

Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

I took a DNA test a couple years ago and discovered a part of Ireland where my ancestors once lived. I did not know this fact previously and now I would like to know more. I'd like to retrace their steps and discover how it was that they came to America. Interestingly, the percentage of the population that moves each year is down from twenty percent in 1948 to eight percent in 2024, while about seventy-five percent of people have never moved from their hometown.

Studying "The Story" has brought to light many stories in the Bible, some I was not aware of. It has made me realize the repeated rise and fall of the Israelites. What's also amazing is how much they moved around. It's given me pause to think about, "What does God call us to be and how do we discern a calling? How do we know God is leading us to this decision?"

The first idea would be to study God's word. This is how God communicates with us and reveals His commands and gives a foundation for discernment. Does the potential calling align with Biblical principles?

Secondly, to spend time in prayer and meditation. Spend some quiet time away from distraction praying and listening to His reply. Be open to God changing your plan.

Thirdly, seek wise counsel. Much can be learned through discussion with other mature believers and mentors. Discernment is a process that requires faith and patience and is not a single event.

It's estimated that we make roughly 35,000 decisions every day. Some don't require much thought, but some are life changing events. God is with us all the time and we can rely on His help with both the complex ones and simple ones. Our loving Heavenly Father loves us and only wants the best for His children.

Somewhere out there in the wild blue yonder is pastor looking for a church. He or she, has special gifts and talents necessary to lead people, preach The Word, bring innovative ideas, and answer a call from God.

Please take time this week to pray for the PNC as they continue their work with interviews. It takes a lot of coordination, time, and patience on their part to make this process work.

Also continue to pray for the person who God will call to be our new pastor. I'm sure they are seeking God's will and trust to answer this call to a "Small but mighty" Harbor View Presbyterian Church.

Peace,

Pastor Scott

Women's Retreat

Our HVPC weekend women's retreat will be Friday February 27, 28, and March 1st 2026 at Camp St. Christopher on Seabrook Island. We are doing a book study by Max Lucado called *Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit*.

Please let Tracy know if you would like to present a chapter. We would like someone different to present each chapter. Also please let Tracy know if you have a roommate preference or if you would like a room to yourself. The cost is \$220 for a room with a roommate and \$300 for a room to yourself. Please let me know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. We need a final headcount by Saturday, February 6th. Scholarships are available.



2026 ANNUAL HVPC OYSTER ROAST

Saturday, February 14, at 6pm on Truluck Island

This Valentine's Day, skip the roses and the chocolate and let's get a little salty! Join us for our annual HVPC Oyster Roast fundraiser on Truluck Island on February 14th at 6pm. This year, not only will we be serving up freshly roasted oysters and all the other goodies, but we will be celebrating with fun door prizes, and games for all ages!

And to make this event even sweeter, the oyster roast ticket prices will remain the same as they have been for the previous three years!

\$35 for Oyster Eaters and \$25 for Non-Oyster Eaters, Children under 5 are free.

Tickets will be on sale this Sunday, January 25th, after the worship service and will also be available during the week in the church office and on our website. The last day to purchase tickets will be Monday, February 9th.

So, On Valentine's Day, bring your sweetheart, your family, your besties, or just your appetite, because nothing says love like great food, great fellowship, and a little friendly fun! Please bring a dessert to share.

This annual event is a fundraiser that helps support other events and needs in our church throughout the year. If you have questions or would like to help with this year's event, please contact Anne Wirth at annewirth11@gmail.com.



This Sunday we are having a congregational meeting after the service to approve the 2026 budget.



2025 Contribution Statements are in the narthex for you to pick up on Sunday. Contact the church office if you would like your statement mailed to you.



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

We would like to thank everyone that helped with Gary Gist's service on Monday. Thank you for making and bringing food, setting up, cleaning up, and giving your time and care to make his funeral welcoming and special for so many to be able to celebrate his life with us.



Robert Parnelle 1/24
Charlene Aldrich 1/28
Cherie Loewen 1/29
Teresa Ward 1/30
Kathy Chessman 1/30



The Greeters this Sunday morning are:

Becky Linnville, Anna Linnville



Coffee Fellowship Helpers:

January 25 - Frances Bath



Nursery Volunteers:

January 25 - Sandra Bessent
February 1 - Anne Dantzer



Flowers for the Sanctuary

We encourage everyone to bring your own fresh flowers or silk arrangement. Please use this link to sign up online [here](#).

Prayer List

The Gist family, Mr. George, Darryl Eatmon, Anna Marchant Eller (Sandra Sumner), Harry Bishop, The Benton Family, Michele Jones, Harry Bishop (Susan Brown), Mike Shuler, John & Beverly O'Brien, 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:

January 25 - Congregational Meeting after worship to approve the budget
January 28 - Bible study in the Beach Room at 6 p.m.
January 28 - Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
January 29 - Singers Rehearsal at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary
February 1 - Elder installation
February 3 - Lunch Bunch at noon
February 5 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.
February 7 - Art Journaling in the FH at 10 a.m.
February 8 - Scout Sunday
February 10 - James Island Outreach Food Pantry Volunteer Team at 9-11:30 a.m.
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 15 - Book Club in the Beach Room at 3:30 p.m.
February 17 - PW Morning Circle in the Beach Room at 10 a.m.
February 18 - Ash Wednesday
February 19 - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m.
February 25 - HVPC Lenten worship service at noon (Wednesday)
February 27-March 1 - Women's Retreat at Camp St. Christopher
February 28 - Men's steak dinner
March 4 - James Island PC Lenten worship service at noon (Wednesday)
March 11 - St. James PC Lenten worship service at noon (Wednesday)

March 18 - HVPC Lenten worship service at noon (Wednesday)
March 25 - James Island PC Lenten worship service at noon (Wednesday)
March 29 - Palm Sunday brunch
April 1 - St. James PC Lenten worship service at noon (Wednesday)
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.
April 3 - Good Friday
April 5 - Easter
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)



You may give online [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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