

## *Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter*

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There are a couple Bible verses that have occupied my mind this week. Luke 6:31 and Matthew 7:12, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," most commonly referred to as the "Golden Rule." It's a principle that aims to help people to treat each other with kindness and concern.

This week in Chapel we learned about Jesus teaching the secret of happiness. One day, Jesus was telling his followers about God's dream of a world where everyone was loved and cared for, no one was left out.

Blessed are you who are poor, for all God's world is yours.  
Blessed are you who are hungry, for God will feed you.  
Blessed are you who are sad, for God will comfort you and you will laugh again.  
Blessed are you who feed the poor, for you are the hands of God.  
Blessed are you who comfort the sad, for you are the arms of God.  
Blessed are you who work for peace, for you are the voice of God.  
Blessed are you who are loving and kind, for you are the heart of God.

We are to let the world see our goodness and give glory to God, our Father in Heaven. We are to be the light in this world for others. Shine bright!

Do not let the sun set if you are angry with someone. Speak to them from your heart and make peace with them. Forgive others and you will be forgiven. Love your enemies and pray for them, for they too, are children of God.

What you give to the world, the world will give back to you.

Peace,

Pastor Scott

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### **The Golden Rule**

by Diane French

During a particular challenging school year, harsh words, put-downs, retaliation, and being disrespectful were often heard and observed in my intermediate classroom.

"Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceable with all men." Romans 12:17-18  
As Scripture came into my thoughts, I shared this challenge with my wise and Godly mother. She gave me some advice regarding my learning environment. "It's easy to love the lovable, so let the power of God's Word create change within your classroom. Even in public school just be creative."

After some research, I discovered the Golden Rule is a principal emphasized in most cultures. Then various phrases from the global Golden Rule were given as a homework assignment.

"Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12

Collectively as a community, our version of the passage appeared. It was recited daily after the Pledge of Allegiance as a new life-skill in our learning environment. Now, the challenge was putting this new standard into practice! The student's behavior and actions would be the evidence of being doers of the words.

How do your actions reflect the Golden Rule?

Even though the phrase "Golden Rule" does not appear in the Bible, Jesus taught this command during part of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. He knew the human heart and its selfishness. Because we are imperfect human beings, we are often selfish, thoughtless, and cruel. But God commands us to behave otherwise. As believers in Jesus Christ, we are to treat others as we wish to be treated. Jesus gave us this standard by which we can gauge and evaluate our actions. He teaches us to rise above our own imperfections and treat other with unselfishness and love.

Do you want to be shown respect? Then respect others.

Do you crave a kind word? Then speak words of kindness to others.

When we observe and practice the Golden Rule, we transform our relationships with others while advancing His kingdom on earth.

Dear Father, thank You for Your words of truth through Matthew 7:12. Open my heart and eyes to practice this important command to treat others as I want to be treated. I desire to obediently share the Golden Rule today and to glorify Your name. Amen

Source: <https://lincolnpres.org/daily-devotional/the-golden-rule/>



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### Coffee Fellowship Helpers in August:

August 25 - Barbara Atwater  
September 1 - Tracy Conner  
September 8 - Sandra Bessent  
September 15 - Worship in the Park  
September 22 - Nancy Parnelle  
September 29 - Sandra McNay



Jules Kucklick 8/27  
Mary Stoll 9/1



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### Nursery Volunteers in August:

August 25 - Nancy Parnell



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### The Greeters this Sunday morning are:

Becky Linnville, Anna Linnville, Greg Hays

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### **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 and we will also email the sign up spreadsheet to everyone soon so that you can sign up online. You can also use this link to sign up online [here](#).

There are 3 spots left for the year. Sign up now!

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*We would like to start a new and updated prayer list. If you would like to add someone or to have someone remain on the list, please contact Margie in the church office at [office@harborviewpc.org](mailto:office@harborviewpc.org) or call 843-795-4072.*

**Please be in prayer for:**

Missy Atwater and family, John Thomas, Kara Barnard (Pam Hays), Cindy Dahl & Lynn Rivera (Nelson Springer), Bob Ross (Betty DeVane), Monica Stevens, Alexia Brown, George Lavezzi, The Wilkerson Family, John & Betty DeVane, Mike & Wilma Deddish, John & Beverly O'Brien, Charles Truluck, Lois Amos, Tommy & Sue Mathews, Rosemarie DeGroot, The Woods Family.

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*Margie will not be in the office September 16 - 23.  
ECEP & the Church Office will be closed on Labor Day Monday, September 2.*

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### Special Events:

August 24 - STEPS at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church  
September 2 - Labor Day  
September 3 - Lunch Bunch at My Father's Mustache at Noon  
September 4 - Bible Study with Pastor Scott in the Activity Room at 6 p.m.  
September 15 - Worship in the Park  
September 17 - PW Morning Circle  
September 18 - Church on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Bible Trivia)  
September 29 - 5th Sunday Potluck  
September 29 - Financial Peace University begins for 9 weeks through November 24  
October 5 - Women's Retreat at Truluck Island  
October 16 - Church on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Bingo)  
October 26 - Church Clean Up Day  
October 26 - Fall Festival  
November 20 - Church on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Giving Back)  
November - Consecration Sunday  
December 8 - Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting  
December 18 - Church on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Carols & Cookies)  
December 29 - 5th Sunday Potluck

### Weekly:

Bible study *\*skip June, July, August*  
Coffee Fellowship  
Flowers for the Sanctuary  
James Island Outreach food delivery

### Monthly:

Lunch Bunch (first Tuesday) *\*skip June, July, August*  
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 (second Tuesday)



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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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