

A friend and I often ride together in his vehicle. When he checks in with his wife she often says “I see you are almost to your destination,” or “Where were you? That’s not the route you were supposed to take.” This means she’s able to see exactly where we are, and sometimes we need to have a defense. I mean...what trouble can two pastors get into anyway?

There is a 2014 movie out on Netflix called “God’s Not Dead,” which I viewed recently and enjoyed. It is a story intertwined with a couple other stories, but it makes a point of how different people view the existence of God. I don’t want to ruin it for you, but the main characters are a college student and his professor who is an atheist. The student is required by his philosophy professor to sign a document stating, “God is dead.” He, being of Christian faith, declines and is “voluntold” to debate the existence of God and persuade his fellow students or fail the class. Then from there the two debate the existence of God...I’m sure you can guess the ending.

In 1 Peter 3:15, it says we should always have a defense as to the faith and hope that is in us and do it with gentleness and respect.

Christian apologetics is the defense of our faith. It comes from the Greek word “apologia” which means “defense.” Since the beginning of time there have been challenges, concerns, and questions about the gospel message. The more we know and understand about the Bible we are better able to not only defend our faith, but also bring others into an understanding of Jesus and his salvation.

At the end of the movie, it mentions that some were actual events at universities and had been influencing students that God doesn’t exist. That is what is amazing about serving dinner at the Citadel. It is somewhat of a prison ministry, but those cadets have made an individual choice to be present to study God’s word.

What are the ways you would defend Christ? Are you comfortable talking with others about your beliefs?

This is Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit came and gave the disciples what they needed to go out and proclaim the good news. Be bold and proud of what God has done for you...and as the Newsboys sing it...God’s Not Dead...He’s surely alive!

Peace,

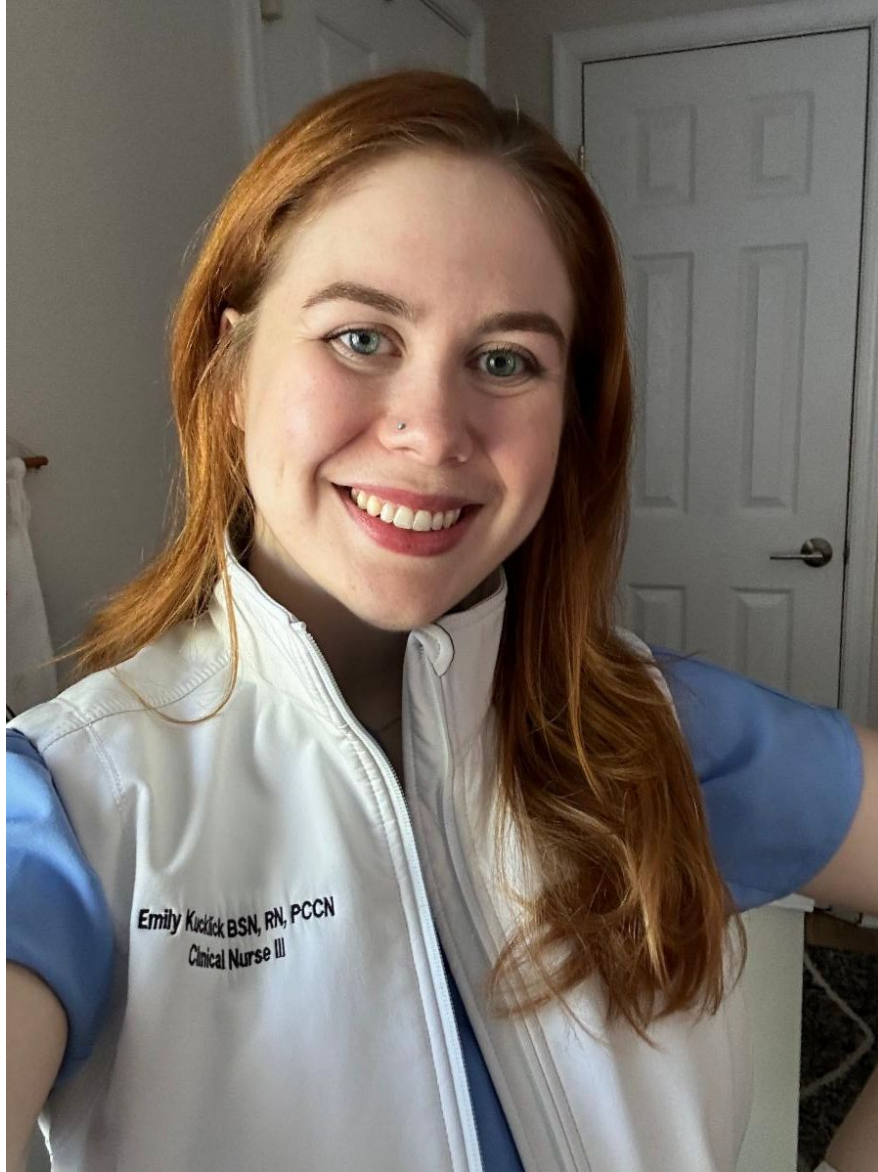
Pastor Scott

PS. Don’t forget to wear something red!

PENTECOST

Also called Whitsunday, (Pentecost from Greek pentecostē, “50th day”), is celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day after Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ, and it marks the beginning of the Christian church’s mission to the world.

Please celebrate with us by wearing the color **RED** this Sunday!



Emily Kucklick graduates on May 19 with her Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of Virginia. Congratulations, Emily! What a great accomplishment! Emily will continue her current position as a registered nurse at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System.



PW Morning Circle will meet next Tuesday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Pam Shuler.

We will be discussing our last lesson, "People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples." Circle will not meet again until September 17th. Wishing everyone a wonderful, blessed summer.

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SLIDE INTO SUMMER
Saturday, June 8th
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Join us for a big “splash” as we Slide Into Summer

The church is planning to have a big water slide / jump castle for older children and another jump castle for the little wee ones. There will also be **face painting, games and prizes** along with **hamburgers and hot dogs** as well as a **band** to enjoy some music! Children are welcome to wear or bring their swimsuits.

While we enjoy this special time together, we also want to remember those in our community with needs. So, bring a **canned good** that we can use for the blessing box on the church grounds.

Everyone of ALL ages come enjoy the fun, a cook out and some good music! We look forward to seeing everyone at this fun event for our church and ECEP families!

Live Music



Party Check List:

- **Swim Suit and Sunblock**
- **Chairs/Blankets**
- **Canned Good for Blessing Box**
- **Appetite and Desire for Fun!**



Wildflower Station

Wildflower Station takes the audience on a journey through the 60's & 70's, playing Classic Rock with great songs from bands like The Beatles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, America, Tom Petty, Crosby Stills Nash & Young, as well as playing what was known in San Francisco as "beatnik hippie music" - music from Laurel Canyon, the great folk and rock songs from Bob Dylan, The Youngbloods, The Mama's & the Papa's...songs with layered harmonies that are so wonderful to hear. It's such great music that everyone enjoys!



Vacation Bible School - Camp Firelight comes to HVPC

WHEN: July 29 - August 2
TIME: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
AGES: 4 years old - 5th grade

Sign up now at <http://bit.ly/HVPCVBS24>. For more information, contact Kathy Chessman at kathy@harborviewpc.org.



Mary Kay Hawkins will be having a piano recital here with her students this Saturday, May 18 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Mary Kay teaches piano lessons to people of all ages in our Activity Room on Thursdays. She currently has two times available for lessons at 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested in taking piano lessons, please give her a call at 229-733-1540.

Becka Peters will also be having a piano recital here with her students this Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

No worship service broadcast on May 26

Our hallways are being painted during Memorial Day weekend. To reduce traffic in the building, the worship service will be held in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Boxcast or Facebook broadcasting that day.

Deadline for worship service slides

Our Tech Team is made up of talented people, but they do need time to set up the slide show for the worship service. Please have your announcements and pictures to them by noon on the Thursday before the service.



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



**The Greeters this
Sunday morning are:**

Bob McKay, Gary Gist,
Sandra Russ, Frances Bath



Nursery Volunteers in May:

May 19 - Susan Brown
May 26 - Anne Hantske



**Coffee Fellowship Helpers
in May:**

May 19 - Kay Truluck
May 26 - Barbara Atwater



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:

Cindy Dahl & Lynn Rivera (Nelson Springer), Bob Ross (Betty DeVane), Monica Stevens, Alexia Brown, Bea Hammond (Kathy Chessman's mother), George Lavezzi, The Copeland & Smith families, The Wilkerson Family, 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.

Margie will not be in the office on Friday, May 24.

ECEP will close at noon on Friday, May 24.

ECEP & the Church Office will be closed on Memorial Day Monday, May 27.

Special Events:

May 17 - Piano recital at 7 p.m.

May 18 - Piano recital at 3 p.m.

May 19 - Pentecost (**please wear red to church**)

May 21 - PW Morning Circle at 10 a.m. at Pam Shuler's house

May 21 - Bible Study at 2 p.m. in the Beach Room

May 22 - Bible Study at 6 p.m. in the Beach Room

May 24-27 - Painting the Church

May 26 - Worship service held in the Fellowship Hall

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 1 - Art Journaling

June 2 - New Members and Inquirers Class at noon

June 4 - Lunch Bunch at noon

June 6 - Men's Breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

June 8 - Slide Into Summer event at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 16 - Father's Day

June 18 - PW Morning Circle at 10 a.m.

June 20 - Men's Breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

June 23-28 - Mission Group staying in the activity room

July 4 - Independence Day

July 29 through August 2 - Vacation Bible School at 9-11:30 a.m.

August 11 - Flapjacks, Backpacks, & Giving Back

September 2 - Labor Day

September 15 - Worship in the Park

September 17 - PW Morning Circle

September 18 - Church on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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) *skip June, July, August

COW - Church on Wednesday (third Wednesday) *skip June, July, August

Backpack Buddies *skip June, July, August

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](#).



“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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