

Returning to In-Person Updates from Pastor and Worship Chair...

Dear HVPC Members and Friends,

I'm guessing that whoever first said "It's been a long road" did so with a big sigh of relief and a great sense of having accomplished something both difficult and worthwhile. Well, the past year has certainly been a long road not only for our faith community at HVPC but also for our neighborhood, our community, our country and our world. But, with God and each other, in love and grace we have traveled it well!

The past year's road has taken us a lot of places. One of those places has been our living and family rooms on Sunday morning, a time that we would normally be singing, laughing, praising, praying and worshiping God in the sanctuary at HVPC. But, instead, we have been finding good and meaningful ways to do those things from our homes. But, great news! As of this week, that part of our journey is taking a new turn!

Last Sunday, with the Session's blessing and oversight, the Worship Committee voted to return to in-person worship at Harbor View! The decision to shift from in person worship was made with the purpose of caring for our faith community at the forefront. The decision to return to in-person worship was made with that same focus and care. As such, we will return to in-person worship on March 28th, Palm Sunday! The service will begin at the traditional time of 9:30 AM. Ushers, childcare, Sunday School, Worship and all of the other parts of life on Sunday morning will begin "again" on that day.

As some things have changed over the past year around us, so also some things have changed at HVPC. But whether observing traditions or addressing changes, our focus has been and will continue to be to deepening our experience of life with God and each other. Coming back together will be an incredible joy! It will likely bring that "I'm home again" feeling (yay!)...and also offer some new experiences and opportunities to grow in our faith. The pandemic has changed the way that we do some things and we will see some of those changes reflected in our return to the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Many folks are faithfully praying over and detailing those changes and will share them with us in ways that help our return to worship be the best experience possible. I am very thankful for the hard work and the huge amount of time that so many are putting into helping the transition be a great one! Over the past year, we have grown in our use of technology, our awareness of healthy practices and our understanding of how to be together safely. Now we take the next step forward in our faith journey! It will be awesome to actually hear and see everyone as we come together again! It will be super tough to not call for amen after amen from the pulpit, but I will work to find other ways that we can all express our enthusiasm and thankfulness. (But I may mess up and still get a little "amenish"—in this case, I ask your grace!!!---I will truly do my best to be good!)

Please be in prayer as we share in this transition together and look forward to all that God has for us as we continue down this ever changing and God guided path that is the gift of being able to do life (in all of the ways that it happens) together!

~ Min. Rusty Benton

Dear Congregation,

I know this past year has been extremely difficult and lonely. We have been hard at work trying to make it possible to come back in person for worship services. As Rusty said above, we are starting in-person worship on March 28th. This is a great way to start the

Holy Week! PLEASE click [here](#) to sign up to attend. If you don't feel comfortable online, call the church office (843-795-4072) and leave a message to be added to the list.

We will have some new temporary policies in place:

1. Masks are to be worn at all times in the building.
2. There is a sign up for seating in the sanctuary with 50 seats available. Families will be able to sit with each other. Click [here](#) to sign up.
3. If we reach the max 50 capacity, extra rooms will be used for TV viewing of the service.
4. Mobility challenged will be seated in the Sanctuary.
5. If the spirit so moves you please join in singing softly with masks on.
6. There will be a basket in the Narthex to collect offerings.

We are thrilled to be able to reopen. We are here to support you whether you elect to worship in-person or from your home. Thank you for your patience as we navigate the new policies we have in place to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

Ushers needed-

With reopening we will need volunteers for ushers. Please contact John DeVane via email at skpjkdvfam@aol.com if interested.

Nursery volunteers needed-

With reopening we will need volunteers to assist our nursery attendant. Please contact Rossie Webber via email at rossie887@yahoo.com if interested.

Easter-

In lieu of ordering flowers, we ask you to bring flowers to decorate our mesh cross for our outdoor service on Easter Sunday.

~ Anna Linnville, Worship Chair

Upcoming Special Worship Opportunities...

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, **March 28th at 9:30 AM** In-Person and Online

Palms will be available for the in-person service. Click [here](#) to let us know you're coming.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us for our Maundy Thursday service on **April 1st at 6:30 PM** when we light the candle to move the spirit of God as we are led through a Seder service. This litany service is written for Christians in commemoration of the Seder Passover meal experienced by Jesus Christ as the Last Supper. We will end our service as we remember the sacrifice of Christ with communion. You may sign up [here](#) to attend this special service in the Sanctuary or you may participate online through Facebook or Boxcast. Please have your elements for communion available should you choose to follow along online. We will have individually wrapped elements for communion in the Sanctuary for those who attend the service in-person.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4th at 9:30 AM
OUTSIDE Worship Service

Join us on Easter Sunday at our regular worship time for an **OUTDOOR SERVICE** in the Church Yard. No RSVP required.



Please wear your masks as we celebrate the resurrection.

Please bring flowers to flower the cross.



Order your new HVPC T-Shirt!

These short sleeved T-shirts are 5.2 oz; 100% ComfortSoft cotton; double-needle stitching throughout ; coverseamed neck with lay flat collar; tag-free neck label by Hanes in Deep Royal Blue. Available in adult sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL and 3XL and youth sizes YXS, YS, YM, YL, and YXL. Prices will depend on the amount of T-shirts that are ordered but will most likely be in the \$10-15 range (an order of 60 will result in a \$10 T-shirt price). Adult and youth prices are the same.

Click [here](#) for the order form that will be available through **Fri, April 2nd**. Please contact Anne Wirth at annewirth11@gmail.com with any questions.



CHURCH WORK DAY

Please join us this **Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** for a Church Work Day. Projects will include: pruning of ornamental shrubs and bushes in front of church, weeding and trimming around sign, power washing front of classroom side of building, unloading gravel on to low point in back. Extra pruning tools, rakes, etc. are needed. Thank you!

REMINDER: Walk for Water on March 20th at 10am and Walk for Water. Click [here](#) to register.

HARBOR VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RING IN SPRING

COME JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING EVENT ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 27 FROM 10:30 AM - NOON
AS WE "RING IN SPRING". WE ARE PLANNING
A FUN DAY WITH SACK RACES, EGG RACES,
MUSICAL EGG WALKS, EGG PAINTING AND MORE
FOR ALL AGES! OF COURSE, THE BIG EVENT IS
OUR EGG HUNT.

**11:30 AM EGG HUNT FOR AGES 5 AND UNDER
IN THE FENCED PLAYGROUND**

**11:45 AM EGG HUNT FOR AGES 6 AND OVER
IN THE LARGE OPEN YARD**

CHILDREN...BRING YOUR EASTER BASKETS.
ADULTS...BRING YOUR CHAIRS
AND WATCH THE FUN.

*Individual ice cream cups will be available for
\$1.50 per cup – look for the
Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream table!*

**EVERYONE...WEAR YOUR MASK AND
BRING A CANNED GOOD TO PLACE IN
OUR WOODEN BOX TO DONATE TO
JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH.**

Raindate: April 10 from 10:30 - noon

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE RING IN SPRING EVENT



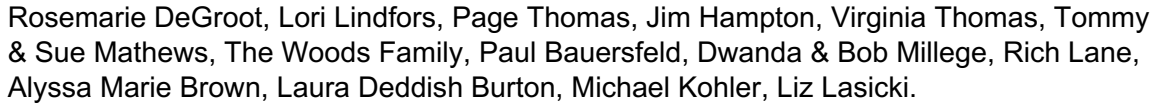
LENT WEEK #5 DEVOTIONAL

Click [here](#) for the full document.

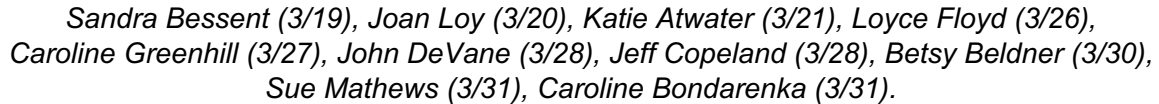
MATTHEW 13:45-46

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Click [here](#) to watch the **Lenten Noon Day Worship Service** from yesterday.



The Singletary Family, Ruby & Joe Yantorn, Cliff Duke, Lois Amos, The Keffinger Family, Bob & Audrey Geiger, Peggy George, Jean Maguire, Tom & Beth Gibbs, Dewees, Becky Linnville's sister, Gabbie Pasela, Betty and Dan Mizzell, Franklin Foster, Pam Pickenpauh, Charles Truluck, Stacey Sweeney's Family, Brittany Baker, Tom Ellenberger, John Lisi, Emily Jones, The Ben Story Family, Roy Evans, Jane Murphy, Tammy Powles and Richard, Tyler Thompson, Mariah Buttler, The Chavis', Timothy Ellenberger, Suzanne Deddish Taylor,



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