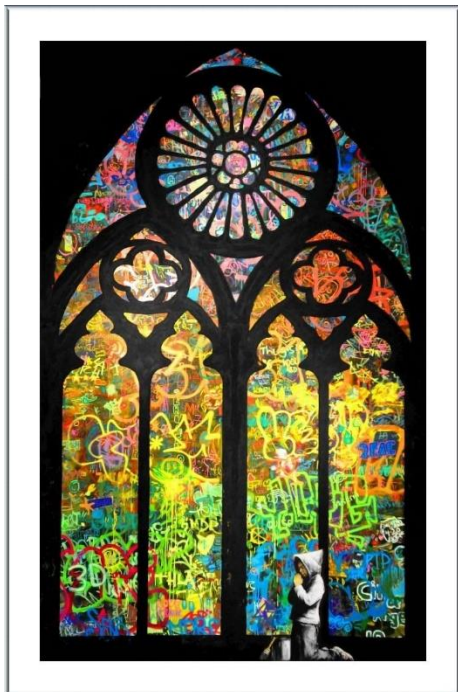




# Faith Harbor

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



*Mark 8.27-30: "Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him."*

This passage is a pivotal passage here in the Gospel of Mark. It is one of those passages that is pointing toward the reality of who Jesus is – he is the Messiah. But it also revealed the academic nature of what was happening in the lives of the disciples. They were thinking theologically about who their Rabbi was. They were thinking through passages of their Bible – passages about prophets like Elijah and/or Malachi. They were thinking about John the Baptist, and how people claimed he was Elijah. They were thinking through the ramifications of prophets in their day and age – and what impact those prophets had on the Rabbi that they were following.

And then Peter blurted out something that was rich in theological traditions – traditions that would thwart the violent reality of Rome. Peter said – you are the Messiah. All the disciples observed the situation – the expressions on each face – even the expression on their Rabbi's face. And Jesus said – don't tell anyone.

This rich theological tradition that the disciples had devoted their lives to – is a tradition that we are invited to as well. We are invited to learn how to think theologically about the events, circumstances, and situations that are all around us. I would encourage all of us to ask questions like: "What are you saying Lord?" May questions like these be on our minds as we are at work, talking to our neighbors, at school, when you're at the grocery store, while you are in the voting booth, and when spending time with family & friends. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are invited to a rich tradition of sisters & brothers that think theologically. For our faith invites us to seek understanding – so that this faith impacts the geographical context that we embody.

## 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

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| 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  |
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| 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 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sabrina & Zander Guy

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

October 1<sup>st</sup>: SPRC @ 6:30pm  
 October 29<sup>th</sup>: Finance Meeting @ 6:30pm  
 November 6<sup>th</sup>: Youth Council @ 5:00pm  
 November 7<sup>th</sup>: SPRC @ 6:30pm  
 November 14<sup>th</sup>: Leadership Council @ 6:30pm

# 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 donation made to the Quilting Mission is greatly appreciated!**

Please join us September 28<sup>th</sup>

One year celebration for our Saturday Contemporary Worship Service!  
Food and Fellowship following the service. Service starts at 5:30pm.  
Potluck style dinner. Bring a dish and bring a friend!



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-bring your friends!

**Fall**

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>



***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 United Women in Faith will welcome a guest speaker from the Pender Master Gardeners at our meeting on Tuesday, 1 October, at 3:30pm at Faith Harbor. Hope you can join us!

Also, UWF will host the Family Night Supper on Wednesday, 2 October at 6 pm. A variety of Tex Mex dishes will be offered. Hope you can make it...bring a friend! It will be yummy.

## 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. Please join us for good food and fellowship as we plan for the future.

**We hope to see you at our next gathering on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM**

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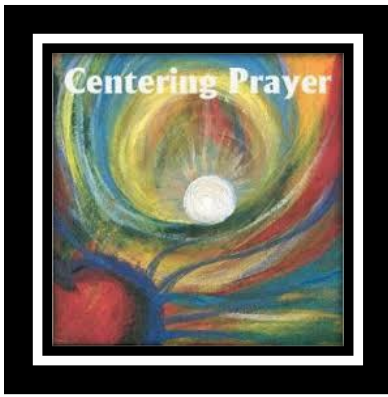
### Tuesday Morning Men's Group

**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).



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

November 6<sup>th</sup>: Hosted by: Faith Harbor Pilot's Group. Menu tba



**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 Dates

October 6

November 17

October 20

December 1

November 3

December 15



**\*Middle School bAsiC Youth at A New Time!** 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.

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! 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~** Regular High School youth group will meet every Sunday. 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

Parents- With the new school year, it is time to complete 2024-2025 youth paperwork (Travel release forms, contact info., etc.).

**\*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

Kindness reflects Christ's love and influences lives in profound ways.

*As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness and patience.*

~Colossians 3:12 (NIV)





**Members:** Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox; Diane Geary; Gail Hargett-Lilly; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; 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 23<sup>rd</sup>

Centering Prayer: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked. Psalm 1

M Proverbs 3.27-34, Luke 8.16-18

Tu Proverbs 21.1-6, Luke 8.19-21

W Proverbs 30.5-9, Luke 9.1-6

Th Ecclesiastes 1.1-11, Luke 9.7-9

F Ecclesiastes 3.1-11, Luke 9.18-22

Sa Ecclesiastes 11.9-12.8, Luke 9.43-45

Su Esther 7.1-22, James 5.13-20, Mark 9.38-50

Key scripture Mark 9.49: "For everyone will be salted with fire."



## 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

### OCTOBER

1<sup>ST</sup>: Sabrina Guy  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Hunter Tayloe  
4<sup>th</sup>: Buddy Fowler  
5<sup>th</sup>: John Pratt  
6<sup>th</sup>: Cindy Kennedy      7<sup>th</sup>: Kelsey Swain  
8<sup>th</sup>: LaNier Shepard  
9<sup>th</sup>: Oliver Alexander      10<sup>th</sup>: Scott Passingham  
12<sup>th</sup>: Jessica Blackburn; Parker Burgess  
13<sup>th</sup>: Lisa Berg  
15<sup>th</sup>: Becky Moore  
17<sup>th</sup>: Graham Alexander; Greg Holmes  
18<sup>th</sup>: Faye Decatur; Jann Tayloe  
19<sup>th</sup>: Sandy Rogers  
20<sup>th</sup>: Sarah Harris; Lou Secary  
21<sup>st</sup>: Cathy Medlin  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Craig Streiff; Nicole May  
27<sup>th</sup>: David Decatur  
28<sup>th</sup>: Zander Guy  
29<sup>th</sup>: Roxey Jordan  
30<sup>th</sup>: Leigh Bizzell

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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

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

### **Monday, 9/23**

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

### **Tuesday, 9/24**

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, 9/25**

9:30 Communion Service  
10:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 6  
11:15 Rooted & Anchored Women's Group  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef  
7:00p Cantata Practice  
7:45p Choir Practice

### **Thursday, 9/26**

9:30 Centering Prayer  
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6  
5:30p Girl Scout Troop #4242  
6:00p Love Thyself Training  
6:00p MDT

### **Friday, 9/27**

8:30am Women's Breakfast Group

### **Saturday, 9/28**

5:30p Praise Service  
6:30p Potluck Reception

### **Sunday, 9/29**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6  
3:00p Celebrate Recovery, Rm. 6  
5:00p HS Youth Group