Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

There will be a Congregational Meeting on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>January 23</u> at the end of worship to present the budget and elect new officers. Please plan to join us!

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The Peace Jesus Offers

Peace is a reality few people experience these days. But in the midst of our chaotic world, God offers peace that goes far beyond human understanding. This hope of peace lies at the heart of the story of the Bible.

Because of Adam and Eve's rebellion in the garden of Eden, all of us are born in need of a restored relationship with our Creator. By faith we identify and trust in Jesus' offer of Himself for our sins so we can experience salvation and, as a result, peace with God.

But daily events threaten this peace. Anger, jealousy, stress, relationships, and job and health issues leave us feeling anything but peaceful. There's another kind of peace that Jesus offers us - the peace of God.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27).

The apostle Paul encouraged his readers with these words: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

The big story of the Bible is that Jesus has conquered death and promises us eternal life. Because of this wonderful truth, we don't need to be consumed by the world's uncertainty. Instead, we can let the peace of God rule in our hearts.

~ David Frees, Digital Publisher and Director of Online Learning Our Daily Bread Ministries



Confirmation Classes to Begin

As we begin a new year, so also we begin a new journey in our faith together. A truly blessed part of that journey is the opportunity to support those in our faith community who have reached the age of Confirmation. This year, anyone who is thirteen years old, and anyone who has not previously been confirmed but wants to, is invited to join us for the confirmation journey.

Confirmation will begin on January 23 and will meet from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. each Sunday in the church meeting room immediately after RISE. We will celebrate the Confirmation of our group in worship on Easter Sunday this year!

Please email Rusty (<u>pastor@harborviewpc.org</u>) if you have someone interested in being a part of the confirmation process.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

We will have our annual HVPC Women's Retreat **March 25-27** at the beautiful Camp St. Christopher. We will do a book study on *Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific and Strategic Prayer* by Priscilla Shirer.

Please let Tracy Conner know if you are interested in attending and if you would like to talk about one of the chapters in the book.



NEW CHURCH TREASURER

After 4 years of dedicated service, Anne H. has come to the end of her term as HVPC Treasurer. Anne was steadfast in her commitment to overseeing the church finances and often took on tasks well beyond that expected of any Treasurer. Our deepest thanks to Anne (and enjoy the well deserved free time)!

Mary S. stepped into the role as Treasurer at the beginning of 2022. She's jumped right into the leadership position with a positive, energetic and thorough approach. Our sincere thanks to Mary for embracing this very important job in the life of the church.



THANK YOU SESSION MEMBERS

A special thanks to our Session members who rotated off at the end of 2021 including:

Chad Atwater (Outreach)
Deborah Bobo (Operations)
Alec Chessman (Operations)
Karen Rollins (Church Life)
John DeVane (Worship)

This group of members worked through many ups and downs over their 3 year term. On behalf of everyone you've touched at HVPC and in our larger community, thank you for your leadership and selfless acts of service. You are appreciated and will be missed.



OUTSTANDING RECEIPTS

If you have any outstanding receipts from 2021, please turn them in to Natalie in the office by January 31 at the latest. The church's financial books will be closed early February.

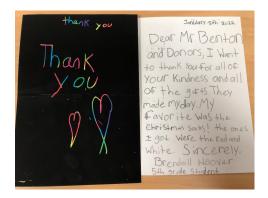


SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The annual Souper Bowl of Caring will be on **Sunday**, **February 13** (**Super Bowl Sunday**)! Please bring in canned goods and/or monetary donations to support James Island Outreach. Click here to give online.

CHRISMON TREE SURVEY RESULTS

From the survey that was done asking about an artificial tree 100% said yes to having an artificial tree in the sanctuary next holiday season. The Worship Committee would like to thank all who responded. A beautiful tree has already been selected.



ACTS OF KINDNESS

Thanks to an anonymous gift from a HVPC family, 26 elementary school students received Christmas gifts from their teacher including a book, craft, fuzzy socks and more. Above is one of the hand written thank you notes from the children. They're all so appreciative of the love bestowed on them by strangers.

In another act of kindness, the members of HVPC gave a New Years circe to the ECEP teachers. Thanks to all the members and the HVPC Presbyterian Women who donated to the circe bags!



The Church Office and ECEP will be closed on Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Click here for the Prayer List.



Greg Rollins (1/17)
Min. Rusty Benton (1/19)
Deborah Bobo (1/19)
Bubba Parnelle (1/24)
Charlene Aldrich (1/28)
Cherie Loewen (1/29)
Theresa Ward (1/30)
Kathy Chessman (1/30)



"Sharing God's Love with All"
- Mark 12:31

Mission Statement: Harbor View Presbyterian is a neighborhood church that fosters relationships through worship and fellowship, spreads love through outreach, and seeks to create a spiritual environment for lifelong learning.

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