Widholm; Vicki Wygant

23rd: Brittany Audet

25th: Karlie Holmes

26th: Judd Schleinkofer

27th: Jeanette Mason

29th: Bodie Taylor; Ken Hoopes

30th: Jimmy Canady; Porter Olmstead

31st: Stacy Menzies

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 1/14

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

Monday, 1/15

7:30 Open Prayer
8:30 Sear's Landing Breakfast Group
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
10:00 GriefShare Group
1:00p Monday Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:30pm Trustee's Meeting, Rm. 6
6:30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 1/16

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
6:00p Praise Band Practice
6:00p MDT
6:30pm Disciple Bible Study
7:00p Women's AA Group/Reef

Wednesday, 1/17

9:30 Communion
10:30 Staff Meeting
11:30 Women's Group
7:00p Choir Practice
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef

Thursday, 1/18

7:30 Open Prayer
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6
4:30p *The Teacher Session*
6:30p Girl Scout Troop #2424

Friday, 1/19

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group
1:00p UWIF Meeting, Rm. 6

Saturday, 1/20

8:00 Pilot's Men's Group/Breakfast

Sunday, 1/21

8:00 Communion Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Disciple Bible Study
10:30 Safe Sanctuary Training
11:15 Youth Council Meeting/Reef
4:00pm MS Youth Group
5:00pm Youth Fellowship
5:30pm HS Youth Group