



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



Faith Harbor United Methodist Church

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Do you have questions about "organized religion"? We think you're in good company. The scenes on the front of this card highlight the disorganized scene around Jesus' birth. You're invited to come and take part in the life of Jesus... who is the King of kings.

November 30 at 8am (beach) & 9.30am - Luke 1.26-38

December 7 at 8am (beach) & 9.30am - Luke 1.39-56

December 14 at 8am (beach) & 9.30am (Cantata) - John 1.1-5

December 21 at 8am & 9.30am - Matthew 1.18-25

Christmas-eve Candlelight - December 24 - 5pm & 7pm & 11pm

Christmas Day visiting Woodbury Wellness Center - 10am

December 28 at 8am & 9.30am (Covenant Renewal)- Matthew 2.13-18



Scriptures:

11/30/25	Luke 1.26-38
12/07/25	Luke 1.39-56
12/14/25	John 1.1-5
12/21/25	Matthew 1.18-25
12/24/25	Matthew 2.1-12
12/28/25	Matthew 2.13-18

Greeters:

November 30th: Deanna Beard & Jennifer Fox

December 7th: Sally Linville & Cathey Barber



We are looking for new volunteers to serve as Ushers and to provide the Offertory Prayer. If interested or if you have questions, please let me know (Kim- faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com).

This is a rotating schedule that is done three months at a time, so along with the other volunteers, you might be scheduled 2-3x within that time frame. If something comes up and you can't serve on your day, you can switch with another volunteer or simply have someone cover for you. The next schedule will be January through March 2026. *Thank you!*

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

Weekly Revenues for Period Ending November 22, 2025				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$6,518.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$6,522.00



If you enjoy reading and great discussion, we invite you to our reading circle – we meet the first Thursday each month at 10:00, Room 6. We would love you to join us! Here are our books coming up. Remember, we'll meet on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 10.00 and in January we will meet on Thursday, Jan. 8 instead of the 1st.

December: All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir (2023)

January: The Happiest Man on Earth: The Beautiful Life of an Auschwitz Survivor by Eddie Jaku

February: Sanctuary a novel by Paola Mendoza and Abby Sher

March: The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams



Mark your calendars for this year 's Faith Harbor's CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR and BAZAAR- Saturday, December 6 from 9 to 2.

Have your phones or cameras ready to take family photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Over 20 local vendors! You don't want to miss out!!

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.

Faith Harbor Pilots Upcoming Events

- 1. Saturday December 6, 2025 – Craft Fair/Church Bazaar 9am-2pm**
- 2. Sunday December 21, 2025 – Share-the-Table 2pm-6:30pm**

The Pilots will be providing refreshments, breakfast pastries and snacks during the Craft Fair. Help will be needed to set up and run the Coffee Bar and attend to the roving goody cart and drink cooler. We will also be selling the remaining Brunswick Stew which will help fund these events.

Frozen containers of the stew may still be available for \$8.00/quart. See Dave Davila for availability or place your name on the sign-up sheet located on the freezer door.

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 at 8:00am. 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.



HELP PROVIDE CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE

At Christmas, each household receives grocery store gift cards that can be used to purchase items for their Christmas dinner. In addition, families with children are invited to a special Holiday Shop, set up by CHAP volunteers, where they can select gifts for each of their children under the age of 18. **Unwrapped toys, gift cards or monetary**

donations for Christmas are due: December 9th for distribution on December 13 at Blake's Chapel. *Please write checks out to: Faith Harbor UMC and include "CHAP" in the memo line. Donations can be dropped off at Faith Harbor, Share the Table, Blake's Chapel, or All Saints Church. Thank you!

Looking forward to partnering with you again! If you'd like to volunteer, please email: chap@allsaints.org or contact Kevin Jarvie (704) 650.4779 or Bonnie Hunter (540) 621.3645 / bennettandbonnie@yahoo.com

Gift Suggestions to Donate to CHAP:

- Bicycles, helmets, scooters/kickboards
 - tablets and laptops or sports equipment/gear
 - building sets such as Lego; boardgames
 - remote control vehicles with batteries
 - doll houses; playsets; musical instruments or arts and craft sets
 - teen-focused gifts (gift cards for clothing, movies, music, food, sports stores; mark the amount on it)
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Good evening, Fellowship Friends. I think we will take December off from our normal First Friday meals. Several people are involved in setting up for the bazaar on that first Friday night, and some are involved in small groups on Thursday evening. And I don't know about y'all, but we already have 4 holiday events booked for the following week! I do have a recommendation if you are looking for a date night or get together with friends: The 2nd Marine Division Band is giving a free concert at the River of Life church in Jacksonville. We went last year, and it was fantastic!

Here's some more information: The 2nd Marine Division Band will perform a holiday concert at River of Life Church in Jacksonville on **Friday, December 12th, 2025, at 7pm**. The event is free and open to the public, and reservations are highly recommended. Doors open at 6:00 PM, and attendees are encouraged to bring a canned good or unwrapped toy for donation.

- Location: River of Life Church, 2460 Gum Branch Road, Jacksonville
- Notes: Reservations are encouraged and can be made at ROLChurch.com/events (registration opens around November 25). Donations of canned goods or toys are welcome.

I will miss you all in December! I'll do something up in January, but probably not on the first Friday (as many people seem to be out of town then). More info later!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! You are all blessings! See you in church! ~Paula



Save the Date!

The Faith Harbor Choir invites everyone to our Christmas Cantata at the 9:30am service on Sunday, December 14th, and stay for the reception that will follow! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us in this powerful music to celebrate the much-anticipated birth of our Lord and Savior!



Do you have a heart for worship? We would love you to join us in the Sanctuary on Saturdays at 5:30pm for a contemporary Worship service.

Bring your friends, all are welcome!!

Attention All Musicians out there! Faith Harbor Praise Band is looking for musicians for our Saturday night Contemporary Worship Service! We would be interested in most any instrument or vocalist, but we have real need for guitar (both rhythm and lead) and bass players, keyboard. *If you cannot commit to every Saturday, we could set up a rotating schedule*

Contact: Ron Voli-(804) 334-1113 or Brittany Audet-(910) 465-2412



Save the Date! Please join us...

February 17, 2026: Hosted by Faith Harbor Youth Group
March 4, 2026: Hosted by the Quilting Mission

*If your group would like to host an upcoming night, please contact the office- faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com

ATTENTION! Thrivent Grants Support Church Missions

Did you know if you are a Thrivent Insurance customer, you can apply for a \$250 grant to support a church mission project? Each customer is eligible to apply twice a year! These grants have already blessed our quilting group and the CHAP program. If you'd like to learn more or need help applying, please contact Vicki Wygant. She'll gladly walk you through the simple process and help your grant make a difference!



We'd love to invite anyone to join us on Monday and/or Tuesday mornings from 9-11 (sometimes noon). You don't need a sewing machine. You don't need to know how to sew. We have basic supplies available, including fabric. We have ladies who only cut pieces to be used in quilts. Some who just come to socialize. We work together and most of the quilts involve a cooperative effort. We share and pray together. We'd love to include you!

Thank you for your ongoing support for our quilting mission! *Paula Hopper*

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 Woodbury Wellness Center- 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

"Love...Loves...Loved"

"Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced". James Baldwin (1924–1987)



Jr BASIC! 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 (717) 802-6716 or stroheckerpeg@gmail.com Thank you!

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



Christmas Fun!!! Join us for dinner and a trip to Lake Linda on Sunday, Dec. 7. We will meet at the church for dinner at 4:30 and then head over to Lake Linda. Approximate time of return is 6:30! All kids invited. Pre K kids must be accompanied by an adult!! Permission slips are being sent home on 11/23!

Any questions, see Peg Strohecker



Youth Groups for Grades 6-12

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

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

Wayfinders: 5:00 – 6:00p in the Reef

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

Navigators: 6:30 – 8:00p in the Reef

Nov. 30th No Meetings (Thanksgiving weekend)

Dec. 7th Concert field trip. All youth meet at the church at 3:30pm. Bring money for dinner on the way home. Must RSVP for transportation & have registration paperwork completed.

Dec. 14th Caroling Christmas Party. Meet at Woodbury Wellness Center in Hampstead at 5pm. Pick-up at the church at 9pm. Wear your most festive Christmas gear! Must RSVP for transportation & have registration paperwork completed.

Dec. 21 & 28: No Meetings (Christmas Break)

Jan. 16-19: Ski Trip! You must register with \$100 deposit by Dec. 7th. Must have registration paperwork complete.

Jan 1: Dolphin Dip 

Deborah Lanham - Youth Minister

910.388.6862

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



3rd: Henry Reiman
5th: Fisher Taylor
7th: Sandy Taylor; Garrett Burgess
8th: John Phillips; Dale Osborn
11th: Cindy Arnold; Greg Law
13th: Jennifer Sawyer
14th: Tammy Campbell; Hillary Horne
15th: Fiona Duddy
18th: Gabriel Roberson
19th: Jenny Mizelle
20th: Kevin Taylor; Paige Swain
21st: Diane Secary
22nd: Charlotte Wrigglesworth; Stacy Papke
23rd: Rebecca Drudge
24th: Charles Burnett
26th: Harley Taylor; James Wygant
27th: Janet Hughes; Faye Graziano
28th: Melanie Duddy
29th: Judy Pratt
30th: Isla Butler





3rd: Marion Shade; Kim MacDougall
4th: Kathy Alexander; Karl Johanson; Leslie Jones; Neal McHenry
8th: JoAnn Rivenbark
9th: Bill Widholm
10th: Laura Alexander; Melanie Greene
11th: Reagan Shepard; Danielle Shepard
13th: Donald Mizelle
14th: Sandi Lowry; Doug Mewborn
15th: Harriet Rice
16th: Judy Paliotti; Kenny Burgess; Madison Fox
17th: Charlie Clark; David Henry
19th: Denielle Hickey
21st: Robert Barnes; Sonya Burgess
22nd: Caroline Hinkle; Marlaine Hopper
26th: Ann Cassler; Alexis Passingham
29th: Jill Strohpaul
31st: Gerry Colman; Perry Chase Smith



Scripture- Week of December 1st

Centering Prayer: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122.1

M Genesis 8.1-9, Romans 6.1-11

Tu Genesis 9.1-17, Hebrews 11.32-40

W Isaiah 54.1-10, Matthew 24.23-35

Th Isaiah 4.2-6, Acts 1.12-26

F Genesis 30.19-26, Acts 13.16-25

Sa Isaiah 40.1-11, John 1.19-28

Su Isaiah 11.1-10, Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

Key scripture Romans 15.13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."



Members: Ray Blackburn; Bescye & Charles Burnett; Connie & Frank Carroll; Pastor Philip and family; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox; Janet Hughes; Jan and Hank Maser & family; Cathy Medlin; Tony Merlino; Doug Mewborn; 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); Megan Jackson and family (Cary Mangus); 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 added or removed from the list. Thank you so much for your help!**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 11/30

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 Adult Sunday School

Monday, 12/01

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

Tuesday, 12/02

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

Wednesday, 12/03

9:30 Communion
7:00p Boy Scouts/ Reef
7:00p Cantata/ 7:45 Choir

Thursday, 12/04

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

Friday, 12/05

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

Saturday, 12/06

9:00- 2:00p Christmas Craft Fair
5:30p Praise Service

Sunday, 12/07

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Communion Service
10:45 Adult Sunday School
3:30p Youth Fieldtrip
5:00p Children's Ministry to Lake Linda