

This Sunday we will read a book together as a church. We will be reading Lesslie Newbigin's book entitled *Sin & Salvation*. We would encourage you to pick one up this Sunday and we will be starting right after the 9.30am worship service in the sanctuary. This will start at 10.45am and last until 11.30am. Below you can find a write-up about a portion of the book by our own Kathy Winfield.

John 3:16 For God so Loved the world he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

As we get ready for the discussion on the book, *Sin and Salvation*, by Lesslie Newbigin, let us reflect on this passage from the book where Newbigin states "The essence of sin is unbelief, and the opposite of sin is faith." It sounds simple, but those few words are profound. We can all say we believe, we can all say we have faith, but

living it every day can be hard. Look at Jesus's disciples. Men who witnessed his miracles with their own eyes, who lived with him, heard his words directly, even they struggled with unquestioning belief. After His death where was their faith? It wasn't until he was resurrected and appeared before them that they were truly filled with Christ's love. That they understood what he had been telling them. His death was not in vain. Through Christ's death we were given salvation, we were given a new covenant with God. He died among sinners even though he was pure. That is the ultimate love of man. Newbigin says that "The nature of man is that he was made in love, by love, for love." Christ's love dwells within all of us, but without each other how can we love? It takes families, friends, congregations, communities to really feel the love of God.

Jesus wanted his disciples to go out and share His Love, spread the Joy of God with others. And that's what we are called upon today. Through our fellowship, as God's children, we can, today and every day, let the Love of Christ spill out with each action we take, no matter how small. Even if at times, we stumble, we know the Lord is there to lift us up. Little by little, as we follow the path Christ has laid before us and open our hearts for others to do the same, we can make a difference by carrying God's light into the world.

# **April Memory Verse:**

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup> The one who has believed and has been baptized will be saved; but the one who has not believed will be condemned". Mark 16:15-16 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

April 21st: Bonnie Hunter & Tammy Campbell

# 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.

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# **Tuesday Morning Men's Group**

Come as you can, if you can - This men's group meets at Sears Landing on Tuesdays at 8:30am and waits until 9:00am to order for those wishing to eat. This is an informal gathering for all men who are interested in food and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Roger Morton at rramorton@gmail.



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 5:30pm in the sanctuary~ **Saturday, April 27**<sup>th</sup> for a contemporary Worship service!

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.



## **Refugee Resettlement Program**

Bathroom Kit DRIVE

\*Instructions: 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. Phase 2 Tags from the tree are due by April 28, 2024. Please note~ 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! Love, bAsiC Youth Group ©



If you would like to supply Altar flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one, the sign-up sheet is located on the credenza between the office and Room #6.



Calling all readers! If you love books 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 is: "Exodus" by Leon Uris. Please join us...bring a friend!

## 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
- 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.

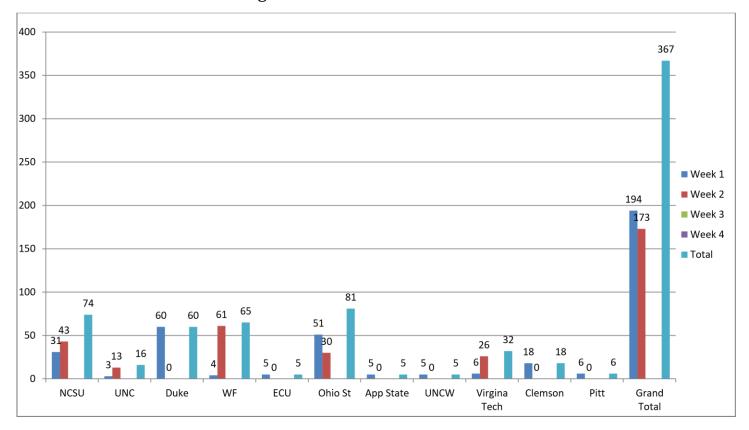
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS PROJECT AND "FEED" SHARE THE TABLE. THEY HAVE MORE CLIENTS THAN EVER BEFORE IN THEIR HISTORY.

Week 2 was another successful collection of much needed food delivering 147 items to the Share the Table warehouse. Slightly lower than the 194 items delivered in week 1 but still a good haul!

The competition is beginning to heat up as Ohio St maintains its lead followed closely by NC State. Along with Wake Forest and Duke fighting for third place. There were a number of empty bins this week so the rest of you need to maintain a weekly drop if you wish to stay in the competition and NOT embarrass your school.

You may drop off food at any time during the week, The bins are emptied and tallied on Tuesday for delivery to the Share the Table warehouse. Let's GO all you ACC schools, you can do better!

## Faith Harbor College Food Raiser Week 2 Results



# Save Date

#### **UPCOMING FAMILY NIGHT SUPPERS!**

May  $1^{\rm st}$  at 6:00pm- Sponsored by the Panama Mission June  $5^{\rm th}$  at 6:00pm – Sponsored by FHUMC Choir



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 1:00pm 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 Bake Sale is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month and continues to be a dependable fund raiser for the United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) for the last 15 years. We thank you for your support, as we continue our monetary donations to such organizations as Methodist Home for Children, Share the Table, Roots of Recovery, and others.



The "Keep Me Dry" diaper program is a mission of the Harbor Thrift Store and supported by United Women in Faith. It is housed at Share the Table where clients can pick up a package of 20 diapers per week to supplement their babies' diaper needs. Studies have shown that 1 out of 3 families experience diaper shortages and our area is no exception. If you are able, please consider donating diapers or a monetary gift. There is a play pen for collection in the Narthex.

**We are especially in need of size 5 and 6.** Thank you for your support and God's blessings as we care for the smallest ones in our community.



### The Thrift Store is in need of gently used 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)

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



#### Important Calendar News!

Jr. Basic youth group is looking for 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.

#### April

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

#### May

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

#### 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, FHUMC Children's Ministry Director (484)515-7361

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A big shout out to all the youth parents that helped with the monthly meal. Once a month the youth were provided fellowship time with a meal. Meals were provided by parents including Stacie Holmes, Mary Ann Pirro, Emily Law, DeAnne Chryst, Kim McCluskey, Laura Alexander, and Alexis Passingham. If you would like to provide a meal in the future, please reach out to Kim McCluskey at 304-982-2008 or <a href="mailto:kmac5036@yahoo.com">kmac5036@yahoo.com</a>.

\*Sun., 4/21~ This will be our Youth Sunday for the month of April at the 9:30am Service. Please let me know if your youth can serve & plan to be here by 9:15am, thanks! Opportunities for service include- Readers, Greeters, Ushers, Doorman. We will have some special guests with us- The Cary Sing & Ring youth choir will be sharing some of their music with the congregation.

#### That evening:

MS youth 4-5pm in The Reef

MS and HS youth Fellowship time, 5-5:30pm

HS youth 5:30-6:30pm in The Reef (Pastor Philip will come brainstorm with the HS youth about possible Pilgrimage- Separate email to go out to HS Youth)

\*Sun., 4/28 ~ This will be the due date for the Refugee Resettlement Bathroom Kit Drive for the congregation. We will need to get the Kits to Church World Services by May 1st. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> round of collections has begun. Parents- if you haven't participated yet, please consider taking a tag from the Donation tree and bringing in those supplies. Thanks!

That evening: This will be our Fun Outing for the month of April for MS and HS youth! \*More details to come

\*Save the Date~ Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on May 5th at the 9:30am Service!!\*

#### \*\*Looking Ahead for Summer Youth Mission/Activities- Save the Date For your Calendar now $^{\sim}$

Summer Kick-Off Bash~ Sun., June 9th from 5-7pm (Dinner, fellowship & Outdoor fun (More details to come!)

<u>Faith Harbor VBS~ June 24th-27<sup>th</sup> from 9am- Noon</u>. All Youth (MS & HS) are encouraged to come 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 $\sim$  July 14th-20<sup>th</sup> in Seymour, TN with Team Effort Missions. Many of you have already signed up. If you have not paid your First Deposit of \$100 per youth that Was due by March 14<sup>th</sup>, please kindly do so. The 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. Let me know if you have any questions, 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,
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# THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I don't have to hold on to anger toward those who hurt me.

I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. ~Matthew 5:44 (KJV)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Sylvia Bowman; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Diane Geary; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Doug & Sandi Lowery; Martha Marlow; Cathy Medlin, Alexis Passingham and family; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Steve Olmstead; Alma Osborn (Dale); Judy Pratt; Leo Valiante; Ron (Annie) Voli; Steve Wells; Alice & Owen Williams; Vicki 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; Rick Hughes; Steven Penley (Jewels' cousin); Ted Penny (Vance's Dad); Joey Osborn (Colin Rice); Barbara & Neil Schilling; 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

Centering Prayer: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23

M Acts 11.1-18, John 10.1-10

Tu Acts 11.19-26, John 10.22-30

W Acts 12.24-13.5, John 12.44-50

Th Acts 13.6-25, John 13.1-20

F Acts 13.26-33, John 14.1-6

Sa Acts 13.44-52, John 14.7-14

Su Acts 8.26-40, I John 4.7-21, John 15.1-8

Key scripture: Acts 11.26: "It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'."



# APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

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

6th: 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

13th: 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

# MAY

2<sup>ND</sup>: Isaac Henry

4th: Michael Alexander; Kevin Woolard

6th: Milly Ferrell 7th: Gail Ace

11th: Hunt Tayloe

13th: David Cosner

14<sup>th</sup>: Kevin Brooks; Aiden Roberson 17<sup>th</sup>: Caroline Shepard; Sandy Sly

18th: Oscar Phillips; Austin Hengst; Deanna Beard

20th: DeAnne Chryst; Doug Medlin

27th: Emma Chryst

28th: Melissa Roberson

31st: Chris Campbell

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

#### Sunday, 4/21 Youth Sunday

8:00 Beach Service 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 JR Basic 10:45 Sin & Salvation Session 4:00p MS Youth Group/Reef 5:00p MS/HS Fellowship Time 5:30p HS Youth Group

#### Monday, 4/22

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

#### Tuesday, 4/23

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

#### Wednesday, 4/24

9:30 Communion 11:15 Women's Group 7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef 7:00p Choir Practice

#### Thursday, 4/25

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #4242

#### Friday, 4/26

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

#### Saturday, 4/27

5:30p Worship Service

#### **Sunday**, 4/28

8:00 Beach Service 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Sin & Salvation Session 2:00p Little Pink Houses Check-ins 4:00p Youth Outing