



*Acts 2.44-47: "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."*

For the last several Sundays we have been reading *The Five Means of Grace* by Elaine Heath. We have been looking at Prayer, Searching the Scriptures, the Lord's Supper and Fasting. This Sunday, we will be looking at Holy Conferencing. Please plan on meeting in the Sanctuary at 10.45, as we complete our discussion. This study is allowing us, as a community of faith, to understand the methodical nature of participating in God's grace. The rhythms, habits, and repetition of these practices invites us to grow more in our love of God, love of each other, and love of ourselves. We need each other in order to grow in holiness and in our commitment to God. The faith that we have is a personal faith, but it can never be a private faith. It is a faith that is practiced with the community of faith, just like we read in Acts 2.44-47. In this passage we read about sharing, spending time together daily, eating in each other's homes, and having the goodwill of all the people. This is a community of faith that is centered on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Below you can see the bulletin insert that will be introduced. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, feel free to contact the person who is listed next to each small group. Remember, we need each other, and this is a great opportunity to grow in your love of God, love of neighbor, and in love with yourself.

We have a number of opportunities for you to grow in your faith and your commitment to Christ. At Faith Harbor we believe the Lord has called us to be *Anchored In Christ*. This takes consistency, intentionality, and it takes each other. If you would like information about any of these groups, feel free to reach out to the contact person in each group.

1 – Quilters – Missional Community: They gather on Mondays & Tuesdays at 9am in room #6. They pray together and work with each other. This group gives away quilts to groups like Woodbury Wellness, Lauren's Hope, Roots of Recovery, and Methodist Home for Children. Paula Hopper 703.403.3017

2 – Adult Sunday School discussing the book: *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. This will be in room #6 starting Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.45am. Sherry Mewborn 910.526.2673

3 – An Invitation to Love Thyself – An Exploration of “Who I Am?”: Starting Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7.45pm we will be offering this six month training. Our goal is to invite individuals to learn how to love themselves with the love that God has for them. Bescye Burnett 678.882.6721

4 – Missional Discipleship Training: Starting Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7.45pm we will be offering this six month training. Our goal is to train men and women in missional discipleship. At the end of this six months you will then have an opportunity to be prayerfully commissioned in the endeavor the Lord is calling you to. Philip Chryst 910.524.5676

5 – Worship as Life: Starting Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7.45pm we will be offering this six month training. Our goal is to disciple men and women in a lifestyle of worship, highlighting the role of the arts. Shirley Logan Mercer 910.233.1515

6 – Women Rooted in Christ, Anchored in Love, Building Each Other Up: On Tuesdays at 11.15am there will be 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. Kathy Winfield 240.375.1305

7 – JEWELS – Just Everyday Women Enjoying Life. We are an informal breakfast group who gather on Fridays at 8:30 am for prayer, fellowship, and for sharing life experiences. We meet from May through October at Soundside Park, weather permitting. Otherwise, we meet year-round in Room 6. We bring our own breakfast. We also plan occasional day trips such as to Airlie Gardens, New Bern, Southport, etc. Please join us. Call Bonnie Hunter, 540.621.3645.

8 – United Women in Faith (UWIF), along with Rainbow Circle and Reading Circle. The UWIF meet every quarter. Our mission is to be the body of Christ in service to women, families and children. We attend mission studies and spiritual retreats offered by the Harbor District. We focus on several fund raising efforts throughout the year in order to support organizations such as Methodist Home for Children, Share the Table, Roots of Recovery, Mercy Abounds, etc. We also support Faith Harbor children and youth programs such as VBS, Mother/Child Retreat, and the Annual Youth Retreat. The Rainbow Circle gathers monthly to focus on support to Faith Harbor's children and youth, visits to nursing homes, and creating craft projects to be offered at the annual Christmas bazaar. The Reading Circle chooses from a recommended list to expand spiritual enrichment and focus on issues facing humanity in today's world. The President of the Harbor District's UWIF is Faith Harbor's own Sherri Davila. Come join us. Bonnie Hunter 540.621.3645 or Sherri Davila 919.608.3448.

9 – Faith Harbor Pilots Men's Group – Breakfast Every Tuesday at 8.30am at Sears Landing. This includes a devotion, prayer, and fellowship. Also, once a month we gather for Saturday breakfast. David Davilla 919.906.1591 and Roger Morton 585.451.5268

10 – “Nourishing Joy” meets the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at 413 N. New River Dr. and focus on joy and encouragement. We want to create a place of joy, hope, and connection for women of our church and community. Our goal is to support each other as we go through life's challenges applying Christian principles. All women welcome, bring a friend! Annie Voli, avolibeach@gmail.com, 804-338-4784 or Natalie Lindsey, namick12@gmail.com, 864-423-6763

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If you would like to talk about any ideas based on what you have read – feel free to reach out to Pastor Bescye Burnett at 678.882.6721. Part of her work that she is focusing on is spiritual formation. We are always looking for how the Holy Spirit is prompting folks in the congregation to start up new endeavors.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Greeters:

August 31<sup>st</sup>: Deanna Beard & Jennifer Fox

## Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>: Trustee's Meeting- 4:30pm

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>: Charge Conference- 2:00pm  
@The Edge Church (1000 NC-210, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460)

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM: By the Numbers - *A summary of weekly revenues*

Weekly Revenues for Period Ending August 23, 2025				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$4,775.00	\$0.00	\$390.00	\$825.00	<b>\$5,990.00</b>

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Facility Manager (FM)**— This position works directly with the Trustee's committee to oversee the overall operation of Faith Harbor. The FM will be expected to identify problems and work to correct problems by locating responsible repair professionals. The FM will make routine inspections of the facility, surrounding buildings, and church grounds. The FM should possess knowledge about facility maintenance including plumbing, electrical, kitchen appliances, and HVAC systems. If interested, please contact Bill Widholm at (910) 431-5056.

### Scriptures:

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



The Quilting Mission will be hosting a Sweet Stitches Sidewalk Sale on Sat, Aug 30 @ 8am until 11am.

We will be selling hand sewn items such as hot bowl holders, jar openers, fall themed table runners with napkins and many other items. Proceeds from this sale will be used to continue the work of the quilting mission! Come and see us on Saturday at Faith Harbor.



The United Women in Faith Reading Circle will meet September 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. We will be discussing- *Our Missing Hearts: A Novel* by Celeste ng. The novel is beautifully written and pertinent to discrimination and prejudice in our world today. It's such a great book - it will surely lead to a lively discussion. This will be the first book of our new reading season. We would love for you to join us...all are welcome! Any questions, feel free to contact Sherry Mewborn. Email: [smewborn@hotmail.com](mailto:smewborn@hotmail.com).



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. Beginning Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have weekly services...mark your calendars! Bring your friends ~all are welcome!!



All adults in the Faith Harbor community are invited to join Fellowship Friends for a social meal. It's just a chance to casually connect with others; participants pay their own way.

Our next gathering will be at Splash by the Sea; dinner at 5:30 pm on Friday, September 5th or lunch at noon on Thursday, September 11th. (Note that they don't open until noon). When I checked last week, the elevator IS working! Here's more information from their website: <https://www.splashbythesea.com/>.

Please let me know by Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> for the dinner on September 5th or by September 8 for the lunch (September 11th). Hope to see you all there! [PaulaHopper5@gmail.com](mailto:PaulaHopper5@gmail.com)



We will be offering new membership class on September 7th, 14th, 21st. This will be at 10:45 a.m. In the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Philip- 910.524.5676 or [phillipchryst@gmail.com](mailto:phillipchryst@gmail.com)



**Greetings Faith Harbor community,**

The United Women in Faith are preparing for our next Take and Bake and Dessert sale to be held **Sunday September 14th** before and after the 9:30 service. We hold these fundraisers a few times each year to raise money to support missions such as Share the Table, Methodist Home for Children and Roots of Recovery among others. Please help us succeed in one or both ways:

1. Offer to make an entree (frozen or fresh) and/or baked goods and desserts. NOTE: if you are providing a fresh entree, please prepare no earlier than the Friday prior and note on the dish when it was prepared. We want to ensure that the food we are selling is fresh. Thanks!
2. Purchase entrees and desserts (cash or credit accepted)

If you can help by making food, please contact Jenny Mizelle by email at [jennymizelle@gmail.com](mailto:jennymizelle@gmail.com) or text/phone 919-818-3857 and let her know. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. We will be at church from 9-10:30 on Saturday, September 13th if you would like to bring your dish to church at that time. If there is a particular dish you would like to have available, please let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate your request. We thank you!!



# 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.

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

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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.**

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)

## Harbor Thrift Store Hours

Tuesday – Friday: 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Closed: Saturday, Sunday and Monday

### THRIFT STORE



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 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

# Our Children's Ministry



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](#).

**Sunday School Volunteers**-The children of Faith Harbor are looking for a few "substitutes" to fill in as-needed during Sunday School. No experience needed! All materials are provided!! If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Peg at 717-802-6716 or [stroheckerpeg@gmail.com](mailto:stroheckerpeg@gmail.com)

**Nursery**- Do you love to hold and snuggle babies? The nursery needs an assistant on the first and fourth Sunday of the month! If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Peg

**Jr BASIC will be starting again on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>!** It will be held on the first and third Sunday of the month. It is a time when elementary-aged children can stay after church for fellowship, lunch, and a lesson/craft. It is a great time for the kids of Faith Harbor to get to know each other better, and for the parents to grab a quick lunch date!!!

We can't do this without your help!! Please consider volunteering for just one or two weeks. Use the link below to sign up!!! Any questions, please reach out to Peg Strohecker 717-802-6716 or [stroheckerpeg@gmail.com](mailto:stroheckerpeg@gmail.com) Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA8AC2FA6FCCE9-58062320-jrbasic>



## Youth Groups for Grades 6-12

**Wayfinders** is our middle school group, grades 6-8.

**Navigators** is our high school group, grades 9-12.

Aug 31: Labor Day weekend - No Meetings

\*Beginning Sunday, September 7th, Wayfinders and Navigators will meet in the Reef weekly!!

Wayfinders: 5:00 – 6:00pm in the Reef

Youth Supper: 6:00- 6:30pm (optional) in the Narthex

Navigators: 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Reef

\*Registration paperwork is available by hard copy or by fillable pdf. We use the BAND app for regular communications. Contact Ms. Deb for more info.

*Deborah Lanham* - Youth Minister

910.388.6862

Office Hours (flexible): Tues & Wed 9:30 - 3:30 or by appointment



## AUGUST

29<sup>th</sup>: April Shannon

30<sup>th</sup>: Sharon Jordan; Alease Register

31<sup>st</sup>: Isaac Sawyer

## SEPTEMBER

3<sup>RD</sup>: Ray Blackburn

5<sup>th</sup>: Giles Jeffreys

6<sup>th</sup>: Sandy Wise

8<sup>th</sup>: Lance Jordan

9<sup>th</sup>: Rita Streiff

10<sup>th</sup>: Mark Valente

11<sup>th</sup>: Mattie Albertson

14<sup>th</sup>: Hazel Passingham

18<sup>th</sup>: Mary Lynn Wood

20<sup>th</sup>: Arness Krause

22<sup>nd</sup>: Frank Carroll

25<sup>th</sup>: Quinn Woolard

26<sup>th</sup>: Will Moore

27<sup>th</sup>: Ava Barnes

28<sup>th</sup>: Jean Hawley; Michael Kaufmann

29<sup>th</sup>: Jordan Albertson





### Scripture- Week of September 1<sup>st</sup>

Centering Prayer: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it."

Psalm 81

M Jeremiah 2.23-37, Hebrews 13.7-21

Tu Jeremiah 3.1-14, Titus 1.1-9

W Jeremiah 3.15-25, Luke 14.15-24

Th Jeremiah 15.10-21, Philippians 2.25-30

F Jeremiah 16.14-17.4, Colossians 4.7-17

Sa Jeremiah 17.14-27, Matthew 10.34-42

Su Jeremiah 18.1-11, Philemon 1.1-21, Luke 14.25-33

Key scripture Jeremiah 3.15: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."



**Members:** Kitty Behan; Ray Blackburn; Charles Burnett; Connie & Frank Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Parker Fox; Janet Hughes; Tony Merlino; Doug Mewborn; Larry & Becki Modlin; Judy Pratt; Alan Sasser; David & Jill Strohpaal; Ron Voli; 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); Dana Bailey (Sandy Wise); Adrian Berroteran (Melissa Schleinkofer); Rosie Bland (George & Jill Bland); Butch Gordon, Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Kay Foster (Jimmy & Beverly Dunn); Sherry Hannen (Annie Voli); Jerry Klofonda (Sherrie Weaver); Stacy Mecham (Melissa Schleinkofer); Rondale Miller (Cousin of Sherrie Weaver); Marie Palmer (Sandy Sly); Sue Penny; Anthony Powell (Bescye's Brother); Jennie Smith (Lee Jernigan); Sky Taylor (Sheila Smith); Brenda (Harriet Rice's friend); Pam Ulrich (Sherrie Weaver); 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*

\*To keep our prayer list updated, please let me know if anyone listed above can be removed from the list. Thank you so much for your help!

**Sunday, 8/31**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Book Discussion

**Monday, 9/01 Labor Day****OFFICE CLOSED**

7:30 Open Prayer

**Tuesday, 9/02**

7:30 Open Prayer  
8:30 Pilot's Group Breakfast  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
11:15 Rooted & Anchored Women's Group  
6:00p Praise Band Practice

**Wednesday, 9/03**

9:30 Communion  
10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6  
7:00p Cantata Read-through  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef  
7:45p Choir

**Thursday, 9/04**

10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6  
12:00p AA Group, Rm. 6  
6:00p MDT/Love Thyself/Worship as Life

**Friday, 9/05**

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

**Saturday, 9/06**

5:30p Praise Service

**Sunday, 9/07**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Communion Service  
10:45 New Member Class  
10:45 Adult Sunday School  
10:45 JR Basic Group  
5:00p Wayfinders Group/Reef  
6:00p Fellowship Meal  
6:30p Navigators Group/Reef