



# Faith Harbor

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



- 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



# News & Announcements

## Greeters:

March 30<sup>th</sup>: Cathy & Doug Medlin

**FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:** *By the Numbers* - A brief look at our weekly giving  
 Due to technical difficulties, the weekly totals were not available for the Messenger or Bulletin last week.

Weekly Revenues for Period Ending Mar 8, 2025				Correction
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$8,886.50	\$0.00	\$704.00	\$2,720.00	\$12,310.50
Weekly Revenues for Period Ending Mar 15, 2025				
\$4,259.50	\$0.00	\$87.00	\$5,310.00	\$9,656.50
Weekly Revenues for Period Ending Mar 22, 2025				
\$4,712.00	\$400.00	\$585.00	\$550.00	\$6,247.00

NOTE: The above figures do not represent future performance

## COLLEGE BOWL FOOD RAISER

**March 9 – 30<sup>th</sup> 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:
  - Peanut butter, soups, canned vegetables/meat/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



**Do you have tough questions about God, Jesus, Church or the Bible?** You may have questions that you've always wondered about but never felt you could ask at church- legitimate questions that would make many Christians uncomfortable. Well, we believe God is big enough to handle your toughest questions, darkest moments, and deepest doubts. We want to honor him and you by creating an environment where you can be open, honest, and transparent.

*Starting Point* is a new 8-week small group study beginning this April. The group is specifically created for people who are Seeking, Starting, or Returning to faith.

- SEEKERS: those who are curious about God, Jesus, the Bible, or Christianity
- STARTERS: those who have just begun a relationship with Jesus Christ
- RETURNERS: those who have some church experience but have been away for a while

***Starting Point* will meet Tuesday nights from 7 -8:30pm. The first group meeting is set for April 1<sup>st</sup> and will be held at David and Jennifer Sawyer's house.** If you would like to join, please sign up on the form at the back of the church. David will contact you with more information about the group.



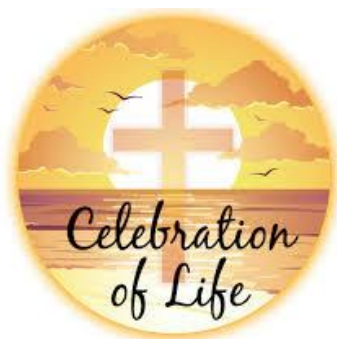
## SAVE THE DATE

April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Casseroles, Salads & Desserts sponsored by the Quilting Mission



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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:smewborn@hotmail.com).



*Faith Harbor friends and family...please join us Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> as we honor and remember our brother Frank Tarbell.*

*Reception – 10:45 followed by celebration of life – 11:30*

## 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 and look forward to having another great year of service. 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, Mike Darnell from the Navigators. 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 beginning around 8:30am and waiting until 9:00am to order 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 Morton at [rramorton@gmail.com](mailto:rramorton@gmail.com).

### College Bowl Food Raiser

- Week 1 was rather lackluster with only 97 total items counted. Ohio State was leading with 43 items followed by NC State with 38 items with Clemson and UNC trailing badly. Only 4 out of the 13 schools participating had donations.
- Week 2 was a complete turnaround. All schools showed signs of life with a record-breaking 623 items donated. Due to the massive amount of goods collected in week 2 a decision was made to take it directly to Share the Table instead of waiting until the end of the month. The total weight of the delivery was 746 pounds.
- Week 3 the race is on! UNC continues leading with 213 items, followed closely by Roanoke with 207 items, leaving Ohio State in third place with 181 items.
- The combined total for week 1, week 2, and week 3 is 1,165 units, which breaks last year’s total. With only one more week to go, now is not the time to let up.



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 10<sup>th</sup> & May 24<sup>th</sup>

August 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

November 8<sup>th</sup>

April 12<sup>th</sup> & April 26<sup>th</sup>

June 14<sup>th</sup> & June 28<sup>th</sup>

September 13 & 27<sup>th</sup>

December 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

July 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

October 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE:** Easter Sunday Small Plate Luncheon- April 20, 2025, after the 11:00 service.

The Hospitality Team will provide Baked Ham, Potatoes, and rolls. The congregation is being asked to provide the side dishes and desserts listed on the Sign-Up Attendance Sheet posted by the kitchen service window (Please only bring items from the list so that we can ensure everything goes together). The number of attendees must be on the sign-up sheet to ensure that adequate amounts of food/beverage are available. Looking forward to serving our wonderful congregation.

Gratefully,

*Jean Hawley and Hospitality Team*



*Please join us for Homecoming on Sunday, May 18, 2025, as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Reception to follow the 9:30 church service.*

*Stay tuned...more details to come!*



**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 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

**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](mailto: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)

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## 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 at [stacieaholmes@gmail.com](mailto:stacieaholmes@gmail.com) or 910-270-9465.

### Important Dates to Remember:

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

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

April 6 there will be NO Middle School Basic due to the Celebration of Life and reception for Frank Tarbell.

April 13 is the Easter Egg Hunt for the littles. I have volunteered the Middle School to hide the eggs. We will leave worship before the sermon and head out to hide. The kiddos will be broken up by age groups and I also said you all would lead the kids to their hunting spots and watch over them, so they don't get hurt or fall down. Thanks ahead of time for sharing this with them.

April 20 is Easter Sunday! Up from the Grave he Arose!! Come with your family to Easter service. Pick up a flower to add to the cross at the front of the church. What a special time in our church. There will be a reception following the service. There is no MS Basic this Day

May 4 will be the last MS Basic before Summer. Let's go to our favorite place, Burrito Shak together and talk about summer and what we would like to do. I am thinking maybe once a month we can get together and do something fun as a group. Put on those thinking caps and let's talk.

May 18 will be an end of school year swim party at the Pirro's house. Keep watching for details.

## High School News...

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

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.

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; Judy Pratt; Ron Voli; Sherrie Weaver; Owen Williams

**Military:** Joe Fraley, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Charles Hickey; Greg Holmes; Joey Horne; Abbie Kizer, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Dryden Phelps; 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); *Mary Westerhold and her husband (Gail Widholm's friends); 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 for Week of March 31<sup>st</sup>

Centering Prayer: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven.  
Psalm 32

M Isaiah 65.17-21, John 4.43-54

Tu Ezekiel 47.1-9, John 5.1-16

W Isaiah 49.8-15, John 5.17-30

Th Exodus 32.7-14, John 5.31-47

F John 7.1-30

Sa Jeremiah 11.18-20, John 7.40-53

Su Isaiah 43.16-21, Philippians 3.4-14, John 12.1-8

Key scripture Exodus 32.14: "And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people."



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

28<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Merlino; Stephen Olmstead

29<sup>th</sup>: Maris Jordan; Sherry Mewborn; Thomas Papke

30<sup>th</sup>: Lila May; Evangeline Schleinkofer

31<sup>st</sup>: Audrey Audet

## APRIL

3<sup>RD</sup>: Leo Audet; Meg Barnes; Hiatt Ellis; Joanna Wrigglesworth

4<sup>th</sup>: Sue Duryea

6<sup>th</sup>: Sean Mooney;

7<sup>th</sup>: Ruby Sawyer; Keith Norris; Doris Davis

9<sup>th</sup>: Amy Phillips; Rachel Shade

10<sup>th</sup>: Connie Carroll

12<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Smith

13<sup>th</sup>: Allison Campbell; David Strohpaal; Addie MacDougall

17<sup>th</sup>: Ann Hummel

20<sup>th</sup>: Morgan Bizzell; Janice Long

21<sup>st</sup>: Janice Morton

23<sup>rd</sup>: Patty Feige

29<sup>th</sup>: Bescye Burnett

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 3/30**

8:00/9:30 Communion  
10:45 JR/MS Basic  
10:45 Adult Bible Study  
5:00p HS Youth Group/Reef

### **Monday, 3/31**

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

### **Tuesday, 4/01**

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, 4/02**

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

### **Thursday, 4/03**

10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6  
12:00p AA Group, Rm. 6

### **Friday, 4/04**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group

### **Saturday, 4/05**

8 – 10am Pilot's Group

### **Sunday, 4/06**

8:00/9:30 Communion Services  
10:45 Reception  
11:30 Celebration of Life for Frank Tarbell  
5:00p HS Youth Group/Reef