

Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

I hope you had a nice day yesterday with family and friends. The rush is over, presents opened, the leftover turkey or ham...a stillness takes over.

It's the day after Jesus' birth. Unbeknownst to many, the world is about to go through a big change. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke include the announcement by angels of his birth, about the shepherds and Magi that came to visit. We know that Joseph and Mary were told to leave Bethlehem and move to Nazareth to escape Herod's evil plan. We don't hear much about Jesus again, only once when he's 12 years old, until his full ministry begins at 30.

Having been through raising children and looking back, my advice to the younger generation having children is, "It's no longer about you...but your obligation is to raise a child." Then jokingly, "I hope you got to do everything you wanted to do." It's not an easy task raising children. Can you imagine doing it at the age Mary and Joseph were?

The first sentence in Rick Warren's book Purpose Driven Life is, "It's not about you." It's in our relationship with Christ that we find out who we are and what we here for. Long before we heard of Christ, he had his eye on us and a design for our glorious living.

This baby Jesus is going to change us more than anyone or anything else. Watch and follow along as this amazing story unfolds.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pastor Scott



Join us this Sunday, December 29th after the worship service for a covered dish luncheon. Please bring a meat, vegetable, or salad to share. You may drop off your dish in the fellowship hall prior to the church service.

Drinks and dessert will be provided.



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Tuesday, January 7 at 12:00 p.m.
Azul on Maybank Hwy.

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



Technically, We Need Help!

Isn't it nice to have slides and sound and live broadcasts of our Sunday services? These are only possible due to our dedicated tech team! We need a few more volunteers to learn the system and run it from time to time. If you enjoy technology and want to serve in this way, please talk to a tech team member after church on Sunday. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Election of Officers

We will be electing church officers at the end of the worship service on Sunday, January 5. Please plan to attend. Thank you to our outgoing officers, Carolyn Bondarenka, Kathy Chessman, and John Kucklick, and to those who have accepted the nomination for 2025, Tracy Conner, Karen Rollins, and Charles Truluck. We appreciate your willingness to serve!

Please pick up your 2025 pledge envelopes in the narthex.



ECEP is hiring full time and part time child care workers. For more information, please



Zac Hatzis 12/27
Jerome Sloane 12/31



**Coffee Fellowship Helpers
in December:**

December 29 - Potluck



Nursery Volunteers

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December 29 - Rossie Webber



**The Greeters this
Sunday morning are:**

Bob McKay, Rossie Webber



Flowers for the Sanctuary

We encourage everyone to bring your own fresh flowers or silk arrangement. We will no longer have the paper copy on the door in the hallway.

Please use this link to sign up online [here](#).

Barbara Atwater, Sue & Sarah Matthews, Roger Banks (Cookie Rodgers), Linda Burrell, Sandra Russ, Bill & Bob Ross (Betty DeVane), Kara Barnard (Pam Hays), Sue Murner (Karen Lassiter), John Thomas, Cindy Dahl & Lynn Rivera (Nelson Springer), George Lavezzi, John & Betty DeVane, Mike & Wilma Deddish, John & Beverly O'Brien, Charles Truluck, Lois Amos, Rosemarie DeGroot, The Woods Family.

Special Events:

December 29 - 5th Sunday Potluck after the worship service

December 31 - Self Studies due back to the church office

January 2 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.

January 4 - Art Journaling at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

January 5 - Election of Officers during the worship service

January 8 - Bible Study at 6 p.m. in the Activity Room

January 8 - Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

January 9 - Singers Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

January 11 - Take down the tree & greenery in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m.

January 11 - Child Protection workshop, 10-12 p.m. in FH
January 14 - James Island Outreach Food Pantry Volunteer Team at 9-11:30 a.m.
January 16 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.
January 19 - Book Club in the Beach Room at 3:30 p.m.
January 21 - PW Morning Circle at 10 a.m. in the Beach Room
January 26 - Congregational Meeting to approve the budget during the worship service
February 9 - Scout Sunday
March 1 - Oyster Roast

Weekly:

Bells Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Bible study on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Activity Room **skip June, July, August*
Coffee Fellowship
Flowers for the Sanctuary
James Island Outreach food delivery
Singers Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Monthly:

Lunch Bunch at noon (first Tuesday) **skip June, July, August*
Art Journaling in the FH at 10 a.m. (first Saturday)
PW Morning Circle in the Beach Room at 10 a.m. (third Tuesday) **skip June, July, August*
COW - Church on Wednesday in FH at 6 p.m. (third Wednesday) **skip June, July, August*
Backpack Buddies **skip June, July, August*
Men's Breakfast in the FH at 9 a.m. (first & third Thursday)
Book Club in the Beach Room at 3:30 p.m. (third Sunday)
James Island Outreach Food Pantry Volunteer Team at 9-11:30 a.m. (second Tuesday)



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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