

Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

A few years back I chaperoned a Confirmation Class on a retreat in Georgia to write their Statements of Faith. On Sunday morning we attended worship service at the local Presbyterian church. Unbeknownst to us they were celebrating their Scottish heritage by "Kirkin O' The Tartans," along with bagpipes, Scottish Kilts, Tartan flags...the works! It was a truly amazing experience for all of us as we'd never seen this done before.

If any of you have Scottish roots, I'd really like to hear about them. Perhaps we could do the same thing someday at HVPC. Wouldn't a service with bagpipes be exciting?

We are all connected in some way. The idea that people take time and energy to remember their roots and celebrate their heritage is something to really be proud of.

The Lectionary Scripture this week is John 15:1-8. It is the analogy of Jesus being the vine, and God being the vinedresser. It goes on to say that we must abide in Christ and bear fruit otherwise be pruned away and discarded. Jesus states that we cannot do anything without him, but if we ask it will be given and that God is glorified by the fruit we bear.

There is no such thing as a "Fruitless Christian." If we are not producing fruit...something is wrong. As long as our hearts and minds are focused on Him and we are spending time with His Word...We will bear fruit.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Scott

"You do realize this is a part time job?" Janice Carpenter asked me when I called from Maryland. It was 2003, and I was answering an ad for a musician to lead a new blended service at Harbor View Presbyterian Church. But yes, I figured it would be enough to get me started so I could relocate back to my home town of Charleston. Meeting the gifted members of the Music Team at our first rehearsal that summer, little did I realize that almost twenty-one years later I would still be here. Along the way we developed our own repertoire and style to create a special and unique worship music program, a program that has seen many great blessings - and a few challenges - over the years.

As I begin my retirement after this Sunday's service I give thanks for the dedicated volunteers, the enthusiastic congregation, the supportive staff, and most of all our great and almighty God for blessing what we do.

May God continue to bless Harbor View! Although Charlene and I are looking forward to extended travelling, I also look forward to seeing many of you out in the community (including Harris Teeter), listening in to the online services, and worshipping in the pews in the not too distant future.

God's peace to you all!

Gary



***Be Thou My Vision...O I Love To Tell The Story...Amazing Grace...
I'll Fly Away...This Is the Day...***

Many Sundays for many years Gary has led our congregation in song. Twenty years ago, Gary came to our church to create a more contemporary music service. Later, Gary would become the church Music Director. He has conducted the Music Team in beautiful songs that have included the keyboard, piano, guitars and other instruments. In addition to the Music Team, Gary has directed the handbell choir and led children in songs from VBS to Christmas programs. Please join us April 28 for worship on Gary's last Sunday as our Music Director. There will be a reception following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall in appreciation of Gary's service.

Report on pastoral search

Jeri Perkins and David Yandle from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's Commission on Ministry visited the Session meeting on Monday, April 22. They explained the process of hiring an interim minister and the transition into the search for a permanent pastor. The Session voted to start this process as soon as the Commission on Ministry is able to assist us. Scott will continue to preach and perform pastoral duties in the meantime, and work with the interim minister once they are hired.

Mother's Day Offering

Mother's Day is a time we set aside to remember and thank the mothers who have given so much to us. Associated with Mother's Day, South Carolina Presbyterians have a long tradition of generously supporting the PCSC Mother's Day Offering. This offering has been

a special way of remembering and caring for older adults since 1954. The monies received from the Mother's Day Offering are used exclusively for those residents who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources and need assistance to remain in Presbyterian Communities.



HVPC is seeking recommendations for a civil engineer to begin work on our sewer connection project. Please provide contact information to Margie at office@harborviewpc.org or by calling the church office.



If your child will graduate from high school or college this year, we'd love to celebrate with you!
Please contact Kathy Chessman at kathy@harborviewpc.org or text her at 843-412-5951.



LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday, May 7 at 12:00 p.m.

Fams Brewery on Folly Road

Click [here](#) for the menu!

Please let Sandra Russ know at smruss@bellsouth.net if you plan to attend.



The Greeters this

Sunday morning are:

Rossie Webber, Anna Linnville,
Becky Linnville



**Coffee Fellowship Helpers
in April:**

April 28- Devon Gamble



Nursery Volunteers in April & May:

April 28 - Nancy Parnell
May 5 - Frances Bath
May 12 - Sandra Bessent
May 19 - Kay Truluck
May 26 - Barbara Atwater



Jackie Lane 4/28
Cole Gamble 5/2
Colin Ronayne 5/2
Emily Brown 5/4



Flowers for the Sanctuary

We encourage everyone to bring your own fresh flowers or silk arrangement. The flower sign up is located on the door in the hallway across from the old kitchen.

Please be in prayer for:

Alexia Brown, Bea Hammond (Kathy Chessman's mother), George Lavezzi, The Copeland & Smith families, The Wilkerson Family, Randy Stevens (Betty DeVane), David Horowitz, Heather Walker, Michelle Brown, Cornwell family (Mike & Pam Shuler), Amanda Yoder, Sherry Osborne (Mary Stoll), John Thomas, John & Betty DeVane, Mike & Wilma Deddish, John & Beverly O'Brien, Nelson Springer, Charles Truluck, Lois Amos, Marg Mills, Tommy & Sue Mathews, Rosemarie DeGroot, Virginia Thomas, The Woods Family.

Special Events:

April 28 - Reception for Gary Hill's Retirement
April 30 - Bible Study at 2 p.m. in the Beach Room
May 1 - Bible Study at 6 p.m. in the Beach Room
May 2 - Men's Breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
May 2 - Backpack Buddies packing bags at 5:30 p.m.
May 3 - Backpack Buddies delivery at 8 a.m.
May 4 - Art Journaling postponed until May 12
May 4 - May Day Festival at St. James Presbyterian Church
May 7 - Lunch Bunch at noon
May 12 - Art Journaling
May 12 - Mother's Day
May 15 - Church on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
May 16 - Men's Breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
May 19 - Pentecost
May 21 - PW Morning Circle at 10 a.m. in the Beach Room
May 26 - New Members and Inquirers Class at 12:30 p.m.
May 27 - Memorial Day
May 30 - Backpack Buddies packing bags at 5:30 p.m.
May 31 - Backpack Buddies delivery at 8 a.m.
June 8 - Slide Into Summer event at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June 16 - Father's Day
June 23-28 - Mission Group staying in the activity room
July 4 - Independence Day
August 11 - Flapjacks, Backpacks, & Giving Back
September 2 - Labor Day
September 15 - Worship in the Park
December 8 - Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting

Weekly:

Bible studies
Coffee Fellowship
Flowers for the Sanctuary
James Island Outreach food delivery

Monthly:

Lunch Bunch (first Tuesday)
Art Journaling (first Saturday)
Presbyterian Women Morning Circle (third Tuesday)
COW - Church on Wednesday (third Wednesday)
Backpack Buddies
Men's Breakfast (first & third Thursday)
Book Club (third Sunday)
James Island Outreach Food Pantry Volunteer Team



You may give online [here](#).

View our Church Directory [here](#).

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



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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