



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



This last Sunday we sang a song called "Never Alone". I was turned on to this song in a book called *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James H. Cone. In one of the chapters, it talked about Martin Luther King Jr. being encouraged by this song during difficult times during the civil rights movement. I wanted to share with you an excerpt from that chapter:

When King agreed to act as the most visible leader in the civil rights movement, he recognized what was at stake. In taking up the cross of black leadership, he was nearly overwhelmed with fear. This fear reached a climax on a particular night, January 27th, 1956,

in the early weeks of the Montgomery bus boycott, when he received a midnight telephone call threatening to blow up his house if he did not leave Montgomery in 3 days. Later, he told how that call created a spiritual midnight, as he thought about what could happen to him, his wife, and newly born baby girl.

Later recalling this incident, King told how fear drove him from bed to the kitchen where he prayed, out loud, pleading, "Lord, I'm down here trying to do what's right.... But Lord, I must confess that I'm weak now, I'm faulting, I'm losing my courage." Yet then, like Mrs. Bradley, King said he Heard a voice: "Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness. Stand up for justice. Stand up for truth. And lo I will be with you, even to the end of the world."

Interestingly, that message echoed the words of an elderly unlettered woman, who was affectionately called Mother Pollard. At an earlier mass meeting where King was urging the people to continue the boycott of the buses, she had perceived his doubt and fear. He did not speak with the conviction she was accustomed to hearing. When she confronted him, King denied anything was wrong. "You can't fool me", she told him. "I know something is wrong. Is it that we ain't doing things to please you? Or is it that the white folks is bothering you? Before he could reply, she said, I done told you we is with you all the way..... But even if we ain't with you, God's going to take care of you."

God's going to take care of you - it was an eschatological promise. Martin Luther King Jr. never forgot. It was the same promise he would later hear in his kitchen - words also found in a popular hymn, "Never Alone," which he cited often to renew his spirit when threats against his life overcame him.

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

News & Announcements



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

We are offering a three-session New Member Class on March 3rd at 10:45am, March 10th at 10:45am, and March 24th at 10:45am. This will be in the Sanctuary. The three sessions entail: What does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to be a United Methodist? and What does it mean to be a member of Faith Harbor? If there are any questions anyone is welcome to call Philip Chryst at 910.524.5676



There will be a sound system/live streaming training right after the 9:30 service this Sunday. Please meet with Jim Ellis by the sound system.

WELCOME TABLE
February 25th: Debbie Sasser & Sandy Wise

Communion Servers for this Sunday:
Tom & Donna Fisher, Zander & Sabrina Guy
and Melva Lea Stewart (gluten free)

Ushers Needed: We are in need of Ushers for the Easter Services: March 31 at 9:00 and 11:00a.m.*If anyone is available to help, please let me know.

Thank you! Kim
Email: faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com

United Women in Faith News...

Coming up this Sunday, February 25th is our Frozen Entree/Bake Sale before and after the 9:30 service. We look forward to offering a delicious take-home meal, including dessert, in sizes suitable for singles or family.

Call or text Bonnie Hunter, 540 621 3645, if you have any questions. Thank you!

As the world fights to figure everything out,
I'll be holding doors for strangers,
letting people cut in front of me in traffic,
saying good morning,
keeping babies entertained in grocery lines,
stopping to talk to someone who is lonely,
being patient with sales clerks,
smiling at a passersby.

WHY?

Because I will not stand idly by and
live in a world where love is invisible.

Join me in showing kindness,
understanding, and judging less.

Be kind to a stranger,
give grace to friends who are having a bad day,
be forgiving of yourself - today and every day

BE the change, BE the light,
start today and never stop.

Audrey Loves Paris

Honor Your Past and Embrace Your Future – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration with Guest Preacher Rev. Artie Odom Jr.

When: Sunday, February 25, 2024

Where: Jenkins Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 166 Sneads Ferry Rd, Sneads Ferry, NC

Sponsored By: Interfaith Community Association



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 5:30pm in the sanctuary~ **Saturday, March 2nd** for a contemporary Worship service!

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.



If you are a reader or would just like to get together for good conversation, the Reading Circle would love to have you! We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00a.m. in Room 6. The March book will be: "The New American~ a Novel" by Micheline A. Marcom. The book for April will be: "Exodus" by Leon Uris. Please join us...bring a friend!

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.

We hope to see you at our next monthly meeting ~Saturday March 16, 2024 at 8am.

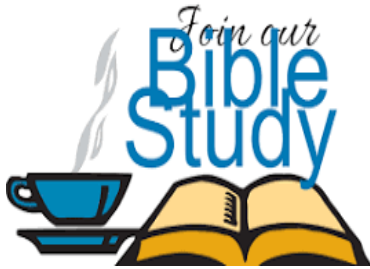
Monday Morning Men's Group has become Tuesday Morning Men's Group

Come as you can, if you can - This men's group will meet at Sears Landing on Tuesdays 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.



Nourishing Joy Women's Group has resumed! We meet on Mondays at 6:00pm in the Reef. All are welcome! We will continue to discuss finding Joy in everyday life along with mission projects.

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Annie Voli, avolibeach@gmail.com, 804-338-4784 or Natalie Lindsey, namick12@gmail.com, 864-423-6763



Come and try a new Bible study 1:00 pm on Mondays. We have moved on to the book of Mark, which we will study for the rest of the year.

We will focus on Mark, verse by verse, looking at the narrative, yet more importantly discuss the spiritual meaning especially as it relates to our own lives. Drop in and join us...all are welcome!

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 Thrift Store is in need of gently used Spring/Summer children's wear. Also, Spring clean-out of household items and furniture!

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)



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.



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

FYI:

Pastor Neal McHenry
c/o Pete & Mona Chapman
779 Country Road 3000
Aztec, NM 87410

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.

February

Feb. 25th: Jr. Basic. Pick up 12:30pm.

March

March 10th: Jr. Basic. Pick up at 12:30. We will be taking the church van for an outing to Kiwanis Park. Lunch will be provided. Please let me know if your child will be in attendance.

***We are in need of plastic Easter Eggs! Please drop off donations no later than Friday, March 22**

March 24th: Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt. Parents stay.

June

June 24th-27th: Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon. ***Note time change***

Blessings,

Melissa Schleinkofer

Children's Ministry Director

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***Sun., February 25th~**

Confirmation Class from 4-5pm in the Library

Regular MS Youth Meeting from 4-5pm in The Reef (Missions focus- Refugee Ministry)

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

Regular HS Youth Meeting from 5:30-6:30pm in The Reef (Missions focus-Refugee Ministry)

Important Announcement about Mission Project: Parents, we have been talking with your youth about doing a Mission Project with Church World Services again. From March 1st- April 30th, the youth will be spearheading a Supply Kit Drive containing some of the necessary Bathroom Items needed for refugees arriving to the Wilmington area. Our goal is to gather enough items for 20 Complete Bathroom Kits! We will have youth create tags to put on the "Donation Tree" in the Narthex. We hope to have a representative come speak to the Congregation and/or send a video talking about this important work! *This Drive is open to everyone to participate and donate the items needed. We will put Marked Bins around the Donation tree.

***Sun., March 2nd~** No Regular Youth Group Or Confirmation meetings due to the Spring Break school holiday.

***Looking ahead (Mark your calendars)- Spring Spiritual/Confirmation Retreat at Camp Don Lee~ Fri., March 15th-17th.** This is open to all the Confirmands AND all of the other youth. We plan to meet at the church on Fri. after school about 4:15pm and return on Sunday by Noon. We will do different "breakout sessions" for each group with Pastor Philip and our Guest Speaker- Mary Frances McClure. She is a Pastor at Moyock UMC near Elizabeth City. During the meals and free time, we will all be together. This camp has a lot to offer including- Kayaking, Archery, Sailing (weather permitting) and more! Last Call- Cost is \$50 per youth and is due by Feb. 22nd if you haven't paid yet. Easiest way to pay is to go to our Fhumc website, click on the Online Giving Tab. Choose bAsiC youth Ministry from Drop down box, put your youth's name in Memo line & Spring Retreat. Please let me know once completed so I can add you to the Group Roster for logistics. If you should have any questions, **feel free** to reach out to me. After Sign-ups are complete- I will send an email to those parents with detailed trip info. Thanks all! **No regular youth group or Confirmation meetings that Sunday evening (3/17) due to the trip.

***Save the Date~** High School Youth Summer mission trip will be July 14-20th with Team Effort. Middle School mission activities/events/trips information will be coming out in March for your calendars.

Peace of Christ be with you,

Jewels Swain, Fhumc Youth Coordinator

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Acts of kindness are generous gift of God's love.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others."

~Mark 12:43 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Paula Fox and family; Buddy Fussell and family; the family of Ken Hoopes; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Doug & Sandi Lowery; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Steve Olmstead; Alma Osborn (Dale); Anita Philips; Judy Pratt; Leo Valiante; 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; Paxton (Connie Carroll's son); Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly's friend); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Hayden Ennis Family; Parker Fox; Rick Hughes; John Kennedy; *the family of Teresa Parker*; Steven Penley (Jewels' cousin); Barbara & Neil Schilling; the family of Mary Sloan; Brenda (Harriet Rice's friend); Betty Ann (friend of Diane Secary); *Sarah Kilpatrick and family (Johnsie's 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

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, February 26th

Centering Prayer: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. Psalm 22

M Deuteronomy 9.4-10, Luke 6.36-38

Tu Isaiah 1.10-20, Matthew 23.1-12

W Jeremiah 18.18-20, Matthew 20.17-28

Th Jeremiah 17.5-10, Luke 16.19-31

F Genesis 37.3-28, Matthew 21.33-46

Sa Micah 7.14-20, Luke 15.1-32

Su Exodus 20.1-17, I Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

Key scripture: Exodus 20.2: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."



FEBRUARY

22nd: Tom Fisher

24th: Lisa Colman

27th: Avery Harrison

MARCH

1st: Alma Osborn

3rd: Alice Williams

4th: Sean Wrigglesworth

8th: Jennifer Fox

9th: Kent Smith; Carrie Olmstead

11th: Jewels Swain

15th: Jeanne Mangus

17th: Jency Paliotti; Steve Olmstead

18th: Ryan Chryst

19th: Christa Wrigglesworth

20th: Debbie Sasser

21st: Mike Davis; Cole Frazier; Bonnie Hunter

26th: Justin May

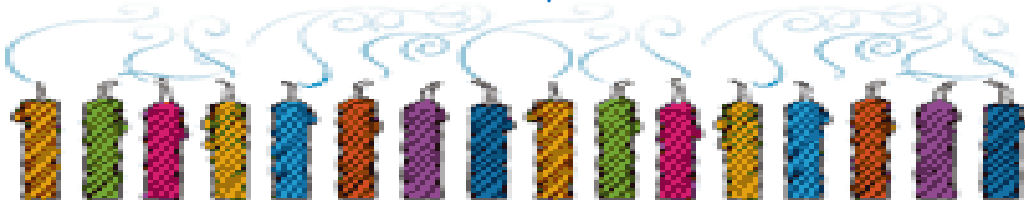
27th: Marianne Sliwa

28th: Nancy Merlino; Stephen Olmstead

29th: Maris Jordan; Sherry Mewborn; Thomas Papke

30th: Evangeline Schleinkofer; Lila May; Amber Hengst

31st: Audrey Audet



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 2/25

8:00 Communion Service
UWIF *Take & Bake Sale*
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10:30 JR Basic
4:00p Confirmation Class, Rm. 6
4:00p MS Youth Group/Reef
5:00p Youth Fellowship Time
5:30p HS Youth Group/Reef

Monday, 2/26

9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
1:00p Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:00p Nourishing Joy Group/Reef
6:30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 2/27

9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Sear's Landing
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
6:00p MDT
6:00p Praise Band Practice
6:30p Disciple Bible Study, Rm. 6
7:00p Women's AA Group/Reef

Wednesday, 2/28

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

Thursday, 2/29

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6
4:30p Theology Session, Rm. 6

Friday, 3/01

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 3/02

5:30p Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday, 3/03- WCA Handbells Performing

8:00 Communion Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 New Member Class