Faith Harbor

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Greeters:	Counters:
November 8: Rebecca D. & Jeanne M.	November 8- Kathy W; Gail W. & Dave M.
November 15: Youth	November 15- Kathy W; Judy S. & Dorothy P.

Worship Schedule				
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!

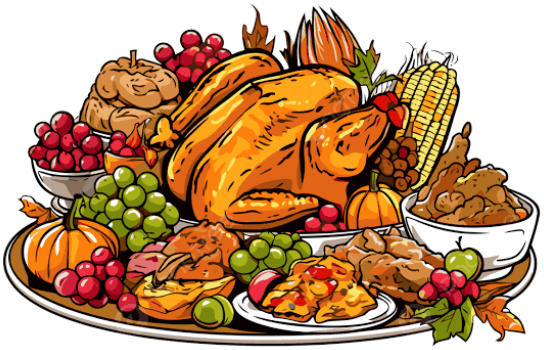
Bonnie Hunter Speaker at Historical Society of Topsail Island

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.

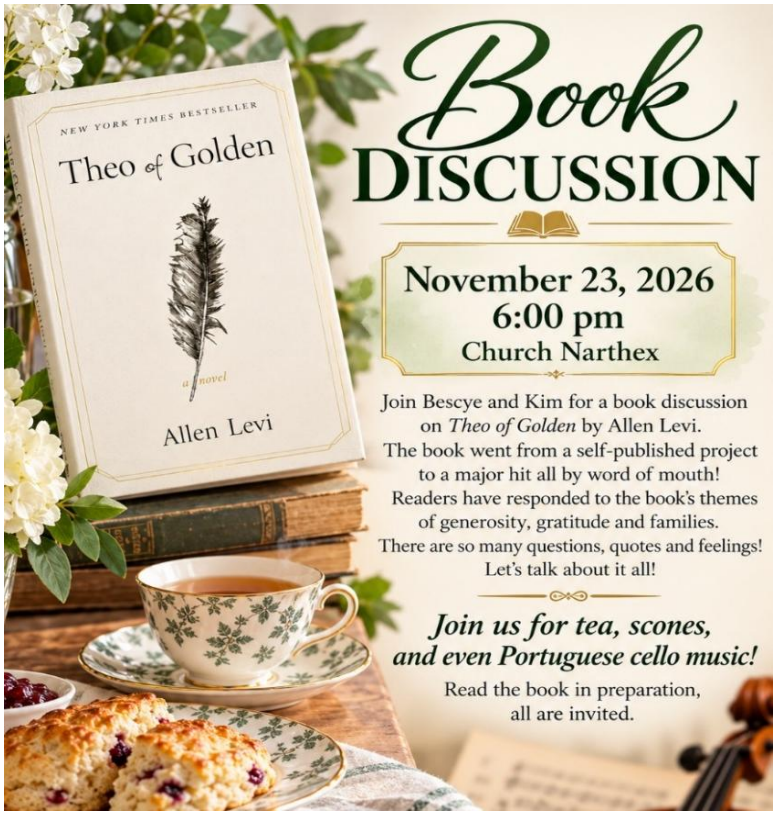


Community Holiday Assistance Program

Our 2026 program is in full swing. In 2025 CHAP served 889 adults and 651 children within 436 families, and this year we expect similar, if not more, families. To date we have 180 applications for assistance, and our total Thanksgiving meal cost is nearly $15,000.

We will be delivering Faith Harbor's monetary donation and Harris Teeter gift cards to All Saints Catholic Church on Wednesday, 11/18. Our Thanksgiving meal distribution will be on Saturday, 11/21 at Blake's Chapel. So, write that check (made out to Faith Harbor with CHAP on the for line) and/or bring gift cards to Faith Harbor UMC by Sunday, 11/15.

We are always amazed by the need in our community and by your generosity! Thank you!



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.

Help Needed! On November 29th help is needed following the 9:30 service, to tear down the sanctuary in preparation for the Christmas Artisan Market on December 5. If you are available, able to lift and move things, please plan to come out and help! All the chairs need to be moved and stored away. Asking Faith Harbor Men's Pilots to help with the set up on Tuesday, December 1, following breakfast!



If you enjoy reading & having great discussions, we invite you to Reading Circle! We meet on the first <u>Wednesday</u> each month at 10:00, Rm 6. Please join us! Upcoming books…

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)

Feb. 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.

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 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: rramorton@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

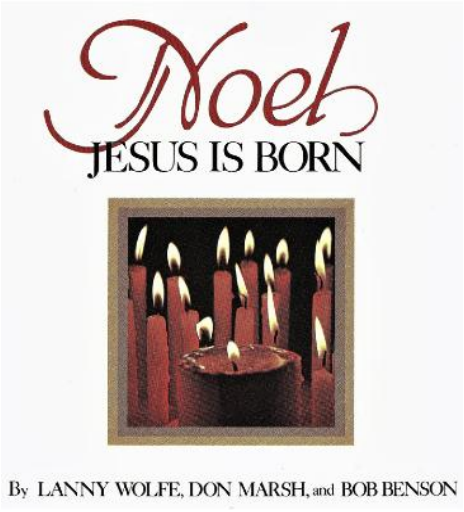
Come join us for 2 magical days of fun and entertainment.
Topsail Island Moose Lodge:

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 is joining voices with Hampstead UMC and Wesleyan Chapel choirs for this year's cantata.



We will be presenting Noel, Jesus Is Born December 13th at 4:00pm, Wesleyan Chapel in Scotts Hill. Mark your calendar you won't want to miss it.

One song will have children singing "Go Tell It on the Mountain", so we are looking for children who might want to participate. If interested, contact: Char VanWinkle- augustundici@gmail.com

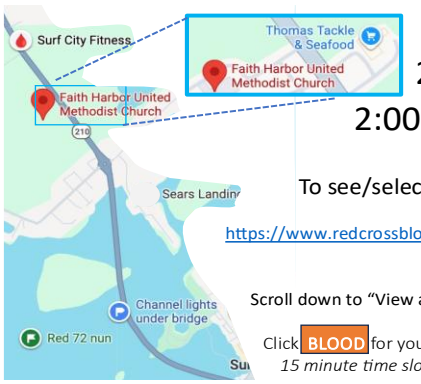
SAVE THE DATE! Sign-up online

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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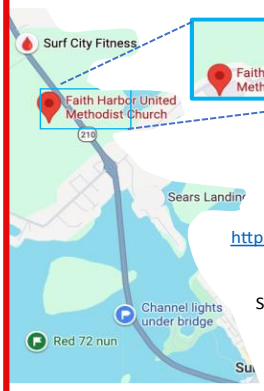

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If you have a prayer concern or request for the prayer warriors-

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

Prayer Chain

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!!

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.*

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

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

Weekly Revenues for Period Ending October 31, 2026				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
$27,858.66	$0.00	$350.00	$350.00	**$28,558.66**

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.**

"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



FAITH HARBOR PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



NOVEMER 2026

What We Are Learning

THEME: WE ARE THANKFUL!

"Give thanks unto the LORD, for his good; his love endures forever." Psalms 118:01

November is a special time to celebrate thankfulness!

This month, our classroom will be filled with opportunities to learn about gratitude, kindness, helping others, and God's love. Through our fun themes of baking, community helpers, and turkeys, the children will learn how we can use our hands and hearts to help, share, create, and care for others.

We'll talk about the many blessings God has given us and encourage the children to recognize the little things that make each day special—our families, friends, teachers, and the wonderful world around us. Through stories, songs, crafts, hands-on activities, and play, we'll discover what it means to have a thankful heart and show gratitude to those around us.

We are so thankful for each of our precious children and the joy, laughter, and love they bring to our classroom each day. What a blessing it is to watch them learn, grow, and shine in God's love!



What's New

SOCCER SHOTS AND TOPSAIL DANCE ARTS

Sign up at anytime! Please let me know if you have any questions!

Reminders

- **NO SCHOOL**-November 11th, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th.
- 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.

Upcoming

- November 19th-Friendsgiving-/Sign up sheets will be outside of each classroom.

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

Faith Harbor UMC Children's Ministry

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026



What We Are Learning

Theme: Sharing God's Love

Monthly Goal: Cheldren learn that gratitude leads to generosity and service.

11/1 Week 1 — Give Thanks to God
Bible Story: Psalm 100
Big Idea: We can praise God with joyful hearts.

11/8: Week 2 —The Ten Lepers
Bible Story: Luke 17:11-19
Big Idea: We should remember to say thank you.

11/15:Week 3 — The Good Samaritan
Bible Story: Luke 10:25-27
Big Idea: Loving our neighbor means helping others.

11/22: Week 4 — Thanksgiving: Every Good Gift
Bible Story: James 1:17; Psalm 107:1
Big Idea: Every good gift comes from God.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1 & 15 Compass Kids 10:30-noon

Dec. 6 &13(note change in date)
Compass Kids
10:30-noon

Monthly Memory Verse

Psalm 107:1
"So give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."



Middle & High School Calendar:

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



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 9th

Centering Prayer: My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

Psalm 78:1-4

Monday- Joshua 24:25-33
Tuesday- Thessalonians 3:6-13; Psalm 63
Wednesday- Matthew 24:29-35
Thursday- Revelation 16:1-7
Friday- Psalm 123; Judges 2:16-23
Saturday- Ezekiel 7:10-27 Sunday- Judges 4:1-7

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

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

Monday, 11/09
7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
6:30p Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 11/10
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, 11/11- Veteran's Day
OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, 11/12
12:00p AA Group, Rm. 6
6:00p Night Classes

Friday, 11/13
8:30 Women's Breakfast Group
*Youth Pilgrimage Weekend

Sunday, 11/08- Youth Sunday
8:00 Communion Services
9:30 Worship Service
10:45 Adult Sunday School
10:45 Compass Kids & Wayfinders Group