



The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.



We will be having three Christmas-eve Candlelight services this year. Tuesday, December 24th at 5pm, 7pm, & 11pm. Please invite your friends, classmates, neighbors, co-workers, and family to this wonderful time of gazing upon Jesus' manger throne. Also, on Christmas day (Wednesday, December 25th) we will have our contemplative prayer and communion service at 9.30am in the sanctuary. And then we will be having our Christmas singing, scripture reading, and prayer at Woodbury Wellness Center (2778 Country Club Drive, Hampstead). All are invited.

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



Greeters:

December 15th: Paula Fox & Cathey Barber



The 2024 Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex.
Feel free to take one for yourself, a friend or neighbor

We are still in need of volunteers for the following:

Offertory Prayer- 5pm and 7pm Christmas Eve; 9:30am January 12th

Child/Youth to carry Baby Jesus- 7pm, 11pm (if able) Christmas Eve

*If you are interested, please let me know @ faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com

Thank you!

News & Announcements



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

We have about 8 Poinsettias left – if you would like to reserve one, please get your order in by Sunday, December 15th. Poinsettias are \$12/each – cash, checks (made payable to FHUMC) or online payments accepted. Poinsettia's will be in the Sanctuary through the Christmas Eve Services. *Thank you!*



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Date: **Sunday, December 15th**

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

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

Please join us following the Cantata (around 11:00a.m.) as the Hospitality Team and the Congregation will honor the Faith Harbor Choir with a reception. A sign-up sheet for attendees and selected finger foods, fruit and desserts has been posted by the kitchen window. We request that attendees bring only the type of foods on the list, as the Hospitality Team will provide chicken roll-ups, ham biscuits and beverages. We appreciate your assistance! Hope to see you all there!!

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS SERVICE IS FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE EXPERIENCING THE "JOY OF THE SEASON" FOR WHATEVER REASON BUT WISH TO HAVE SPACE FOR COMFORT, PEACE, PRAYER, AND SUPPORT.

DEC 21 @ 5:30
JOIN US
FAITH HARBOR UMC



Blue Christmas Service
Saturday December 21st
5:30pm ~ Faith Harbor Sanctuary

For many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, alienation, sadness. **Blue Christmas**, also known as "The Longest Night," provides a safe space for people to acknowledge and process difficult feelings during the holiday season. Even if you aren't feeling blue this season, extend an offer to bring a friend or neighbor who could use an extra bit of comfort this year. If you have a heart for ministering to those who are hurting and would like to help with the service, please call or text Susan Holden at 702-354-9317.



Let us respond with worship and adoration to Jesus' birth

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 5pm, 7pm & 11pm
Christmas Day: Visit to Woodbury Wellness Center – 10:00a.m.

The Hospitality Team is looking for sponsors for the January and February Family Night Supper. Please contact Jean Hawley if interested- (910) 330.0760 or jeanhawley11@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 on 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 Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 8 AM

The Faith Harbor Pilots will NOT meet in December, the Planning Team wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please join us in January 2025 for our regularly scheduled meeting which will include a hearty breakfast followed by our guest speaker, the former Mayor of Holly Ridge. Afterwards we will participate in a Church wide cleanup as our first quarter service project.

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: 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)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox; Diane Geary; Gail Hargett-Lilly; Janet Hughes; the family of Tamara Jones; Janice Long; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Sean Mooney; Judy Pratt; Ron Voli; Sherrie Weaver; Owen Williams

Military: Joe Fraley, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Greg Holmes; Joey Horne; Abbie Kizer, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, Charlotte Taylor; Craig (family friend of Deanna Beard)

Family and Friends: *JP Antunez (Liz & Jordan Albertson family friend)*; 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); Kevin Kesterson and family; 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); Chris Widholm

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 16th

Centering Prayer: Surely God is my salvation. Isaiah 12

M Numbers 24.2-17, Matthew 21.23-27

Tu Genesis 49.2-10, Matthew 1.1-17

W Jeremiah 23.5-8, Matthew 1.18-25

Th Judges 13.2-25, Luke 1.5-25

F Isaiah 7.10-14, Luke 1.26-38

Sa Zephaniah 3.14-18, Luke 1.39-45

Su Micah 5.2-5, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.46-55

Key scripture Hebrews 10.9: "See, I have come to do your will."



DECEMBER

1ST: Kelly Byrd

3rd: Marion Shade

4th: Katherine Alexander; Hayden Arnold; Karl Johanson; Leslie Jones; Neal McHenry

8th: JoAnn Rivenbark

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, 12/15

8:00 Communion Service

10:00 Christmas Cantata

11:00 Reception

3:00p Celebrate Recovery, Rm. 6

Monday, 12/16

7:30 Open Prayer

9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6

1:00p Monday Bible Study, Rm. 6

6:30p Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 12/17

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, 12/18

9:30 Communion Service

10:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 6

11:15 Rooted & Anchored Women's Group

7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef

7:00p Caroling with the Choir

Thursday, 12/19

12:00p AA Group, Rm. 6

6:00p Love Thyself Training

6:00p MDT

Friday, 12/20

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

Saturday, 12/21

5:30p *Blue Christmas* Service

Sunday, 12/22

8:00 Communion Service

9:30 Communion Service

10:45 Adult Bible Study, Rm. 6

3:00p Celebrate Recovery, Rm. 6