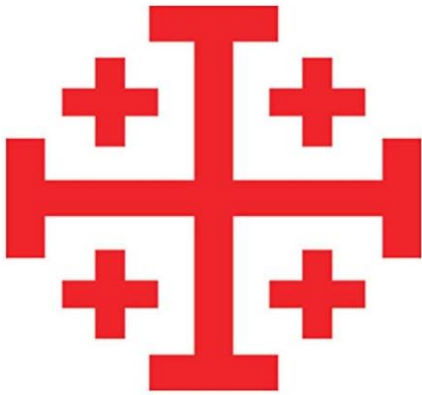




# Faith Harbor

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



*Ephesians 4.11-16: “The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.”*

The Lord has gifted us with each other – and we are called to equip each other for the work of the ministry. This calling is deep, profound, and involves the totality of our being. It is something that we are to be about as followers of Christ, both as recipients and as those who participate in equipping.

We, as Faith Harbor, are called to equip, build up, and mature in our faith. This is what it means to be anchored in Christ. This coming Sunday we will be sharing about opportunities for spiritual growth. There are so many terrific opportunities to grow in your faith and we will be highlighting those this Sunday.

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

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Deanna Beard & Jennifer Fox

Leadership Council Meeting- Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm.

Youth Council Meeting- Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

**ATTENTION! CHILDREN...** We are so excited to see how God works through you during this upcoming school year. During the Children's Sermon, we'd love to do a "Backpack Blessing" and spread God's love over you and your backpack, as well as give you a little token of faith for this year. Please bring your school backpack with you when you come up to the front of the church this Sunday, 8/25. Thank you!

## *Share the Table Update!*



## August Memory Verse:

**And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.**

**~Mark 6:56**



Do you have a heart for worship? We would love for you to join us in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm for a contemporary Worship service (see dates below). Mark your calendars and bring your friends!

### **Summer**

August 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Fall**

September 14<sup>th</sup>

September 28<sup>th</sup>

October 12<sup>th</sup>

October 26<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup>

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Winter**

December 14<sup>th</sup>

December 28<sup>th</sup>

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## **Welcome Haley**



Hello! My name is Haley Griffis. I have a Masters in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelors in Christian Ministries. I have worked in church leadership within the youth, children, and preschool ministries for the past 10+ years.

I recently moved to the Wilmington area from Northern Virginia. My happy place is the beach! I enjoy the outdoors, a good board game, and a jigsaw puzzle. Preschool is the perfect environment for curiosity, learning and play! A place where my energy can be matched! I love to laugh and smile! My personal mission statement as a director is “Be Kind!” - Promoting Inclusion and Kindness in the Classroom! I am excited to be joining the Faith Harbor United Methodist Preschool this year! I look forward to getting to know all our families - new and returning!



### **Community Meeting**

**When: August 22, 2024**

**Where: 12395 NC-50 (former Share the Table)**

**Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm**



Our monthly Family Night Suppers will start back up beginning Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. **The Hospitality Team is looking for a Sponsor for November.** If interested, please contact Ms. Jean at (910) 330.0760 or another member of the Hospitality Team.

September 4<sup>th</sup>: Casseroles, Salad and Dessert hosted by: The Quilting Mission

October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tex Mex and Desserts hosted by: United Women in Faith

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## *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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Saturday September 14, 2024 at 8 AM**

The Summer Fun Fest Series has been completed with great success. We hope to continue these events throughout the fall and winter with your cooperation. As you can see, we are returning to our regularly scheduled meetings beginning in September, but due to a conflict, the meeting has been moved to the 2nd Saturday in September.

Please join us for good food and fellowship as we begin planning for the future.

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### **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 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.com](mailto:rramorton@gmail.com).

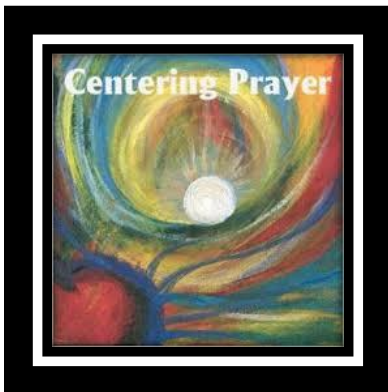


***Find your Missing Piece ~ Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>***

Worship with Shirley Mercer

Speakers: Heather Esslinger and Elizabeth Minikel

Please contact Jessica Blackburn with any questions- (910) 622.1193 or [jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com)



**You are invited to a weekly opportunity to grow  
in your relationship with Christ**

We will meet in the sanctuary on Thursdays from 9:30- 10:30 to learn and practice Centering Prayer. No experience is necessary, only a desire to spend time opening your heart to the Savior. We will also be discussing various books, starting with "Everything Belongs" by Richard Rohr. It is not necessary to attend each week. All are welcome. Please come and taste the goodness of our Lord. For questions, call Gail Widholm (910) 297.2465 or Bescye Burnett (678) 882.6721

**Women Rooted in Christ, Anchored in Love, Building each other up.  
When? Wednesdays from 11:15-12:30p.m.**

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](mailto:stacieaholmes@gmail.com).

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)

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The NC Conference continues its efforts to create a 365-day devotional book. We are still in need of devotionals. ALL of our church women as well as school aged girls are very welcome to submit a devotional or several. There are no limits as to how many you can submit. No writing credentials needed. This is a wonderful way to witness for God and spend quality time with him. **The DEADLINE for submittal has been extended to the end of August.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 919-608-3448.

The NC Conference UWF will be holding a Charter for Racial Injustice event at Garner UMC on Saturday August 24. You do not have to be an enrolled member of the UWF to attend. The event is from 9:30-3:30. Carpooling is available. You will need to register. There is no registration fee and lunch will be provided. The registration form can be found on the NC conference UWF website. You can contact me if you have any questions and confirm if you plan to attend to ensure transportation if you'd like to carpool.

I would like to take a minute to share that ALL our women at Faith Harbor are a part of the United Women in Faith. While you may not be an enrolled member, each of you have something you can contribute. God has given us all talents and blessed us with a loving church family. If you would like to find out ways that you might be able to participate in this awesome women's group, reach out to any of our members. Feel free to also contact me. Our unit president is Bonnie Hunter. You will be met with open arms!!

Let's be a beacon of hope and light into the world!

*Sherri Davila*

Harbor District UWF President

## THRIFT STORE



## Harbor Thrift Store Hours

Tuesday - Friday

10:00AM - 4:00PM

Closed: Saturday, Sunday and Monday

The Thrift Store is in need of household items and furniture in good condition. No adult clothing, electronics, broken or damaged items.

**Harbor Thrift Store can no longer accept donations without an appointment.**

Please contact someone from the list below to schedule donation 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

## Calling all bakers!

The Thrift Store Bake Sales resume on Thursday, September 5, and will continue the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. This has proven to be a dependable fund raiser for The United Women in Faith, which supports women, children and families through donations to The Methodist Home for Children, Share the Table, Roots of Recovery, Safe Haven and other such organizations. We could not do it without your support.

On Bake Sale Thursdays (1st and 3rd), we have visitors who come to the Thrift Store looking for bake sale items. Our practice has been to use the Congregational roster to send an Email to about 15 people asking them to prepare an item for the bake sale on the designated Thursday. If you are unable to bake, we ask that you consider a \$10 donation to United Women in Faith. There have been occasions when we have been disappointed with the response. So, in addition to the Emails, we also hope to establish a preferred bakers list that we can call on to supplement our baked goods. If you can help by being a "preferred baker," please add your name to the signup sheet posted by the kitchen window or call our bake sale facilitator Rachel Shade at 910 232 2860 or 910 329 1831

When your name comes up on the email list, we hope you can help. Your baked item should be taken to the Thrift Store on the designated Thursday by 10am. Please include your name, identify the item, and provide any special instructions. Rachel or someone from the Thrift Store will be available to assist with pricing. We, the United Women in Faith, Thank You for helping in this cause to support women, children and families. Bonnie Hunter, 540 621 3645



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Do you have a heart for children? A free Sunday every now and again? We are looking for volunteers to help Sunday mornings with our children's ministry- babies through fifth grade. We would love new faces to serve with the church's children. Teenagers welcome to reach out as well!

If interested, please contact the Children's Ministry Director, Bridget Ross at [bridgetross@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetross@gmail.com) or 949.633.8021

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Mother Child Retreat! Calling all moms and children ages 2-18. Do you love boating and swimming and fellowship? Do you love delicious food, campfires and worship? If so, please consider signing up for the Mother Child Retreat September 6-8, 2024, in Arapahoe, NC (about 1.5 hours north of us, on the coast). UWF is offering scholarships to the retreat- if interested, please contact the Children's Ministry Director, Bridget Ross at [bridgetross@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetross@gmail.com)

# Youth Ministry



**Pool-lympics Party**

Rising 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders join us for  
**Olympic Pool Games  
Faith Harbor Style**



**Sunday, August 25  
Noon to 3pm  
@ Will Pirro's House**  
130 W. Colonnade Drive, Hampstead

Lunch from Burrito Shak

**RSVP Text to 304-687-3816**  
(Gotta know how many Burritos to get!)

Bring your swimsuit, towel and sunscreen. We'll have lots of fun getting ready for the new school year, youth group and making friends! You may even win a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal!

Come join us this Sunday (8/25) for food and fun!

End of Summer Youth Pool Party @ the Pirro's!!

\*The next Youth Council Meeting is scheduled for Wed., Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the church.

\*Regular Fall Youth group meetings to resume on Sunday, Sept. 8th.

If you should have any questions during the month of August, please contact Kim McCluskey via email or text at [kmac5036@yahoo.com](mailto:kmac5036@yahoo.com), or (304) 982-2008. Blessings to you and your families!

Peace be with you,  
Jewels Swain  
Fhumc Youth Minister

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I will trust God with all my heart.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

~Romans 15:13 (NIV)





**Members:** Joyce Arnette; Edmund Audet; Ray Blackburn; Anne Cassler; 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; Larry & Becki Modlin; Sean Mooney; Alma Osborn; Judy Pratt; Ron Voli; Alice & Owen Williams; Vicki Wygant

**Military:** Joe Fraley, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Greg Holmes; Joey Horne; Abbie Kizer, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, Charlotte Taylor

**Family and Friends:** *Robin Allison*; Kelly Bonnell's Husband; Pat Bower (Sandy Sly's friend); *Diane Brown*; Jeanne Brown (Glenda Brooks); *Curtis Campbell (Allison's Dad)*; *Matt Campbell (Tammy & Chris Campbell)*; Laurin Chaucer; Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly's friend); Paulita Cousins (Kim McCluskey's friend); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Chelsea Groves (friend of Sherrie Weaver); Patrick Henry and George Hartner (LaNier S); Martha Olarte and family; Joey Osborn (Colin Rice); Marie Palmer (Sandy Sly); Steven Penley (Jewels' cousin); Sue & Ted Penny (Vance's Parents); Janice Robbins and family; *Aric Roberts*; Scotty Roberts (Jeanne Mangus' brother); *Noble Sellars & family*; Parker Swain; Brenda (Harriet Rice's friend); Betty Ann (friend of Diane Secary); Pam Ulrich (friend of Sherrie Weaver)

*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 August 26<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.  
Psalm 84

M II Thessalonians 1.1-12, Matthew 23.13-22

Tu II Thessalonians 2.1-17, Matthew 23.23-26

W II Thessalonians 3.6-18, Matthew 23.27-32

Th I Corinthians 1.1-9, Matthew 24.45-51

F I Corinthians 1.17-25, Matthew 25.1-13

Sa I Corinthians 1.26-31, Matthew 25.14-30

Su Song of Solomon 2.8-13, James 1.17-27, Mark 7.1-23

Key scripture Mark 7.14: "Listen to me, all of you, and understand."



## BIRTHDAYS!

### AUGUST

25<sup>th</sup>: Amy Woolard

26<sup>th</sup>: Cale Horne; Patsy Mathews

29<sup>th</sup>: April Shannon

30<sup>th</sup>: Sharon Jordan

### SEPTEMBER

2<sup>ND</sup>: Mary Sheffield

3<sup>rd</sup>: Ray Blackburn

5<sup>th</sup>: Giles Jeffreys

6<sup>th</sup>: Sandy Wise

8<sup>th</sup>: Lance Jordan

9<sup>th</sup>: Rita Streiff

10<sup>th</sup>: Mark Valente

11<sup>th</sup>: Mattie Albertson

14<sup>th</sup>: Hazel Passingham

18<sup>th</sup>: Mary Lynn Wood

20<sup>th</sup>: Arness Krause

22<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Black; Frank Carroll

25<sup>th</sup>: Quinn Woolard

26<sup>th</sup>: Will Moore

27<sup>th</sup>: Ava Barnes

28<sup>th</sup>: Michael Kaufmann; Jean Hawley

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 8/25**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
\*New Member Introductions  
10:45 Final new member class  
12:00 Youth Pool Party @ the Pirro's  
3:00p Celebrate Recovery, Rm. 6

### **Monday, 8/26**

9:00 Quilting, Rm. 6  
6:30p Cub Scouts

### **Tuesday, 8/27**

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

### **Wednesday, 8/28**

9:30 Communion Service  
10:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 6  
11:15 Women Rooted & Anchored Group  
7:00p Choir Practice  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef

### **Thursday, 8/29**

9:00 Backpack Program  
9:30 Centering Prayer  
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6  
6:30p Leadership Meeting

### **Friday, 8/30**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

### **Saturday, 8/31**

5:00pm Emmaus Sponsor Training

### **Sunday, 9/01**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Communion Service  
3:00p Celebrate Recovery Meeting, Rm. 6

### **Monday, 9/02**

**Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day**