



*I Corinthians 7.31: "For the present form of this world is passing away."*

This last Wednesday we gathered together for a time of contemplation and sacrament. We have been practicing this order for almost two years. We gather at 9.30am on Wednesday mornings quietly and expectantly. We always read scripture passages based on the readings you can find in the bulletin.

Yesterday was a passage from I Corinthians 7.31: "*For the present form of this world is passing away.*"

These are the words that stuck out to me yesterday – for they are words that remind us that our trust is found in the God who makes all things new. They are words that remind us that we are pilgrims on this journey – sharing of what we have with those around us – and recipients of the same generosity from those same fellow travelers. I have this image in my mind, that when we journey, what is behind us passes away, vanishes, and no longer exists. Beside us our our sisters, brothers, strangers, and Jesus, who is yoked with us. But what lies before us is the hope of glory – that we currently see through a glass dimly.

My sisters & brothers – let us journey with one another – sharing of what we have. Let us carry one another – and sometimes be carried by one another. Let us trust the Lord – the one who makes all things new.

## September Memory Verse:

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ~Mark 8:25

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

### Greeters

September 15<sup>th</sup>: Jeanette Mason & Sherri Davila

# News & Announcements



On behalf of SPRC, we would like to announce that Jewels Swain has decided to step down as our youth minister and pursue other opportunities in the church.

Her last Sunday as Youth Minister is September 22, 2024. A Love Offering will be accepted between now and then. You are invited to join us following the 9:30 service on the 22nd, as the Hospitality Team will be hosting a reception to honor Jewels.

We want to sincerely thank her for the love, devotion, and service to the youth of Faith Harbor for the past eleven years! She has made a profound impact on our youth and has played an integral part in their growth and development as they become young men and women in Jesus Christ. Although her service to our high school and middle school youth is coming to an end, we offer you our full blessing and support as she continues to serve as God leads. We as a church pray for her discernment as the Holy Spirit directs and are excited to see how she will continue to be such a blessing to others.



**CALLING ALL SINGERS!!!** We are now practicing the music for our Christmas Cantata on Wednesdays from 7:00-7:45pm in the sanctuary. Come join us! If you have any questions, call Allison Campbell 804-651-5488



**The Quilters are looking to replenish their stock of cotton fabric. We meet every Monday & Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00a.m. Any donations made to the Quilting Mission are greatly appreciated!**



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. Mark your calendars and bring your friends!

### 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>

## *Faith Harbor Pilots*

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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 completed with great success and we hope to continue these events throughout the fall and winter with your cooperation. As you can see, we will be returning to our regularly scheduled meetings beginning in September, but due to a conflict, the meeting has been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** – Unless otherwise stated, the men’s breakfast group meets at Sear’s Landing every Tuesday beginning around 8:30am and waiting until 9:00am to order for those wishing to eat. Roger Morton, our Devotional leader and Biblical Scholar, provides an inspirational devotion each week. Please join us anytime if you wish to start your day in an uplifting and inspirational way. For more information contact Roger Morton at [rramorton@gmail.com](mailto:rramorton@gmail.com).

## FYI...New Adult Sunday School in the Reef @ 10:45

If you are looking for a place to connect with others, come join us for some adult time during Jr. Basic! On Sept 15th, we will be starting a new Sunday School opportunity. We will gather the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month following the Jr. Basic schedule. Childcare will be provided by the children's ministry also known as Jr. Basic. The kids will be served lunch. Our intention is to create a place for a community of faith to develop as we learn and grow together. This class will be discussion – based as we explore a variety of topics starting with parenting! For more information please contact, Deanna Beard @ dbeardnp@gmail.com or David Sawyer @david@portcitytraining.com



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

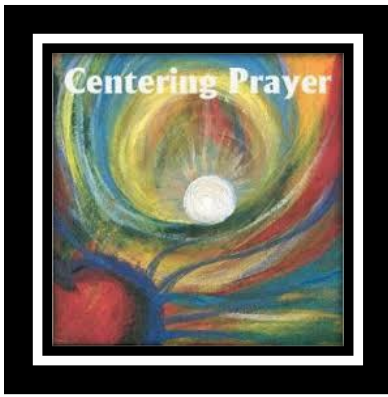
Worship with Shirley Mercer  
Speakers: Heather Esslinger and Elizabeth Minikel

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



**The Hospitality Team is looking for a Sponsor for November's Family Night Supper.** If interested, please contact Ms. Jean at (910) 330.0760 or another member of the Hospitality Team.

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



## **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).

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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](mailto: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)



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 me or any of our members. 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 looking for 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

Gloria Richardson (704) 804-4909

Beth Walker (252) 213-2240

Sabrina Guy (910) 526-4183

Sylvia Bowman (910) 284-3131



VOLUNTEERS needed. We are always looking for people to help with Children's Ministry, whether as a Sunday School teacher, nursery helper or many other roles. Please email me or find me if you are interested in helping out. Thank you. Bridget Ross at [bridgetross@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetross@gmail.com) or 949.633.8021

Jr Basic starts Sunday, September 15, from 10:45-12:45, directly after our 9:30 service. **Please make sure you have turned in your forms**

### Jr Basic Dates

Sep 15

October 6

October 20

November 3

November 17

Dec 1

Dec 15



**\*Middle School bAsiC Youth at A New Time!** Starting this school year the Middle School youth will be meeting at the same time as Jr Basic. This is planned for 6th- 8th graders. The day will feature a meal, lesson, fun and mission. The dates are as follows (These are typically the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month. \*However, with holidays the schedule can vary slightly):

Sept 15 Bible Lesson (led by Ms. Kim)

Sept 29 Beach Walk followed by lunch at Margaritas

Oct 6 Bible Lesson (led by Ms. Stacie)

Oct 20 Corn Maze Fun (Ms. Kim and Mr. Dave)

Nov 3 Bible Lesson (led by Ms. DeAnne)

Nov 17 Bible Lesson (led by Ms. Stacie)

Dec 1 Nursing Home mission (led by Ms. Kim)

Dec 15 Fun! Bake cookies for High School Care Package

**\*Announcement~** New Adult Sunday School in the Reef @ 10:45 (Will run concurrent with Middle School bAsiC & Jr. bAsiC Sundays). If you are looking for a place to connect with others, come join us for some adult time during Jr. Basic! On Sept 15th, we will be starting a new Sunday School opportunity. We will gather on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month following the Jr. Basic schedule. Childcare will be provided by the children's ministry also known as Jr. Basic. The kids will be served lunch. Our intention is to create a place for a community of faith to develop as we learn and grow together. This class will be discussion – based as we explore a variety of topics starting with parenting! For more information please contact, Deanna Beard @ [dbeardnp@gmail.com](mailto:dbeardnp@gmail.com) or David Sawyer @ [david@portcitytraining.com](mailto:david@portcitytraining.com)

**\*High School bAsiC Youth Group~** We will begin Regular High School youth group meetings every Sunday for the Fall on Sunday evenings starting Sept. 15th. It will be the same time frame and schedule as prior years. We will also continue to follow the Missional flow of Study, Study, Mission, Fun (Can vary slightly with holidays). See below:

5-5:30pm- Fellowship time (hang out, eat snacks, chat)

5:30-6:30pm- Icebreaker/Game & Lesson

**\*For bAsiC Middle School AND High School Youth~**

Our Youth Sunday for the month of September will be on Sun., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:30am

Service. Opportunities to help include- Greeters (3 to 4), Ushers (4), Readers (3- Opening Prayer, Psalms, Prayers of the People), Children's classroom helpers (2). Please let me know how your youth would like to serve. We will sit together in the front right section of the Sanctuary together. There will be Reserve signs up in our section. Thanks!

Parents- With the new school year, it is time to complete 2024-2025 youth paperwork (Travel release forms, contact info., etc.). Please see the attached documents that can be printed, filled out and returned. We will also have some hard copies on hand at youth gatherings if you need one.



\*Note: Watch for more information on the following:

- Tailgate at Topsail HS Football Game Sept 20
- Youth Christmas Party Dec.8 and maybe caroling
- Middle School visit to Airlie Gardens for the Christmas light show.

Save the Date- Next Youth Council Meeting on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the library (parents & youth are welcome!)

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I need not fear because God is with me in every situation.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? ~Psalm 27:1 (NIV)*



**Members:** Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox; Diane Geary; Gail Hargett-Lilly; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Sandi Lowery and family; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Sean Mooney; Alma Osborn; Judy Pratt; Ron Voli; Alice & Owen Williams

**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); Matt Campbell (Tammy & Chris Campbell); Laurin Chaucer; Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly's friend); Paulita Cousins (Kim McCluskey's friend); *Olivia Drudge*; 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 September 16<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: The heavens are telling the glory of God.  
Psalm 19

M I Corinthians 11.17-33, Luke 7.1-10

Tu I Corinthians 12.12-31, Luke 7.11-17

W I Corinthians 12.31-13.13, Luke 7.31-35

Th I Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 7.36-50

F I Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 8.1-3

Sa I Corinthians 15.21-34, Luke 8.4-15

Su Proverbs 31.10-31, James 3.13-4.8, Mark 9.30-37

Key scripture Mark 9.32: "But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him."



## BIRTHDAYS!

### 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, 9/15**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6  
10:45 JR Basic/Adult Sunday School  
10:45 MS Basic Group  
3:00p Celebrate Recovery Group  
5:00p HS Youth Group/Reef

### **Monday, 9/16**

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

### **Tuesday, 9/17**

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, 9/18**

9:30 Communion Service  
11:15 Rooted & Anchored Women's Group  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef  
7:00p Cantata Practice  
7:45p Choir Practice

### **Thursday, 9/19**

9:30 Centering Prayer  
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6  
6:00p MDT  
6:00p Love Thyself Training

### **Friday, 9/20**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

### **Saturday, 9/21**

8:30a.m. Women's Conference

### **Sunday, 9/22 - Youth Sunday**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Reception for Jewels  
3:00p Celebrate Recovery, Rm. 6  
5:00p HS Youth Group/Reef