Faith Harbor

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REMINDER!





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:	Counters:
November 1: Bonnie H. & Paula F.	November 1- Kathy W; Faye D. & Sandy W.
November 8: Rebecca D. & Jeanne M.	November 8- Kathy W; Gail W. & Dave M.

Worship Schedule				
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

A Season of Gratitude and New Beginnings… As the Faith Harbor Leadership Council concludes its final meeting of 2026, we want to take a moment to recognize and express our appreciation to several people who have faithfully served our church.

Jessica Blackburn has served as Worship Chair and Delegate to Annual Conference for the past three years. Her dedication and faithful service to Faith Harbor UMC and to the Lord has been a blessing. She is always willing to share her gifts and talents with us like when she recently stepped in as volunteer choir director. Jessica, we are grateful for all you have given to Faith Harbor. May God bless you.

Melissa Roberson concludes her service as Chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). This has not been an easy role, and Melissa has served with grace, compassion and integrity. During some particularly challenging times in the life of Faith Harbor, she offered steady leadership, thoughtful guidance and wisdom. Melissa thank you for answering God's call to serve. May he continue to bless you.

Hunt Tayloe left us as Lay Leader in August as he began a new life chapter as he headed off to college. What an opportunity Faith Harbor provided for him to grow in faith and leadership. The lay leader calls for someone who represents the congregation, supports the pastor, encourages spiritual growth, develops other lay leaders and promotes communication between congregation and leadership. Hunt was all those things as well as a mentor to other youth in our church. We should all be proud of the young man he has become and grateful that Faith Harbor has been part of his faith journey.

As we look ahead to 2027, the Leadership Council will welcome new faces, new ideas, and new opportunities to serve. While leadership may change, our mission remains the same: to be a beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing God's love through joyful service.

We ask that you continue to hold the Leadership Council, our pastor, and our entire church family in your prayers. May we approach the coming year with open hearts, a spirit of unity, and a willingness to follow where God leads us.

Blessings and Joy,
Kim McCluskey, Leadership Council, Chair



Join us – 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 you're 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



Good evening, First Friday Friends. Our next dinner is on Friday, November 6th at 5:30pm. We're going to Cape Fear Seafood Company in Surf City. **Please let me know by Monday, November 2, whether you can attend or not.** Thanks! *Paula*

PaulaHopper5@gmail.com or 703-403-3017

Here is a link to their website: https://capefearseafoodcompany.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.

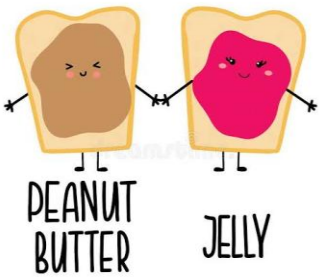
Faith Harbor Pilots Schedule of Upcoming Events

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- 2:00 to 6:00pm**

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



Food Drive for Share the Table

Share the Table Donation Box is located in the Narthex. The folks at Share the Table have advised us the number of families in need of assistance in our area is rising. **For the month of October, 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

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

****Pastor Bobby would like to send his gratitude to all those who sent him cards, treated him to lunch or just checked-in this month. Your warmth and kindness is so appreciated!*

SAVE THE DATE! **Bonnie Hunter Speaker at Historical Society of Topsail Island**

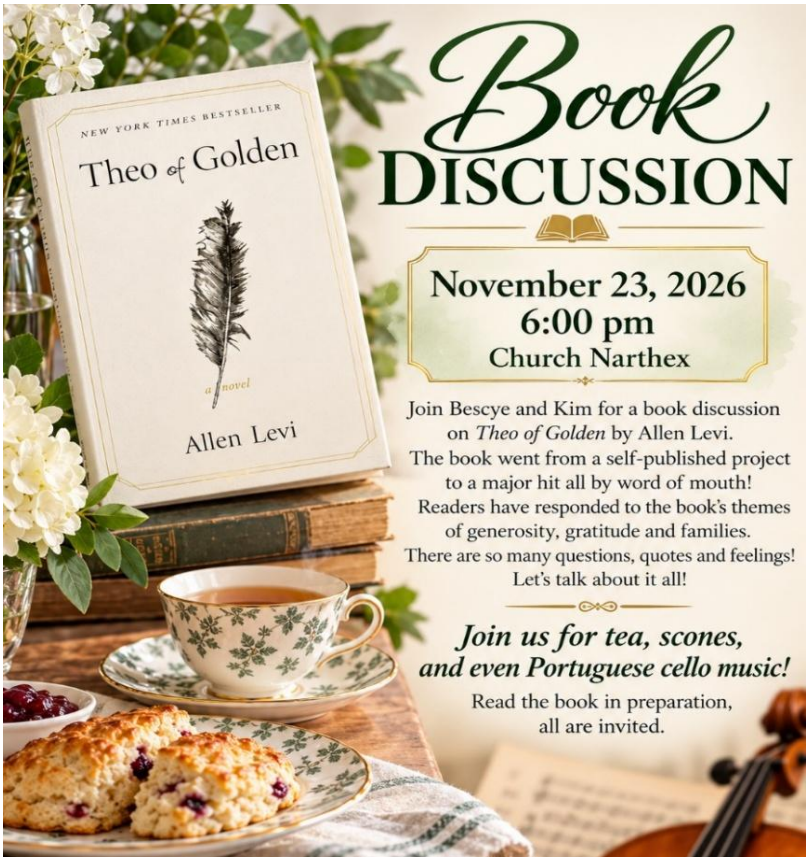
On **November 12, 2026**, the Historical Society of Topsail Island will be offering their monthly speaker series luncheon. These luncheons are open to the public, not just members. On this day our very own Bonnie Hunter will be the featured speaker. Below is a description of her talk.

"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!



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 & thought-provoking story. Whether you loved the book or are still figuring out its message, we'd love to hear your thoughts!

Date: Monday, November 23, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

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

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



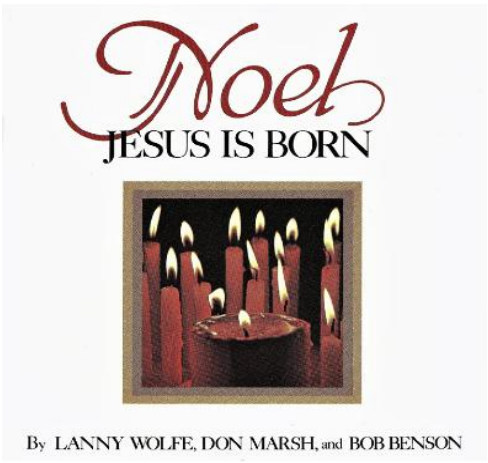
It's time for the second annual Christmas in Pender-Onslow Festival of Trees presented by Lauren's Hope.

- 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 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

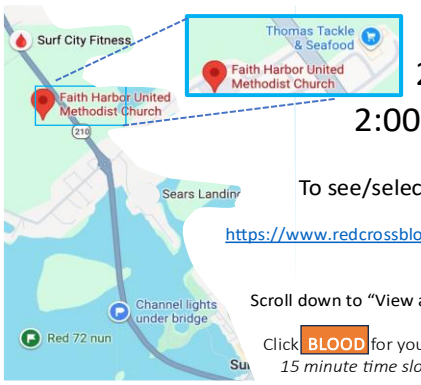
SAVE THE DATE! Sign-up online

American Red Cross

Faith Harbor

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

Prayer Chain

Altar Flowers

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 24, 2026				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
$5,468.00	$0.00	$0.00	$700.00	**$6,168.00**

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 can give. Look to Jesus to give of your time, talents & 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.

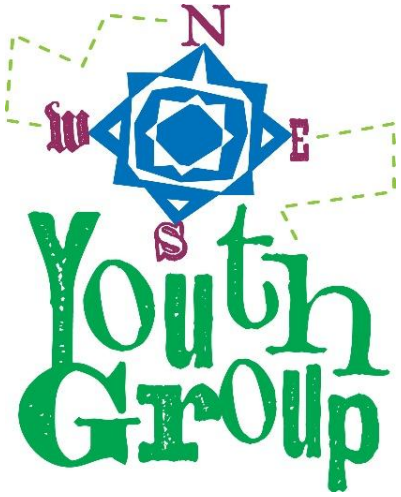
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA8AC2FA6FCCE9-58062320-jrbasic#/

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

Middle & High School Calendar:



November 1: Wayfinders Group- 10:45am
Navigator's Group- 6:00p/Reef

November 8: Youth Friendsgiving at the Alexander's- 4:30p

November 13-15: Youth Pilgrimage

November 15: Youth Sunday
10:45am- Wayfinders Group meeting

November 22: Navigator's Group- 6:00p/Reef

November 29: No meetings due to Thanksgiving holiday

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

27th: David Decatur/ 28th: Zander Guy
29th: Susan Graziano; Roxey Jordan
30th: Leigh Bizzell; David Sawyer; Sue Smith

NOVEMBER

7TH: Sandy Taylor/ 8th: Dale Osborn; John Phillips
9th: Will Hornthal/ 11th: Greg Law; Cindy Arnold
13th: Jennifer Sawyer/ 14th: Tammy Campbell; Hillary Horne
15th: Fiona Duddy/ 18th: Gabriel Roberson
19th: Jenny Mizelle/ 21st: Diane Secary
22nd: Charlotte Wrigglesworth; Stacy Papke
23rd: Rebecca Drudge/ 24th: Charles Burnett
26th: James Wygant/ 27th: Faye Graziano; Janet Hughes
28th: Melanie Duddy/ 29th: Judy Pratt/ 30th: Isla Butler



Scripture – Week of November 2nd

Centering Prayer: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1-9

Monday- Joshua 4:1-24
Tuesday- Acts 13:1-12; Psalm 5
Wednesday- Matthew 15:1-9
Thursday- Revelation 8:6-9:12
Friday- Joshua 8:30-35; Revelation 9:13-21
Saturday- Matthew 24:1-14 Sunday- Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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; Paula Smith; David & Jill Strohpaul; 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: *Anthony Campofiore Jr*. (Brittany Audet's nephew); 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); Kevin Hrtyanski & 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

All Saints Sunday, 11/01
8:00 & 9:30 Communion Service
10:45 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Compass Kids/Wayfinders Group
6:00p Navigator's Group/ Reef

Monday, 11/02
7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
6:30p Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 11/03
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, 11/04
9:00 Communion
10:00 Reading Circle, Rm. 6
10:15 Staff Meeting
11:30 Yoga
6:00p Family Night Supper
7:00p Choir / 7:00p Boy Scouts/ Reef

Thursday, 11/05
12:00p AA Group, Rm. 6
5:30p Girl Scout Troop 4242
6:00p Night Classes

Friday, 11/06
8:30 Women's Breakfast Group
5:30p Fellowship Friends Dinner Group

Sunday, 11/08
8:00 Communion Services
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 Adult Sunday School
4:30p Youth *Friendsgiving* Event