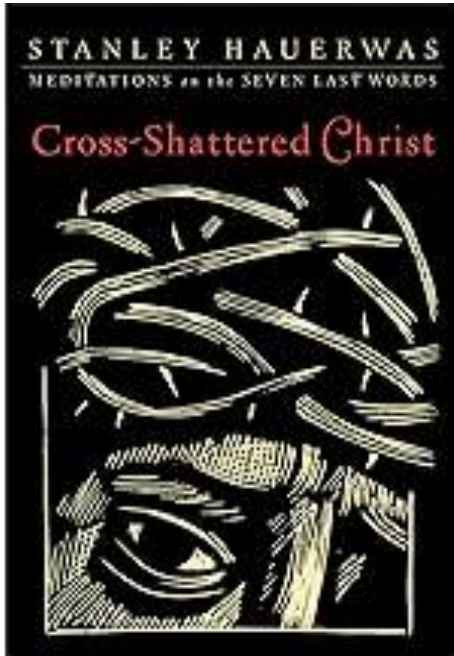




Faith Harbor
A beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing God's love through joyful service.



Luke 23.34: "Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'"

We are beginning a series of looking at the last words of Jesus. This is based on a book written by Stanley Hauerwas called *Cross-Shattered Christ*. During the Lenten season we will be attending closely to Jesus' crucifixion. Hauerwas writes about this on p21 when he says: "I hope those reading this book will discover, as I was forced to discover, how extraordinary it is that our lives have been redeemed, literally made possible, by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ."

I would encourage you to plumb the depths of the crucifixion this Lenten season. Let us not be in a hurry to get to Easter Sunday – instead let us fully embrace Jesus's death – the second person of the Trinity's death – the Son of God's death. As we navigate the complexities of this death, let us stand at the foot of the cross together. Let us stand there in awe and wonder at the extraordinary nature of this event – and be reminded that God suffered, God was crucified, God died.

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



ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!



Prayers for Parker Sunday, March 16th Fundraiser

Bake sale
following
worship.
100% will go
to the Fox
Family.



We have a VIP in our church that we want to shower with our financial blessings from above next Sunday, March 16th following the 9:30 service. Let's see how many buckets that we as a church can fill with COLD HARD CASH in order to give to the Fox family all the financial support we can as they fight for the best life possible for their girl Parker!

Parker Fox, a brave and beautiful, sweet and spunky, fierce and fun loving 6-year-old has been fighting cancer for the past 3 years and the battle is not over. When you bring your cash, all the money raised will go towards helping Parker's family fight for her, with our support. So, let's show them our love and support! Let's show the Fox family our love, not only with our prayers and our presence, but also with our financial support.



SAVE THE DATE...

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



News & Announcements

Greeters:

March 9th: Paula Fox & Tammy Campbell

SPRC Announcement – Preschool News

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”. Great things are happening with our school. Our director Danielle Hickey is doing a great job. There is a plan in place for growth, development and direction for the future of the school as well as continued support for the school. SPRC will review with our church leaders a plan for designing a school board. A review of this plan will begin at the next leadership meeting. All who are interested are welcome to attend.



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

Reading Circle will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00a.m. At our meeting April 3rd, we will discuss the book “All that is Secret” by Patricia Raybone. If you have read or are planning to read- “The Book Woman’s Daughter” by Kim Michelle Richardson, please let Sherry Mewborn know. Email: smewborn@hotmail.com.

COLLEGE BOWL FOOD RAISER

March 9 – 30th COLLEGE BOWL FOOD RAISER Sponsored by the Faith Harbor Pilots Men's Group

- Choose what college you want to support
- College bins will be set up and labeled as collection points
- Put your food in the college bin of your choice
- Nonperishable food within expiration date only and listed below. (*Judges will determine eligibility of items not on the list below*)
- Items accepted: peanut butter, soups, canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fruit, dry pasta, mac & cheese, cereal, diapers & baby wipes
- Each food container is one point (box of 100 crackers is 1 point)
- College standings will be announced weekly in Messenger
- All food donated to SHARE THE TABLE
- Winning Prize - We're working on it!! – Bragging rights for sure!!
- Winners – All clients of SHARE THE TABLE

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN & "FEED" SHARE THE TABLE. THEY HAVE MORE CLIENTS THAN EVER BEFORE IN THEIR HISTORY.



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 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

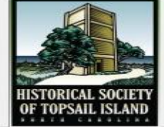
Hands-Only CPR and Stop the Bleed

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 5, 2025, at 8 AM

Please join us in April 2025 for our next quarterly meeting, which will include a hearty breakfast followed by our guest speaker soon to be announced. Our next service project will coincide with March Madness and on Sunday March 9, 2025, the second annual College Food Raiser will begin. The rules have changed a little bit so stay tuned for further updates. Following the meeting on Saturday, April 5, 2025, we will deliver the goods to Share-the-Table.

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 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 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 March, the Middle School will be doing the following:

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...

April 13th: Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser following 9:30 service. All proceeds go toward their summer mission trip
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.

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.



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; friends and family of Frank Tarbell; 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: Adrian Berroteran (friend of Melissa Schleinkofer); Matt Campbell (Tammy & Chris Campbell); *Butch Gordon (Sandy Sly)*, Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly's friend); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); *Kay Foster (Jimmy & Beverly Dunn)*; Chelsea Groves (friend of Sherrie Weaver); Jerry Klofonda (Sherrie Weaver); Stacy Mecham (friend of Melissa Schleinkofer); Rondale Miller (Cousin of Sherrie Weaver); Marie Palmer (Sandy Sly); Sue Penny; Jennie Smith (Lee Jernigan); Brenda (Harriet Rice's friend); 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 for Week of March 10th

Centering Prayer: My God, in whom I trust. Psalm 91

M Leviticus 19.1-18, Matthew 25.31-46

Tu Isaiah 55.10-11, Matthew 6.7-15

W Jonah 3.1-10, Luke 11.29-32

Th Matthew 7.7-12

F Ezekiel 18.21-28, Matthew 5.20-26

Sa Deuteronomy 26.16-19, Matthew 5.43-48

Su Genesis 15.1-18, Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-35

Key scripture Jonah 3.10: "When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it."



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, 3/09

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

Monday, 3/10

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

Tuesday, 3/11

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

Wednesday, 3/12

9:30 Communion
11:15 Women Rooted & Anchored Group
6:00p Family Night Supper
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef
7:00p Easter Music/ 7:45p Choir

Thursday, 3/13

12:00 AA Meeting, Rm. 6
5:30p GS Troop #4242
6:00p Love Thyself/ MDT

Friday 3/14

8:30am Women's Breakfast Group
5:00p Praise Band Practice

Saturday 3/15

9– 1p *Helping Hands* Workday
5:30p Praise Service

Sunday 3/16- Youth Sunday

8:00 Communion
9:30 Worship Service/Regina Hawes Visit
10:45 Parker Fox Fundraiser
10:45 JR/MS Basic
3:00p Celebrate Recovery Group
5:00p HS Youth Group/Reef