

## *Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter*

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Now with Thanksgiving behind us, the race to Christmas has begun. We went tree shopping on Sunday afternoon. We visited...count them...1,2,3,4, FIVE...different places before we found the "perfect" tree. And the prices...Oh My! We're still married.

My calendar has magically filled up with places to go, things to do, presents to buy, and don't forget the fact that Christmas is just three weeks away. As if we didn't already have enough anxiety to deal with...one out of three men shop on Christmas Eve...I'm usually that one.

Advent should be a time for spiritual reflection, acts of kindness, and spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus. Take time to make time and ask God to help you draw near to Him. Find a place without the hustle and bustle to sit in silence and experience the moment in time that we have been gifted. Give thanks for your life...each day...the good and the bad, for God has walked beside you all the way.

Today I sit in front of a totally decorated tree. It's early and quiet, before the busy takes over. I stare at the lights and ornaments that adorn the tree. It's a time of reflection and prayer. I've pretty much forgotten about the tree price and the five tree stands, focusing only on what lies ahead in the next three weeks.

Romans 13:11-12 "Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Scott

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As promised, here is the turkey breast in a Crockpot recipe.

3-5lb. boneless or bone-in turkey breast

1 (14oz) can of cranberry sauce

1 (1oz) packet of onion soup mix

½ cup apple cider

¼ cup orange juice

2-3 sprigs of rosemary

Use a 5-6 quart slow cooker coated with cooking spray. Mix sauce in a bowl. Place turkey in slow cooker on high for 3-4 hours or low for 6-7 hours. Let rest and serve.

Optional gravy can be made by straining the liquid into a saucepan and bringing it to simmer. Add two tablespoons of cornstarch with two tablespoons cold water and mix until smooth. Then whisk this into the simmering juice to create thickened gravy.

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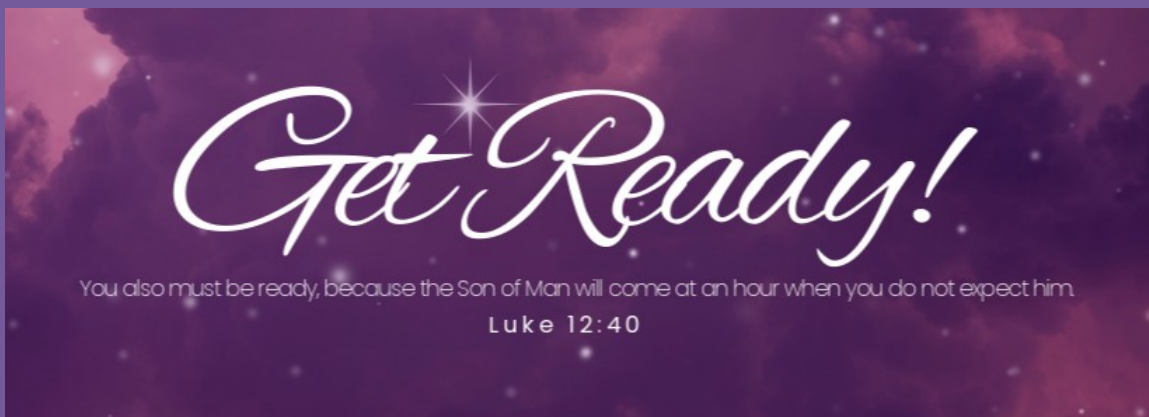


What is the meaning of Advent?

Advent is a four-week period of anticipation, reflection and prayer, to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity. The meaning of the word “Advent,” is the arrival of a person taken from the Latin word Adventus.

*What questions do you have?*

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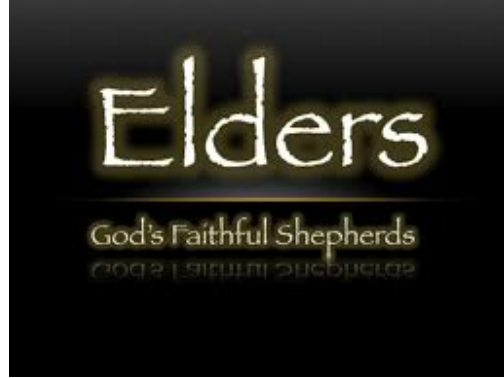
If you have made your financial pledge for 2026, thank you. If you have not made your pledge, you can pledge online through the link below, you can contact the church office or stop by to pick up a pledge card. The Operations Committee has developed a budget, which Session will finalize based on these pledges.

When my partner in this endeavor, Mary Thornley, and I talked about all the things we are getting ready for, we also discussed the nature of stewardship, and how it's not just a season, but a process. Constant care and development of our time, our talents, and our resources is required if we are to do the work of God's church.

Thank you for what you have done, and what you are going to do in the future.

[Pledge online here](#)

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We welcome our new Elders for the class of 2028:

Brian Dantzler

Devon Gamble

Penni Hobbs-Patterson

Mary Thornley



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, 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)

# PREPARE THE WAY

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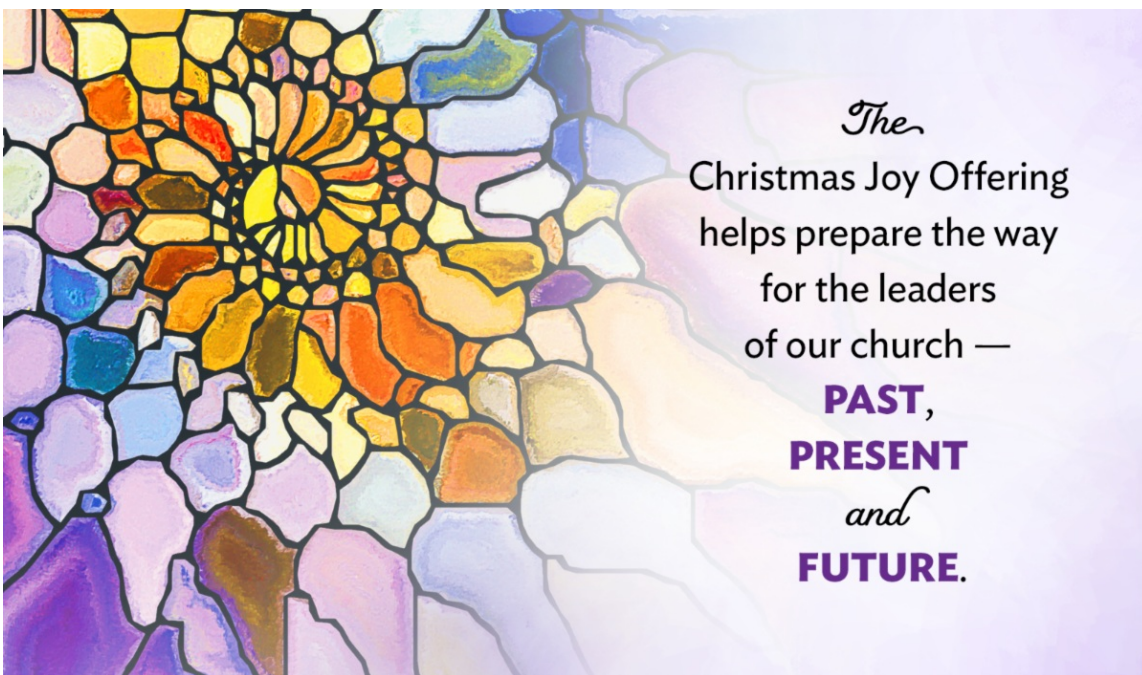
THE PERFECT GIFT.



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

NOVEMBER 30 -  
DECEMBER 21



*The*  
Christmas Joy Offering  
helps prepare the way  
for the leaders  
of our church —  
**PAST,**  
**PRESENT**  
*and*  
**FUTURE.**

Your gift helps smooth the path for current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need. We come together to support past, present, and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.

**50% of your gifts** make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

**50% of your gifts** provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

We celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us. Our gifts restore hope and stability through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.

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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.




We still have 3 tags left. If you missed last Sunday and would like to participate in this ministry, please call the office and let Margie know that you plan to come get a tag from the office.

\*Wrapped gifts are due on **December 10th** --- please put the angel tags on the gifts and place them under the White Angel tree in narthex.

\*the gifts should worth about \$25

\*the distribution party is on **December 13th (Saturday) 12-2pm** in fellowship hall

Thank you all so much!



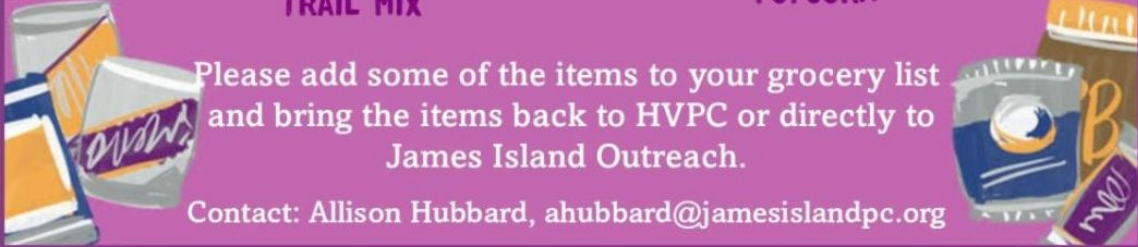
# BACKPACK BUDDIES

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>MAC &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)



***It's not too late!*** Today we will be packing bags at 5:30 p.m. at James Island Outreach. Tomorrow morning we will be delivering to local schools at 8 a.m. Contact Pastor Scott if you would like to help.



### 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!

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.

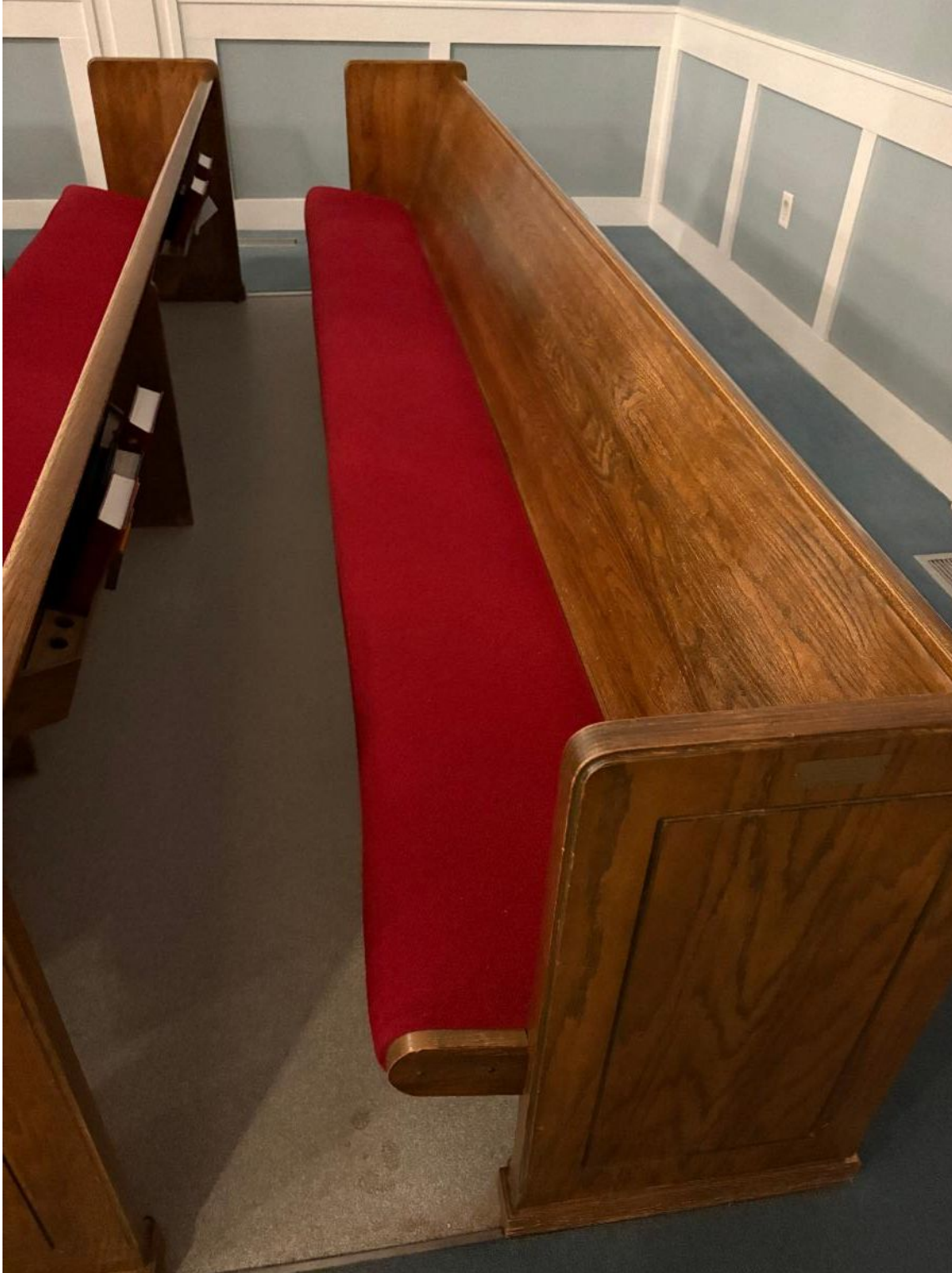


This Advent and Christmas season, HVPC invites the purchase of poinsettias in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones. The names of donors and those memorialized or honored will be displayed on the worship announcements for Sunday, December 21 and on Christmas Eve.

***GREAT NEWS!! We were able to reduce the price to \$6 for each poinsettia.*** Please return your form or call the church office.

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

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*\*\*\* Please pick up your pledge envelopes in the narthex. \*\*\**

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Anne Wirth 12/4  
Wyatt Hays 12/4  
Cathie Murdaugh 12/6  
Beth Hyams 12/8  
George Donnell 12/9  
Yuria Sloane 12/9  
John Thomas 12/12  
B. T. Bouton 12/14

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**The Greeters this Sunday morning are:**

Denny Woods, Chad Atwater, Hugh Donnan

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**Coffee Fellowship Helpers in December:**

December 7 - Tracy Conner  
December 14 - Sandra Bessent  
December 21 - Sandra McNay  
December 28 - OPEN

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**Nursery Volunteers in December:**

December 7 - Lucille Royall  
December 14 - Nancy Parnelle  
December 21 - Rossie Webber  
December 28 - Sandra Bessent

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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

Michele Jones, 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.

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### Special Events:

Today - 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 10 - Bible study in the Beach Room at 6 p.m.  
December 10 - Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
December 11 - Singers Rehearsal at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
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 6 - Lunch Bunch at noon  
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

