



Colossians 3.14-17: "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Love, harmony, peace, oneness, thankfulness, wisdom, gratitude, and action – this admonition from the Apostle Paul reminds us that the way of Christ is “our way”. We live this out in Christian community – where we practice Jesus' life, death, and resurrection – together. In these practices, we are the universal church happening in the concrete reality of Surf City.

I have found the most profound practice of Christian community is lived out with a posture of gratefulness. Gratefulness allows us to always appreciate the “other”. That “otherness” reminds us that we show respect to each other while acknowledging that we are not each other. This “otherness” also reminds us that Jesus Christ is the binding force that links us together. So we are grateful for the “other” – who is our neighbor, the stranger, the co-worker, the classmate, and even the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Remember – we are not God – instead we are grateful to God and we do everything in the name of Jesus Christ. Gratefulness is a posture of acknowledging and respecting “the other” – and being thankful for the people that the Lord has placed in our lives.

I am grateful for all of you. I am grateful that God has entrusted us to each other – to live out our vocation in harmony and oneness. The Holy Spirit is the one who orders the body – and therefore this reality is to be one of reading scripture, partaking of the Lord's Supper, teaching, singing, praying, and responding to the one who sends. For the next several weeks, we are going to be looking closely at what is worship – and what are we called to as worshipers. You can see the scripture passages below that we will be covering. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.



Date:

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| 12/01/24 | Matthew 28.18-20 & I Corinthians 11.23-26 |
| 12/08/24 | James 5.13-20 |
| 12/15/24 | Ephesians 5.15-20 |
| 12/22/24 | Luke 1.26-38 |
| 12/24/24 | Luke 2.1-20 |
| 12/29/24 | Ephesians 1.1-14 |
| 1/05/25 | Ephesians 2.1-10 |
| 1/12/25 | Ephesians 2.11-22 |
| 1/19/25 | Ephesians 3.1-13 |
| 1/26/25 | Ephesians 3.14-21 |
| 2/02/25 | Ephesians 4.1-16 |
| 2/09/25 | Ephesians 4.17-24 |
| 2/16/25 | Ephesians 4.25-5.2 |
| 2/23/25 | Ephesians 5.3-14 |
| 3/02/25 | Ephesians 5.15-20 |
| 3/05/25 | Ephesians 6.10-20 |
| 4/14/25 | Luke 23.34 |
| 4/15/25 | Luke 23.43 |
| 4/16/25 | John 19.26-27 |
| 4/17/25 | Matthew 27.46 & John 19.28 |
| 4/18/25 | John 19.30 & Luke 23.46 |



News & Announcements

Greeters:

December 1st: Deanna Beard & Jennifer Fox



Kris Kringle Christmas Craft Show

Local art and crafts

Saturday, November 30th

9 to 2

Outside- Faith Harbor Methodist Church

14201 NC 50 Surf City



The evening Women's Group - Nourishing Joy, meets the first Monday of each month. Our December gathering will be at the home of Annie Voli, 413 N. New River Dr. on Monday December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite holiday appetizer to share. All are welcome for a wonderful time of fellowship, eating and joy!

If you work during the day, can't make other fellowship opportunities, aren't ready for a formal bible study but crave some fellowship, this group is for you! You can reach Annie at 804-338-4784 or avolibeach@gmail.com



The 2024 Advent Devotionals will be available in the Narthex this Sunday. ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE

FYI...

For those interested in donating to the Western NC Relief Efforts, we have a trailer parked under the carport for donations. We ask if you bring anything, please put items directly into the trailer and not inside the building. **Donations are being accepted until Wednesday, December 4th**. This will be the last collection until we are notified otherwise. Thank you to all who have donated thus far and to those who have sorted, labeled, gathered and made the trip to Western NC!

SAVE THE DATE!!! United Women in Faith will be at the Craft Fair with their Take & Bake Entrees and Desserts! Let us know what you like and what you want to see added to our selections. **THANK YOU AGAIN.** Bonnie Hunter, 540 621 3645.



ITS CRAFT FAIR TIME! Come one come all, December 7th from 9am - 2pm. Over 20 local vendors, United Women in Faith will have their frozen entrees. Harbor Thrift Store will be hosting the Christmas store. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!

The Harbor Thrift Store Annual Christmas Shop will be held in the Harbor Warehouse on December 6th and 7th 10:00AM-3:00PM (CASH ONLY). We'll have toys, greenery, trees, wreaths & more! *Donations for this sale can be made at the store or the warehouse. Please contact Ms. Jean or one of the volunteers with any questions.



CHAP (Community Holiday Assistance Program) will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and gift cards for children of families in need. Donations can be dropped off at Faith Harbor (Gift Ideas can be found in the Narthex – grab a list or a tag off the tree). The toy drop-off and set up will be December 12th & 13th at Blakes Chapel with distribution on Saturday, December 14th.

Families with children are paired with volunteers and invited to “shop” for new toys/gifts for their children in a special Christmas shop where everything is offered free of charge including wrapping materials. Each individual/family also receives a Christmas card, along with a list of all participating organizations in the area. Volunteers are needed. For information, please contact Faye Strickland. fayestr46@gmail.com or 910-264-6151. Thank you!

We are blessed to be a blessing to others!



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

December 14th

December 28th



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Date: **Sunday, December 15th**

Time: **10:00a.m.**

*Reception to follow

Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy the beautiful music. All are welcome!

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 on the 3rd Saturday of each month unless otherwise designated. We meet at 8am for breakfast and fellowship. 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, December 21st at 8 AM

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 at 8:30, ordering around 9:00am 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 at rramorton@gmail.com.

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

Beth Walker (252) 213-2240

Sylvia Bowman (910) 284-3131

Gloria Richardson (704) 804-4909

Sabrina Guy (910) 526-4183

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.



From Pastor Bescye...

***NEW online course from Wesley Pathways for Ministry**

Lord, Teach Us to Pray- Learn and experience new ways to pray.

Introductory offer: ~~\$25~~ \$5 through December 31, 2024. This six-unit course is intended for laity who do not currently have a prayer practice or who desire to go deeper in their relationship with God through prayer (clergy are also welcome). The course is experiential, inviting students to practice different forms of prayer and to discover what approaches work for them. Students will be exposed to a wide variety of prayer practices, including prayers from the African American tradition. Different practitioners share various forms of prayer.

Course learning objectives:

- Students will be exposed to at least ten different prayer practices, including silence, Lectio Divina (praying using scripture), awe practices, nature walks, the Psalms of lament and new orientation, using visual images for prayer, prayers for peace and justice, icons, and Christian mindfulness.
- Students will practice at least six different prayer practices and will reflect on their prayer experiences by journaling in words or images.

[Learn more and enroll now at wesleypathways.com.](http://wesleypathways.com)



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

The Nursing Home Ministry of Faith Harbor join members of the Gathering Church on Sunday mornings at 11:00 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: Bescy 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)



Volunteers needed. We are always looking for people to help, whether as a Sunday School teacher, nursery helper or many other roles.

Jr Basic Dates

December 1

December 15



Middle school – b.A.s.i.C. Calling all Middle Schoolers! Check out all the ways to get involved with other Middle Schoolers...lots to do and lots of fun to have!

Nov 28: Happy Thanksgiving! Give thanks for all the blessings.

Dec 1: Middle Schooler's- Meet after church (Ms. Kim and Mr. Dave will be gone- Ms. Stacie will be leading)

Dec 8: Band performs at 9:30 service

Dec 8: Christmas party at Ms. Stacie's house. A progressive dinner while caroling along the way.

More details to follow.

High School- A busy month for high schoolers. Check out ways to serve and learn.



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; Vance Penny and family; Judy Pratt; Ron Voli; 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); Jerry Klofonda (Sherrie Weaver); Rondale Miller (Cousin of Sherrie Weaver); Martha Olarte and family; Joey Osborn (Colin Rice); Marie Palmer (Sandy Sly); Sue Penny; Janice Robbins and family; Aric Roberts; Jennifer Sawyer and family; Noble Sellars & family; Jennie Smith (Lee Jernigan); 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 December 2nd

Centering Prayer: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Psalm 25

M Isaiah 2.1-5, Matthew 8.5-11

Tu Isaiah 11.1-10, Luke 10.21-24

W Isaiah 25.6-10, Matthew 15.29-37

Th Isaiah 26.1-6, Matthew 7.21-27

F Isaiah 29.17-24, Matthew 9.27-31

Sa Isaiah 30.19-26, Matthew 9.35-10.8

Su Malachi 3.1-4, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

Key scripture Philippians 1.6: "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."



NOVEMBER

3rd: Henry Reiman
5th: Fisher Taylor
7th: Sandy Taylor; Garrett Burgess
8th: Dale Osborn; John Phillips
9th: Will Hornthal
11th: Cindy Arnold
12th: Seth Swain
14th: Tammy Campbell; Hillary Horne
15th: Fiona Duddy
18th: Gabriel Roberson
19th: Jenny Mizelle
20th: Paige Swain; Kevin Taylor
21st: Diane Secary
22nd: Stacy Papke; Charlotte Wrigglesworth
23rd: Rebecca Drudge
24th: Charles Burnett
26th: Harley Taylor; James Wygant
27th: Faye Graziano; Janet Hughes
28th: Melanie Duddy
29th: Judy Pratt
30th: Isla Butler

DECEMBER

1st: Kelly Byrd
3rd: Marion Shade
4th: Katherine Alexander; Hayden Arnold; Karl Johanson; Leslie Jones; Neal McHenry
8th: JoAnn Rivernbark
9th: Bill Widholm
10th: Laura Alexander; Melanie Greene
11th: Danielle Shepard; Reagan Shepard
13th: Donald Mizelle
14th: Doug Mewborn; Sandi Lowry
15th: Harriet Rice
16th: Kenny Burgess; Madison Fox; Judy Paliotti
17th: Charlie Clark; David Henry
21st: Robert Barnes; Sonya Burgess
22nd: Caroline Hinkle; Marlaine Hopper
25th: Alex Harris
26th: Ann Cassler; Alexis Passingham
29th: Jill Strohpaul
31st: Gerry Colman; Stephen Cosner; Perry Chase Smith



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 12/01

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

Monday, 12/02

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
1:00p Monday Bible Study, Rm. 6
6:30p Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 12/03

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, 12/04

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

Thursday, 12/05

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

Friday, 12/06

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group
10 – 3:00p Thrift Store Christmas Sale

Saturday, 12/07

9 – 2:00p Craft Fair
10 – 3:00p Thrift Store Christmas Sale

Sunday, 12/08- Youth Sunday

8:00 Communion Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 Adult Bible Study
1:00 Allison's student recital
3:00p Celebrate Recovery, Rm. 6
4 – 8:00p Youth Group Christmas Party