



Where are you going?

Mark 1.21: "They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught."

Many of you have spoken about your experience with the Gospel of Mark. Please know that the Lord is calling each of us on a journey of following. And this journey will lead all the way to Golgotha, but there will be many stops along the way. And these stops will involve much of what we need to learn as we continue to follow Jesus. One of those stops we will look at this coming Sunday, it is a stop in a town called Capernaum, and it involves teaching in a synagogue.

Remember that Jesus is a teacher, you can also refer to him as a Rabbi. So he goes into the place of prayer in Capernaum – and that place of prayer is a synagogue. While there on the sabbath – he teaches. We are not going to get into the exchange between the man with the unclean spirit (v23) and Jesus – because we will focus on that this Sunday – but take note that a key part of where we are going involves Jesus as Rabbi.

It says in v27: "They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching— with authority!'" This teacher is different than other teachers of Capernaum, for he teaches with authority. And this teacher has something new to say, unlike the scribes (v22). He teaches in such a way that causes folks to ask what is happening? They comment about how this is different. And they observe that even unclean spirits obey his commands.

As you consider where you are going – please cling to this aspect of your journey – that this is a time of sitting at the feet of Jesus the Rabbi – and learning from him. The key part for us is that we are doing this together. It isn't just a few of us that are sitting at the Rabbi's feet – but instead we are all attending to the Rabbi and our default is to learn from him. I would encourage you to talk about the Gospel of Mark while you're at home, while you're out at dinner with friends and colleagues, while visiting friends and family, and even while at school and as at work and walking the beach. This ancient practice of discussing the scriptures is part of a pattern that takes seriously God's call to be a learning community – one that attends to the way of our Rabbi Jesus.

If there is anything you would like to discuss about the Gospel of Mark feel free to reach out to me any time. I would love to get coffee and learn together about how you are living out this invitation to sit at the feet of the Rabbi. 910.524.5676

12/03/23	Mark 13.24-37	03/25/24	Mark 11.12-33	07/14/24	Mark 6.1-13
12/10/23	Mark 1.1-8	03/26/24	Mark 12.1-27	07/21/24	Mark 6.14-29
12/17/23	Luke 1.46-55	03/27/24	Mark 12.28-44	07/28/24	Mark 6.30-44
12/24/23	Luke 1.26-38	03/28/24	Mark 13.1-23	08/04/24	Mark 6.45-52
12/24/23	Luke 2.1-20	03/29/24	Mark 14-15	08/11/24	Mark 6.53-56
12/31/23	Mark 1.8	03/31/24	Mark 16.1-8	08/18/24	Mark 7.1-23
01/07/24	Mark 1.9-11	04/07/24	Mark 16.9-13	08/25/24	Mark 7.24-37
01/14/24	Mark 1.12-13	04/14/24	Mark 16.14-18	09/01/24	Mark 8.11-21
01/21/24	Mark 1.14-20	04/21/24	Mark 16.19-20	09/08/24	Mark 8.22-26
01/28/24	Mark 1.21-28	04/28/24	Mark 3.7-12	09/15/24	Mark 8.27-38
02/04/24	Mark 1.29-39	05/05/24	Mark 3.13-19	09/22/24	Mark 9.1-8
02/11/24	Mark 1.40-45	05/12/24	Mark 3.20-30	09/29/24	Mark 9.9-13
02/14/24	Mark 2.1-12	05/19/24	Mark 3.31-35	10/06/24	Mark 9.14-29
02/18/24	Mark 2.13-17	05/26/24	Mark 4.1-9	10/13/24	Mark 9.30-37
02/25/24	Mark 2.18-22	06/02/24	Mark 4.10-20	10/20/24	Mark 9.38-50
03/03/24	Mark 2.23-28	06/09/24	Mark 4.21-25	10/27/24	Mark 10.1-12
03/10/24	Mark 3.1-6	06/16/24	Mark 4.26-34	11/03/24	Mark 10.13-16
03/17/24	Mark 10.46-52	06/23/24	Mark 4.35-41	11/10/24	Mark 10.17-31
03/24/24	Mark 11.1-11	06/30/24	Mark 5.1-20	11/17/24	Mark 10.32-34
		07/07/24	Mark 5.21-43	11/24/24	Mark 10.35-45



Please keep the following Youth and adult chaperones in your daily prayers as they travel this weekend to Lake Junaluska, NC.

Youth~ Chris Donelson; Jency Paliotti; Aiden Roberson; Gab Roberson; Jackson LaFave; Jack Papke; Ava Barnes; Brock Woolard; Oscar Phillips; Gavin Robinson; Ryan Chryst; Nathan Chryst; Dylan Minor; Hunt Tayloe; Grace Holmes; Karlie Holmes; Makenna Barrett; and Jordyn Barrett

Adults~ Michael Roberson; Amy Minor; and Jewels Swain

WELCOME TABLE
January 28th: Alma Osborn

News & Announcements

ATTENTION...

This Sunday, members of the Finance Committee will be available in the Narthex following the 9:30 service to hand out the 2023 Giving Statements. Any statements not picked up will be put in the mail on Monday, January 29th. Thank you!



The walks are right around the corner. If you have any questions, 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.

January/February Meetings: (Room 6 unless otherwise specified)

Thursday, 1/25: Trustee's Meeting @ 4:30pm

Thursday, 1/25: Finance Meeting @ 6:30pm

Sunday, 1/28: Children's Council Meeting @ 10:30am/Room 1

Thursday, 2/01: Leadership Council Meeting @ 6:30pm



Come and try a new Bible study on Jesus' Signposts at 1:00 pm on Mondays. Drop in and join us as we all discuss how Jesus provides Signposts in our spiritual lives plus other aspects of Jesus' Teachings.

SAVE THE DATE!

Little Pink Houses of Hope will be having a community meeting at The Gathering Fellowship Hall

When: Thursday, February 1st

Time: 5:30p.m.

Special Guests: Founder and President, Jeanine Patten-Coble and Retreat Programs Director, Kathy Gates



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 5:30pm in the sanctuary~ **Saturday, February 3rd** for a contemporary Worship service!

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.



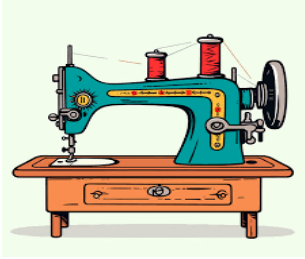
Nourishing Joy Women's Group will resume meeting Monday, February 5th at 6:00pm in the Reef. All are welcome!

We will continue to discuss finding Joy in everyday life along with mission projects.

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 Quilting Mission is in search of someone who might have experience fixing sewing machines. Any help would be appreciated. Please contact Alma Osborn- (540) 588-0738

United Women in Faith News...

The United Women in Faith officers held a planning meeting in January, led by our co-president Jenny Mizelle. We have some exciting things planned for 2024, including a possible revival of the parent/child fashion show. Hear more by joining us for our UWIF meeting on Tuesday, 6 February, at 3:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

*The Thrift Store Bake Sales, held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, have been a dependable fund raiser for the United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) for about 15 years. Recently, we have seen a drop in the baked goods being contributed, even though we have a base of customers who come to the Thrift Store on those dates seeking baked items. We are asking for your help, and this includes both men and women, so that we can continue our monetary donations to such organizations as Methodist Home for Children, Share the Table, Roots of Recovery, and others.

Sandy Wise, our Thrift Bake Sale coordinator, uses an alphabetic list provided by our Faith Harbor church secretary, to contact 12 to 15 individuals bi-monthly. Your name should only come up about twice per year. When you receive the email asking for your bake sale contribution, please respond. Hopefully you can deliver your item to the Thrift Store by 10am on the designated Thursday. If not, please consider a monetary donation of about \$10 payable to Faith Harbor United Methodist Women. If you are unable to do either, please advise so that we might ask others on the list.

If you are not receiving the email, please let us know so we can add your name to the list. We don't want to give up on this project, but we need your support to keep it going strong. When your name comes up, please step up to help.

Thank you,
Bonnie Hunter

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)

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 continue our planning for the future. All men are eligible to join. The only requirement is the desire to become a disciple of Christ.

Change in location for February’s Meeting – Sears Landing Restaurant – Dutch treat.

We hope to see you there - at our next monthly meeting on Saturday February 17, 2024 at 8am.

Please be there at 8am sharp as Sears Landing does not allow us to reserve tables. However, if we are all there at 8am, we can sit together on their deck area as a group.

Monday Morning Men’s Group to become Tuesday Morning Men’s Group

Come as you can, if you can - This men’s group will not meet at Sears Landing until Tuesday, February 20th beginning at 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.



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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Important Calendar News!

Jr. Basic youth group is in need of someone 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.

January

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

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



***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.

Parents~ It's a tradition that we have a **bAsiC Youth Superbowl party** hosted in one of the Youth parent's homes. This year it is on Feb. 11th. We usually start at about 6pm and have youth leave at Half time (since it's a school night). Individuals sign up to bring an Appetizer/Finger food/Snack to share. *Please let me know if you would be willing to open your home for this fun event, Thank you!

***Looking ahead (Mark your calendars)...**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. *Coming up- On Feb. 4th at 12, we will be having a Parent/Confirmand Meeting with Lunch provided.

1. Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper youth fundraiser will be on Tues., Feb. 13th at 6pm (Save the Date- We need ALL hands-on Deck!)

Spiritual Retreat/Confirmation Class 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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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.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Devotion to God adds meaning to everything I do.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

~Colossians 3:23 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman; Frank (and Connie) Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Judy & Ken Hoopes; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Doug & Sandi Lowery; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; *Anita Philips*; Judy Pratt; Colin Rice and family; Ron (Annie) Voli; Steve Wells; Jim Wygant

Military: Joe Fraley, Alex Harris, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Greg Holmes; 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); **Hayden Ennis Family**; Parker Fox; Rick Hughes; **John Kennedy**; 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); **Mark Wansley and his sister, Sarah Kilpatrick (Johnsie's Nephew & Niece).**

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

25th: Karlie Holmes

26th: Judd Schleinkofer

27th: Jeanette Mason

29th: Bodie Taylor; Ken Hoopes

30th: Jimmy Canady; Porter Olmstead

31st: Stacy Menzies



FEBRUARY

4th: Payton Rice

5th: Cary Mangus; Judy Miller

9th: Jim Graziano

10th: Sophie Albertson

13th: Kim Aikman

17th: Dawn Ellis; Mike Hopper

19th: Parker Fox

20th: Grace Holmes

22nd: Tom Fisher

24th: Lisa Colman

27th: Avery Harrison

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, January 29th

Centering Prayer: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Psalm 111

M II Samuel 15.13-30, Mark 5.1-20

Tu II Samuel 18.9-30, Mark 5.21-43

W II Samuel 24.2-17, Mark 6.1-6

Th I Kings 2.1-12, Mark 6.7-13

F I Kings 3.1-3, Mark 6.14-29

Sa I Kings 3.4-13, Mark 6.30-34

Su Isaiah 40.21-31, I Corinthians 9.16-23, Mark 1.29-39

Key scripture: Mark 1.32: "That evening, at sunset, they brought to *Jesus* all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door."

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 1/28

8:00 Communion Service

9:30 Worship Service

10:30 Disciple Bible Study

10:30 JR Basic

10:30 Children's Council Meeting

4:00p MS Youth Outing

HS Youth Ski Trip

Monday, 1/29

7:30 Open Prayer

9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6

1:00p Signposts Bible Study, Rm. 6

6:30pm Cub Scouts, Rm. 1

Tuesday, 1/30

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, 1/31

9:30 Communion

10:30 Staff Meeting

11:30 Women's Group

6:30p Girl Scout Troop 2424

7:00p Choir Practice

7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef

Thursday, 2/01

7:30 Open Prayer

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6

4:30p *The Church Session*

6:30p Leadership Meeting, Rm. 6

Friday, 2/02

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 2/03

5:30p Praise Service

Sunday, 2/04- Youth Sunday

8:00/9:30 Communion Service

10:30 Disciple Bible Study

4:00p MS Youth Group

5:00p Youth Fellowship Time

5:30p HS Youth Group