



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



•Leadership Council will meet: **October 24** at the church- 8:30a.m. If you need childcare or have questions, please contact Kim McCluskey at kmac5036@yahoo.com or 304-982-2008.

•Finance Committee will meet: **November 17** @ 6:30pm in Room 6.

•If you'd like to view the Trustee Finance/Budget Review, there is a hard-copy available in the office or you may contact John Weaver- Email: jweaver@customlogicnc.com

Greeters:

September 27th: Cathy & Doug M.

October 6th: Judy M. & Susan V.

Worship Schedule				
78:12-16	Mt 21:23-32	Creed and Deed	18 SAP	27-Sep
19:1-14	Mt 21:33-46	Just Deserts	19 SAP /World Communion	4-Oct
106:1-12	Mt 22:1-14	You Are Invited	20 SAP/Bless Animals	11-Oct
99:1-9	Mt 22:15-22	Astonished	21/Laity Sunday	18-Oct
90:1-6	Mt 22:34-46	What Sayeth Thee?	Reformation	25-Oct
107:1-9	Mt 23:1-12	The Humbled and the Exalted	All Saints	1-Nov
78:1-4	Mt 25:1-13	Ready or Not?	24 SAP donor sun	8-Nov
76:1-12	Mt 25:14-30	Trustworthy or Wicked?	25 SAP	15-Nov
100:1-5	Mt 25:31-46	The Sheep and the Goats	Christ the King	22-Nov
80:1-7	Mk 13:24-37	What Time Is It?	Advent 1 yr B	29-Nov
85:1-13	Mk 1:1-8	Good News; Repent!	Advent 2	6-Dec
126:1-6	Jn 1:6-8,19-28	To Bear Witness to the Light	Advent 3	13-Dec
Canticle Mary/199	Lk 1:26-38	How Can This Be?	Advent 4	20-Dec
Isaiah 9:	Lk 2:1-20	World, Home, Heart	Christmas Eve	24-Dec
148:1-14	Lk 2:22-40	Christmas Joy	1 SAC	27-Dec



Safer Sanctuaries Training will take place on Sunday, Sept. 27th immediately following the 9:30 service. We have an updated policy that will be presented. If you are or will be working with the children or youth of our church, please plan to attend. All members of the congregation are invited.



Hello, First Friday friends. On October 2nd we'll head back to Splash by the Sea. Here's a link to their website: <https://www.splashbythesea.com/menu>
Dinner starts at 5:30. Mike and I will be out of town, so Bill Widholm will host the evening.

Please let me know whether you can attend by Monday, September 28th.

Thanks. *Paula Hopper*
paulahopper5@gmail.com or 703-403-3017



If you enjoy reading and having great discussions, we invite you to our reading circle! We meet on the first Wednesday each month at 10:00, Rm 6. Please join us!

The upcoming books we have chosen:

October 7 – How Beautiful We Were by Imbolo Mbembe. The category is Education for Mission

November 4 – Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca. This is a youth book in the category of Spiritual Growth

If anyone is interested in joining us, give me a call – Anita Phillips at: 919-818-1330. You can read the books but it's ok if you can't make the meeting. Just let me know if you read the books so I can keep a record of how many readers we have. Check out the credenza near the kitchen as we put books there for folks to share.

Upcoming Family Night Supper

October 7th- Sponsored by United Women in Faith
Menu: Soups, Chili, Sandwiches, Desserts, and Drinks/ Time: 6:00pm

November 4th- Sponsored by Faith Harbor Pilot's
Menu: Brunswick Stew

BEAUTIFICATION & ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Surf City
 Street Sweep

Free Parking at Soundside Park!

Grab your friends, family, coworkers, and community spirit to help Surf City sparkle!

Saturday
October 10, 2026
8:00 am

Soundside Park
517 Roland Ave
Surf City, NC 28445

"All God's creatures are a gift from God."
 — James 1:17

Pets are family too!

Pets People Community Creation All Belong!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 11, 2026
 Starting at 2:00 pm

Faith Harbor United Methodist Church
Parking Lot

Bring your pups, cats, birds or lizard!
 If your pet is too big just bring a picture!

- All animals must be in a carrier or on a leash.
- Keep all animals at safe distances and keep yours under control.
- We will put up chairs and keep everyone at safe distances so please help us!
- Express gratitude, invoke protection and affirm how important your animal friend is to you.
- Help us to reinforce humane treatment and respect for all of God's creatures.

Faith Harbor
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Beacon of Joy, Anchored in Christ,
 Sharing God's Love Through Joyful Service.*

All God's creatures are loved here!

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. Pilots Quarterly Planning Meeting Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 8:30 AM
2. Share the Table Meal Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
3. Family Night Dinner Fundraiser Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM
4. Craft Fair Fundraiser Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Pilots quarterly planning meeting will be on the third Saturday in October at 8:30 AM. Please join us as we finalize plans for the remainder of the year. Another opportunity for service is by participating in the preparation and serving a meal to the clients at Share the Table. The Pilots will prepare and serve homemade Brunswick Stew and cornbread at the November Family Night dinner, this is a fund-raising event for the Pilots. The Pilots will provide refreshments for the customers and vendors during the craft fair, this is also a fund-raising event for the Pilots. More information will become available as we near each event. Please mark your calendars now and stay tuned for further updates.

Tuesday Morning Men’s Group

Come as you can, if you can. Unless otherwise stated, the men’s group meet at *Sear’s Landing*- arriving around 8:00 AM; food orders begin around 8:30 for those planning to eat. Roger Morton, our devotional leader and biblical scholar, provides an inspirational devotion each week. Please join us if you wish to start your day in an uplifting and inspirational way. For more information, contact Roger: ramorton@gmail.com



It's time for the second annual Christmas in Pender-Onslow Festival of Trees presented by Lauren's Hope.

- Decorate a Tree for auction
- Make wreaths for auction
- Join in the gingerbread contest
- Be a vendor
- Have breakfast with Santa
- Take the stage and be one of our many musicians
- Be a sponsor to help support the cause

Come join us for 2 magical days of fun and entertainment.
Topsail Island Moose Lodge:

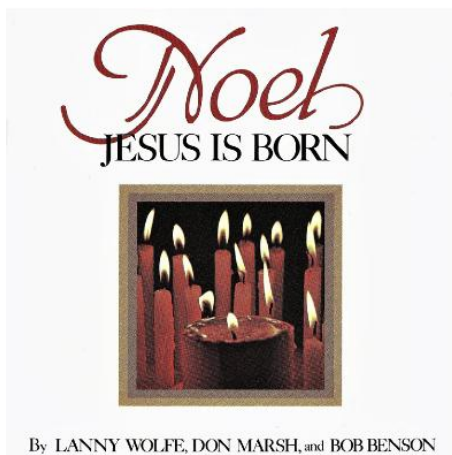
November 20th 5:00pm – 8:00pm

November 21st 9:00am (Breakfast with Santa)

November 21st 10:00am – 5:00pm

Look forward to seeing you there. For more information:

www.christmasinpenderonslow.org



Faith Harbor Choir has the pleasure of joining voices with Hampstead United Methodist choir and Wesleyan Chapel choir for this year's cantata. We will be presenting Noel, Jesus Is Born on December 13th at 4pm, Wesleyan Chapel in Scotts Hill. Put it on your calendar you will not want to miss it.

There is one song that has children singing "Go Tell It On the Mountain", so we are looking for children who may be interested in participating, reach out to:

Jessica Blackburn 910-622-1193 jessblackburn1@gmail.com

If you have a prayer concern or request for the prayer warriors-
Please contact Paula at: paulahopper5@gmail.com or 703-403-3017





Just a reminder, the sign-up sheet/clip board for Altar Flowers is right outside the office door. If there's a special occasion or you have a friend/ loved one you would like to honor and/or remember, there are many dates still available

**For your convenience, Surf City Florist will deliver floral arrangements right to the church, so you don't have to.*



The Nursing Home Ministry of Faith Harbor and members of The Gathering meet on the 2nd Sunday each month in the Memory Care Unit at Woodbury Wellness- 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

Faith Harbor Chair Yoga



Come join us on Wednesdays at 11:30! We will do a 30-minute class that includes seated yoga poses, stretching and some work with light weights. All ages and levels are welcome! Bring a set of light hand weights. Any questions, see Peg Strohecker, Bill Widholm, or Sandy Wise. Hope to see you there!!

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

If you'd like to donate, please scan the QR code



Weekly Revenues for Period Ending September 19, 2026				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$5,185.50		\$2.00	\$250.00	\$5,437.50

Note: If you wish to make any changes to your online giving and are unable to do so, feel free to contact the Finance Team at faithharborumc.finance@gmail.com.

UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP: One of the first things that I learned before becoming the Finance Committee Chairperson was that stewardship is a primary responsibility of the finance committee. It is the committee's responsibility to raise sufficient income to meet the budget. It is also the committee's responsibility to administer the funds received by the Church and to disburse those funds in a manner that is pleasing to God. When we, the body of Christ, approve a budget each year, we are making a promise to God that His Will, will be done with our tithes and offerings. And if we fail for any reason in that endeavor, then we have broken our solemn promise to God.

Stewardship is not just about the money; biblical stewardship is so much more. It's about taking care of and managing our time, talents, possessions, resources, and relationships, which are His precious gifts to us.

Everything we have belongs to God (Psalm 24:1) and He has entrusted us to be good managers of His gifts.

I would ask each of you to spend time talking to Jesus about your finances and asking Him how much (or how little) you are to give. Look to Jesus to give of your time and talents by faith and as an act of worship. **Biblical stewardship looks at the whole person and asks, how does Jesus want to work in and through me?**



After a vote with the kids, Jr. BaSiC will now be called Compass Kids. We will meet on the first and third Sunday each month from **10:30-12:00pm**. Have your kids join us for fun, food, and fellowship! We can't do this without your help! Please consider volunteering for just one or two weeks. Use the link below to sign up.

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

Any questions, please reach out to Peg Strohecker, Children's Ministry Director (717) 802-6716 or stroheckerpeg@gmail.com Thank you!

Upcoming Events

9/27: Safer Sanctuaries Training following 9:30 service

10/4: Compass Kids 10:30-12:00

10/18: Compass Kids

Calendar:

September 23: Wednesday Night Youth Group- 6:30p

Sept. 27: High School Navigator's Group- 6:00pm in the Reef

October 4: Wayfinders group will meet following church
Navigator's Group- 6:00pm in the Reef

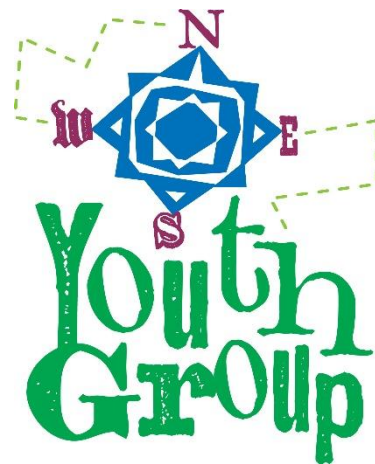
October 7: Wednesday Night Youth Group- 6:30p

October 11: Navigator's Group- 6:00p in the Reef

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions...

Jesse Turner-Youth Ministry Leader

256-794-1619; Email: jesseturner123@hotmail.com



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

25th: Quinn Woolard /26th: Will Moore

28th: Michael Kaufmann; Jean Hawley

29th: Jordan Albertson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st: Sabrina Guy/ 3rd: Hunter Tayloe
4th: Buddy Fowler/ 5th: John Pratt
6th: Cindy Kennedy; Don Spencer
8th: LaNier Shepard/ 9th: Oliver Alexander
10th: Scott Passingham/ 12th: Jessica Blackburn
14th: Peg Strohecker/ 17th: Graham Alexander; Greg Holmes
18th: Faye Decatur; Jann Tayloe
19th: Sandy Rogers/ 20th: Lou Secary
21st: Cathy Medlin/ 22nd: Nicole May; Craig Streiff
27th: David Decatur/ 28th: Zander Guy
29th: Susan Graziano; Roxey Jordan
30th: Leigh Bizzell; David Sawyer; Sue Smith



Scripture – Week of September 28th

Centering Prayer: Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan

Psalm 78:12-16

Monday- Philippians 1:3-14

Tuesday- Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27

Wednesday- Matthew 9:2-8

Thursday- Colossians 2:16-23

Friday- Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Saturday- John 7:40-52

Sunday- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Prayer Concerns~

Members: Charles Burnett; Lisa Byrd; Connie & Frank Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox and family; Jim Graziano; Janet Hughes; Cathy Medlin; Nancy & Tony Merlino; Becki Modlin; Anita Phillips; Judy Pratt; Alan Sasser; Paula Smith; David & Jill Strohpaal; Owen Williams; Vicki Wygant



Military: Zac Cole; Joe Fraley, Andy Harrison, Charles Hickey; Grace & Greg Holmes; Joey Horne; Abbie Kizer, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Charlotte Taylor Peters; Dryden Phelps; Tyler Ray, Gavin Robinson; Ellis Rowe; Sam Taylor; Craig (friend of Deanna Beard)

Family and Friends: *Kathyee Bartkowiak* (Paula H); Rosie Bland; Sean D's Aunt Roxy & Uncle Tony; Mike Dalnodar; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Fred Halsell (Sherrie Weaver's father); Chuck Holt (Mike Hopper); Kevin Hrtysanski & Sandy (Kim McCluskey); *Rick Hughes*; David King & family; Manhollow Baptist Church; Pam Ulrich; Chris & Noel Widholm

Please pray for those named above and 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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 9/27

8:00 Communion Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Safer Sanctuary Training
6:00p Navigator's Youth Group/ Reef

Monday, 9/28

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

Tuesday, 9/29

8:00 Pilot's Men's Breakfast
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
11:15 Women's Group
6:00p Band Practice
7:00p Women's AA/Reef

Wednesday, 9/30

9:00 Communion
10:15 Staff Meeting
11:30 Chair Yoga
6:30p HS Youth Meeting
7:00p Boy Scouts/ Reef
7:00p Choir

Thursday, 10/01

12:00p AA Group, Rm. 6
6:00p Thursday Night Classes

Friday, 10/02

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group, Rm. 6

Sunday, 10/04

8:00/9:30 Communion Service
10:45 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Compass Kids & Wayfinders Group
6:00p Navigator's Group/ Reef