



Mark 15.18-19: "And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him."

Our Lord and Savior is mocked by Roman soldiers. He is mocked for being king – while at the same time they are prophesying of what is the reality of the situation.

Jesus is vulnerable.

Jesus suffers.

Jesus dies.

Jesus is King!

This almost seems foolish. This confession that we believe in a King that suffers like this. But God uses things that are foolish to confound the wise. For with eyes that can see and ears that can hear – we actually see what true power is.

We have opportunities during the next few days to look closely at Jesus' death – and to the void that we find in an empty tomb. I would encourage you to follow this painful path to Jesus' death. So that in his death you might find hope.

**Maundy Thursday Service** – Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Self-guided Stations of the Cross** – in the Sanctuary – Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> open from 9am-5pm

Stations of the Cross at the beach – Friday, March 29th at 7pm. We will gather at Public Beach access #13 (near 514 N. Shore Drive, Surf City). If you need free parking, you can park at The Gathering Church (304 Wilmington Avenue).

 $\textbf{Easter Sunrise Service} - Soundside \ Park \ Ampitheater - Sunday, \ March \ 31st \ at \ 7am$ 

Easter Service at the Beach – the end of Roland Avenue (Crossover) – Sunday, March 31st at 8am

Easter Services in the Sanctuary – Sunday, March 31st at 9am & 11am

Easter Luncheon – Sunday, March 31st at 12.30pm

If you have any questions feel free to call. 910.524.5676 ~ Philip Chryst

#### **March memory Verse:**

Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. So, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." Mark 2:27-28 NASB

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

#### WELCOME TABLE

March 31st: Sharon Jackson & Pat Vinson



Please join us for the upcoming Easter Sunday Luncheon on March 31, 2024, after the 11:00 am service.

We plan to open service lines after the tables are set up. The Hospitality Team along with Chef Marion Shade will provide Baked Ham, New Potatoes, and rolls. Looking forward to serving our wonderful congregation.

Gratefully,

Jean Hawley and Hospitality Team



#### **EASTER LILIES AND HYDRANGEA**

Given to the Glory of God by:

David & Jennifer Sawyer

Donna Filmer

Zander & Sabrina Guy

Amy Phillips

Cathy & Doug Medlin

Dave & Kim McCluskey

In Honor of:

Family & Loved Ones

Our Grandchildren

Cleo Gorman

Sybil Gandy

Amber Faulhaber, Mary Anne Pirro

Connie Carroll, Allison Campbell, and Olivia Barras

Given to the Glory of God by:

Cathy & Doug Medlin

Deanna, Kevin, Bodie & Fisher

**Judy Clemmons** 

Meghan, William & Oakleigh

Rick & Sharon Love

**Bonnie Hunter** 

Airlie, Lyla & Hazel Passingham

The Passingham's

Mike Kaufmann

Gail Ace

John & Tracy Shakespeare

Linda Capps

Giles & Jeanne Jeffreys

Pat Vinson

Jean Hawley

Ray & Jessica Blackburn

In Memory of:

Bettie & Charlie Medlin

Dean "PaPa" Rivenbark

Tommy Clemmons, Husband

Robbie Jordan

Our Parents: Leon & Doris Love and Royce & Doris Dickerson

Bennett Hunter, Husband

Yaya and Papa Medlin

Grandaddy CF; Grandmama Bettie, Grandaddy Charlie

Gail Kaufmann

Jim Ace

Shirley Elizabeth Shakespeare

Adrian D. Capps Sr, Adrian Jr. and Jeffrey Capps

Our Parents: Giles & Ruth Jeffreys and E.J. & Dottie Casteen

Marianne Faith Vinson, Daughter

Richard Hawley, Husband and Robert Hawley, Dan Pearson ~ Sons

Our Parents: Chimer & Joyce Clark and Ray & Zona Blackburn





Our Faith Harbor Preschool is ready to expand by adding a class for 2-year-olds in the Fall! We are now recruiting for another teacher and an assistant teacher to support this new program. Please share this information if you or someone you know is interested in applying for either of these positions. Feel free to contact the church office (910) 328.4422 for a copy of the position descriptions.

Applicants are requested to provide a resume and a cover letter. **Deadline for applications is Sunday, March 31st**. Applications may be dropped off at the church with the church secretary or placed in the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) mailbox across from Classroom 6. If you have questions, you may contact Mike Hopper, 910-801-2851 or Melissa Schleinkofer, Preschool Director at (484)515-7361 or email at <a href="mailto:fhumcprek@gamil.com">fhumcprek@gamil.com</a>



#### **Refugee Resettlement Program**

**Bathroom Kit DRIVE** 

<u>\*Instructions</u>: Please take a Tag of your choice from the "Donation Tree", purchase the items, and return them in a bag with the Tag attached and place in the Bins provided in the

Narthex. This is a 2 Month Drive, done in 2 parts. <u>Current Tags on tree are due by March 31, 2024</u>. Please note<sup>~</sup> All items should be Regular Size (not travel size or super sizes) and be New & in their original packaging.

Our bAsiC Youth group is spearheading this Drive as one of our local Mission projects in conjunction with Church World Service's Refugee Resettlement Program. We ask that the congregation of Faith Harbor UMC join us in this drive as we seek to "invite the stranger" that is in need (Matthew 25:35-36). Thank you all in advance for your kindness and generosity in this endeavor!



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

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.

#### APRIL 7-28 COLLEGE BOWL FOOD RAISER – Sponsored by Harbor Pilots Men's Organization

- Choose what college you want to support
- College bins will be set up and labeled as collection points
- Put your food in the college bin of your choice
- Nonperishable food within expiration date only
- Each food container is one point (box of 100 crackers is 1 point)



- College standings will be announced weekly in messenger.
- All food donated to SHARE THE TABLE
- Event sponsored by Harbor Pilots Men's Organization of Faith Harbor
- Winning Prize We're working on it!!!!! Bragging rights for sure!!
- Winners All clients of SHARE THE TABLE
- Food items suggested and needed by Share the table include cereal, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned meats, canned fruits, and soups.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS PROJECT AND "FEED" SHARE THE TABLE. THEY HAVE MORE CLIENTS THAN EVER BEFORE IN THEIR HISTORY.

## Faith Harbor Pilots

A ministry for men, by men, for the good of all.

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 April 20, 2024 at 8am.

#### **Tuesday Morning Men's Group**

Come as you can, if you can - This men's group will meet at Sears Landing on Tuesdays at 8:30am and wait 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.

### UPCOMING FAMILY NIGHT SUPPERS!

April 3rd at 6:00pm – Sponsored by UWIF

May 1st at 6:00pm- Sponsored by the Panama Mission

June  $5^{th}$  at 6:00pm – Sponsored by FHUMC Choir



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 book for April will be: "Exodus" by Leon Uris. Please join us...bring a friend!

# Family Night Supper Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6PM

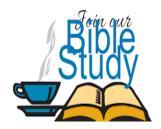
Sponsored by: Faith Harbor United Women in Faith



Soups, Salads, Desserts, Beverages
UWF members please sign up to prepare and/or serve the meals.
Contact Bonnie Hunter or Jenny Mizelle for more information.
Bonnie Hunter, bennettandbonnie@yahoo.com, 540-621-3645
Jenny Mizelle, jennymizelle@gmail.com, 919-818-3857



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Talent Show – Wednesday, June 5th following the fellowship dinner. Stay tuned for more information!



Come and try the Monday Bible study! We meet weekly at 1:00 pm in Room 6.

We will focus on the book of 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 & 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 11:15-12:30p.m.



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

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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)

#### 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. We 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.

Hello Faith Harbor Families.

A big thank you to all who helped with our Easter Egg hunt for our children last week and all who donated candy and eggs! We were blessed with a beautiful, cold day that didn't stop the children from having the best time. The pure joy on the children's faces as they were on the hunt for eggs is just a small glimpse of what the joy of Heaven will be when we enter as children ourselves.

Happy Easter!!! We will have four Easter services this Easter Sunday.

7am Sound Side Park Sunrise service 8am Beach Service 9am Easter service at Faith Harbor 11am Easter service Faith Harbor

At our 9am service only, our Toddler room will be available for child care with Miss Hannah. All other children's classrooms will be closed, however I will have baskets of activities for children to do at their seats with their parents.

Wishing all of our families the Happiest Easter. Much Love!!!

#### **April**

April 7th: Jr. Basic, pick up 12:30 April 21st: Jr. Basic, pick up 12:30

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May 5th: Jr. Basic, pick up 12:30 May 19th: Jr. Basic, pick up 12:30

## A look ahead....

June

June 9th: Jr. Basic End of the school year party and celebration! June 24th-27th: Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon. \*\*\*Note time change\*\*\*

Blessings,

Melissa Schleinkofer, Children's Ministry Director Faith Harbor UMC (484)515-7361 mxcook8@yahoo.com faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com



\*March 25th- March 31<sup>st</sup> is Holy Week<sup>~</sup> Please consider joining us in these meaningful churchwide services! Thurs., March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm- Maundy Thursday Service

Fri., March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm- Beach Stations of the cross (Confirmands to carry Crosses and Good Friday Readings take place) \*Beach access #13.

Sun., March 31st ~ Easter Sunday!!!

7am- Service at Soundside Park

8am- Beach Service

9am & 11am- Services in the Fhumc Sanctuary \*Youth have been asked to help with Communion at the 11am service- Please let me know if your Youth would like to be a Communion Steward. We would need 5 youth.

That Evening- No Confirmation Class or Regular youth group meetings due to Easter. Celebrate with family!

\*SAVE THE DATE~ Confirmation Sunday will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am Service. All Youth, please plan to attend to support our 2024 Confirmands!

#### \*Looking Ahead for Summer Youth Mission activities- Save the Date For your Calendar now!

Faith Harbor VBS<sup>~</sup> June 24th-27<sup>th</sup> from 9am- Noon. All Youth (MS & HS) are encouraged to help- even for a day or 2! Reach out if available, thanks!

Maple Hill VBS outreach~ July 10th-14<sup>th</sup> at Maple Hill Presbyterian Church. All Youth (MS & HS) are welcome to join in this fun outreach opportunity.

High School Summer Mission Trip~ July 14th-20<sup>th</sup> in Seymour, TN with Team Effort Missions. All Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and up are eligible to participate in this trip. \*Note- First Deposit of \$100 per youth is due by March 14<sup>th</sup> to hold our Spots, last payment of \$100 is due by June 3<sup>rd</sup> for a total of \$200 for the registration. The other half and transportation is covered by the church. If your High School youth is interested, please reach out to me, thanks!

Lots of information listed above! Feel free to contact me should you have any questions. These are exciting times for our bAsiC (brothers And sisters in Christ) youth here at Faith Harbor UMC and we covet your prayers as we seek to mentor them and grow them up in their Faith! Thank you for your continued love and support!

Peace of Christ be with you,
Jewels Swain, Fhumc Youth Coordinator
(910)232-9844 or <a href="mailto:julietswain@hotmail.com">julietswain@hotmail.com</a>

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Times of uncertainty help me appreciate the certainty of God's promises.

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

~Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)



**Members**: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Sylvia Bowman; Robert Buckman and family; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; 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; Alice & Owen Williams; Sandy Wise; 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); Pat Bower (Sandy Sly's friend); Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly's friend); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Hayden Ennis Family; Parker Fox; Suzanne & Buddy Fussell and family; Rick Hughes; the family of Teresa Parker; Steven Penley (Jewels' cousin); Ted Penny (Vance's Dad); Joey Osborn (Colin Rice); 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 ~Week of April 1st

Centering Prayer: This is the day that the Lord has made. Psalm 118

M Acts 2.14-33, Matthew 28.8-15

Tu Acts 2.36-41, John 20.11-18

W Acts 3.1-10, Luke 24.13-35

Th Acts 3.11-26, Luke 24.35-48

F Acts 4.1-12, John 21.1-14

Sa Acts 4.13-21, Matthew 16.9-15

Su I John 1.1-2.2, Acts 4.32-35, John 20.19-31

Key scripture: I John 1.5: "God is light and in him there is no darkness at all."



## MARCH

28th: Nancy Merlino; Stephen Olmstead

29<sup>th</sup>: Maris Jordan; Sherry Mewborn; Thomas Papke 30<sup>th</sup>: Evangeline Schleinkofer; Lila May; Amber Hengst

31st: Audrey Audet

## APRIL

3<sup>RD</sup>: Leo Audet; Meg Barnes; Hiatt Ellis; Joanna Wrigglesworth

6<sup>th</sup>: Sean Mooney

7<sup>th</sup>: Doris Davis; Keith Norris 9<sup>th</sup>: Rachel Shade; Amy Phillips

10<sup>th</sup>: Connie Carroll 12<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Smith

13<sup>th</sup>: Allison H. Campbell; David Strohpaul

17th: Ann Hummel

20th: Morgan Bizzell; Janice Long

21<sup>st</sup>: Janice Morton 23<sup>rd</sup>: Patty Feige 27<sup>th</sup>: Ann Bryan



#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

#### Sunday, 3/31~ Easter

7:00 Sunrise Service 8:00 Beach Service 9 & 11 Easter Services in Sanctuary 12:30 Easter Luncheon

#### Monday, 4/01

9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6 1:00 Bible Study, Rm. 6 6:30p Cub Scouts

#### Tuesday, 4/02

8:30 Men's Breakfast Group @ Sears Landing9:00 Quilters, Rm. 66:00p Praise Band Practice7:00p Women's AA/Reef

#### Wednesday, 4/03

9:30 Communion 10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6 11:15 Women's Group 6:00pm UWIF Family Night Supper 7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef \*No Choir Practice

#### Thursday, 4/04

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

#### Friday, 4/05

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

#### Sunday, 4/07 ~ Confirmation Sunday

8:00 Beach Service9:30 Worship Service10:30 JR Basic10:30 Children's Council Meeting, Rm. 1