



I would like to introduce you to Elaine Heath, my mentor and encourager of the faith who has opened her heart and her home to me, along with many others, allowing us to see the new and beautiful ways we can live into the calling that God has placed on our lives.

Elaine has an amazing life journey, from growing up in poverty with many hard experiences, including having to leave home and find her way when she was a junior in high school. After her children were born she went to college, then seminary, then earned a PhD in theology. She is ordained in the United Methodist Church, served as a professor for eleven years at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, and as Dean and Professor of Missional and Pastoral Theology at Duke Divinity School, Duke University. She retired from Duke to develop Spring Forest, which she co-founded with several friends.

She lives with her spouse at The Farmastery at Spring Forest, a new monastic community in rural North Carolina, where along with friends, they tend to a forest and small farm. Spring Forest is a hub for Christ centered missions as they help with refugee resettlement through sponsorships, temporary housing, and an ESL program. They also donate fresh produce to refugee families, host a range of spiritual formation ministries, children's programs, and much more. Elaine serves as lead farmer and is the Abbess to our gathered and dispersed community. [www.springforest.org](http://www.springforest.org).

Elaine believes we are at the forefront of a new reformation, one that is freeing the Christian faith from the sinful structures of patriarchy, racism, classism, many phobias, and exploitive forms of mission and evangelism. The new reformation is all about the emergence of a generous, hospitable, equitable form of Christianity that heals the wounds of the world. She believes much of the work for the church in the years ahead must focus on healing the wounds inflicted by Christendom so that the beauty and inclusive goodness of the Gospel can be heard, seen, and experienced. Her work as an author, speaker, retreat leader, consultant, and regenerative farmer focuses on helping leaders and organizations lean into the healing, liberating, and spiritually transformative journey into which God is calling the church in this new era.



*Building Up the Church: Ephesians 4.12*  
**+ A Day of Learning +**

---

**Saturday, February 15th from 9am-3.30pm**  
**Faith Harbor - 14201 US Hwy 50, Surf City**  
**faithharbortopsail.org | 910.328.4422**

---

*Breakout Session Speakers:*



**Dr. Christopher Moore -**  
**Religion, Memory,**  
**and the American Civil War**

**Rev. Kim Holley -**  
**Training to Teach**  
**Children & Youth**



**DeAnne Chryst -**  
**Cooking for 30 people**

**Elizabeth Minikel -**  
**Everyday Evangelism**



**Dawn Ellis -**  
**Social Media Using Canva**

---

*Schedule of Events:*

**9a - Coffee & Registration**  
**9.30a - Worship w/ Shirley Mercer**  
**10a - Opening Intro - Ephesians 4.12**  
**10.30a - Breakout Session #1**  
**12p - Lunch (donations accepted)**  
**1p - Breakout Session #2**  
**2.30p - Showcase (What did we learn?)**  
**3.15p - Closing Worship w/ Shirley Mercer**  
**3.30p - Depart**

---

**To register using Sign-up genius follow**  
**this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ywjbavac>**  
**or email [philipchryst@gmail.com](mailto:philipchryst@gmail.com)**

Please join us for a  
Day of Learning!

To register:

<https://tinyurl.com/ywjbavac>

Email:

[philipchryst@gmail.com](mailto:philipchryst@gmail.com)

# News & Announcements

## Greeters:

February 16<sup>th</sup>: Connie Carroll & Jim Justice

## Upcoming Meetings:

February 18<sup>th</sup>: Finance meeting @ 5:30pm- Rm. 6  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Children's Council Meeting at 10:45  
February 27<sup>th</sup>: Trustee's meeting @ 4:30pm- Rm. 6

2/16/25	Ephesians 4.25-5.2
2/23/25	Ephesians 5.3-14
3/02/25	Ephesians 5.15-20
3/09/25	Luke 23.34
3/16/25	Luke 23.43
3/23/25	John 19.26-27
3/30/25	Matthew 27.46
4/06/25	John 19.28
4/13/25	John 19.30
4/14/25	Luke 23.46
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



## SPRC Committee Members Serving in 2025

The purpose of the SPRC Committee (Staff/Pastor -Parrish Relations Committee) as stated in the Guidelines of the Methodist church is to “focus on building strong relationships between the staff and the congregation and the DS (District Superintendent)”. The activities of this group include but are not limited to “encouraging, strengthening, nurturing, supporting, and respecting the pastor, staff, and their families while promoting unity in our church”. With that purpose in mind, our committee wants to be as transparent as possible and provide the congregation with the contact information of the members of our current committee. Please feel free to contact any member with questions, concerns, or joys.

### SPRC Faith Harbor Roster 2024

<b>Gail Robinson - Chair</b>	<b>704-909-8846</b>	<a href="mailto:gail.Robinson0694@gmail.com">gail.Robinson0694@gmail.com</a>
<b>Melissa Roberson</b>	<b>910-581-8634</b>	<a href="mailto:melissa.roberson2535@gmail.com">melissa.roberson2535@gmail.com</a>
<b>Cary Mangus</b>	<b>540-765-8510</b>	<a href="mailto:cjmangus@outlook.com">cjmangus@outlook.com</a>
<b>Philip Chryst</b>	<b>910-524-5676</b>	<a href="mailto:philipchryst@gmail.com">philipchryst@gmail.com</a>
<b>Jessica Blackburn</b>	<b>910-622-1193</b>	<a href="mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com">jmb@rayblackburn.com</a>
<b>Hunt Tayloe</b>	<b>910-741-9143</b>	<a href="mailto:hunttayloe@icloud.com">hunttayloe@icloud.com</a>
<b>Leigh Bizzell</b>	<b>910-548-3744</b>	<a href="mailto:leigh.bizzell@gmail.com">leigh.bizzell@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sean Dalnodar</b>	<b>484-624-9102</b>	<a href="mailto:sdalnodar@gmail.com">sdalnodar@gmail.com</a>

\*Faith Harbor has posted with indeed job search for a youth minister. If you know of anyone with the following qualifications, please let Kim know at [faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com).

**Youth minister Qualifications:** Commitment to Jesus Christ and the Lord's Church. At least 2 years of experience working with youth in a ministry setting. Strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills. Ability to build and lead volunteer teams.

### SPRC Committee Children's Ministry and Nursery Attendant Announcement

The purpose of the SPRC Committee (Staff/Pastor Parrish Relations Committee) as stated in the Guidelines of the Methodist church is to “focus on building strong relationships between the staff and the congregation and the DS (District Superintendent)”. The activities of this group include but are not limited to “encouraging, strengthening, nurturing, supporting, and respecting the pastor, staff and their families while promoting unity in our church”.

It is with great joy that we announce that Stacie Holmes has stepped in to cover the Children's Ministry position vacated by Josephina Perez. Stacie will cover this position for up to five months as needed. The SPRC will be actively searching to fill this position on a full-time basis and request that anyone interested in applying for the permanent Children's Ministry position contact Stacie Holmes or Gail Robinson, the SPRC chairperson.

It is with additional joy that we announce that Judy Miller has accepted the position of Nursery Attendant. Her first Sunday was February 9. Additionally, Judy has 4 helpers that will be assisting this ministry on a rotating basis. The helpers are Pat Vinson, Kourtney Dalnodar, Carrie Olmstead, and Marlene Barrett.

Please keep these folks in your prayers as they carry out these important ministries in the life of our church.

A memorial service for Buddy Fussell will be held at 2pm, Friday, February 21, 2025, at Pine Valley Methodist Church. The family will receive visitors one hour prior, beginning at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: The Make Room Building Fund at Pine Valley Methodist Church ([www.pvmc.life](http://www.pvmc.life)) 3788 Shipyard Blvd, Wilmington, NC 28403

---



Calling all singers! Easter music practice has begun... please join us on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. No experience necessary.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Allison at (804) 651.5488. Regular choir will follow at 7:45pm.

---



### UPCOMING...

March 12<sup>th</sup>: Taco Bar sponsored by Faith Harbor Preschool  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sponsored by the Quilting Mission

---

### 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



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!

	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	March 15 <sup>th</sup>
April 12 <sup>th</sup> & April 26 <sup>th</sup>	May 10 <sup>th</sup> & May 24 <sup>th</sup>	June 14 <sup>th</sup> & June 28 <sup>th</sup>
July 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	August 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	September 13 & 27 <sup>th</sup>
October 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	November 8 <sup>th</sup>	December 13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>

## *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.” Please join us as we begin the New Year. This is an open invitation to all men who desire to become disciples of Christ. **We hope to see you at our next gathering on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

---

### **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.**



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](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)



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Thank you, Faith Harbor Families for sharing your children with us and letting us work together to build them up in their knowledge and love of the Lord and with each other. If you ever have questions or need prayers or support, please reach out to me,

Stacie Holmes, so we can come alongside each other. You can reach me by email: [stacieaholmes@gmail.com](mailto:stacieaholmes@gmail.com) or phone/text at 910-270-9465.

Here is what is coming up! Come join us!

Saturday, February 15th:

- Day of Learning is this Saturday from 9-3:30! This is a great opportunity for those who serve on the Children's Ministry Team and will surely be a blessing! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044AACAE29A6F85-54775545-dayoflearning#/>



Sunday, February 16th:

- For Sunday School we are on week 7 of our 11-week Fruits of the Spirit Series (Galatians 5: 22-23). We will be looking at how kindness and faithfulness are fruits shown in the lives of Ruth and Boaz. and how we can do the same.
- Jr. Basic is after church this Sunday 10:30-12:30. We will have free play, lunch, a scavenger hunt, and practice our Fruits of the Spirit song that we will sing on March 16th during the Children's Message time. Children Kindergarten thru 5th grade are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE:

- Jr Basic, normally held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month will not be held on March 2nd, due to Spring Break.
- On March 16th, the children will have the opportunity to sing the Fruits of the Spirit song during the Children's Message time.



### **Middle School Youth Calendar**

The following is a list of what is happening in February. Mark your calendars and let's kick off the new year with God at the center!

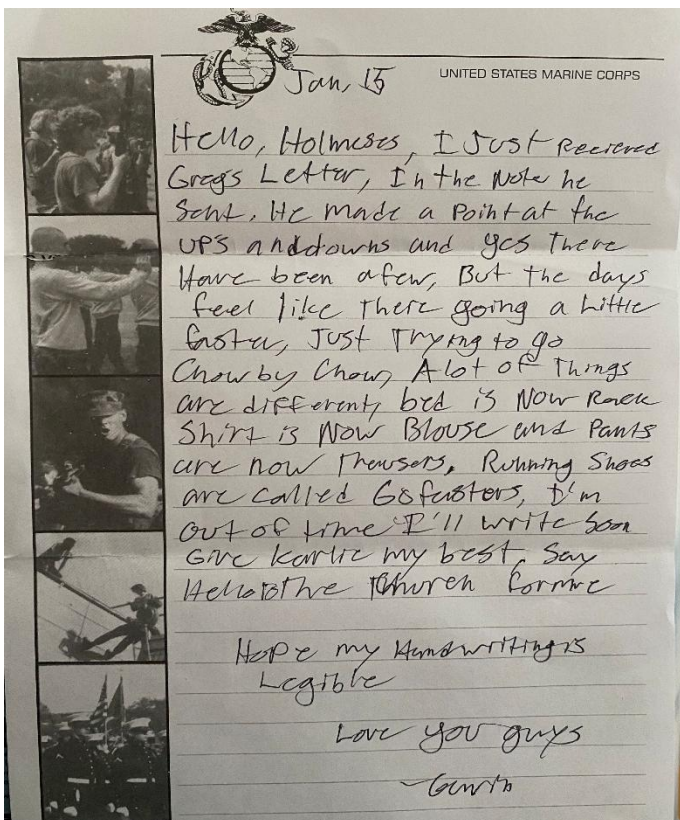
### **February 2025**

February 16: MS Basic immediately following church until 12:30

Things to look forward to and to watch for more information:

May 18- End of year Swim Party at the Pirro's Pool!





Gavin Robinson's address for anyone interested in sending him a letter while he is going through Marine Corps Bootcamp. He should graduate April 4th so people could write to him through mid-March at least. He would love the encouragement.

This is his address:  
 RCT Robinson, Gavin  
 3rd RTBN, Kilo Co, Plt 3016  
 Parris Island, SC 29905

## High School News...

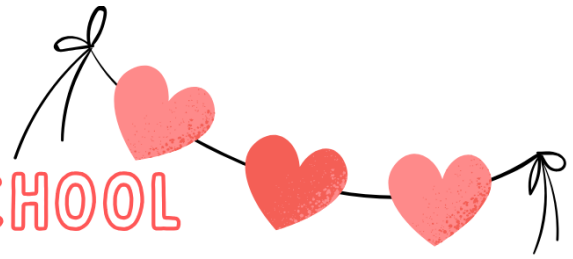


It's time to move on to planning the Summer Mission Trip!!

Who: rising 9<sup>th</sup> -graduated 12th graders and interested adults  
 When: July 20- 25th 2025  
 Where: Western NC- exact location TBA (Boone or Asheville)  
 With: Praying Pelicans Missions  
 Cost: \$250/student. We will fundraise the remaining amount to offset the youth budget.

**\$50 registration fee is required- due by Feb 23rd. Please register by letting DeAnne Chryst or Kim McCluskey know you can come and pay the registration fee online or by check. Make sure to put "Youth mission trip" in memo line.**

# FAITH HARBOR PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



FEBURARY 2025

## What We Are Learning

### THEME: HEALTHY HEARTS AND SMILES

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Happy February! As we move into this month of love and kindness, we are excited to share with you all the wonderful things your child will be learning and experiencing in our preschool.

This Month's Theme: God's Love & Kindness,-Healthy hearts and smiles. In February, our focus is on the love that God has for each one of us. We will learn about the Bible story that highlights God's kindness and teaches us how to show love to others. We will also talk about ways to love our friends, family, and even those who might be different from us! We will focus on letters H,V, U and W.

Bible Story We'll Explore:

- The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37): Learning to love and help others, no matter who they are.
- 

Important Dates:

- Valentine's Day Party: February 14th – A day to celebrate friendship and share God's love.

This month, take a moment at home to discuss how your family can practice kindness and love with each other. Whether it's sharing, saying kind words, or helping each other, teaching your child to be loving and generous is a wonderful way to grow closer as a family and to God. We are excited for a month full of fun, learning, and most of all, love. Thank you for your support and partnership in nurturing your child's faith and growth. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

## What's New

Transitional Kindergarten class next year!  
Spread the word!

Soccer Shots will be here all year long. Join at any time!



## Reminders

Registration for next school year is open and will be until we are full! If you plan to return fill out the registration form to secure your spot!

Tuition is due! :)

Tis' the season for sickness! Please remember if your child is feeling sick keep them home. We want to eliminate the spreading of germs as much as possible.

## Upcoming

Valentine's Day Party-Feb. 13th

Dentist visit by Dr. Olmstead at Topsail  
Dental-TBD

Visit by Kaila Jones-Nutritionist-TBD

**\*\*If you have a friend or family member that you would like to add or be removed from the prayer list, please let me know.**



**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; Anita Phillips; 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, Gavin Robinson; Charlotte Taylor; Craig (family friend of Deanna Beard)

**Family and Friends:** Judy Alfred and family (Sandy Sly); JP Antunez (Liz & Jordan Albertson family friend); Robin Allison; Adrian Berroteran (friend of Melissa Schleinkofer); 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); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Chelsea Groves (friend of Sherrie Weaver); the family of Hugh Hawthorne (Sandy Sly); Patrick Henry and George Hartner (LaNier S); Kevin Kesterson and family; Jerry Klofonda (Sherrie Weaver); Stacy Mecham (friend of Melissa Schleinkofer); 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; Kurt Wygant

*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 for Week of February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Centering Prayer: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.  
Psalm 1

M Genesis 4.1-25, Mark 8.11-13

Tu Genesis 6.5-8, Mark 8.14-21

W Genesis 8.6-22, Mark 8.22-26

Th Genesis 9.1-13, Mark 8.27-33

F Genesis 11.1-9, Mark 8.34-9.1

Sa Genesis 11.27-32, Mark 9.2-13

Su Genesis 45.3-15, I Corinthians 15.35-50, Luke 6.27-38

Key scripture Genesis 45.14: "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt."



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5<sup>TH</sup>: Cary Mangus; Judy Miller

9<sup>th</sup>: Jim Graziano

10<sup>th</sup>: Sophie Albertson; Anita Phillips

13<sup>th</sup>: Kim Aikman; Jeff Strohecker

17<sup>th</sup>: Dawn Ellis; Mike Hopper

18<sup>th</sup>: Frank Divinie

19<sup>th</sup>: Parker Fox

20<sup>th</sup>: Grace Holmes

22<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Fisher

24<sup>th</sup>: Lisa Colman

26<sup>th</sup>: John Kennedy

27<sup>th</sup>: Avery Harrison



---

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

---

### **Sunday, 2/16**

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

### **Monday, 2/17**

7:30 Open Prayer  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
6:30p Cub Scouts

### **Tuesday, 2/18**

7:30 Open Prayer  
8:30 Men's Breakfast Group@ Sear's  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
5:30p Finance Meeting, Rm. 6  
6:00p Praise Band Practice  
7:00p Women's AA/Reef

### **Wednesday, 2/19**

9:30 Communion  
10:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 6  
11:15 Women Rooted & Anchored Group  
7:00p Easter Music / 7:45p Choir  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef

### **Thursday, 2/20**

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

### **Friday, 2/21**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

### **Saturday, 2/22**

8 – 10am Pilot's Group Meeting  
5:30p Praise Service

### **Sunday, 2/23**

8:00 Communion  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Adult Bible Study  
10:45 Children's Council Meeting  
3:00p Celebrate Recovery Group  
5:00p HS Youth Group/Reef