



*II Corinthians 12.1-4: "It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat."*

I love how Paul shares about visions and revelations of the Lord. I love that he shares about this third heaven experience and how this encounter was Paradise and hearing things that cannot be told. This is an encounter where words are not sufficient. That it is a revelations, that it is something that defies rational explanations. It is an encounter that is considered and the contemplative gazes upon.

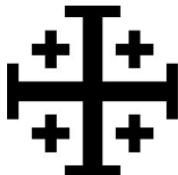
To me this reminds me of much of the work of Minnie Evans (1892-1987). Minnie Evans was a

gifted artist from Wilmington that had great influence on the Harlem Renaissance. Her work can be seen in places all over Wilmington, while at the same time in places like the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Her work is based on mystical encounters that she had and is reminiscent of some of the scenes from Ezekiel, Revelation, and Daniel.

On Saturday, February 7 at 6pm we will be given a chance to go and see a documentary about Minnie Evans's divine encounters. This will be shown at Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church, which is located at 55 Manhollow Church Road, Hampstead. This film was created by By the Brook Productions and the film maker is Linda Royal. We are partnership with Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church and Livingstones Tabernacle to screen this terrific documentary. You can see the trailer for the film by going to this website: [bythebrookfilms.com/about-1](http://bythebrookfilms.com/about-1)

# Covenant Renewal Service - 2026

I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by you or laid aside for you,  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine, and I am yours. So Be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.



Jesus Christ will either be my all in all, or he will be nothing -- for I cannot serve two masters [Matthew 6.24]. Therefore, in this covenant I lay these things before the Lord:

- 1) Sins that I am turning away from: \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 1.9)
- 2) In the upcoming year I promise to read scripture \_\_\_\_\_ days a week. I hope to read [all] [half] [a fourth] [other \_\_\_\_\_] of the Bible. (Deuteronomy 6.4-9)
- 3) I am relying on God's strength and grace for \_\_\_\_\_, rather than my own power. (Zechariah 4.6)
- 4) I resolve to be faithful in generosity. I promise to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to God's work in 2026. Which is \_\_\_\_\_ % of my income. (Malachi 3.10)
- 5) Lord, use me as you see fit. These are things I believe you are calling me to do: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Habakkuk 2.3)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Faith Harbor Family,

I hope this letter finds you well and encouraged in your walk with Christ.

As Worship Chair, I will be reaching out by phone to everyone listed in our church directory over the coming weeks.

My purpose in calling is simple and important: to learn who feels called to serve as **Communion Stewards** and who would like to be part of the **Worship Committee**. You are welcome to serve in one area or both.

Once I have a list of those willing to serve as Communion Stewards, I will coordinate with Bill Brazill to ensure that scheduling does not conflict with ushering duties for those who serve in both roles. We want service to be a blessing, not a burden, and good coordination helps us care for one another well.

As I make these calls, I also want to gently remind us of all of the sacred vows we took when we joined Faith Harbor United Methodist Church. Together we renounced evil, confessed Jesus Christ as our Savior, and committed ourselves to serve Christ and His Church through our **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness**. These vows are not optional or selective; they are a wholehearted commitment to live out our faith in community.

So, I invite each of us to reflect honestly:

- How are you serving?
- Are you present?
- Are you praying?
- Are you giving?
- Are you witnessing?

Each role, each act of faithfulness, matters deeply in the life of our church. There is a place for everyone, and every “yes” helps strengthen the body of Christ at Faith Harbor.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness, your openness to serve, and your love for this church. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

I love you all,

Your sister in Christ, **Jessica Blackburn**

Worship Chair Faith Harbor UMC



# What's Happening

## Scriptures:

01/11/26	Galatians 1.11-24
01/18/26	Galatians 2.11-21
01/25/26	Galatians 3.23-26
02/01/26	Galatians 4.4-7
02/08/26	Galatians 5.1-26
02/15/26	Galatians 6.1-

## Greeters:

January 11<sup>th</sup>: Jeanette Mason & Pat Vinson

January 18<sup>th</sup>: Cathy & Doug Medlin



ACOLYTES NEEDED!!! Are you in 4th grade or above and interested in becoming an acolyte?? If so, please attend the training on Sunday, January 18 immediately following the 9:30 service! Hope to see you there!! If you have any questions, please reach out to Peg (717) 802-6716 or stroheckerpeg@gmail.com

There will be New Membership Classes on January 25th, February 1st, and February 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone that would like to join the church or learn more about Faith Harbor is welcome to come. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Philip Chryst- 910.524.5676



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

Weekly Revenues for Period Ending January 3, 2026				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$3,919.00	\$0.00	\$405.00	\$12,000.00	<b>\$16,324.00</b>

## 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.

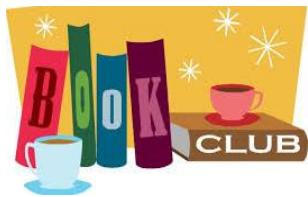
### Faith Harbor Pilots Schedule of Upcoming Events

#### 1. Saturday, January 17, 2026, 8:00am Planning for 2026

The Harbor Pilots ended 2025 with three great events, and we want to carry that momentum into 2026. Please join us for breakfast on the third Saturday in January 2026 as we begin planning for 2026. Bring your ideas and appetite for a great morning of food, fun, and fellowship.

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



If you enjoy reading and great discussion, we invite you to our reading circle – we meet the first Thursday each month at 10:00, Rm 6. We’d love you to join us! Here are the books coming up. Please note, in January we will meet on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> instead of the 1st.

**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



## Save the Date! Please join us...

February 17, 2026: Hosted by Faith Harbor Youth Group

March 4, 2026: Hosted by the Quilting Mission



Do you have a heart for worship? We would love you to join us for a Contemporary Worship Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Service begins at 5:00pm. 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

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**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.

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The Nursing Home Ministry of Faith Harbor join members of the Gathering Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month in the Memory Care Unit at Woodbury Wellness Center- 2778 Country Club Dr, Hampstead. You are welcome to join us at 11:00a.m. for worship and visit with the residents. Contact: Bescye P Burnett (678) 882-6721 or [bescyep@gmail.com](mailto:bescyep@gmail.com)

# Our Children's Ministry



**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>



## 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

Jan. 11: Luncheon for potential Confirmands (see Pastor Philip for details)

Jan. 16-19: Encounter Retreat/Ski Trip

Boys' Chrysalis Flight

Jan. 25: Youth Sunday (MS) and Youth Presentation

Feb 1: Confirmation\* Info Meeting for Families

Feb 8: Superbowl Party

Feb 13-15: Girls' Chrysalis Flight

Mar 6-8: Confirmation/Spring Retreat at Camp Don Lee (all youth)

\*Confirmation classes will be led by Pastor Philip and Kim McCluskey through Feb and March.

*"We have 9 youth attending the Encounter retreat at Lake Junaluska Jan 16-19, while we also have 3 boys attending the Chrysalis Flight the same weekend. Please be in prayer with us for our safe travels and for the Holy Spirit to reach every heart in an impactful way. We have 3 girls attending their Chrysalis Flight Feb. 13-15 also. Thank you! - Ms. Deb"*

*Deborah Lanham - Youth Minister*

910.388.6862

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

# FAITH HARBOR PRESCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2026

### What We Are Learning

#### THEME: WINTER WONDERLAND

"You have set all the borders of the Earth; you have made summer and winter" Psalm 74:17

This month at Faith Harbor Preschool, we will be exploring all things winter! We'll be learning about snowflakes, winter clothing, snowy weather, animals that hibernate, and the many wonders this special season brings. As we discover how the world changes in winter, we will also talk about how God is the Creator of every season. Through stories, songs, crafts, and play, children will learn that God makes each snowflake unique, provides animals with ways to rest and stay safe, and gives us warm clothes to care for our bodies. We will celebrate winter as a beautiful reminder of God's creativity, care, and constant love for us, even during the cold and quiet times of the year.

We are also excited to share that registration for returning, and new families will begin at the end of January. Please be on the lookout for information about our new online registration process coming soon.



### What's New

#### SOCER SHOTS AND TOPSAIL DANCE ARTS

**Soccer Shots**-Still time to sign up!

**Topsail Dance Arts** -Sign up at anytime!

-Miss Jen is our new teacher's assistant in the 2s class. Please stop in and say Hello!



### Reminders

- Cold and Flu season is among us. Please remember if your child is feeling sick keep them home. We want to eliminate the spreading of germs as much as possible.
- Registration will begin for returning families the last week of January. Be on the lookout for our new online registration!

### Upcoming

- January 6<sup>th</sup> students return!
- January 29<sup>th</sup> Pajama Day!





1<sup>st</sup>: Becki Modlin  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Carole Justice  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Tom Bradford  
4<sup>th</sup>: Kellie Henry  
8<sup>th</sup>: Lyla Passingham  
10<sup>th</sup>: Doug Austin  
13<sup>th</sup>: Gail Hargett-Lilly  
14<sup>th</sup>: Cathey Barber  
15<sup>th</sup>: Alexander Hornthal  
17<sup>th</sup>: Wendy Mooney  
18<sup>th</sup>: Ryan Clark; Diane Geary  
21<sup>st</sup>: Cindy West  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Bill Brazill; Gail Widholm; Vicki Wygant  
23<sup>rd</sup>: Brittany Audet  
25<sup>th</sup>: Karlie Holmes  
26<sup>th</sup>: Judd Schleinkofer  
27<sup>th</sup>: Jeanette Mason  
29<sup>th</sup>: Bodie Taylor  
30<sup>th</sup>: Porter Olmstead  
31<sup>st</sup>: Beth Johanson



## Scripture – Week of January 12<sup>th</sup>

Centering Prayer: "Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength." Psalm 29.1

M Genesis 35.1-15, Acts 10.44-48

Tu Jeremiah 1.4-10, Acts 8.4-13

W Isaiah 51.1-16, Matthew 12.15-21

Th Isaiah 22.15-25, Galatians 1.6-12

F Genesis 27.30-38, Acts 1.1-5

Sa I Kings 19.19-21, Luke 5.1-11

Su Isaiah 49.1-7, I Corinthians 1.1-9, John 1.29-42

Key scripture Jeremiah 1.7-8: "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."



**Members:** Ray Blackburn; Charles Burnett; Connie & Frank Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox; Janet Hughes; Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church; Cathy Medlin; Tony Merlino; Becki Modlin; Judy Pratt; Alan Sasser; David & Jill Strohpaul; Ron Voli; Owen Williams

**Military:** Joe Fraley, Andy Harrison, Charles Hickey; Grace Holmes; 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:** Rosie Bland (George & Jill Bland); *Rev. Curtis Campbell*; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); David King and family; Sue Penny; Anthony Powell (Bescye's Brother); Chris Widholm

*And please pray for all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort, and guidance. Heavenly Father, surround us with your loving light. We pray for complete healing of our body, mind and spirit. Please take away our worries and bring guidance and strength to those in need. AMEN*

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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**Sunday, 1/11**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Adult Sunday School  
5:00p Wayfinders Group/ Reef  
6:00p Youth Fellowship Meal  
6:30p Navigators Group/Reef

**Thursday, 1/15**

12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6  
6:00p MDT/ Love Thyself Class  
6:00p Worship as Life class

**Friday, 1/16**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group  
5:00p Praise Band Practice  
\*Youth Ski Weekend

**Saturday, 1/17**

8-10am Pilot's Meeting

**Sunday, 1/18**

8:00 Communion Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Adult Sunday School  
10:45 Acolyte Training

**Tuesday, 1/13**

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

**Wednesday, 1/14**

9:30 Communion  
10:00 Rainbow Circle, Rm. 6  
7:00p Choir Practice  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef