

## *Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter*

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I have been enjoying the Lenten devotional and spending some intentional quiet time listening. Listening for what God has to say to me each day. Then as I go about the day, I wait, and I watch for God to show up.

Last week a friend was talking about the difference between squirrels and birds. Squirrels go about collecting and storing nuts. While birds on the other hand come each day for what is put in the feeder. He used it as a comparison with what we should do with God's word.

Psalm 119:11, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee."

We all know that squirrels go around in the Fall gathering nuts for the winter. It sounds like this verse that we should be like squirrels by storing up God's word for a time when we need it. We can rest assured that having that knowledge will keep us from sin.

So how do we become spiritual squirrels and store up the Word of the Lord? By reading and memorizing verses, then teaching it to others. We are living in a time when the Word of God is not taught or heard or even obeyed. The worldly culture continues to depart morally from God's intention for us.

There is a story of Bushy the squirrel who cared for nothing more than gathering nuts. "Gotta get more nuts! Gotta get more nuts!" He had so many that his neighbors had a hard time finding any. He kicked the birds out of the tree so he could have enough room for all those nuts. When winter came, he didn't have any cares as he had all the nuts he could eat.

One night a storm broke the tree in half, and he fell into the lake. He shouted for help and the other animals came to rescue him. He was changed by his experience and had a change of heart. He now shared everything he had with those who needed it.

This little story was inspired by the parable in Luke 12:13-21.

In the Bible birds are seen as messengers of God's provision. They remind us to trust God to meet our needs, just as He cares for birds.

Matthew 6:26, "Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?"

So, we should be as both the squirrels and birds do. Go to God each day for what it is He wants to tell us. Also, that we store up Bible verses and knowledge for when we or others are in need of wisdom and guidance.

Peace be with you until we meet again.

Pastor Scott

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# Wednesday Lenten Services



Next week: HVPC  
April 2, 2025  
Noon

Clemson University's Alternative Breaks Program mission group we housed last week.



## 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.*



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# FINANCIAL RESOURCES *WORKSHOP*

Are you stressed about finances? Desiring financial balance? This **free** workshop is for you!

## Topic Highlights:

- Learn How to Better Manage Expenses
- Get Ideas to Increase Income
- Receive Information on Valuable Community Resources



Hosted by  
James Island Outreach



## Upcoming

Thursday,  
April 3rd  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

### Location:

**Baxter-Patrick  
James Island Library**

Wednesday,  
April 16th  
10:00 - 11:30 AM

### Location:

**James Island  
Outreach**



## ***Palm Sunday Celebration***

Join us Palm Sunday, April 13, as we get closer to our journey to Easter. We will enjoy hearing the children from ECEP and Creation Kids Club sing at the beginning of the service followed by a fun egg hunt for the children and Sunday Brunch.

*We are hoping you can join us on this special occasion!*

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We are taking plastic egg donations and candy donations to fill easter eggs for our egg hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13.

If you would like to donate plastic eggs or candy, please leave it in the box in the church office. Bring in your donations by Saturday, April 5. They will be stuffed on April 6.

*Thank you!*

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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



***This weekend! Saturday, 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.



If your child will graduate from high school or college this year, we'd love to celebrate with you! Please contact Karen Rollins at [karen@harborviewpc.org](mailto:karen@harborviewpc.org) or text her at 843-276-8319.

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Tuesday, April 1 at 12:00 p.m.  
Garage 75 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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***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!

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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).



**Bible Study** with Pastor Scott is this week on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Beach Room.

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Caroline Greenhill 3/27  
John DeVane 3/28  
Jeff Copeland 3/29  
Betsy Beldner 3/30  
Sue Mathews 3/31  
Hanna Bondarenka 3/31  
Tom Cook 4/3  
Nancy Andrews 4/5

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**Coffee Fellowship Helpers in March & April:**

March 30 - Potluck

April 6 - Gail Truluck  
April 13 - Palm Sunday Brunch  
April 20 - No coffee  
April 27 - Frances Bath

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**Nursery Volunteers in March:**

March 30 - Nancy Parnell

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**The Greeters this Sunday morning:**

Bob McKay, Anna Linnville

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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

Brian Dantzler, Horacio Guilundo, 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:

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 2 - Bible Study with Pastor Scott at 6 p.m. in the Beach Room

April 2 - Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

April 3 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.

April 3 - Singers Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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 15 - PW Morning Circle at 10 a.m. in the Beach Room

April 16 - St. James PC noon Lenten worship service

April 17 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.

April 17 - Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30pm

April 18 - Good Friday worship at 6:30pm

April 20 - Easter Sunday

April 20 - Book Club in the Beach Room at 3:30 p.m.

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 15 - Father's Day

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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