



Faith Harbor

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



Thank you to all those who helped assemble the playset for the preschool! Your time and efforts are so appreciated...the kids love it!



- 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



*Please join us~
Celebration of Life for Alan Sasser will be
Saturday, October 24 at Faith Harbor UMC.
Service at 2:00pm with a reception to follow.*



Reminder: Blessing of the Animals is this Sunday, 10/25 at 2:00. We will meet in the church parking lot. Hope to see you and your pet friends there!!

For those interested, here is the link for the service for Tom Greener's mother who passed away. It will be live streamed. <https://www.facebook.com/galilee.umc>

Greeters:

October 25: Tammy C. & Sherry M.
November 1: Bonnie H. & Paula F.

Counters:

October 25- Kathy W; Melissa R & Wendy M.
November 1- Kathy W; Faye D. & Sandy W

Worship Schedule				
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



Save the Date for our next Friday Night Meal!

When: October 30th

Time: 5:30- 7:30pm

Menu: Boston Butts - Bring a fixin'

Hope to see you there...all are welcome!!



If you enjoy reading & having great discussions, we invite you to Reading Circle!

We meet on the first Wednesday each month at 10:00, Rm 6. Please join us!

Upcoming books...

November 4, 2026, Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca. This is a youth book in category of Spiritual Growth.

December 2, 2026 Finding Me by Viola Davis (Nurturing for Community)

January 6, 2027, When Schools Shut Down: A Young Girl's Story of Virginia's Lost Generation and The Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Decision by Yolanda Gladden (Social Action - Children's Book)

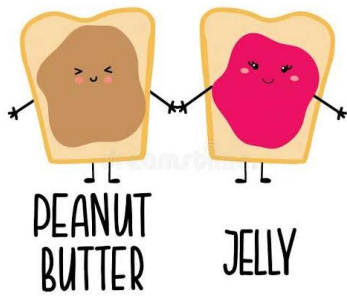
February 3, 2027, The Ever-Expansive Spirit of God: for All Who Feel Left Out by Peggy A. Johnson (Spiritual Growth)

If anyone is interested in joining, 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. 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

November 4th - Sponsored by Faith Harbor Pilot's

Menu: Brunswick Stew +Cornbread



Food Drive for Share the Table

On Sunday morning you will find a Share the Table Donation Box in the Narthex begging to be filled. The folks at Share the Table have advised us the number of families in need of weekly assistance in our area is rising. We have come up with an idea as a companion to our commitment to the Community Holiday Assistance Program Fund Drive. **This month, we are asking for donations of Peanut Butter and Jelly.**

Please feel free to reach out to Kevin and Marina with any questions. Thank you!
MJarvie54@gmail.com OR Kjarvie57@gmail.com

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. Family Night Dinner Fundraiser Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM**
- 2. Craft Fair Fundraiser Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
- 3. Pilots' Sponsored Blood Drive, Wednesday, December 23, 2026**

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. The Pilots will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Church on December 23, 2026. More information to follow as we near each event. Please mark your calendars.

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: rramorton@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Bonnie Hunter Speaker at Historical Society of Topsail Island

On **November 12, 2026**, the Historical Society of Topsail Island will be offering their monthly speaker series luncheon. These luncheons are open to the public, not just members. On this day our very own Bonnie Hunter will be the featured speaker. Below is a description of her talk.

"Bonnie Hunter, a retired CIA employee, joined the agency at 17 and built a distinguished career spanning nearly 30 years. After retiring, she and her husband, Bennett, returned as independent contractors, assisting with the declassification and public release of records. While focusing on the JFK assassination, Bonnie discovered Bennett's little-known connection to this history—an unexpected link that leads to the story she is here to share."

Lunch begins at 11:00am at the Historic Assembly Building in Topsail Island. Menu includes the following: Meatloaf • Chicken • Mashed Potatoes • Corn • Caesar Salad • Roll • Apple Crisp
Food is catered by Middle of the Island Catering - Cost is \$20 per person payable online via credit card

If you would like to receive a registration link to the luncheon, please email Kim McCluskey at kmac5036@yahoo.com and provide her your name and email and she will add you to the list to receive information. Tables are not reservable, but we can try to get there early and save some seats together. We look forward to hearing Bonnie's story.

Help Needed! On November 29th help is desperately needed following worship, to tear down the sanctuary in preparation for the Christmas Artisan Market on December 5. If you are available, strong and able to lift and move things, please plan to come out and help! All the chairs need to be moved and stored away, this is a big task. Asking Faith Harbor Men's Pilots to help with the set up on Tuesday, December 1, following breakfast!

An Evening of Tea, Scones & Conversation

Have you read the much-talked-about book *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi? If so, we invite you to join **Kim McCluskey and Pastor Bescye** for an evening of tea, scones, fellowship, and lively discussion!

"His name is Theo. And he asks a lot more questions than he answers."

All are welcome! Come share your thoughts, favorite moments, and reflections on this heartwarming and thought-provoking story. Whether you loved the book or are still figuring out its message, we would love to hear your thoughts!

Date: Monday, November 23, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a wonderful evening of conversation and connection!

Questions? Contact Kim McCluskey at kmac5036@yahoo.com.

Remember to Say Thank You! Sometimes we need to take time to say "Thank You" to our pastors. **October is Pastor Appreciation month.** Please take time out of your busy life to send a card, invite Bobby or Bescye to lunch, buy a gift card or drop off dinner. Say thanks to our pastors, however you please but please remember to say Thanks



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:

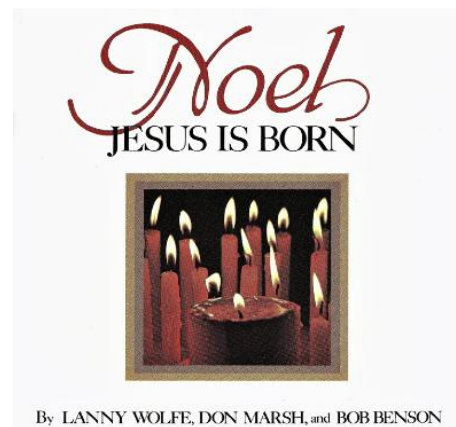
November 20th 5:00pm – 8:00pm

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 and Wesleyan Chapel choirs for this year's cantata. We will be presenting Noel, Jesus Is Born on December 13th at 4pm, Wesleyan Chapel in Scotts Hill. Mark your calendar you will not want to miss it.

One song will have children singing "Go Tell It on the Mountain", so we are looking for children who may be interested in participating, reach out to: Char VanWinkle- augustundici@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

**American Red Cross**



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Blood Drive *at*
Faith Harbor – United Methodist Church
14201 NC-50, Surf City

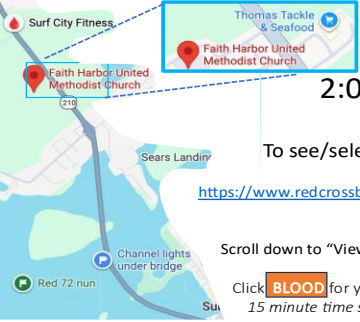


23 December *
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

To see/select **appointment times:**
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>
Type in zip Code: 28445

Scroll down to "View all..." to see **OUR blood drive on 23 December**
Click **BLOOD** for your desired appointment time
15 minute time slots from 2:00 PM to 5:45 PM

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If you have a prayer concern or request for the prayer warriors-

Please contact Paula at: paulahopper5@gmail.com or 703-403-3017



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 or loved one you would like to honor and/or remember

**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, along with 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 11:00 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 do a 30-minute class that includes seated yoga poses, stretching and some work with light weights. All ages & 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 October 17, 2026				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$3,674.60		\$0.00	\$985.00	\$4,659.60

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.

A Message for the Congregation on Finances:

The Church budget each year is funded 100% by your tithes and offerings. The budget includes such items as building maintenance, utilities, staff salaries, and church ministries such as music, worship, children & youth, adult education, etc. All of these and more depend on your faithful and generous giving. The reason I bring this to your attention is that our giving has not met expectations this year. In the past we were able to recover from these down cycles and were able to make up many of the losses but this year that has not happened. Too many down cycles this year have diminished the cash flow to an unacceptable level. The cash flow is basically the money in the bank that is available to pay the monthly expenses. When the weekly/monthly giving (*revenue*) does not meet the weekly/monthly expenditures (*expenses*), the result is a negative cash flow which reduces the available cash on hand (*bank balance*). The worst-case scenario would be transferring money from the investment account to cover the shortfall in the checking account, but we are not at that point yet. There is still time to turn these negatives into positives.

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, talents, and resources by faith and as an act of worship.

“Each one must do just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



Compass Kids 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

Upcoming Events:

11/01 & 11/15: Compass Kids Group

Calendar:

October 25: Navigator's Group- 6:00p/Reef

November 1: Wayfinders Group- 10:45am

Navigator's Group- 6:00p/Reef

November 8: Youth Friendsgiving

November 13-15: Youth Pilgrimage

November 15: Youth Sunday

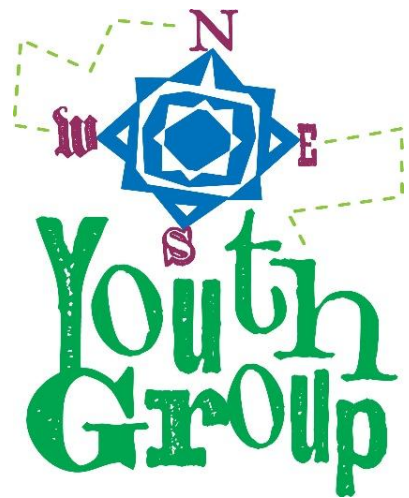
November 22: Youth Sunday

Navigator's Group- 6:00p/Reef

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

Jesse Turner-Youth Ministry Leader

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





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 October 26th

Centering Prayer: Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place
In all generations.

Psalms 90:1-6

Monday- James 2:8-13

Tuesday- Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35

Wednesday- Proverbs 16:1-20

Thursday- Joshua 1:1-11

Friday- Psalm 43; Ezekiel 13:1-16

Saturday- Matthew 23:13-28 Sunday- Revelation 7:9-17

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Ray Blackburn; Connie & Frank Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Parker Fox and family; Diane Geary; Jim Graziano; Janet Hughes; Cathy Medlin; Nancy & Tony Merlino; Becki Modlin; Anita & Bobby Phillips; Judy Pratt; Debbie Sasser & Family; Melissa Schleinkofer & family; 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: Rosie Bland; Sandra Brown; the Coleman Family (Kim McCluskey); Sean D's Aunt Roxy & Uncle Tony; Mike Dalnodar; Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Fred Halsell (Sherrie Weaver's father); Curtis Harrell (Bob's son); Chuck Holt (Mike Hopper); Kevin Hrtianski & Sandy (Kim McCluskey); Rick Hughes; David King & family; 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, 10/25

8:00 Communion Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 Adult Sunday School
2:00p Blessing of the Animals
6:00p Navigator's Group/ Reef

Monday, 10/26

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
6:30p Cub Scouts
6:30p Charge Conference- Hampstead UMC

Tuesday, 10/27

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

Wednesday, 10/28

9:00 Communion
11:30 Yoga
7:00p Choir
7:00p Boy Scouts/ Reef

Thursday, 10/29

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

Friday, 10/30

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group
5:30p Friday Night Supper

All Saints Sunday, 11/01

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