

PENTECOST

Pentecost comes from the Greek word 'pentekosta', which means 50. On the day that the Holy Spirit was poured into the hearts of those people in Jerusalem, the Feast of Weeks was being celebrated in the city. Thousands of people from different countries had come to Jerusalem for the feast. Not for Pentecost, as we know it, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was yet to come. They celebrated the 'Feast of Weeks'. 'Shavu'ot' means 'Weeks'. As described in Exodus 34 and Deuteronomy 16. After celebrating Passover in the night before the exodus, the people of Israel started on their journey through the Sinai desert. After seven weeks of seven days, they arrived at Mount Horeb. The next day Moses went up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments, the visible sign of God's Covenant with His people. Fifty days after liberation from deathly slavery they received the sign of the Covenant from God Himself.

Shavu'ot is an exuberant feast day: "And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 16:11). How wonderful to realize that exactly fifty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead we also received a sign of God's faithfulness: The Holy Spirit as 'the earnest of our inheritance' (Ephesians 1:14). Pentecost is also a feast of joy. In Israel, the Feast of Weeks is also called the Feast of the Firstfruits. It coincides with the harvest of the wheat.

A part of the harvest, the firstfruits, was sacrificed to the Lord (Leviticus 23:10). Now it becomes even more special. For in the New Testament we, as Christians who receive the Holy Spirit, are also called firstfruits: "God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit" (2 Thessalonians 2:13). Just as the firstfruits of the harvest were consecrated to God, so we as believers are consecrated to God as firstfruits. That is why, as Christians, we no longer live for ourselves, but have become disciples of Jesus, followers of Him. Jesus is God's only begotten Son: His firstborn. He gave His life as a sacrifice for us. Through the Holy Spirit in our hearts – we may believe in Him, and we ourselves become 'firstfruits'.

Read the full article [here](#).



Class of
2023



Congratulations to our High School graduates: Robert Wilson, Lula Kate Benson, & Wyatt Hays! We will highlight a Senior each week.



Robert Wilson will be graduating from Charleston Collegiate School on May 26. This coming year he will be taking a gap year to explore his career interests while working full-time.



HVPC, James Island Baptist, JI Presbyterian, & JI Outreach are working in partnership with local schools to offer food support to families. Please add some of these items to your grocery list and drop off at any of the partnering organizations:

individual nut packages
oatmeal & grits packs
chips & pretzels
cereal cups/small boxes
mac & cheese cups
jerky

beefaroni cups
fruit & veggie cups
breakfast bars
individual peanut butter
granola bars
crackers

trail mix

popcorn

Backpack Buddies will be packing backpacks on Thursday, May 18 (**today!**) and delivering to children in need on the morning of Friday, May 19.

Please contact Scott Graule if you would like to help at 843-270-8384 or email

scott@harborviewpc.org.

This is the last time we will be packing backpacks for this school year. We will restart again in the fall. See the Special Events below for future dates.



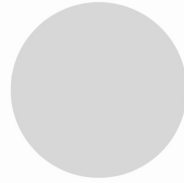
Get your hammer, grab your gloves! With Habitat, we'll build some love!

Please volunteer with us for our build day with Habitat for Humanity. We will be helping with a new home build for Kristin on Saturday May 20th, 8 a.m.-noon. Our group will be working on wrapping up some sheathing, doing some siding prep, and finishing up interior framing. This may include some painting.

Bring your signed waiver, re-fillable water bottle, snacks, closed-toed shoes, and consider wearing clothes and shoes that you won't mind getting messed up. Tools & gloves are not necessary. There are printed waiver forms in the narthex.

Sign up in the church narthex or online [here](#)! Read more about Habitat for Humanity [here](#).

Mission Lotto



Scratch off
Every ticket is a winner

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Our Mission team is raising money for our projects in Costa Rica. We will be building a kitchen for a local church, distributing groceries, and working with women and children's ministries. In an effort to fund these projects, we will be selling Mission Lotto tickets beginning Sunday, May 21st after church. Every ticket will be a winner! Our goal is to sell 75 tickets for \$50 each and raise a total of \$3,750. We are still collecting prizes, so if you have something to offer, please contact Deborah Bobo at deborah@harborviewpc.org. Here are just a few of our fabulous prizes:

- 2 nights at a local Airbnb located at 1155 Eaglewood Trail, Charleston, SC
- Poke Bowl Dinner for 4-5 people by Rieko Sloane
- Personalized Beach Bags
- Hyams Gift Cards
- \$250 Gift card from Buck Lumber
- Jar of Local Honey
- One-hour private beginner surfing lesson with Lula Kate Benson
- One 6-pack of local home brewed Kombucha, fermented black tea with numerous purported health benefits
- Homemade Granola
- Gift card to Fly High Bungee Fitness in Mt. Pleasant
- Original piece of pottery by Anne John
- Original painting by Karen Rollins
- Personalized set of handcrafted, up-cycled wine glasses from Gifted Glass by Ed and Anne Wirth
- Custom Cake for 12 by Deborah Bobo
- Custom water bottle by Deborah Bobo
- Gift certificates to Odyssey Bottle Shop
- Gift certificates to Harris Teeter on Harbor View Road
- Painting by Susanne Carter
- Original piece of pottery by Wilma Deddish
- Pedicure-John's Island Nails

and many more...

Please plan to scratch and win on the 21st!
Lotto tickets will go on sale after church this Sunday.

BLOOD DRIVE



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Your Community Blood Center

Harbor View Presbyterian Church
900 Harbor View Road
Charleston, SC 29412

05/28/2023 | 08:30 AM–01:30 PM

A \$20 charitable donation will be made per donor
PLUS all donors receive \$40 in rewards!

Rewards = TBC reward points awarded in donor portal. Redeem for eGift card(s).

“ Last year I had lots of bags of blood being put into me and it saved my life and now **I want people to donate blood so they can possibly save another child's life like mine.** ”

Rhys, Real blood recipient treated in SC



The Blood Connection is a non-profit organization. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Donors must be 16 years or older and over 110 lbs. to donate. Sixteen year olds are required to have written consent to donate blood. Before your donate blood, make sure that you drink plenty of water and eat a healthy meal. TBC Donor ID Card (preferred) or photo ID required to donate. Gift cards and other incentives are non-transferable.



thebloodconnection.org

Why should you donate blood? Watch [this](#)! Sign up online [here](#) to donate.



Join us for a Party at Pastor Rusty and Heidi's home on Saturday, June 3 at Noon for lunch, including hotdogs, hamburgers, sides, desserts, and drinks. There will be a volleyball game at 2 p.m. Fishing will depend on the tide. Please bring your own chair, sunscreen, and bug spray. See you there! Sign up in the church narthex or online [here](#).



After hearing from several congregation members about possibly having a later start time for the worship service, we would like to see what others think of this. This survey will help us plan for the summer months. The survey will run through May 21st. We will announce at the worship service on Sunday, May 28th the results. If there is a change in time, we will start the new time on June 4th and try it for the summer. In mid August, we will have a follow up survey to see if we want to keep the time or change back to the original time. If you are unable to fill out the form electronically, you can fill out a paper copy in the narthex or call the office 843-795-4072 for assistance. Your responses are greatly appreciated. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.



SAVE THE DATE!

VBS will be July 24 - 28, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.





Our Creation Kids club learned about Mary and Martha for our Mother's Day lesson. We learned about the importance of listening and praying with mom and also helping mom. The kids created backgrounds for a silhouette of themselves as a gift for mom.



The shiny new gym floor has been installed and we already have some school volleyball teams using it for practice. We are planning to have a grand celebration in the near future. Details to come!

Coffee Fellowship Helpers in May:

May 21 - Rossie Webber and Rieko Sloane
May 28 - Wilma Deddish



Laura Rollins 5/18
John Gamble 5/21
Anita Sloane 5/23
Kathleen Greenhill 5/23
Kevin Michael Hyams 5/25



Nursery Volunteers in May:

May 21 - Lucille Royall
May 28 - Anne Hantske



The Greeters this Sunday are:

Bob McKay, Gary Gist, Sandra Russ

Please be in prayer for:

Jim Wilkerson, the Long family (Margie Wilkerson), Donald Woodard, {Cathy Jenkins, Lisa DeWitt, Johnny Brown (Mary DeWitt)}, Elsie Clees, Clark Burrell (mother Linda), Mike & Wilma Deddish, John & Beverly O'Brien, John & Betty DeVane, Nelson Springer, Charles Truluck, Lois Amos, Anita Sloane, Marg Mills, Tommy & Sue Mathews, Rosemarie DeGroot, Virginia Thomas, The Woods Family.

Special Events:

May 18th & 19th - Backpack Buddies

May 20th - Sea Island Habitat for Humanity volunteering
May 21st - Mission Lotto tickets go on sale after church
May 28th - Blood Drive
May 29th - Memorial Day, Church Office & ECEP will be closed
June 3rd - Party at the Pastor's
June 6th - Lunch Bunch
July 24-28th - Vacation Bible School
June 24-July 1st - Mission Trip to Costa Rica
September 21st & 22nd - Backpack Buddies
October 19th & 20th - Backpack Buddies
October 28th - Fall Festival
November 16th & 17th - Backpack Buddies
December 10th - Outdoor Tree Lighting & Concert

Weekly:

Coffee Fellowship
Flowers for the Sanctuary [sign up here](#)
James Island Outreach food delivery

Monthly:

Lunch Bunch (first Tuesday)
Presbyterian Women Morning Circle (third Tuesday)
Men's Breakfast (third Thursday)
Book Club (third Sunday)
James Island Outreach Food Pantry Volunteer Team

You may give online [here](#).

Sign in to Church Life and access the Church Directory [here](#).

See a list of the HVPC Session members and email addresses [here](#).



"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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