



*Mark 15.21: "They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus."*

You can see in this artistic rendition Simon of Cyrene carrying Jesus' cross. I am sure that Simon did not anticipate doing this on that day in Jerusalem. He was not from Jerusalem, instead he is there and happens upon a parade of those going to crucifixion. The soldiers grabbed him and put a cross on him.

Around the year 2016 LaNae Fowler was commissioned to create *Stations of the Cross* for us at Faith Harbor. It has been up in our sanctuary every year since then. The piece that is with this article is from the Fifth Station where Simon of Cyrene carries the cross. These artistic renderings from Jesus' journey to Calvary are on display in the Sanctuary. You are invited to come on Good Friday (4-18-25) from 9am-5pm for a self-guided tour of the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary. Feel free to come at any time and meditate on the day of Jesus' death. All

are invited. Other opportunities to look closely at Jesus' death and resurrection are listed below:

**Maundy Thursday Service with Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church** – in the Sanctuary – Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Self-guided Stations of the Cross** – in the Sanctuary – Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> open from 9am-5pm

**Stations of the Cross at the beach** – Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will be gathering at Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church (55 Manhollow Church Road, Hampstead). This will primarily be outside, so dress accordingly.

**Easter Sunrise Service** – Soundside Park Ampitheater – Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7am

**Easter Service at the Beach** – the end of Roland Avenue (Crossover) – Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8am

**Easter Services in the Sanctuary** – Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am & 11am

**Easter Brunch** – Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm

If you have any questions feel free to call. 910.524.5676 ~Philip Chryst

# News & Announcements

4/17/25 Matthew 27.46 & John 19.28

4/18/25 John 19.30 & Luke 23.46

4/20/25 Luke 24.1-12



## Greeters:

April 20<sup>th</sup>: Carrie & Steve Olmstead

## Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, April 21- Finance Meeting @ 5:30pm, Room 6

Thursday, May 1- Leadership Council Meeting @ 6:30pm, Room 6

## *A note from the Quilting Mission...*

The Quilters thank Kim and Dave McCluskey for their very generous support of our mission! (And thank you to EVERYONE who attended the family dinner and donated to the quilting mission!)



**Easter Sunday Small Plate Brunch- April 20, 2025**  
(following the 11:00 service)

We will be having ham biscuits, chicken bites, fruit, veggies, desserts, and beverages. Looking forward to serving our wonderful congregation. *Jean Hawley and Hospitality Team*

**In Search of:** We are looking to add two additional counters- one for the 2nd Sunday of the month and one for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. If anyone is interested or you have any questions, please email Emily Law at: [emilylaw25@gmail.com](mailto:emilylaw25@gmail.com)

## **Audio Visual Technician**

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Revised: 10-28-23**

**Job Title:** Audio-Visual Technician

**Location:** Faith Harbor United Methodist Church, Surf City, NC

**Job Summary:** The Church Audio-Visual Technician will be responsible for creating and executing visual presentations for Sunday services, operating sound equipment during worship services, managing video capture and streaming services, and overseeing a team of AV volunteers. This role is instrumental in ensuring that our congregation receives a seamless and spiritually uplifting experience during worship services.

### **Job Responsibilities:**

#### **1. Visual Presentations:**

- Create and design visual presentations, including slideshows, videos, lyrics and graphics, to enhance the worship experience.
- Collaborate with the worship team and pastors as needed to integrate visuals that complement the message and theme of each service.

#### **2. Sound Equipment Operation:**

- Set up, operate, and maintain audio equipment, including microphones, mixers, and speakers, to ensure high-quality sound during Sunday services and other events.
- Perform sound checks and adjustments to ensure clear and balanced audio.

#### **3. Video Capture and Streaming:**

- Operate AV recording and streaming equipment to broadcast services to remote audiences.
- Monitor and troubleshoot any technical issues during live streaming, ensuring a smooth and uninterrupted online experience.

#### **4. Team Training & Management:**

- Recruit, train, and schedule a team of AV volunteers to assist with various audio-visual tasks.
- Provide guidance and support to volunteers, fostering a collaborative and positive working environment.
- Conduct training sessions as needed to ensure continuous improvement and skill development.

#### **5. Equipment Maintenance:**

- Perform maintenance and quality checks on all audio-visual equipment to ensure optimal performance.
- Coordinate repairs or replacements when necessary and keep an inventory of equipment and supplies.

#### **6. Technical Support:**

- Offer technical support to staff and volunteers during events and services.
- Troubleshoot and resolve any technical issues promptly to minimize disruptions.

### **Qualifications:**

- Proven experience in audio-visual technology, preferably in a church or worship setting.
  - Proficiency with audio and visual equipment, software, and systems.
  - Strong organizational and leadership skills to manage a team of volunteers effectively.
  - Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
  - A strong commitment to the mission and values of Faith Harbor United Methodist Church.
- Schedule:** This is a part-time position with flexible hours. The Church Audio-Visual Technician will typically be required to work on Sundays and may be needed for special events or services during the week.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jessica at (910) 622.1193 /[jmb@rayblackburn.com](mailto:jmb@rayblackburn.com) or Allison (804) 651.5488 or [allisoncstowers@gmail.com](mailto:allisoncstowers@gmail.com)

### FROM THE FINANCE TEAM: *By the Numbers* - A Financial Update

With the March closing statements, we mark the end of the first quarter of the 2025 budget year. The year began with a strong cash flow which continued through the end of the first quarter. Even though the revenues did not always keep up with the expenses from week to week, it is the strong cash flow that makes up the difference. There is nothing to be concerned about, at this point, because the revenues will eventually catch up with the expenses toward the end of the year. It is the responsibility of the finance team to ensure that we maintain a positive cash flow and to keep the gap between revenues and expenses at a minimum.

I have been told on several occasions, before taking over as finance chair, that Faith Harbor has a strong financial foundation, and it truly does but I was curious as to how Faith Harbor got to this point with their finances. So I did some research and found an article on *Church Finance Best Practices*. Over the next several weeks, I will share my findings in a series of four articles that will cover each of the best practices and let the congregation decide how we stand financially.

Sincerely, your brother in Christ

*David J Davila*

Finance Chair

Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
Total Revenues for January 2025				
\$33,695.62	\$0.00	\$2,892.27	\$7,850.00	\$44,437.89
Total Revenues for February 2025				
\$22,885.10	\$50.00	\$1,148.41	\$8,700.00	\$32,783.51
Total Revenues for March 2025				
\$27,618.10	\$450.00	\$1,519.21	\$9,060.00	\$38,647.31
2025 1st Quarter Total Revenues				
\$84,198.82	\$500.00	\$5,559.89	\$25,610.00	\$115,868.71

NOTE: The above figures do not represent future performance

Weekly Revenues for Period Ending Apr 12, 2025				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$9,201.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$10,601.00



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 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>

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Altar Flowers

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.



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:smewborn@hotmail.com).



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](mailto:stacieaholmes@gmail.com), so that we can get all that we need from you to make this day special for them.





## Save the Date for the next Family Night Supper!

When: Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:00pm

Hosted by: Middle & Highschool Youth Group



*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!*



United  
Women  
in Faith

**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

# Faith Harbor Pilots

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**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.

**The Summer Fun Fest Series will begin on Tuesday June 3, 2025 @ 6PM!**

The Summer Fun Fest Series will begin on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 beginning @ 6PM. Pastor Phil will be hosting this front-yard event at 119 Juniper Trl, Surf City. All men are invited to attend; stay tuned for further details.

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## **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 at [ramorton@gmail.com](mailto:ramorton@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](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](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)

## 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

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!*



Coming Soon...VBS! July 28- 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 to Noon



For more information or to register, please scan the QR code below

Click Here: [Code](#)





## 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.

Hello Faith Harbor Families!

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*



### **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](#)

NO MS Basic on April 20 due to Easter! He is Risen! Celebrate with your family and come to church.

May 4 is the next MS Basic and we will head to Burrito Shak following Sunday service. We might pick up a geocache on the way! Meet outside after service and reception. This is also Graduation Sunday when we celebrate those Seniors graduating from high school.

May 7 Both MS and HS Youth will be hosting the family dinner. We will be having tacos. MS will come early to set up and make the place festive! We will also start serving and the HS will come and help serve and clean up.

May 11 is Mother's Day....don't forget mom!

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

## High School News...



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.

## 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!



**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); Kirk Binning; **Rosie Bland** (George & Jill Bland); Matt Campbell (Tammy & Chris Campbell); Butch Gordon (Sandy Sly), Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly's friend); **Trevor Dostie** (Joal & Sheila Smith); 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 21<sup>st</sup>

Centering Prayer: The Lord is my strength and my might, he has become my salvation. Psalm 118

M Joshua 10.16-17, I Corinthians 5.6-8

Tu Judges 4.17-31, Revelation 12.1-12

W II Samuel 6.1-15, Luke 24.1-12

Th I Samuel 17.1-23, Acts 5.12-16

F I Samuel 17.19-32, Acts 5.17-26

Sa I Samuel 17.32-51, Luke 24.36-40

Su Acts 5.27-32, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-31

Key scripture Revelation 1.5-6: "To *Jesus* (him) who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever Amen."



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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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### **Easter Sunday, 4/20**

7:00am Sunrise Service  
8:00am Beach Service  
9:00/11:00 Easter Services  
12:15p Easter Brunch

### **Monday, 4/21**

7:30 Open Prayer  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
5:30p Finance Meeting, Rm. 6  
6:30p Cub Scouts

### **Tuesday, 4/22**

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, 4/23**

9:30 Communion  
11:15 Women Rooted & Anchored Group  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef  
\*No Choir Practice

### **Thursday, 4/24**

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

### **Friday, 4/25**

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

### **Saturday, 4/26**

5:30p Praise Service

### **Sunday, 4/27**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Adult Bible Study  
5:00p HS Youth Group/Reef