

## Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

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Happy Thanksgiving! I would imagine today is filled with people traveling, families gathering, the smells of food being prepared, and maybe a game of football afterwards. It is a special day indeed and I wish there were more like it. But it is important to remember why we celebrate to give thanks.

We are blessed as a nation more than most will ever know. A group of people got together and decided to make a change in a way that they could have freedom of worship. In 1602 a ship set sail with 102 people that faced hardship beyond comprehension.

The importance of being able to worship God freely was their motivation. William Bradford, while crossing the Atlantic Ocean set up a contract of laws that were derived from the Bible. Because of their belief in God, they knew they would survive.

It is taught that Thanksgiving is when the Pilgrims gave thanks to the Indians for helping them through the winter. The Indians did help with hunting and planting, but Thanksgiving was the Pilgrims giving thanks to God for their survival.

Psalm 100:1-5

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge the Lord is God! He made us, we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with Thanksgiving, go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Scott



Who is mostly credited for developing Presbyterian theology?

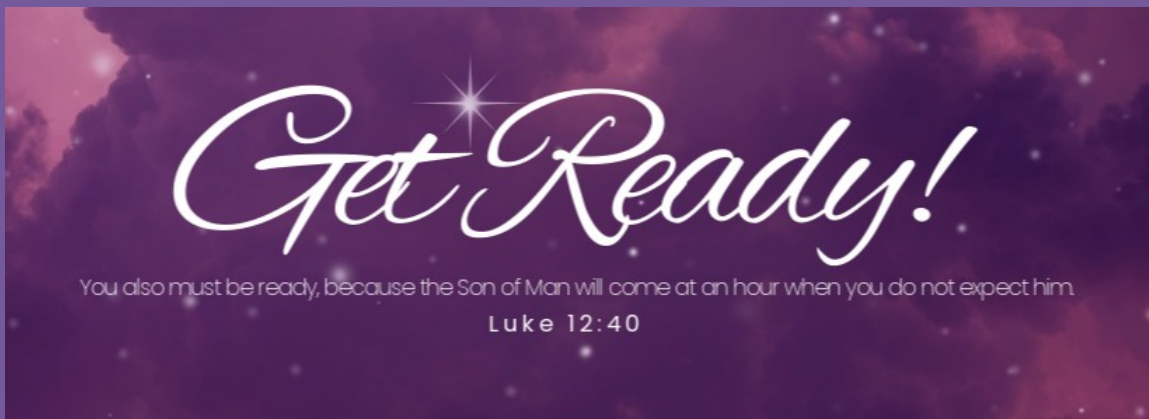
John Calvin, a 16th century French theologian developed the framework that would become central to Presbyterianism. His theology and ideas greatly influenced the Reformation movement.

Studying *The Story* has brought to light many questions. Pastor Scott would like to answer

your questions here in the newsletter so that everyone may gain knowledge.  
Email your questions to [scott@harborviewpc.org](mailto:scott@harborviewpc.org).

*What questions do you have?*

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[Pledge online here!](#)

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A congregational meeting is called for this Sunday, November 30 after worship. This meeting is to approve the nomination of Devon Gamble to Session as Membership elder, Brian Dantzler as Outreach elder, and to take nominations from the floor for Worship elder.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Worship elder position, please get their permission and present their name when nominations are opened during the meeting. If the person will not be present at the meeting, please have them email a confirmation to [clerk@harborviewpc.org](mailto:clerk@harborviewpc.org).

If you would like to serve on Session, please send an email to [clerk@harborviewpc.org](mailto:clerk@harborviewpc.org) by Friday, November 28.

Many thanks to Nancy Andrews and Rieko Sloane for serving on the Nominating Committee.

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JOIN US FOR

Consecration  
Sunday

*Thanks-a-Brunch!*

Service: 10-11 a.m.  
Brunch: 11 a.m.

Join us on Sunday, November 30th for Consecration Sunday Brunch after the worship service at 11 a.m. We will enjoy a catered brunch as we celebrate this stewardship season. There will be no Sunday School classes this day.

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Advent begins at the end of November! Please put the following dates on your calendars, and invite your friends, especially those who are young and nimble and can climb ladders:  
**Saturday, November 29, 9:00am:** Greening of the Sanctuary (garlands, wreaths, bows and banners)

**Saturday, December 13, 9:00am:** Chrismon Tree (setting up the platform, putting the tree together, and decorating)

**Saturday, January 10, 9:00am:** De-Decking the Halls (taking everything down and putting it away)



# Thank You

Through the Christmas Joy Offering,  
we come together to support past,  
present and future leaders,  
embodying God's perfect gift to us,  
Jesus Christ.

**WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,  
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**



**CHRISTMAS JOY**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
LEADERSHIP, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 21

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## Join the HVPC Book Club

You're invited to help shape our 2026 reading year! Join us for a cozy, come-as-you-are gathering to choose our books for 2026, and enjoy good food and great company.

Date: December 7

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Home of Deborah Bobo  
863 Godber St., James Island, SC



Please come prepared with one book idea for next year's lineup, and bring an appetizer to share as we enjoy an easygoing afternoon of conversation and community.

If you've never participated in Book Club before, this is the perfect time to jump in! We'd love to have you.



This week the Angel Tree will be set up in the narthex. On Sunday you will be able to select a child you would like to get a gift for. Right now we have 27 children!

November 30 - Angel tree will be up and tags are ready to be picked up for the sign up!  
December 10 - Angel Tree gifts are due. Please bring them in to the church office.

# BACKPACK BUDDIES

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

**INDIV. NUT PACKAGES**  
**OATMEAL & GRITS PACKS**  
**CHIPS & PRETZELS**  
**CEREAL CUPS/SM. BOXES**  
**MAC & CHEESE CUPS**  
**JERKY**  
**TRAIL MIX**

**BEEFERONI CUPS**  
**FRUIT & VEGGIE CUPS**  
**BREAKFAST BARS**  
**INDIV. PEANUT BUTTER**  
**GRANOLA BARS**  
**CRACKERS**  
**POPCORN**



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)



## Art Journaling

Join us for our next **Art Journaling** session on **Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall!**

This month, we'll be getting creative with a festive project: **Christmas gift tags made with buttons**. Bring along any buttons you have—colorful, vintage, or mismatched—and enjoy a fun, hands-on activity as we craft unique tags you can use on your gifts this holiday season.

All are welcome. Come enjoy fellowship, creativity, and a joyful start to the Christmas season!

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Please join us for a special evening sure to bring us the spirit of Christmas!

You and your family are invited to join us at Harbor View Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 14th at 5 p.m. for our annual church Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting.



Children from our Early Care & Education Program and Creation Kids Club will join the adult choir for an evening of singing & tree lighting. Afterwards, stay for some (not so) hot chocolate and Santa will be here! Please wear your favorite Christmas sweater or outfit to join in the holiday spirit.

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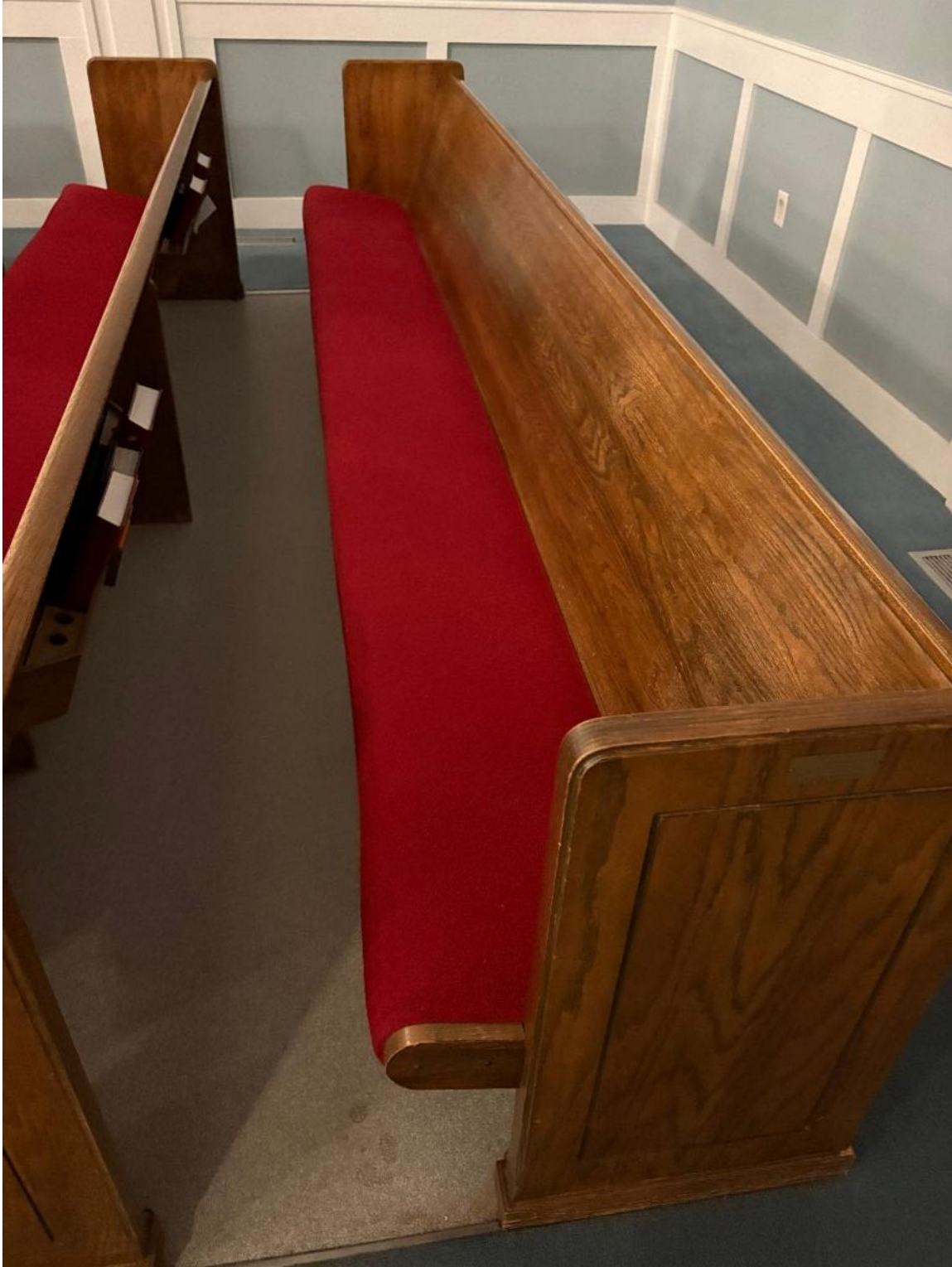


This Advent and Christmas season, HVPC invites the purchase of poinsettias in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones. Each poinsettia is \$15. The names of donors and those memorialized or honored will be displayed on the worship announcements for Sunday, December 21 and on Christmas Eve.

Please return your form to the church office by December 12 at 2 p.m..

You will be able to take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. *Thank you!*

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Would you like to own a piece of Harbor View history? We have three 12' pews that we will be listing for sale next week. You can donate \$200 and take one home if you like. These could be fashioned into a cool breakfast nook or the wood could be used in a project. Contact Deborah Bobo ([deborah@harborviewpc.org](mailto:deborah@harborviewpc.org)) if you would like to purchase one.

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If anyone has a 40" flat screen TV they would like to donate to replace the narthex TV, please contact Margie in the church office.

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If anyone has a wheelchair they would like to donate, please contact Pastor Scott.

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Tuesday, December 2 at 12:00 p.m.  
Azul on Maybank Hwy.  
[Go here to view the menu.](#)

Please let Anne Dantzer know at [anne.hantske@gmail.com](mailto:anne.hantske@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

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Thursday, December 4 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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**Bible Study** with Pastor Scott is on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Beach Room.

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Ann Ronayne 11/27  
Frances Bath 11/27  
Warren Sloane 11/28  
Tristian Linnville 12/1  
Lauren Huffman 12/2  
Hunter Conner 12/3  
Anne Wirth 12/4  
Wyatt Hays 12/4  
Cathie Murdaugh 12/6

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**The Greeters this Sunday morning are:**

Bob McKay, Rossie Webber

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**Coffee Fellowship Helpers in November & December:**

November 30 - Catered lunch  
December 7 - Tracy Conner  
December 14 - Sandra Bessent  
December 21 - Sandra McNay  
December 28 - OPEN

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# Nursery Volunteers



## Nursery Volunteers in November & December:

November 30 - Susan Brown  
December 7 - Lucille Royall  
December 14 - Nancy Parnelle  
December 21 - Rossie Webber  
December 28 - Sandra Bessent



## 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

Gary Gist, Harry Bishop (Susan Brown), Mike Shuler, John & Beverly O'Brien, Martha Blackwelder's sister (Gail Truluck), Jeff Switzer (Gail Truluck), Michael Floyd (Rhodine's son), John (Eric Phillip's father-in-law), Joan Loy, Lois Amos, The Stewart family, Becky Linnville, Shawn Ensley (Devon Gamble), Mitch Tyler (Monica Stevens), Rosemarie DeGroot, Steve Murray, Linda Burrell, Sue & Sarah Matthews, Sandra Russ, Sue Murner (Karen Lassiter), John Thomas, Cindy Dahl & Lynn Rivera (Nelson Springer), George Lavezzi, John & Betty DeVane, Mike & Wilma Deddish, Charles Truluck, The Woods Family.

**Special Events:**

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day  
November 29 - Greening of the Sanctuary at 9 a.m.  
November 30 - Congregational Meeting & Consecration Sunday Brunch  
December 2 - Lunch Bunch at Azul at noon  
December 3 - Bible study in the Beach Room at 6 p.m.  
December 3 - Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
December 4 - Singers Rehearsal at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
December 4 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.  
December 4 - Backpack Buddies packing bags at 5:30 p.m. at JIO  
December 5 - Backpack Buddies deliveries to local schools at 8 a.m.  
December 6 - Art Journaling at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
December 7 - New Members Class at noon in the Fellowship Hall  
December 7 - Book Club meeting at Deborah Bobo's house at 4 p.m.  
December 9 - James Island Outreach Food Pantry Volunteer Team at 9-11:30 a.m.  
December 13 - Chrismon Tree decorating at 9 a.m.  
December 13 - Angel Tree Distribution Party in the Fellowship Hall at noon  
December 14 - Outdoor tree lighting and carols with the ECEP children at 5 p.m.  
December 16 - Presbyterian Women Morning Circle in the Beach Room at 10 a.m.  
December 18 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.  
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m.  
December 25 - Christmas Day  
January 10 - De-Decking the Halls at 9 a.m.  
January 11 - Book Club in the Beach Room at 3:30 p.m.  
January 15 - Backpack Buddies packing bags at 5:30 p.m. at JIO  
January 16 - Backpack Buddies deliveries to local schools at 8 a.m.  
January 24 - Men's steak dinner  
February 12 - Backpack Buddies packing bags at 5:30 p.m. at JIO  
February 13 - Backpack Buddies deliveries to local schools at 8 a.m.  
February 14 - Oyster Roast at Truluck Island  
February 27-March 1 - Women's Retreat at Camp St. Christopher  
March 29 - Palm Sunday brunch  
April 2 - Backpack Buddies packing bags at 5:30 p.m. at JIO  
April 3 - Backpack Buddies deliveries to local schools at 8 a.m.  
May 14 - Backpack Buddies packing bags at 5:30 p.m. at JIO  
May 15 - Backpack Buddies deliveries to local schools at 8 a.m.  
May 30 - Slide into Summer event  
May 31 - 5th Sunday potluck  
August 9 - Flapjacks, Backpacks, & Giving Back  
August 30 - 5th Sunday potluck  
November 7 - Fall Festival  
November 29 - Consecration Sunday Brunch

**Weekly:**

Bible study on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Beach Room *\*skip June, July, August*  
Bells Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. *\*skip May, June, July, Aug*  
Singers Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6 p.m. *\*skip May, June, July, Aug*  
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) *\*skip June, July, August*  
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](#).

See a list of the HVPC Session members and email addresses [here](#).

