

## *Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter*

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Dear Church Family,

I've had the wonderful experience of supporting four girls in Niger, Africa, to pay for their education. Without support, these girls wouldn't be able to go to school. I can't even imagine what my life would be like without an education. Reading is a huge part of my life, I write every day, I handle finances and know how to take care of my health, all because of my upbringing and my education. When I visited Niger in 2022, I was able to briefly meet the four girls I sponsored. It was amazing to think that my donation was changing lives all the way around the world!

My hope for each of us at Harbor View is that we develop relationships with groups and organizations that are changing lives. I invite you to look at our mission partners (listed in this newsletter and in Sunday's bulletin) and pick one to build a connection with. During our Forty Gifts of Forty Dollars in Forty Days campaign for Lent, please choose a mission partner to support with a forty dollar gift if you are able. If you are torn between two, then consider giving forty dollars each to both. More importantly than a donation, though, is building a connection. There's something so rewarding about seeing the results of an organization that is truly helping people, and to know you are a part of that.

You'll see this theme running throughout Lent. Our daily devotional is about noticing those who are struggling in life and offering help, in so doing, it is as though we are doing this to Jesus. It is a truly sacred action to care for those who cannot repay you.

As we journey through Lent, let's keep these thoughts in mind as we also think about our own lives and how we can open our hearts to what God may be prompting us to do. I know we will be blessed as we do this together!

In Christ,



Rev. Tricia  
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# Wednesday Lenten Services



Next week: James Island PC

March 19, 2025

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## 2025 Lent Offering

*40 gifts of \$40 in 40 days*

Lent is a time of spiritual centering and preparation, based on the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness prior to the start of his public ministry. Lent began on Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter Sunday, April 20. People often make personal sacrifices to give something up during Lent to remind them of the significance of these 40 days. The key themes of Lent are repentance, love, forgiveness, prayer, and giving.

Each person who loves our church is invited to join in our Lent offering, making a \$40 gift above your regular offering to support one of our mission partners. Please consider intentionally developing a connection with one of our mission partners, not just to support financially, but to get to know and support in prayer and possibly even with volunteer time. As we do to the least of these in need, we are doing to Jesus.

### James Island Outreach

*\$40 will ensure a steady supply of needed food, utility, and financial support.*

### Water Mission

*\$40 provides clean, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene solutions.*

### Remember Niger

*\$40 will provide a monthly sponsorship for a child attending school.*

### Habitat for Humanity

*\$40 will contribute to the cost of building materials that provide affordable housing.*

### Lowcountry Blessing Box Project

*\$40 will contribute to the purchase of food to supply the HVPC Blessing Box.*

### Hands of Christ

*\$40 will go towards purchasing uniforms for school age children in the LowCountry.*

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

*\$40 will go to hard hit disaster areas to provide ongoing spiritual assistance.*



### **Repairing the breach**

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

One Great Hour of Sharing has been a catalyst for love for over 75 years. Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



Morning Circle will meet this Tuesday, March 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Beach Room. We will be discussing two sisters, Mary and Martha of Bethany, close friends of Jesus. The scripture is Luke 10:38-42; John 11:17-44, 12:1-8. Visitors are always welcome. Please contact Nancy Andrews (843.743.6684) for more information and/or help with transportation.

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Our new electronic sign is being installed outside ***right now!!***

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# Women's Retreat

Good Afternoon Ladies,

Our HVPC Spring Retreat is fast approaching! We are having it on April 25-27th at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island. We are doing "Chrismons in April". This will be a very different retreat than in the past. We are going to be making Chrismon ornaments for our Chrismon Tree. We will learn about the history of the Chrismon ornaments and what each ornament means. The cost of the retreat has gone up unfortunately, but we always have partial or full scholarships available. For a double room (with a roommate) the price is \$231 or for a single room all to yourself the price is \$300. The cost covers your room and all your meals. Please let me know if you plan to attend or not no later than Sunday April 6th. Also please tell me if you have a roommate preference. You can pay either Rossie or myself. We can take a check or venmo. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Love you all!  
Tracy Conner  
843-437-6766

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# Mission

## **Mission Trip Opportunity**

Where : Asheville, NC 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 [rieke@harborviewpc.org](mailto:rieke@harborviewpc.org).

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**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!



***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 [hvpcblum@comcast.net](mailto:hvpcblum@comcast.net).

If you have any dish towels or hand towels from the Fellowship Hall that you took home to wash, please bring them back. We are running low. Thank you.



Rieko Sloane 3/16  
Sandra Bessent 3/19  
Joan Loy 3/20  
Katie Atwater 3/21  
Skippy Lesemann 3/22

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**Coffee Fellowship Helpers in March:**

March 16 - Brenda Gist  
March 23 - Sandra McNay  
March 30 - Potluck

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**The Greeters this Sunday morning are:**

Bob McKay, Gary Gist, Sandra Russ, Frances Bath

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# Nursery Volunteers



## Nursery Volunteers in March are:

March 16 - Carolyn Bondarenka

March 23 - Rossie Webber

March 30 - Nancy Parnell



## 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.

## Prayer List

Andartu, Tamara A., 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.

## Special Events:

March 13 - Singers Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

March 15-21 - Clemson University's Alternative Breaks Program mission staying at HVPC



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 19 - Bible Study with Pastor Scott at 6 p.m. in the Beach Room  
March 19 - Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
March 20 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.  
March 20 - Singers Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
March 26 - St. James PC noon Lenten worship service  
March 26 - Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
March 27 - Singers Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
March 29 - Walk for Water  
March 30 - 5th Sunday Potluck  
April 1 - Lunch Bunch at noon  
April 2 - HVPC noon Lenten worship service  
April 3 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.  
April 5 - Art Journaling at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
April 8 - James Island Outreach Food Pantry Volunteer Team at 9-11:30 a.m.  
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 1 - National Day of Prayer  
May 3-10 - BUCK-I-SERV mission group staying at HVPC  
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)

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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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