

## *Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter*

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Dear Friends,

It's been years since I rode a roller coaster. I can remember as a kid how excited I was to be tall enough to go on the big rides, and the anticipation I felt waiting in line for ages for a four minute ride. You'd see people coming off the ride looking wind-blown and breathless, eyes bright with that feeling of being so alive. But the ride itself was a mixture of anticipation and thrill, too. Once you got on board, and as the coaster crept up the first hill, making rhythmic clicking sounds, it was knowing what was coming next that made it fun. Then cresting the top of the hill you could see straight down before the rush of dropping at breakneck speed to the bottom.

This week is a spiritual roller coaster. We will be up on the mountain with Jesus on Transfiguration Sunday, experiencing the vision of Jesus communicating with Moses and Elijah. Then on Ash Wednesday we will go into the depths of the wilderness to begin our forty day journey of Lent. This Lent, we focus on those around us in need, as well as our own wilderness. We carry with us into Lent the fresh awareness of mountaintop transformation. We open our hearts to the transformation God wants to do within us. I know it's tempting to go to the mountaintop and skip the wilderness, but please don't. Ash Wednesday is a rich service of reflection and self awareness. Let yourself feel whatever God gives you there.

You don't have to give anything up for Lent, but you can if you want to. Start thinking about it now, if you haven't already. Maybe we can try to make a more spiritually minded change, instead of only a diet restriction. One year I gave up complaining. One year I gave up television (that doesn't sound especially spiritual but it gave me way more time with God). This year I'm committing to daily meditation. It feels like that's what matters to my spiritual life the most right now. As a church, we will be hearing from our mission partners during Lent, and I hope you'll pick one of our partners to build a relationship with over the next forty days. If we all do this, it will make a big difference in us, in our church, and in our community. Our Lenten devotional will help us to center on seeing Jesus in those in need around us. Please jump in with both feet - get on the ride - and let's see what God does in our lives.

In Christ,



Rev. Tricia  
843-425-4775

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# Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

*"For God knows how we were made, and remembers that we are dust. As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more, but the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting."*

Psalm 103:14-17

6:30 p.m.

Harbor View Presbyterian Church  
900 Harbor View Road  
James Island



# Lord



## When Did We See You?

**A Matthew 25  
Lenten Experience**

*By Donna Frischknecht Jackson*



Next week we begin our journey through the Lenten season, which starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. The Christian Education Committee decided on a Lenten devotional series from Presbyterian Outlook called *Lord, When Did We See You?* These daily devotionals will be emailed to you each week. If you prefer a paper copy, please let Margie know. We hope you find this devotional meaningful in your own faith journey as we go through Lent in preparation of the hope that Easter brings.





## **Last Sunday for Necktie Donations**

Plans are under way to make a quilt that includes one or two neckties from each man in the congregation. This Sunday is the last chance to bring a tie.

Anyone who can sew, cut, iron, or otherwise work with textiles, you're invited to join in the completion of the quilt. We will be working on the quilt Tuesday afternoon, March 4 at the church from 1-4 p.m. Stop by and join us if you are available!



## **Butterfly/Meditation Garden and Workday**

We are working to turn the Tricia Hiers Butterfly Garden into a simple meditation garden

that will be dedicated to the Hiers Family. The butterfly garden got out of control, so we are trying to make something that will be easy to maintain and useful to the Congregation and the Childcare Program as a place to reflect or meet with a small group.

On Saturday, March 1, we will be laying out a fence that has been donated to replace the one the scouts removed for us. We need to determine what we will need to purchase to install the fence.

Saturday, March 8, we will have a workday to install the fence and to do some cleanup around the church. This will begin at 9 am. If you can make plans to join us, please email [deborah@harborviewpc.org](mailto:deborah@harborviewpc.org).

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# Mission

## **Mission Trip Opportunity**

Where : Asheville area

When : 6/8 - 6/13

Mission partner: Praying Pelican Missions

Make plan to join us as we help the victims of Hurricane Helene. Our NC neighbors need us!

Ministries may include: clean-up efforts, chainsaw work, rebuilding, roof work, sorting donations, feeding program, kids ministry, and supporting ongoing ministries at local non-profits.

If you are interested, email Rieko Sloane at [rieko@harborviewpc.org](mailto:rieko@harborviewpc.org).

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## **LUNCH BUNCH**

Tuesday, March 4 at 12:00 p.m.  
Bohemian Bull on Folly Rd.

Please let Sandra Russ know at [smruss@bellsouth.net](mailto:smruss@bellsouth.net) if you plan to attend.


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Thursday, March 6 in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. All men of the church and any other interested parties are invited. See you there!

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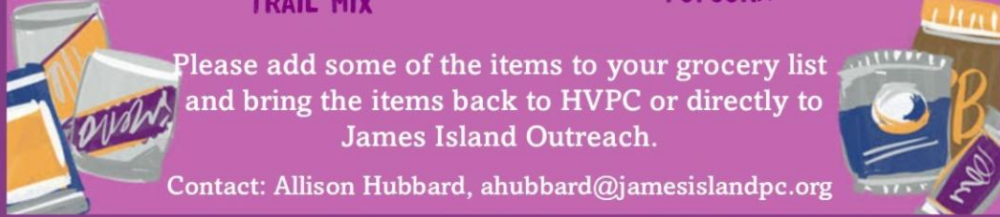
**BACKPACK BUDDIES**

JI churches & JI Outreach are working in partnership with all 7 local public schools to offer food support to families in need.

<b>INDIV. NUT PACKAGES</b>	<b>BEEFERONI CUPS</b>
<b>OATMEAL &amp; GRITS PACKS</b>	<b>FRUIT &amp; VEGGIE CUPS</b>
<b>CHIPS &amp; PRETZELS</b>	<b>BREAKFAST BARS</b>
<b>CEREAL CUPS/SM. BOXES</b>	<b>INDIV. PEANUT BUTTER</b>
<b>MAG &amp; CHEESE CUPS</b>	<b>GRANOLA BARS</b>
<b>JERKY</b>	<b>CRACKERS</b>
<b>TRAIL MIX</b>	<b>POPCORN</b>

Please add some of the items to your grocery list and bring the items back to HVPC or directly to James Island Outreach.

Contact: Allison Hubbard, [ahubbard@jamesislandpc.org](mailto:ahubbard@jamesislandpc.org)

Illustrations of various food items including a bag of chips, a container of granola, a container of peanut butter, and a container of popcorn.

BackPack Buddies will be next week, March 6-7. Please see the list above if you would like to donate items. If you would like to donate your time, contact Pastor Scott at 843-270-8384.

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# JOURNEY

A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

## March 17th we are serving dinner at The Citadel for The Journey

We will be serving tacos. Here are the items we need for donations to feed 20 cadets.

Taco seasoned ground beef (Rieko Sloane)

taco size flour tortillas (Susanne Carter)

Shredded lettuce, dice tomatoes, dice onion ---

1 family size tortilla chips, salsa ---

1 big bag of shredded cheese ---

sour cream, guacamole ---

Fruit tray ---

Monetary Donations are accepted.

If you are able to donate or help, contact Rieko Sloane [rieko@harborviewpc.org](mailto:rieko@harborviewpc.org).



## March 29th we will participate in the Walk for Water

Join us for the Walk for Water 2025!

They are not just providing clean water. They are spreading the Love of God!

We walk so they don't have to! You can register by going to [www.watermission.org](http://www.watermission.org) --> scroll down and find "Join the walk" --> Register. Registration fee is \$25 which includes a T-shirt. Make sure to join the Harbor View Presbyterian Team!

If you can't walk but would like to donate to the HVPC team, same process but after "Join the walk" ---> Donate --> choose "Team" ---> Harbor View Presbyterian.

Our goal is to raise at least \$500!

Andy Fairey with Water Missions will be joining us this Sunday during the church service to tell us more about the Walk for Water.



## SC Presbyterian Pilgrimage

### Awakening Pilgrimage Weekend

May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 4, 2025

Camp St. Christopher

Seabrook Island, SC



Only \$100 for the entire weekend!

#### Why Attend?

It's an opportunity to get away, ponder your life of faith, and to reconnect or renew your relationship with God!

It is a chance to experience an abundance of God's grace and unconditional love while enjoying a beautiful setting.

The cost is at a special "awakening" price of just \$100 for the entire weekend! Sign up today!

Contact Mary Catherine James for more information.  
843-640-1569



## HELP AROUND the HOUSE

Skippy Lesemann is available to work for you if you need any miscellaneous jobs done around your home. To inquire, contact him at 843-853-1148.



### ***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!





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

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Betty DeVane 2/28  
Emily Kucklick 3/7  
Will Olson 3/7  
Anne John 3/9

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**Coffee Fellowship Helpers in March:**

March 2 - Tracy Conner  
March 9 - Sandra Bessent  
March 16 - Brenda Gist  
March 23 - Sandra McNay  
March 30 - Potluck

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**The Greeters this Sunday morning are:**

Hugh Donnan, Chad Atwater, Denny Woods

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**Nursery Volunteers in March are:**

March 2 - Lucille Royall  
March 9 - Susan Brown  
March 16 - Carolyn Bondarenka  
March 23 - Rossie Webber  
March 30 - Nancy Parnell

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**Flowers for the Sanctuary**

We encourage everyone to bring your own fresh flowers or silk arrangement. We now

have the paper copy on the door in the hallway again.  
Please use this link to sign up online [here](#) or use the sign up sheet in the hallway.

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### Prayer List

Tom Brown & family (Ms. Brown, ECEP teacher) Shawn Ensley (Devon Gamble), Mitch Tyler (Monica Stevens), Rosemarie DeGroot, Monica Stevens, Steve Murray, Linda Burrell, Pam Shuler, 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, The Woods Family.

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### Special Events:

February 27 - Singers Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
March 1 - Oyster Roast at Truluck Island  
March 4 - Lunch Bunch at noon  
March 5 - Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30pm  
March 6 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.  
March 6 - Singers Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
March 6 & 7 - Backpack Buddies  
March 8 - Art Journaling at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
March 11 - James Island Outreach Food Pantry Volunteer Team at 9-11:30 a.m.  
March 12 - HVPC noon Lenten worship service  
March 12 - Bible Study with Pastor Scott at 6 p.m. in the Beach Room  
March 12 - Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
March 13 - Singers Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
March 16 - Book Club in the Beach Room at 3:30 p.m.  
March 17 - Serving dinner at The Citadel for The Journey  
March 18 - PW Morning Circle at 10 a.m. in the Beach Room  
March 19 - JIPC noon Lenten worship service  
March 20 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.  
March 26 - St. James PC noon Lenten worship service  
March 29 - Walk for Water  
March 30 - 5th Sunday Potluck  
April 2 - HVPC noon Lenten worship service  
April 9 - JIPC noon Lenten worship service  
April 10 & 11 - Backpack Buddies  
April 13 - Palm Sunday, brunch, & egg hunt  
April 16 - St. James PC noon Lenten worship service  
April 17 - Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30pm  
April 18 - Good Friday worship at 6:30pm  
April 20 - Easter Sunday  
April 25-27 - Women's Retreat at Camp St. Christopher  
May 11 - Mother's Day  
May 21 - COW talent show  
May 22 & 23 - Backpack Buddies  
May 31 - Slide into Summer event with Wildflower Station  
June 8-13 - Mission Trip to Asheville area, NC  
June 29 - 5th Sunday Potluck  
July 14-18 - Vacation Bible School  
August 10 - Flapjacks, backpacks, and giving back  
August 31 - 5th Sunday Potluck  
September 17 - COW mission focus  
September 21 - Worship in the Park at JI County Park Stono Shelter at 10:30 a.m.  
October - 1-day Women's Retreat  
November 1 - Fall Festival  
November 9 - Consecration Sunday  
November 30 - 5th Sunday Potluck  
December 14 - Outdoor tree lighting

### Weekly:

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

**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  
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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