



By journalist and author Elizabeth Gilbert:

“Some years ago, I was stuck on a crosstown bus in New York City during rush hour. Traffic was barely moving. The bus was filled with cold, tired people who were deeply irritated with one another, with the world itself. Two men barked at each other about a shove that might or might not have been intentional. A pregnant woman got on, and nobody offered her a seat. Rage was in the air; no mercy would be found here. But as the bus approached Seventh Avenue, the driver got on the intercom. 'Folks,' he said, 'I know you have had a rough day and you are frustrated. I can't do anything about the weather or traffic, but here is what I can do. As each one of you gets off the bus, I will reach out my hand to you. As you walk by, drop your troubles into the palm of my hand, okay? Don't take your problems home to your families tonight, just leave them with me. My route goes right by the Hudson River, and when I drive by there later, I will open the window and throw your troubles in the water.' It was as if a spell had lifted. Everyone burst out laughing. Faces gleamed with surprised delight. People who had been pretending for the past hour not to notice each other's existence were suddenly grinning at each other like, is this guy serious? Oh, he was serious.

At the next stop, just as promised, the driver reached out his hand, palm up, and waited. One by one, all the exiting commuters placed their hand just above his and mimed the gesture of dropping something into his palm. Some people laughed as they did this, some teared up but everyone did it. The driver repeated the same lovely ritual at the next stop, too. And the next. All the way to the river.

We live in a hard world, my friends. Sometimes it is extra difficult to be a human being. Sometimes you have a bad day. Sometimes you have a bad day that lasts for several years. You struggle and fail. You lose jobs, money, friends, faith, and love. You witness horrible events unfolding in the news, and you become fearful and withdrawn. There are times when everything seems cloaked in darkness. You long for the light but don't know where to find it. But what if you are the light? What if you are the very agent of illumination that a dark situation begs for? That's what this bus driver taught me, that anyone can be the light, at any moment. This guy wasn't some big power player. He wasn't a spiritual leader. He wasn't some media-savvy influencer. He was a bus driver, one of society's most invisible workers. But he possessed real power, and he used it beautifully for our benefit.

When life feels especially grim, or when I feel particularly powerless in the face of the world's troubles, I think of this man and ask myself, what can I do, right now, to be the light? Of course, I can't personally end all wars, or solve global warming, or transform vexing people into entirely different creatures. I definitely can't control traffic. But I do have some influence on everyone I brush up against, even if we never speak or learn each other's name. No matter who you are, or where you are, or how mundane or tough your situation may seem, I believe you can illuminate your world. In fact, I believe this is the only way the world will ever be illuminated, one bright act of grace at a time, all the way to the river.” ~Elizabeth Gilbert

Shared by: Bescye P Burnett

“Ponder...wonder...wisdom...awe...!”

“Awe is more than an emotion; it is a way of understanding, insight into a meaning greater than ourselves. The beginning of awe is wonder, and the beginning of wisdom is awe.”

~Abraham Joshua Heschel



June Memory Verse:

If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear. “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.
Mark 4:23-24

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

June 23rd: Cathy & Doug Medlin

News & Announcements

THE 1865 SOCIETY OF PENDER COUNTY PRESENTS

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST:
Pastor Donnie McClurkin
Pastor Monica Ross and Family
Other Local Groups will also be on the Lineup!

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
Gospel Concert 2024
FESTIVITIES ALL DAY!
JUNE 22, 2024
COURTHOUSE SQUARE, BURGAW, NC
CONCERT BEGINS 4PM
PLEASE DONATE!
"We've Come This Far By Faith"

QR codes for donation and event information.

We wanted to let you know of an opportunity Pastor Philip & Pastor Bescye are offering as an educational outing for our High Schoolers. On Sat., June 22nd, meet at the church at 9am and return to the church at 1pm. They will be chaperoning this outing and will be driving the Church Van to Burgaw and back.

*Please contact Pastor Philip at (910) 524-5676 via text or phone to let them know if your youth would like to attend.

Stay Tuned
GRAND OPENING
6.22.2024
WWW.TRELLISARTCENTER.COM

When: June 22nd

Where: 610 Trellis Rd, Hampstead (behind Harris Teeter)

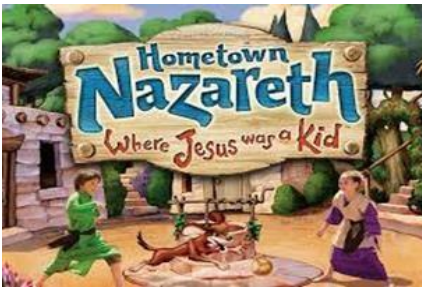
Time: 10am – 4:00pm

We have a new Art Center in town! Two of our members, Nancy McCurtin and Tom Bradshaw, are creating a new center for artists and art lovers. There will be several other artists showing their work at the Grand Opening as well. Please stop by and support this endeavor.

JOIN OUR TEAM

Faith Harbor Children's Minister. We are looking for a person who loves working with children to lead our Children's Program. If you or someone you know is interested, please request the job announcement through the church, or contact Mike Hopper, 703-801-2851. Applications must be submitted by June 24, 2024.

Faith Harbor Dean. We are continuing our ministry of teaching and will begin by hiring a Dean to lead this new program. If you or someone you know is interested, please request the job announcement through the church, or contact Mike Hopper, 703-801-2851. Applications must be submitted by June 24, 2024.



VBS begins Monday, June 24th - Volunteers are still needed. Even if it's for one day, any help is appreciated. Thank you so much!

Volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Food/drink donations can be dropped off in the Narthex



Do you have a heart for worship? Join us at 5:30pm in the sanctuary~ **Saturday, June 29th** for a contemporary Worship service!

Bring your friends and come with an open heart.



Summer Quilting for Kids

Looking for something fun, rewarding, and educational for your kids to do this summer? The Women's Quilting Group is holding classes at Faith Harbor starting July 8th from 9:00am to 11:00am every Monday for six weeks. The children will learn how to sew and work together to create a beautiful quilt for donation to a family in need. Ages 10 and older. If interested, please call or email the church office. (910) 328-4422 or faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com

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 begin 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 gathering on July 23, 2024 at 6 PM, hosted by Tom Jackson

At the May meeting it was decided to forgo the regular monthly meetings for June, July and August and replace them with an informal gathering at different locations hosted by one or more members.

The July meeting will be hosted by Tom Jackson at his house- 429 Canvasback Ln, Sneads Ferry on July 23rd at 6 PM. The August meeting will be hosted by Mike Hopper and Dave Davila at 408 & 410 Sawgrass Cv, Sneads Ferry. Date & Time TBD.

Further updates will be provided through the Bulletin and emails to the Faith Harbor Pilots men's group.

Tuesday Morning Men's Group

Come as you can, if you can - This weekly men's group will be meeting at Sear's Landing every Tuesday beginning around 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.



Monday Bible study will be taking a break for summer- We will resume September 9th!

Please consider joining us in the Fall...We meet weekly at 1:00pm in Room 6.



Come and join us for Dinner & Discussions...it will be Dynamite! Think of this as an opportunity to grow in simple yet profound ways! All our presenters have key insights into each of their topics and they want to help each of us be better stewards of the gifts and talents we have. Each session will have about 30 minutes of presentation and then a time of participation through discussion or engagement on that topic. I hope you will join us as we grow closer to Christ and closer to each other.

June 6th: Natalie Lindsay "Drawing your Prayers"

June 13th: Roger Morton "Reading the Gospels, through the eyes of Jesus"

June 20th: Greg Holmes "The 3 C's of Finance"

June 27th: Joe Rouse "How to care for our bodies, the temple of the Holy Spirit"

July 11th: Shelly Mercer Logan "Coming to God with a heart of Worship"

July 18th: Kathy Winfield "Writing for Reflection"

These pop-up events are part of the work that God is calling us to as we live into being an intentional teaching church.

Pay attention for more opportunities in the future.



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.

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 UWIF for the last 15 years. 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.



Faith Harbor is one of 14 churches that make up the Harbor District United Women in Faith in North Carolina. Our churches span primarily along the coastal communities with Faith Harbor being our northern most church. Like our local unit, our district comes together to worship fellowship and serve. Our goal is to help better the lives of women and children in our communities and the world. We are missional in our approach.

Our district recently held a social action event at Grace Memorial in Wilmington. We had a wonderful and informative presentation by Lori Kirkpatrick with Safe Haven on domestic violence. She shared very troubling statistics and we learned how we can help support their program. We have two more district missional events in the planning stages for July and October. Details regarding these events will be announced in the near future. We invite and will look forward to all our women from Faith Harbor attending because every woman attending Faith Harbor is considered part of the United Women in Faith. We are all sisters in faith and God needs all of us collectively to do his work. At the NC Conference level, we are in the process of embarking on a project that needs all our support - a 365-day devotional book. If you enjoy writing, we need your help! You can reach out to me for further details. **The deadline for submitting the devotionals is July 1.** Our sisters in Faith across North Carolina will be part of this devotional book - sharing her life experiences and faith.

As a member of our local unit (Faith Harbor) and the president of our district I share with enthusiasm what blessings God has given us as a church and a district. We have some of the most beautiful buildings but the women who make up our churches are most beautiful. It is a wonderfully humble experience visiting and communing with such hospitable sisters in Faith. Please join us both at the local and district level. We welcome you.

Sherri Davila

Harbor District UWIF president

919-608-3448/ sherridavila01@gmail.com



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

THRIFT STORE



Due to heavy weekend beach traffic resulting in low store traffic on Saturday, Harbor Thrift Store is adjusting the summer hours. Normal schedule resumes September 1st.

Harbor Thrift Store
Summer Hours
July 1st - August 31st
Tuesday - Friday
10:00AM - 4:00PM
Closed: Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Harbor Thrift Store is in need of gently used summer children's wear, household items and furniture in good condition. No adult clothing, electronics, broken or damaged items

Recently, unsellable products such as adult clothing, worn out or damaged products, have been dumped at the warehouse which have to be disposed of in a garbage dump. Harbor Thrift Store can no longer accept donations without an appointment.

Please contact someone from the list below to schedule drop offs.

Sandy Taylor (540) 420-6713
Beth Walker (252) 213-2240
Sylvia Bowman (910) 284-3131

Gloria Richardson (704) 804-4909
Sabrina Guy (910) 526-4183

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.co

"Love...Loves...Loved"

"Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced". —James Baldwin (1924–1987)

UPDATE:We will lead the services on July 14th and July 21st.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Important Calendar News!

June

June 24th-27th: Vacation Bible School 9am-Noon.

June 30th- Melissa's last Sunday.

Blessings,
Melissa Schleinkofer, FHUMC Children's Ministry Director
(484)515-7361

mxcook8@yahoo.com

faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com



Mon.- Thurs., June 24th-27th Fhumc's Vacation Bible School from 9am- Noon. All Youth (MS & HS) are encouraged to come help- even for a day or 2! Reach out if available, thanks!

***Save the Dates/Other info.**

High Schoolers & parents- Be on the lookout throughout the Summer for "Pop Up" events. We will likely have 1 every other week, so be sure to check your emails/texts for more info.!

Maple Hill VBS outreach~ July 10th-14th at Maple Hill Presbyterian Church. All Youth (MS & HS) are welcome to join in this fun outreach opportunity. Please contact us if you can help. Thanks!

High School Summer Mission Trip~ July 14th-20th in Seymour, TN with Team Effort Missions. We will share about our experience with the Congregation on that Sunday, June 21st at the 9:30am Service.

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 julietswain@hotmail.com

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

People need our prayers more than our criticism.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ

God forgave you. ~Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Francine Baisden; Ray Blackburn; Anne Cassler; Judy Clemmons; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox; Diane Geary; Gail Hargett-Lilly; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Doug & Sandi Lowery; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Doug (Sherry) Mewborn; Larry & Becki Modlin; Sean Mooney; Alma Osborn (Dale); Bob Patterson; Judy Pratt; Ron (Annie) Voli; Steve Wells; Alice & Owen Williams; Dean Wise; Vicki Wygant

Military: Joe Fraley, 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; Pat Bower (Sandy Sly's friend); Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly's friend); Paulita Cousins (Kim McCluskey's friend); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Patrick Henry and George Hartner (LaNier S); Martha Olarte and family; Joey Osborn (Colin Rice); Steven Penley (Jewels' cousin); Sue & Ted Penny (Vance's Parents); *Janice Robbins and family*; Barbara & Neil Schilling; Parker Swain; Brenda (Harriet Rice's friend); Betty Ann (friend of Diane Secary).

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 June 24th

Centering Prayer: Be gracious to me, O Lord. Psalm 9

M II Kings 12.1-16, Luke 1.57-80

Tu II Kings 19.9-36, Matthew 7.6-14

W II Kings 22.8-13, Matthew 7.15-20

Th II Kings 24.8-17, Matthew 7.21-29

F II Kings 25.1-12, Matthew 8.1-4

Sa Matthew 16.13-19

Su II Samuel 1.1-27, II Corinthians 8.7-15, Mark 5.21-43

Key scripture Mark 5.36: "Do not fear, only believe."



JUNE

21st: David Davila; Nancy McCurtin; Brock Woolard

23rd: Paula Fox; Amanda May

25th: Tony Merlino; Alan Sasser

26th: Lisa Byrd

29th: Doug Austin

30th: Sydney Burgess; Donna Fisher

JULY

1st: Danny Baisden; Casey Tayloe

2nd: Airlie Passingham

3rd: Deanna Taylor

6th: Frank Tarbell

8th: Dave McCluskey

13th: Martha Marlow; Larry Modlin

17th: Lynn Smith

18th: Colin Rice

19th: Jackson Henry

20th: Owen Williams

24th: Marsha-Lee Ray

25th: Todd Bizzell; Kathy Winfield

27th: Lyle Butler



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 6/23

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 *Sin & Salvation* Session
3:00p Celebrate Recovery Meeting, Rm. 6

Monday, 6/24

9 – Noon Vacation Bible School
6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 6/25

8:30 Men's Breakfast Group @ Sears Landing
9 – Noon Vacation Bible School
6:00p Praise Band Practice
7:00p Women's AA/Reef

Wednesday, 6/26

9 – Noon Vacation Bible School
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef
*No Choir Practice

Thursday, 6/27

9 – Noon Vacation Bible School
6:00p Dinner & Discussion Series

Friday, 6/28

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 6/29

5:30p Praise Service

Sunday, 6/30

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 *Sin & Salvation* Session
3:00p Celebrate Recovery Meeting