



John 13.31-35: "When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'"

On that last night of Jesus' life, he washes his disciples feet and has a last supper with them. He then gives them some last instructions that you see above. His instructions involve that they cannot come with him. But he tells them that they should love one another, just like he has loved them. And this isn't just an idea he has – it is a new commandment. He says that by doing this – by loving each other – people outside of their circle of twelve will know that they are Jesus' disciples. This love shared is an indication of discipleship. In some sense it is the test the world has for us – that we love one another.

We are going to share that love of Jesus and one another by partnering with another church for Maundy Thursday (Thursday, April 17th at 7pm) and Good Friday – Stations of the Cross (Friday, April 18th at 7pm).

Maundy Thursday – Thursday, April 17th at 7pm We will be welcoming Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church to Faith Harbor United Methodist Church (14201 US Hwy 50, Surf City) for a joint worship service. Rev. Dante Murphy will be preaching, and Manhollow Musicians will be sharing in song. Faith Harbor Choir will also be doing a special Maundy Thursday selection. All are invited.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – Friday, April 18th at 7pm We are invited to Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church (55 Manhollow Church Road, Hampstead) for a joint Stations of the Cross service that will begin in the sanctuary and proceed out to the church's lawn. Pastors and musicians from both churches will be sharing in scripture readings and songs. All are invited.

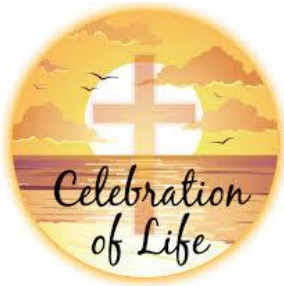
Please come and share Christ's love with one another as we follow Jesus all the way to Calvary. We will gaze upon his greatness and power, as he shows us what love is. And now we can go and do likewise. If you have any questions, please contact Philip Chryst at 910.524.5676

News & Announcements

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

Greeters:

April 6th: Judy Miller & Sue Duryea



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

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



If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of a special friend, loved one or event, we have a sign-up sheet located on the credenza between the office and Room 6.

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM: *By the Numbers* - A brief look at our weekly giving

Weekly Revenues for Period Ending Mar 29, 2025				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$4,239.85	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$925.00	\$5,214.85

Fun Fact: Since 2022, the Church has welcomed 91 new members. In 2024, the new members at that time contributed \$142,197.25 to the tithing budget which represented 34% of the total 2024 tithing budget.

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.

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 four 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 the items 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 broke last year's total. With only one more week to go, now is not the time to let up.
- Week 4 was another barn burner with 527 total items donated and breaking last year's total by almost 600 items. The winner will be announced at the 9:30 service on Sunday, you don't want to miss it!



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!

April 12th & April 26th May 10th & May 24th

June 14th & June 28th July 12th & 26th

August 9th & 23rd September 13 & 27th October 11th & 25th

November 8th December 13th & 27th

MENU UPDATE! Easter Sunday Small Plate Brunch- April 20, 2025, after the 11:00 service.

We will be having ham biscuits, chicken bites, fruit, veggies, desserts, and beverages. There is a Sign-Up 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





On Sunday, May 4th during the 9:30 service we as a church will recognize our graduating Seniors. After the service, we will have refreshments to celebrate all that God has done and all that he will do in their lives.

If you have a graduating Senior, please email Stacie Holmes at stacieaholmes@gmail.com, so that we can get all that we need from you to make this day special for them.



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! **We meet at 10:00a.m. on the first Thursday of each month in Room 6.** At our May 1st meeting, we will be discussing the book "A Right Worthy Woman" by Ruth P. Watson. Please come and join us! Any questions, please feel free to contact Sherry Mewborn. Email: smewborn@hotmail.com.



*Please join us for Homecoming on Sunday, May 18, 2025, as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary! Reception to follow the 9:30 church service.
Stay tuned...more details to come!*

**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.



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 you to join us!

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

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

SUMMER IS COMING!! The Thrift Store is looking for gently used summer children's wear, including bathing suits. Clothing can be dropped off at the store. *Thank you!*



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 or 910-270-9465.

Hello Faith Harbor Families,

Easter is just a couple weeks away, and I pray that as we get closer to Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week, you are able to find time each day to talk with your children, opening up conversations about Jesus, what he has done for each of you as well as what he has done for us all. His love, that he poured out on the cross, is for you, for me, and for all of us. The more we focus on Jesus and his love for us, the more we are able to grow in our relationship with him. Have you seen the caterpillars at the church? We invite you to watch them as they are being transformed into a new creation, a beautiful reminder of how the Holy Spirit transforms us as we grow in our faith! There is a cup on the table as you enter the church for all to see as well as in the Sunday School Classrooms.

HELP! If you have Candy or treats to fill our Easter Eggs with, please bring them to the church this Sunday, April 6th! Near the front door, there is a bin under the table with the butterflies to put it in.

Here is what we have coming up: There will **no Jr. bAsIC in April** due to the Celebration of Life Service and Easter. All families are invited to stay and be a part of the Celebration of Life Service, to remember Frank Tarbell, as many of our children knew him from when he used to help them acolyte.

•On April 13th, Palm Sunday, we have 2 opportunities for our children!

1st! All children are invited to meet me in the children's wing at 9:10 so that we can get organized, and hand out palms for the kids to wave as they open the service by processing in.

2nd! Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. After church, we will have a light snack for the kids in the Children's wing, but the youth will also be having a fundraiser in the Narthex. Please feel free to stop by and support them, get some of the incredible goodies they will be providing, and help them raise money for their Mission Trip in July! The Easter Egg hunt will begin around 11am.

•On April 20th we will have 4 Easter services, but no Sunday School. Ms. Judy, however, will be in the nursery to care for the littles during the 9am service.

This is the schedule for Easter morning!

7am Sound Side Park Sunrise service

8am Beach Service

9 and 11am Easter service at Faith Harbor

Be blessed, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

In His love,

Ms. Stacie

Important Dates to Remember: **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...

WESTERN NC - JULY 20-25TH

Youth Mission
Bake Sale- April 13th
after both services

All proceeds from
the fundraiser will
go towards our
summer mission trip



This summer July 20- 25, the high school students from Faith Harbor BASIC will be traveling to Western NC to serve as missionaries. We will be partnering with Praying Pelicans Missions for this mission week. We will be staying in a local church and working alongside a homeowner who experienced flooding during Hurricane Helene.

We need your help!

1. Please keep our group in your prayers as we finish-up school, prepare for this trip and raise funds.
2. We need at least 2 adult chaperones who would like to serve Jesus alongside us. Carpentry experience is not required but would be awesome.
3. Please consider supporting our bake sale on April 13th or contributing online. Be sure to mark in the memo- youth mission trip

Preschool News...

Faith Harbor Preschool

LEARN AND GROW WITH US!!!

**WE STILL HAVE A FEW SPOTS LEFT FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR
2025-2026 IN SURF CITY!**

**CALL 910-541-3420 FOR INQUIRIES OR
EMAIL FAITHHARBORPRESCHOOL@GMAIL.COM**

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY PROGRAM
8:30-12:30 2, 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD CLASS**

FAITH HARBOR PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2025

What We Are Learning

THEME: NEW LIFE SPRINGS FORTH!

"He has made everything beautiful in its time"
-Ecclesiastes 3:11

Spring is in full bloom, and so is the joy of learning at Faith Harbor! As we embrace the season of renewal, we are reminded of the hope and new beginnings that Jesus brings to us. This month, we have many exciting activities planned, including opportunities for spiritual growth, creative expression, and fun outdoor adventures.

Bible Story We'll Explore:

- This month, we will be focusing on The Story of Easter!

Important Dates:

- Easter and Spring Pictures-April 3rd
- Easter Egg Hunt-April 16th
- NO SCHOOL-April 17th
- Bike day!-April 24th

As we celebrate the arrival of spring, our curriculum will focus on the theme of new life in God's creation. Through hands-on activities like watching flowers bloom, and observing the wonders of nature, our students will learn how God gives life and how we can take care of His creation.

Thank you for sharing your little ones with us—we are so blessed to partner with you in their faith journey!



What's New

Summer Camp-June 9th-12th!! Don't forget to sign up for a fun filled week!

We have a new face at school! Miss Arlene will be joining us in the two's classroom till the end of the year!

Reminders

Registration for next year is filling fast! Please register to fill your spot ASAP!!

Tuition is due! :)

Dress for the Weather- Spring weather can be unpredictable, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play. Bring a jacket or sweater in case it's chilly.

Upcoming



April 3rd-Easter and Spring Pictures!
April 16th-Easter Egg Hunt!
April 17th-NO SCHOOL!
April 24th-Bike day!



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox; Diane Geary; Gail Hargett-Lilly; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Eunice Lytton; 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: *JP Antunez*; 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; *Bob Hoffman*; *the family of Gaye Gordon (Mike Hopper)*

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 April 7th

Centering Prayer: The Lord has done great things for us. Psalm 126

M John 8.12-20

Tu Numbers 21.4-9, John 8.21-30

W Daniel 3.14-20, John 8.31-42

Th Genesis 17.3-9, John 8.51-59

F Jeremiah 20.10-13, John 10.31-42

Sa Ezekiel 37.21-28, John 11.45-46

Su Isaiah 50.4-9, Philippians 2.5-11, Luke 22.14-23.56

Key scripture Luke 23.46: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3RD: Leo Audet; Meg Barnes; Hiatt Ellis; Joanna Wrigglesworth

4th: Sue Duryea

6th: Sean Mooney

7th: Ruby Sawyer; Keith Norris; Doris Davis

9th: Amy Phillips; Rachel Shade

10th: Connie Carroll

12th: Nancy Smith

13th: Allison Campbell; David Strohpaal; Addie MacDougall

17th: Ann Hummel

20th: Morgan Bizzell; Janice Long

21st: Janice Morton

23rd: Patty Feige

29th: Bescye Burnett



HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 4/06

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

Monday, 4/07

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

Tuesday, 4/08

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, 4/09

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

Thursday, 4/10

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6
5:30p Girl Scout Troop 4242

Friday, 4/11

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

Saturday, 4/12

5:30p Praise Service

Sunday, 4/13 – Youth Sunday

8:00/ 9:30 Communion Services
*Youth Bake Sale
*Easter Egg Hunt
*MS Basic
10:45 Adult Bible Study
5:00p HS Youth Group/Reef