



Matthew 28.18-20: "All authority in heaven and unearth has been given to me. Go there for and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We have been so blessed at Faith Harbor with so many new people that are visiting our church. You can see that in the vibrancy of our congregation and our authentic worship. It is truly a blessing that the Lord trusts us to be a beacon of hope in our community. This beacon welcomes and invites those new people to be led by the Holy Spirit and serve our community in imaginative and creative ways.

In 2021 our average attendance in our worship services was 138. In 2022 our average attendance was 187. And in 2023 our average attendance was 217. As you can see, we are a growing and vibrant congregation.

Because of this, I would like to have a 20-minute meeting right after worship about ways we can be more intentional about inviting people to be a part of Faith Harbor, and ways we can welcome new people to Faith Harbor. If this is something you are interested in learning more about, please meet in the sanctuary right after the 9.30am worship service this Sunday, February 11th.

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

February's memory verse:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16-17 KJV

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17 NCV

I am not going to assume everyone has John 3:16 memorized, but if you do, I have added verse 17. I have shared it from the King James Version, which is what I learned it from and have added the New Century Version. Meditate, pray, and memorize the word of God this year and see God's promises come alive in you.

Loving you always, your sister in Christ, Jessica Blackburn



Ushers Needed: We are in need of Ushers for the following dates and times: February 14 (Ash Wednesday) at 7:00pm, February 25 at 9:30a.m., March 31 (Easter) at 9:00 and 11:00a.m.

*If anyone is available to help, please let me know. I will be making a new Usher schedule for the next 6-month period (April – September). If you no longer wish to be on the list or if you would like to be added to the list, feel free to reach out. Thank you! Kim

Email: faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com



The trustees, quilting group, rainbow circle (and Pastor Bescye!) want to thank Pastor Philip and his dad, Bob Chryst, for installing the beautiful cabinets in room 6. Once organized, it will help that room look a lot tidier. Thank you both for your hard work!!

WELCOME TABLE

February 11th: Nancy & Tony Merlino



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 5:30pm in the sanctuary~ **Saturday, February 17**th for a contemporary Worship service!

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.



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

Shrove Tuesday Dinner 6pm. Tues, Feb 13th

Provided by b.A.s.i.C. YOUTH



Faith Harbor

Save the Date!

Annual Pancake Supper Youth fundraiser! Menu will be Pancakes of all sorts (plain, blueberry, chocolate chip), Bacon, Sausage, fruit, Juice & Coffee. Cost is by Donation.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!!!

All singers are invited to join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm to practice our Easter music. Please join us! Contact Allison if you have any questions: 804-651-5488

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

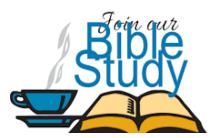
there at 8am, we can sit together on their deck area as a group.

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

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



Coming soon...TAKE AND BAKE! Formerly: Frozen Entrees Sunday. Feb 25th Watch for details



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!



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

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)

Trustees Monthly Update

The 2024 Trustees intend to communicate to the FHUMC congregation on a monthly basis about ongoing or upcoming projects and/or equipment and/or other facility concerns. We are including in this first "edition" an abbreviated version of our most recent meeting, that was held on 25Jan24.

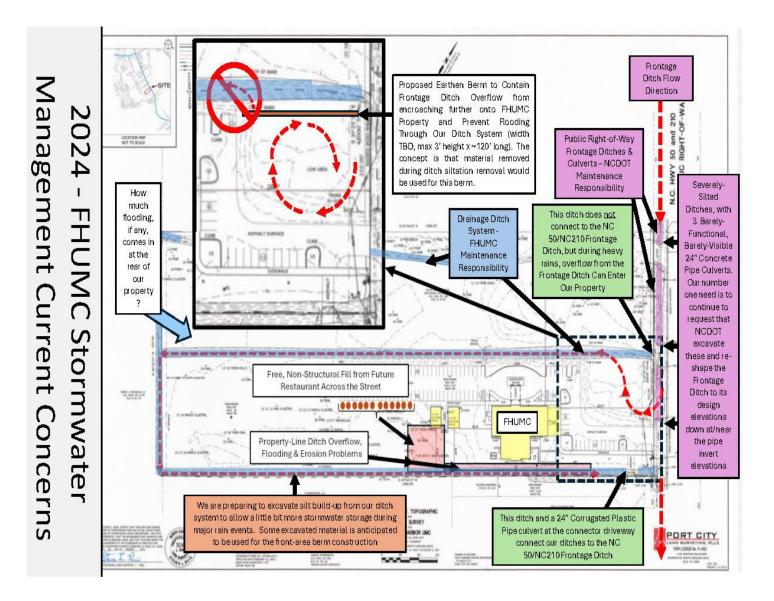
Our immediate projects and/or concerns are:

- 1. Solutions to improve our long-term stormwater management (see attached graphic depicting our current understandings and focuses)
- 2. Upcoming completion of the walkway between the main church and the modular buildings (see attached locational graphic in case you do not know where this will happen). This will be a concrete walkway and we have competing cost estimates from contractors. Once we have approval or confirmation from Surf City as to whether the concrete mix must be permeable (or not) we will be able to enter into a contract with the lower bidder.
- 3. There will be a new set of cabinets installed in Classroom 6 to be shared permanently by our crafting ministries and configured according to their needs, with the cabinetry being re-purposed from the kitchen.
- 4. Getting the new kitchen up and running for fully trained members of our congregation

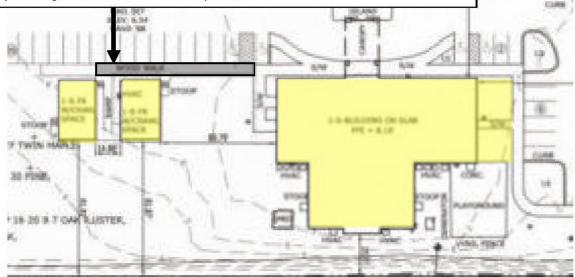
Longer-Term Concerns requiring more investigation and decision-making include:

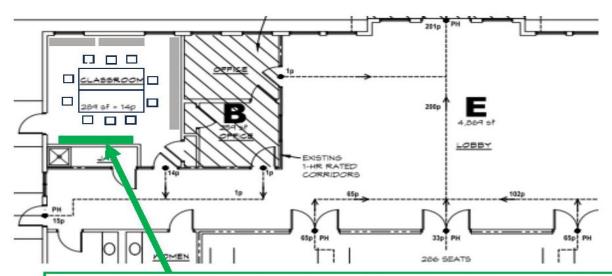
- 1. Replacement of an outdoor HAC unit that has stopped functioning
- 2. Long-term viability of our Sanctuary sound system

If you have any questions, If anyone would like the pdf versions of the graphics you see below, or a copy of the land survey that was performed in 2021, or any of the construction plans from the Pre-School project, please feel free to contact John Weaver at: #910-548-0525 jweaver@customlogicnc.com



The former wooden walkway will be replaced in the near-future with a concrete sidewalk. We have competing prices in hand and simply need to verify whether permeable concrete is a Surf City demand or option. With our parking lot graded to drain across the low spot in the walkway, permeable concrete will not function for long once sand and silt from our vehicles starts to wash across it. Re-installing a wooden walkway was estimated to be significantly cost-prohibitive compared to both, but especially our lower, concrete prices.





Proposed New Built-In Cabinet Sets Re-Purposed From Kitchen in Classroom 6, with Existing Storage Racks Re-Purposed Elsewhere, with Final Configuration to be Coordinated between FHUMC crafting groups, Pastor Philip & his father (the designated craftsman)

United Women in Faith News...

*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 us 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 (540) 621.3645/bennettandbonnie@yahoo.com Sandy Wise (910) 389.5626/topsailislandsandy@gmail.com



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.

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. 11th: Jr. Basic outing to Woodbury for Valentine's Day and lunch after. Feb. 11th: Scouting Sunday. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are invited to be a part of the 9:30am church service. Feb. 13th: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner to benefit youth programs @ 6pm Feb 14th: Ash Wednesday service 7pm.

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

March

March 24th: Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

A look ahead....

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

Blessings, Melissa Schleinkofer Children's Ministry Director Faith Harbor UMC (484)515-7361 <u>mxcook8@yahoo.com</u> http://www.faitharborumc.org



*Sun., Feb. 11th~ This Sunday morning at the 9:30am Service at church, we would like to create some hype about the upcoming Fat Tues. Pancake Supper by <u>2 youth wearing a Bacon Costume and a Pancake</u> <u>Costume. Other youth can also make Posterboard Signs to hold up as well.</u> **Please Let me know who might like to wear a Costume and/or hold a Sign. Plan to get to church by like 9:10am so we set you up, thanks!!

After church, at 12 noon, Confirmands and Sponsors will have a time to get to know each other. Meet in the Narthex, lunch will be provided. Pastor Philip will lead meeting.

*Sunday evening~ Youth Super Bowl Party! Starts at 6pm at Stacie Holmes house. Address is: 116 Rough Leaf Trail, Hampstead, NC 28443 in Dogwood Lakes Neighborhood. *All youth- be on the lookout for your "Superbowl Ticket" in the mail with more info. Lots of fun with creative games, prizes, food & football! RSVP a text to Ms. Kim at 304-982-2008 to let us know how many to plan for, thanks! Pickup will be at Halftime. **Parents- please text me to let me know what type of Finger food/appetizer/Snack you would like to bring to the Party. I'll bring a cooler of iced down bottled water and a Crockpot of BBQ meatballs. Miss Kim is making a big pot of Chili.

*Tues., Feb. 13th ~Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper Youth fundraiser at 6pm. Parents and youth-we need ALL hands on deck! We expect to have a Big crowd and this is a favorite supper for all. Menu will be Pancakes of all sorts (plain, blueberry, chocolate chip), Bacon, Sausage, fruit, Juice, Milk. Cost is by Donation. Anyone who wants to wear the Bacon and Pancake Costumes that evening, let me know!

Here is the Sign-Up Genesis link with Slots to sign up to help set up, Cook pancakes, clean up and/or donate a few side items needed. Church will be purchasing the Pancake mix & Meat. Thanks! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AEAF22A1FF2-47792473-fattuesday

*Wed., Feb. 14th~ <u>Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm</u>. All are encouraged to attend this meaningful churchwide service to start on your Lenten Journey.

*Sun., February 18th~

First Confirmation Class begins at the regular meeting time of 4-5pm in the Library 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

*Sun., February 25th~

Confirmation Class from 4-5pm in the Library Regular MS Youth Meeting from 4-5pm in The Reef (Missions focus) Fellowship time from 5-5:30pm for all youth Regular HS Youth Meeting from 5:30-6:30pm in The Reef (Missions focus)

*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! Cost is \$50 per youth and is due by Feb. 15th. *Please make checks payable to Fhumc with your Youth's name in memo line or you may do cash in a Sealed and Marked Envelope. Please turn these into Jewels who is keeping up with 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!

Youth Summer mission activities/events/trips information will be coming out in March for your calendars.

Feel free to reach out to me if you should have any questions or need additional info. about anything listed above or about our Fhumc b.A.s.i.C. (brothers And sisters in Christ) youth program. God has got many wonderful plans in mind for us this year and we can't wait to see what he will do in our midst! May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Peace of Christ be with you, Jewels Swain, Fhumc Youth Coordinator (910)232-9844 or <u>julietswain@hotmail.com</u>

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I can rely on God for resilience and strength.

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 Decatur; Patty Feige; Paula Fox and family; Judy & Ken Hoopes; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Doug & Sandi Lowery; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Alma Osborn (and Dale); Anita Philips; Judy Pratt; 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; Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly's friend); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Hayden Ennis Family; Parker Fox; Rick Hughes; John Kennedy; Steven Penley (Jewels' cousin); Barbara & Neil Schilling; 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

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning Monday, February 12th

Centering Prayer: The heavens declare his righteousness. Psalm 50

M James 1.1-11, Mark 8.11-13 Tu James 1.12-18, Mark 8.14-21 W Joel 2.1-17, II Corinthians 5.20-6.10, Matthew 6.1-21 Th Deuteronomy30.15-20, Luke 9.22-25 F Isaiah 58.1-9, Matthew 9.14-15 Sa Isaiah 58.9-14, Luke 5.27-32 Su Genesis 9.8-17, I Peter 3.18-22, Mark 1.9-15 Key scripture: Joel 2.1-2: "For the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!"



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



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 2/11 Scout Sunday

8:00 Communion Service9:30 Worship Service10:30 Disciple Bible Study10:30 JR Basic to Woodbury6:00pm Youth Superbowl Gathering

Monday, 2/12

7:30 Open Prayer 9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6 1:00p Bible Study, Rm. 6 6:00pm Nourishing Joy Group/Reef 6:30p Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 2/13

7:30 Open Prayer 9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6 9:30p Preschool Board Mtg, Rm. 1 6:00p MDT 6:00p Praise Band Practice 6:00pm Family Night Supper 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study 7:00p Women's AA Group/Reef

Wednesday, 2/14

9:30 Communion 10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6 10:30 Staff Meeting 11:30 Women's Group 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service 7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef

Thursday, 2/15

7:30 Open Prayer 12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6 4:30p *The Church Session*, Rm. 6

Friday, 2/16 8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 2/17 8:00 Pilot's Group Meeting-Sear's Landing 5:30p Praise Service

Sunday, 2/18

8:00 Communion Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Disciple Bible Study, Rm. 6
4:00p Confirmation Class, Rm. 6
4:00pm MS Youth Group
5:00pm MS/HS Fellowship Time
5:30pm HS Youth Group