



Ephesians 4.11-13: "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

I love the eclectic nature of the body of Christ. How we are all different, and those differences are something that is God-given and God-inspired. We can observe the eclectic nature of God in creation – from Sea Horses to Elephants – from volcanoes to desserts – from Pleiades to Orion.

In this passage from Ephesians chapter four we learn about God's eclectic nature of calling people with particular gifts to do particular things. And all of these gifts that God gave were for equipping, building up, unity, knowledge, and maturity. This was so the people of God would grow into "the measure of the full stature of Christ."

As we come to the conclusion of our study of the book of Ephesians, we are going to celebrate the eclectic nature of the body of Christ and invite everyone to respond. And that response is through creating. This Sunday, March 2nd at 8am & 9.30am we will be having an Art Sunday. We are inviting everyone to create something to share this Sunday. That creation might be a drawing, sculpture, pottery, wooden carving, painting, song, poem, dance, etc. Plan to bring your creation this Sunday and display it on one of the tables near the altar. If you have a performance piece you are planning to share, please reach out to Philip Chryst or Allison Campbell and let us know. All are invited to participate in this response to God's word found in the book of Ephesians.

News & Announcements

Greeters:

March 2nd: Cindy Kennedy & Sandy Wise

February 27th: Trustee's meeting @ 4:30pm- Rm. 6
March 4th: UWIF meeting @ 3:30- Rm 6
March 5th: Church Conference @ 7pm – Sanctuary
(Ryan Clark's certification)

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



*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.

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.



The Reading Circle is back and looking for those who love to read, those who love to chat or those just looking for fellowship.

We will have a meeting on Thursday, March 6th at 11:00 in Room 6 to discuss the future of our book club and the books we might be interested in reading. Reading Circle will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00a.m. Our first book will be: "The Book

Woman's Daughter" by Kim Michelle Richardson. You do not need to purchase the book – all are welcome to join!



SAVE THE DATE...

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE:



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!

May 10th & May 24th

August 9th & 23rd

November 8th

March 15th

June 14th & June 28th

September 13 & 27th

December 13th & 27th

April 12th & April 26th

July 12th & 26th

October 11th & 25th

The United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, 4 March, at 3:30 in Room 6. We would love you to join us. Upcoming events include a Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, March 8; a visit to Faith Harbor by Regina Hawes from the Methodist Home for Children on Sunday, 16 March at the 9:30 service; and a Take and Bake Plus Dessert sale before and after the 9:30 service on 23 March.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call/text Bonnie Hunter at 540. 621 3645.



CALLING ALL WOMEN! You are all invited to participate in some spiritually exciting events that are forthcoming through our Harbor District United Women in Faith.

On March 8, 2025, we will be holding a Spiritual Growth retreat at Harbor United Methodist Church in Wilmington. The event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be a part of the registration fee of \$15. We are privileged and blessed to have Kim Rice-Smith as the keynote speaker for this event. The theme of this retreat is "How is it with your Soul? Seeking Peace and Solace in a time such as this." This will be a healing service. There will be scripture, music, and a healing service including being anointed. Following, there will be relaxing and restorative breakout workshops: Journaling/Scripturing/Writing; Artistic and Creative Expression; and Chair Yoga. If you are interested, please contact me or Bonnie Hunter our Faith Harbor UWF president for information and registration forms. We will need to know as soon as possible how many are attending so that lunch preparations are adequately in place.


On May 31, there will be a Mission U event. This event will be held at Whiteville United Methodist Church in Whiteville NC. Time for this event will be from 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. Registration for this event will also include a \$15 fee that will cover lunch. This event will be led by our own Delaine Macdonald. During this event we will study and contemplate the relationship we have with our Loving God, Father, and Creator. Again, registration forms can be obtained from either myself or Bonnie Hunter.

I encourage any of our Faith Harbor ladies to plan to attend one or both of these events. I am a huge believer in carpooling - we learn a lot about each other in doing so. Some wonderful fellowship can take place during our travels.


Lastly but most importantly I would invite any lady in our congregation whether member or not to become a part of our church United Women in Faith. All you need is a heart for women, children, and youth as these are the persons whom we collectively work together to serve in our community, country, and across the world. Please feel free to contact me at 919-608-3448 or Bonnie Hunter for further information. We would love for you to join us!

Love and grace to all our Sisters in Christ,
Sherri Davila
Harbor District United Women in Faith President

Learn Lifesaving Skills!



**Every Second Counts
in Cardiac Arrest**



CPR week is June 1-7 | To learn more, visit heart.org/handsonlycpr | #CPRwithHeart

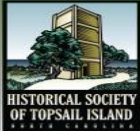
Hands-Only CPR and Stop the Bleed

Did you know that 70 percent of out-of hospital cardiac arrests happen in homes? Statistically speaking, if you are called on to give CPR in an emergency, you will most likely be trying to save the life of someone you love.


Join us on
March 15th, 2025
for this FREE event

Sessions are 15 min
long from
10am - 2pm

at The Historic
Assembly Building
720 Channel Blvd
Topsail Beach



**Topsail Beach Fire
Department**



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, April 19th**

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

"Love...Loves...Loved"

"Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced". James Baldwin (1924-1987)

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Children are a gift from the Lord and here at Faith Harbor, we want to come alongside you as parents and work with you to help build them up in the faith. If you have a child, newborn through 5th grade, please help us better communicate with you by clicking on the following link.

[Children's Ministry Form](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Stacie Holmes at stacieaholmes@gmail.com or 910-270-9465.

Important Dates to Remember:

March 2nd: No Jr. Basic! Enjoy Spring Break!

March 16th:

- Children K-5th will sing the Fruit of the Spirit Song during the Children's Message. [Fruit of the Spirit Song](#) (Come practice in the children's wing at 9:10 before the worship service begins.)
- Jr. Basic after church (10:30-12:30). Questions, contact Stacie Holmes at stacieaholmes@gmail.com
- Acolyte training for 4th and 5th graders during Jr. Basic.

Palm Sunday, April 13th:

- Children will meet in the Children's Wing and get palms to process in during the beginning of the worship service.
- Easter Egg Hunt after church

VBS: July 28-31st from 9am-noon



Middle School Youth Calendar

During the month of March, the Middle School will be doing the following:

March 2: NO MIDDLE SCHOOL BASIC DUE TO SPRING BREAK: Enjoy your week of no school.

March 16: Youth Sunday. Sign up with Ms. Stacie to assist in leading worship. We need ushers, greeters, readers and prayers! There is something for everyone.

March 16: Middle School Basic. Meet with other middle schoolers for lunch, fun and a Bible lesson. We meet following church and continue until around 12:30.

March 21-23: Spiritual Retreat at Camp Don Lee for Middle School and High School. \$50 payment needed by March 1. Drop off at church or go online to the church's webpage to make the payment.

The Middle School recently hid a geocache on church property with the permission of the Trustees. It is called The Bridge of Faith and you can check it out at [The Bridge of Faith](#)

**Things to look forward to/watch for more information: May 18- End of year Swim Party at the Pirro's Pool!

High School News...

Summer Mission Trip!!

Who: rising 9th -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.

**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; **Butch Gordon (Sandy Sly)**, Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly's friend); Paulita Cousins (Kim McCluskey's friend); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); **Kay Foster (Jimmy & Beverly Dunn)**; 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 March 3rd

Centering Prayer: The Lord is King. Psalm 99

M Mark 10.17-27

Tu Mark 10.28-31

W Joel 2.1-17, II Corinthians 5.20-6.10, Matthew 6.1-21

Th Deuteronomy 30.15-20, Luke 9.22-25

F Isaiah 58.1-9, Matthew 9.14-15

Sa Isaiah 58.9-14, Luke 5.27-32

Su Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Romans 10.8-13, Luke 4.1-13

Key scripture Deuteronomy 26.5: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor."



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1ST: Alma Osborn

8th: Jennifer Fox

9th: Carrie Olmstead

10th: Sally Linville

15th: Jeanne Mangus

17th: Stephen Olmstead

18th: Ryan Chryst

21st: Mike Davis; Cole Frazier; Bonnie Hunter

26th: Justin May

28th: Nancy Merlino

29th: Maris Jordan; Sherry Mewborn

30th: Lila May

31st: Audrey Audet

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 3/02

8:00/9:30 Communion Service
10:45 Adult Bible Study
3:00p Celebrate Recovery Group

Monday, 3/03

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

Tuesday, 3/04

7:30 Open Prayer
8:30 Men's Breakfast Group @ Sear's
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
3:30p UWIF Meeting, Rm. 6
6:00p Praise Band Practice
7:00p Women's AA/Reef

Wednesday, 3/05

9:30 Communion
10:30 Staff Meeting
11:15 Women Rooted & Anchored Group
7:00p Ash Wednesday Service
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef
7:45p Choir

Thursday, 3/06

11:00 Reading Circle Meeting, Rm. 6
12:00 AA Meeting, Rm. 6
6:00p Love Thyself/ MDT
Men's Emmaus Walk

Friday 3/07

Men's Emmaus Walk
8:30am Women's Breakfast Group

Sunday, 3/09

8:00 Communion
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 Adult Bible Study
3:00p Celebrate Recovery Group
Men's Emmaus walk