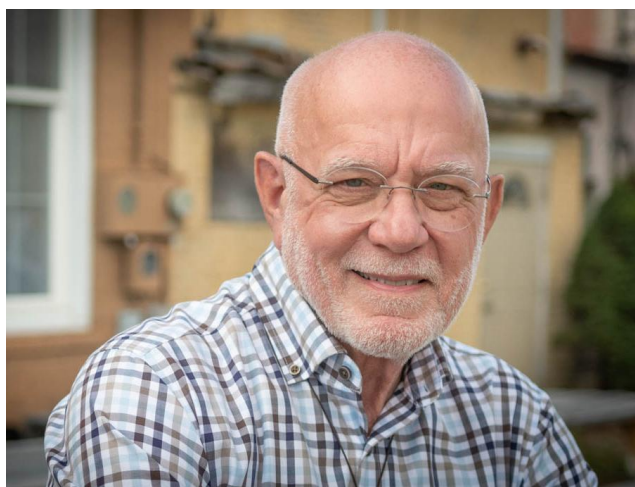




This Sunday Faith Harbor will be celebrating 25 years of ministry here in Surf City. We will be welcoming David Brownlee, one of our former pastors to come and preach. David served at Faith Harbor in 2019. Below you can see his bio. This will be an exciting time to celebrate all that the Lord has accomplished through the people of Faith Harbor.



I have been a pastor for over 50 years and have served a variety of congregations in Pennsylvania, Mississippi, but mostly in North Carolina. In retirement I served as a Transitional Intentional Interim Minister at Harbor UMC, Faith Harbor UMC, and 519 UMC in Apex. My current ministry interests are in Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction. I enjoy the outdoors, reading, following the Steelers, and walking with my Labradoodle, Halle. I am married to Dr. Irene Brownlee, a retired Higher Education administrator who allows me to do some cooking! We have a daughter and a grandson. We currently worship at Fuquay-Varina UMC where we had served for ten years.



Following the 9:30 service, we will have light refreshments and a Mission Fair highlighting different ways Faith Harbor is involved in the community.

Please join us...all are welcome!

# News & Announcements

## Scriptures:

05/18/25	John 1.1-5
05/25/25	Job 38.1-21
06/01/25	Genesis 3.1-13
06/08/25	Genesis 4.1-16
06/15/25	Daniel 4.28-33
06/22/25	Daniel 3.19-30
06/29/25	Genesis 17.1-8
07/06/25	Genesis 50.22-26
07/13/25	I Samuel 13.13-15
07/20/25	Isaiah 9.6-7
07/27/25	Philippians 2.1-11
08/10/25	Matthew 27.45-56
08/17/25	I Corinthians 15.1-11
08/24/25	Acts 1.6-11
08/31/25	Acts 2.1-13
09/07/25	Acts 2.37-47
09/14/25	Luke 10.1-12
09/21/25	Jonah 1.1-3; 3.1-10
09/28/25	John 12.27-36
10/05/25	Acts 9.1-19
10/12/25	Matthew 25.31-46
10/19/25	Revelation 20.11-15
10/26/25	II Corinthians 5.11-21
11/02/25	Isaiah 55.1-13
11/09/25	II Corinthians 6.14-7.1
11/16/25	Revelation 21.1-8
11/23/25	Revelation 21.9-27

## Greeters:

May 18<sup>th</sup>: Youth



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!

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

May 24<sup>th</sup>

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

### **In Search of: Audio Visual Technician**

**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.

**Qualifications:**

- Proven experience in audio-visual technology, preferably in a church or worship setting.
- Proficiency with audio and visual equipment, software, and systems.
- Strong communication, interpersonal, organizational and leadership skills to manage a team of volunteers effectively.
- 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)

### **SPRC Committee Children's Ministry Vacancy**

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". Another responsibility of this group is to solicit and interview prospective people to hire for needed vacant staff positions.

SPRC will be searching to fill this position on a part-time basis and request that anyone interested in applying for the Children's Ministry position contact Gail Robinson, the SPRC chairperson. Sean Dalnodar and Leigh Bizzell will be conducting this search for the SPRC with input from Stacie Holmes. The goal is to fill this position in early June. Please pray for all involved in this search. **\*Please contact the church office for job description**

## FROM THE FINANCE TEAM: *By the Numbers - Finance Best Practices Part II*

Proper management and financial controls are essential for the church to maintain transparency and accountability through ***Financial Management and Controls***. In Part II, there are four guidelines to be considered:

1. **Segregation of Duties.** (*Compliant*) - This means that a different person should handle money, record transactions, and reconcile bank accounts. This creates a form of checks and balances within the church to ensure there is oversight and that you will be able to catch errors when they happen. This is spelled out in detail in the newly revised policy and procedures manual. It can be found under the major heading of *Internal Financial Control Policies*.
2. **Implement robust accounting systems and software.** (*Compliant*) - Since partnering with ACS Technologies, the church has strengthened its financial management. Utilizing the REALM software the finance team can streamline processes for better financial management, track donations, and manage resources more effectively.
3. **Conduct regular financial reviews.** (*Compliant*) - Regular audits from an outside accounting firm will ensure that all funds are being managed responsibly. Since partnering with James Jordan and ACS Technologies the church is in a better financial position to meet this guideline. The finance team is making plans for a full review this fall.
4. **Set up a church finance committee.** (*Compliant*) - A good church finance committee ensures financial integrity, prepares and reviews financial statements, supports long-term planning, and foster transparency and trust within the church community. The church finance team is working hard in implementing and following these practices as defined in the newly revised and comprehensive policy and procedures manual.

In summary, the church is compliant with each of the four guidelines discussed in Part I in addition to the four discussed in Part II. Next week, in Part III, we will look at ***Member Giving*** as it pertains to church finance best practices. If you would like a copy of the newly revised policy and procedures manual, request your copy by emailing your request to **[Faiithharborumc.finance@gmail.com](mailto:Faiithharborumc.finance@gmail.com)**.

Your brother in Christ,  
David J Davila  
Finance Chair

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

Weekly Revenues for Period Ending May 10, 2025				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$6,317.75	\$0.00	\$131.00	\$5,250.00	\$11,698.75



Our Summer Food Backpack Program is gearing up with a planning meeting scheduled for Thursday, 22 May at 4pm at the STT Building. The packing and delivery activities are being moved to the STT building located at the intersection of Route 17 and Perkins Road. Volunteers are needed for packing and delivery (teams of 2). Delivery begins the week of 5 June and continues every other week throughout the summer. **Signup sheet is posted by the kitchen window in the Narthex.** Call Bonnie Hunter, 540 621 3645, for more information.

\*Bake Sales continue at the Thrift Store on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Your contributions are appreciated. Our next Take, Bake and Dessert Sale will be Sunday, 8 June before and after the 9:30 service. Your contributions and purchases help make these a successful fund-raising effort so that we can continue our donations to organizations supporting women, children and families.

\*Our next UWIF meeting is Tuesday, 3 June, at 3:30. Our guest speaker will be Lori Kirkpatrick from Safe Haven of Pender County. Hope you will join us. Bonnie Hunter, 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 May 31, there will be a Mission U event. This event will be held at Whiteville United Methodist Church in Whiteville NC from 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. Registration will also include a \$15 fee that will cover lunch. This event will be led by our own Delaine Macdonald- we will study and contemplate the relationship we have with our Loving God, Father, and Creator. Registration forms can be obtained from either myself or Bonnie Hunter.

Lastly but most importantly I invite any lady in our congregation whether member or not to become a part of our United Women in Faith. All you need is a heart for women, children, and youth as they 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





Join us June 4<sup>th</sup> for a delicious Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to support our upcoming Dental and VBS mission trip to Panama!

Enjoy a hearty meal, great company, and help make a difference—all proceeds go toward our team's efforts to support our mission. Bring your family and friends for a night of food, fellowship, and purpose!

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## 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.

**The Summer Fun Fest Series will begin on Thursday June 12, 2025 @ 6PM!**

There has been a change of venue from the previous announcement. The Summer Fun Fest Series will now begin on Thursday, June 12, 2025 beginning @ 6PM. Greg Holmes will be hosting this event with a tribute to Baseball, BBQ and Beverages (BBB). The fun begins at 6pm **at 116 Roughleaf Trail, Hampstead, NC 28443**. Support your favorite baseball team by wearing a hat or Tee and enjoy good food and fellowship. I hope to see you there!

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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 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: [rramorton@gmail.com](mailto: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](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)



**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 will be taking a break this summer – they'll be back again September 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join! We will be discussing the book *Our Missing Hearts: A Novel* by Celeste ng.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Sherry Mewborn. Email: [smewborn@hotmail.com](mailto:smewborn@hotmail.com).

## THRIFT STORE



### Harbor Thrift Store Hours

Tuesday - Friday

10:00AM - 4:00PM

Closed: Saturday, Sunday and Monday

The Thrift Store is always looking for household items and furniture in good condition. We do not accept adult clothing, electronics, broken or damaged items. **We can no longer accept donations without an appointment.** Please contact a volunteer from the list below to schedule donation drop offs.

Sandy Taylor (540) 420-6713

Beth Walker (252) 213-2240

Sylvia Bowman (910) 284-3131

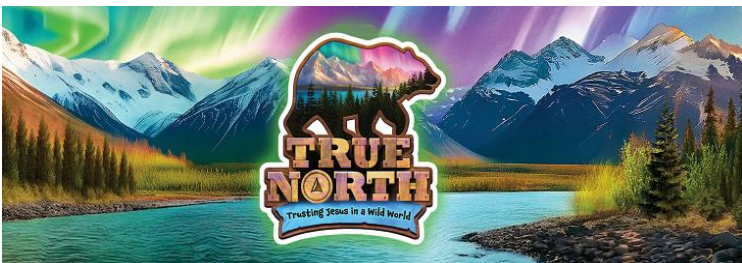
Gloria Richardson (704) 804-4909

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!*

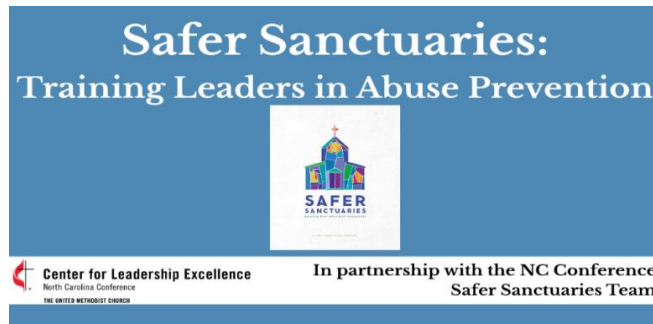
Coming Soon...VBS! July 28- 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 to Noon

For more information or to register, please click the link below:



<https://forms.gle/Uu365DtpdMYPvoWWA>





### **About the Workshop:**

Since 1996, when the General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopted a resolution aimed at eliminating potential for abuse in the church, abuse prevention has been an important part of church policy-making and implementation. United Methodists are called to justice and advocacy for those whose voices are often overlooked or not heard, including children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Churches are responsible for ensuring a safe environment for all persons. The risk of harm to children, youth, and vulnerable adults can be reduced through the implementation of abuse prevention policies.

A primary focus for the NCC Safer Sanctuaries Team is to provide resources that will help churches as they develop policies, train staff/volunteers, and implement those policies. Individual church policies should be written with consideration of the church's specific context, so there is not a one-size-fits-all policy. Recommendations for abuse prevention policy content is offered by the NCC Safer Sanctuaries Team and may be found on the [webpage](#). This workshop is for church leaders who will train others in abuse prevention. Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their church abuse prevention policy.

*Safer Sanctuaries: Training Leaders in Abuse Prevention* is led by Rev. Charlotte Brendel, current chair of the NCC Safer Sanctuaries Team.

**Thursday, July 24, 2025, 10am – 12pm**  
**Saint Luke UMC (Sanford)**  
**Free**

**[Register Now](#)**



## 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.



May 18th: Week 4: "Let's Get This Straight!" Priscilla, Aquila, & Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)

By the end of the series, children will have a deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit is at work in their lives, equipping them with the incredible power to overcome challenges, share God's love, and grow in their faith. Watch your kids be inspired and transformed, ready to impact their world, for the GOOD of the world! I look forward to seeing all that God will do as

we grow in our knowledge and love of Him, who was and is and is to come.

I have the following people as Acolyte:

May 18th: Isla Butler

May 25<sup>th</sup>: Austin Hawley

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Michael Alexander

Peace and blessings to you all,  
*Stacie Holmes*



Welcome Ms. Deb...



"I've raised my kids in Sneads Ferry for almost 15 years. My boys, James and Ryan, have both launched and Natalie is soon to follow as she heads to WCU this fall. I've been extremely active in the community, in various youth programs, and at Dixon High School supporting the arts programs. I was also a therapeutic foster mom for 8 years, serving dozens of youth with trauma-informed care.

I earned my BA in Philosophy from Sweet Briar College and in 2022 I graduated with honors from Denver Seminary with my Master of Divinity degree. Most recently, I served as the Site Coordinator for the Sneads Ferry Senior Center. Furthermore, I've had a variety of jobs that have left me with a wide range of skills. I love theology, teaching the Bible, dancing, nerdy shows and games, and outdoor adventures.

I'm genuinely thrilled to be using more of my education, experience, and skills to serve the Kingdom. And all that is great, but what you really need to know about me is that I fall short of the glory of God. I have an extensive past full of harassment, assault, trauma, neglect and abuse (even within the church) and so much loss - a past full of failed, sinful coping skills. It's that past that God has used to give me gracious and compassionate insight thanks to His mercy and grace. "We love because He first loved us." - 1 John 4:19

Thank you for welcoming me into the family at Faith Harbor.

-Deborah Lanham, aka Ms. Deb - Youth Minister



## **BASIC YOUTH NEWS**

***"Brothers And Sisters In Christ"***

### Middle and High School

May 18th	Faith Harbor Homecoming - no meetings
May 25th	Memorial Day Weekend - no meetings
May 30th	Friday night High School Lock-In
June 1st	Luau Pool Party for Middle and High school!





This summer July 20- 25, the high school students from Faith Harbor BASIC are traveling to Western NC to serve as missionaries. We will be partnering with Praying Pelicans Missions for the week. We will be staying in a local church and working alongside a homeowner who experienced flooding during Hurricane Helene. **Please continue to keep our group in your prayers as we finish-up school and prepare for this trip.**

Many thanks!  
Deborah Lanham - Youth Minister

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23*

## FAITH HARBOR PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025



### What We Are Learning

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." – Psalm 118:24

Even though the school year is winding down, we are still excited to learn and explore! During May, we'll be focusing on: David and Goliath, Jonah and the Whale along with a Camping theme!

As we close out another joyful and faith-filled school year, our hearts are full of gratitude for all the blessings we've experienced together. From the first day of school to our final chapel, your children have grown in knowledge, confidence, friendships, and most importantly, in their love for Jesus.

#### Highlights from the Year:

- Bible Time & Chapel: Weekly lessons brought God's Word to life, helping our students learn that Jesus is their forever friend.
- Special Events: From our Thanksgiving celebration to our Christmas Play, we've made beautiful memories.
- Learning Milestones: Our little learners have blossomed in their ABCs, 123s, and social-emotional development. Watching them grow has been a true joy!

#### Important Dates:

- Pastries with Parents May 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM
- End-of-Year Program & Graduation: Friday, May 20 at 11:00 AM- Please join us as we celebrate our students with songs and a special send-off for our Pre-K graduates!
- Last Day of School: Thursday May 22-regular school day.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's early faith journey. We pray your summer is filled with joy, and family time. To our graduates: Shine brightly as you take your next step into kindergarten—we are so proud of you!

### What's New



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

Wednesday Friend's Day-flyer coming home!

VBS-July 28th-31st.



### Reminders

Registration for next year is filling fast! ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!!

**Tuition is due! :)**

### Upcoming



May 8th-Pastries with Parents 12:00 PM  
May 20th-End of Year Program- 11:00AM  
May 22nd-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!





**Members:** Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox; Gail Hargett-Lilly; Ashley Harrison; Janet Hughes; Janice Long; Eunice Lytton; Martha Marlow; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Sean Mooney; Judy Pratt; Alan Sasser; David & Jill Strohpaal; 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** (Albertsons); 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 May 19<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Psalm 104

M James 3.13-18, Mark 9.14-29

Tu James 4.1-10, Mark 9.30-37

W James 4.13-17, Mark 9.38-40

Th James 5.1-6, Mark 9.41-50

F James 5.9-12, Mark 10.1-12

Sa James 5.13-20, Mark 10.13-16

Su Isaiah 6.1-8, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

Key scripture: John 3.16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."





## MAY

2<sup>nd</sup>: Isaac Henry

4<sup>th</sup>: Michael Alexander; Kevin Woolard

6<sup>th</sup>: Milly Ferrell

7<sup>th</sup>: Gail Ace

8<sup>th</sup>: Linda Wells

11<sup>th</sup>: Hunt Tayloe

13<sup>th</sup>: David Cosner

14<sup>th</sup>: Aiden Roberson; Kevin Brooks

17<sup>th</sup>: Caroline Shepard; Sandy Sly

18<sup>th</sup>: Deanne Beard; Oscar Phillips

19<sup>th</sup>: Linda DeMott

20<sup>th</sup>: DeAnne Chryst; Dawn Frazier; Doug Medlin

27<sup>th</sup>: Emma Chryst

28<sup>th</sup>: Brooke Graziano; Melissa Roberson

31<sup>st</sup>: Chris Campbell



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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 5/18- Youth Sunday**

8:00am Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service/**Homecoming**  
10:45 Reception & Mission Fair  
10:45 JR Basic

### **Monday, 5/19**

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

### **Tuesday, 5/20**

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

### **Wednesday, 5/21**

9:30 Communion  
11:15 Women Rooted & Anchored Group  
7:00p Choir Practice  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef

### **Thursday, 5/22**

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

### **Friday, 5/23**

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

### **Saturday, 5/24**

5:30p Praise Service

### **Sunday, 5/25**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Adult Bible Study

### **Monday, 5/26- Memorial Day**

OFFICE CLOSED