



# Faith Harbor

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



*Mark 1.4-5: "John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins."*

Our confirmands have been on a journey together through Lent. This has been a circuitous route that has involved a spiritual retreat, sharing stories, learning Christian doctrine, confessing sins, and learning the ways of Christ. This Sunday we are welcoming them in Christian fellowship after this journey. They have been journeying alongside youth and adult

sponsors and some of them are being baptized this Sunday. What a joy to journey beside these neophytes as they seek life in Jesus Christ.

Please pray for Olivia, Jordyn, Gavin, Isaac, Addie, Anna, & Jackson. Ash Wednesday was the beginning of their journey of confirmation. In some sense, this training and this catechesis is a starting point that they will be able to look back on and realize that the Lord was with them the whole time. Now they are making a holy commitment, and I would encourage all of you to come and be present as we welcome them.

Right after the 9.30am worship service I would like to invite all of you to go to the south-end of the island for a baptism service at Serenity Point (it is at the end of Shore Line Drive, Topsail Beach NC). What an exciting time in the life of Faith Harbor. To journey with these youth in their confirmation journey.

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

## WELCOME TABLE

April 7<sup>th</sup>: Faye Graziano & Sherry Mewborn



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.

# Faith Harbor Pilots

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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.

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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!

## 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.**

**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.**



## 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 😊*



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

Applicants are requested to provide a resume and a cover letter. **Deadline for applications is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.** 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 [fhumcprek@gamil.com](mailto:fhumcprek@gamil.com)

*Save  
the  
Date*

### UPCOMING FAMILY NIGHT SUPPERS!

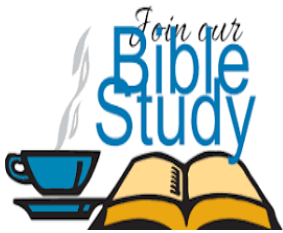
May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm- Sponsored by the Panama Mission

June 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

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**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!**

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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 next to the front door as you enter our church. **We are especially in need of size 5 and 6.**

*Thank you for your continued support and God's blessings as we care for the smallest ones in our community.*



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

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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)

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## 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 7th: Jr. Basic, pick up 12:30

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

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**\*Sun., 4/7~** This will be the date that our Confirmands get confirmed at the 9:30am Service. Confirmands, please plan to be here about 9am. We will have a Reserved Section for you and your families in the front middle area. All other youth, please plan to come and support your fellow youth at this joyous occasion! Afterwards at about 10:45am, several youth will be getting baptized at Serenity Point (on the South end of the Island). All are welcome to come!

That evening:

MS youth 4-5pm in The Reef (work on Refugee Missions project)

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

HS youth 5:30-6:30pm in The Reef (work on Refugee Missions project)

**\*Sun., 4/14~**

Confirmation youth 4-5pm in The Sanctuary (Last Meeting)

MS youth 4-5pm in The Reef

**\*\*MS and HS youth Monthly Meal & Fellowship time, 5-5:30pm in the Narthex\*\***

HS youth 5:30-6:30pm in The Reef

**\*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 out asap to parents!

**\*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~**

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

Faith Harbor VBS~ June 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> from 9am- Noon. 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 10<sup>th</sup>-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 14<sup>th</sup>-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,

Jewels Swain, Fhumc Youth Coordinator

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## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

With God's help, I will speak words that build others up.

*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.*

~Proverbs 16:24 (NRSVUE)



**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; 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 8<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! Psalm 133

M Acts 4.22-31, Luke 2.26-38

Tu Acts 4.32-37, John 3.7-15

W Acts 5.17-26, John 3.16-21

Th Acts 5.27-33, John 3.31-36

F Acts 5.34-42, John 6.1-15

Sa Acts 6.1-7, John 6.16-21

Su Acts 3.13-19, I John 2.1-5, Luke 24.35-48

Key scripture: Acts 6.7: "The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem."



## 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

17<sup>th</sup>: Ann Hummel

20<sup>th</sup>: Morgan Bizzell; Janice Long

21<sup>st</sup>: Janice Morton

23<sup>rd</sup>: Patty Feige

27<sup>th</sup>: Ann Bryan



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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 4/07 Confirmation Sunday**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:30 JR Basic  
10:30 Children's Council Meeting, Rm. 1  
10:45 Baptisms - Southend  
4:00p MS Youth Group  
5:00p MS/HS Fellowship Time  
5:30p HS Youth Group

### **Monday, 4/08**

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

### **Tuesday, 4/09**

8:30 Men's Breakfast Group @ Sears Landing  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
6:00p Praise Band Practice  
6:30p Disciple Bible Study  
7:00p Women's AA/Reef

### **Wednesday, 4/10**

9:30 Communion  
10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6  
10:30 Staff Meeting  
11:15 Women's Group  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef  
7:00p Choir Practice

### **Thursday, 4/11**

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6  
4:30p Theology Session  
**4:30p SPRC Meeting, Rm. 6**  
6:30p Girl Scout Troop #4242

### **Friday, 4/12**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group  
5:00p Praise Band Practice

### **Saturday, 4/13**

5:30p Worship Service

### **Sunday, 4/14**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:30 Disciple Bible Study  
4:00p Confirmation Class  
4:00p MS Youth Group  
5:00p MS/HS Fellowship Time  
5:30p HS Youth Group