

Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

Dear church family,

Happy new year! I'm looking forward to seeing you this Sunday so we can celebrate Epiphany together. This is in honor of the story of the wise men finding Mary and Joseph by following a star, and presenting the holy family with precious gifts. I will be giving each of YOU a star word for 2025, a word to meditate on and pay attention to this year, looking for God's presence to touch your life through the word you receive.

We will also elect our new officers at the end of the worship service and thank our elders who are completing terms. It is a true gift to serve the church in the office of elder or trustee, and I'm so grateful for those who step up.

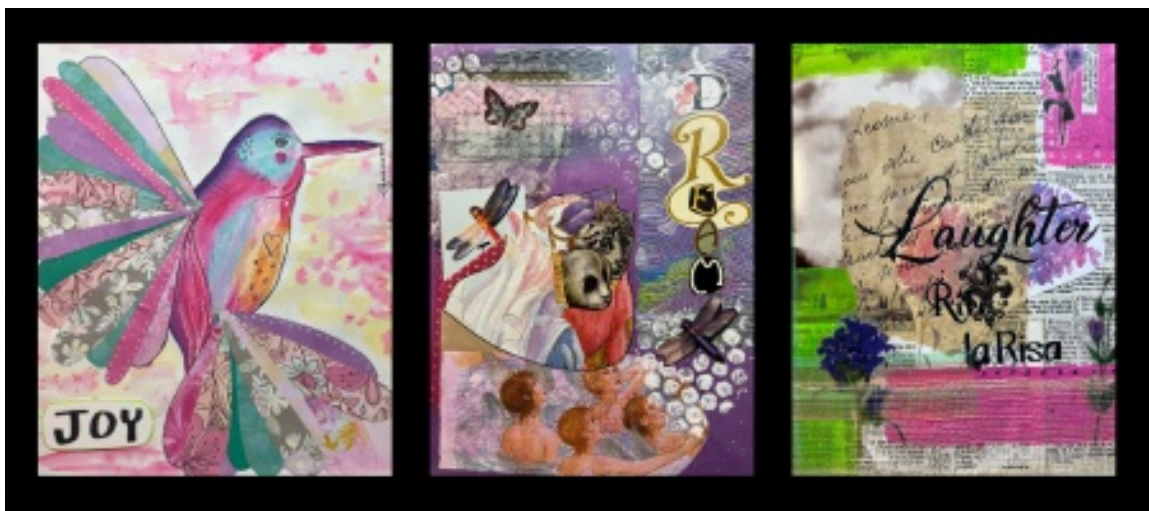
It was great to see so many people on Christmas Eve! I hope you'll reach out to the people you saw there who haven't been attending lately. Let them know that they are missed and encourage them to come back on Sundays. A word of encouragement goes a long way. Two important reminders for the new year: pledge cards and self studies. If you haven't pledged you'll be getting a letter from me next week asking you to help our church by doing this. It only takes a minute and it is key to our next steps as a church family. And we are very short on self studies! Thank you to the 20 people who have completed your self study, but we don't want to call a pastor who is only going to minister to those twenty! We need input from every member! Please don't skip this important step in our transition process. There will be extras on Sunday in the narthex for anyone to complete. I'm counting on you to do your part!

This month we will be paying special attention to God's gifts. You are all a gift to me, and I hope you know I'm here for you any time. Please reach out if you need a conversation, a prayer, or a listening ear. I would love to hear from you, and Scott feels the same way.

In Christ,



Rev. Tricia
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Art Journaling for the New Year

Do you make resolutions and then quit before the end of January? Our Art Journaling group began doing a word of the year several years ago. Sometimes it is easier to focus on one word to help you create positive change as you go through your year. Check out this [article](#) by Elizabeth Rider to help you choose your word.

Bring your word, a journal or heavy piece of paper, some collage papers (magazines, scrapbook paper, tissue paper, old cards) and join us on Saturday, January 4, 2025 in the fellowship hall at 10 a.m. We will create a collage to kick off the New Year!

Maybe this is YOUR year to be creative! If you have never joined us, please consider coming. None of us are professional, but we always enjoy the fellowship and playing together! We also have loads of supplies, so not worries if you don't have much to bring!



LUNCH BUNCH

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.

Angel Tree Party Pictures

Thank you to everyone that donated gifts to children with parents in the Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Program.







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!



ECEP is hiring full time and part time child care workers. For more information, please email Janice Blum at hvpccblum@comcast.net.



Thanks to your generous and considerate donations, HVPC was able to give abundantly this year to Thornwell Home for Children and to Christmas Joy Special Offerings.
Thornwell: \$1,218.30
Christmas Joy: \$1,394.30

Please pick up your 2025 pledge envelopes in the narthex.



Karen Lassiter 1/9
Rosemarie DeGroot 1/10



Coffee Fellowship Helpers in January:

January 5 - Gail Truluck
January 12 - Eric Stewart



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](#).

Melanie Lohr Miller, Irina Amanata & son, 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:

January 2 - Singers Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
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
January 30 & 31 - Backpack Buddies
February 6 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.
February 9 - Scout Sunday
March 1 - Oyster Roast
March 6 & 7 - Backpack Buddies
April 10 & 11 - Backpack Buddies
May 22 & 23 - Backpack Buddies

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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