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## Practicing Gratitude

I delivered my farewell sermon on November 19th. Everyone told me that they were surprised how well I held it together. I surprised myself, actually; but after preaching it via Facetime with my parents in NY, to both of my children, to my husband and then @10 times to my dogs, I felt like I could make it through without a breakdown. Don't we all have moments like that throughout our lives? Moments where we go over and over things so that we do them "decently and in order," as we say in the good 'ole PC(USA)?

The book "Practicing Our Faith," edited by Dorothy Bass, contains a series of 12 Christian practices where we actively respond to God's presence within our own lives and our own specific context. My context is changing right now and so is the way I practice my faith. Gratitude is the quality of being thankful, therefore practicing gratitude is readily showing appreciation for something. Currently, I feel a profound sense of gratitude, which is strengthened by a sense of value, both originating from my long-term relationships with the people at Harvey Browne.

It would be crass for me to just say, "Goodbye and thanks for the memories," so there are a few experiences of personal gratitude that I would like to share with you. One heartfelt memory is when I was playing my saxophone at Cedar Ridge. I was alone at Vesper Dell preparing for a Do-In closing worship service when a mama deer and her two fauns came close and watched me as I played. I know they heard the music but I remember wondering if they were actually there

to listen to me. I was in awe and an overwhelming sense of peace filled me. I knew that God was truly in that place and I was grateful.

I recall a moment when I stood smack dab in the center of a huge tent we had rented for VBS. It was a Bible Times Marketplace filled with 230 campers and more than 50 volunteers who were leading activities such as woodworking, brick making and weaving. I spun around and around, lifting my face in joyous reverence. I knew in that moment that I was where God wanted me to be, serving as your Coordinator of Children's Ministry and I will be forever grateful for that experience.

I remember laughing, with both children and adults, as I became a popular victim in the dunking booth; but then, just a few days later, I remember holding Betty Brown's hand in the hospital and whispering to her that it was okay to let go and be with God. Serving as your pastor, I encountered both ends of the emotional spectrum time and time again. But I am even grateful for loss and sadness, which have strengthened many of my personal relationships with members of **HBPres** and with God.

I have felt your support and love for 10 years in Children's Ministry and 7½ years as your Associate Pastor. You have embraced me and allowed me to be myself (hair and nail color included). As I continue to practice my faith through a different call to service, I will hang onto the practice of gratitude that emanates from you and from this place, which will always be near and dear to my heart.

*Kim*

# Merry Christmas!

# Sunday Worship

**Chapel 8:30 a.m.**  
**Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.**

## December 3

Isaiah 64: 1-9;  
Mark 13:24-30  
"Moving Day"  
*John Roper*

## December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Mark 1:1-8  
"God's Odd Draft Selection"  
*John Roper*

## December 17

Psalm 126  
John 1:6-8, 19-28  
"Waiting"  
*John Roper*

## December 24

Combined service at 11:00 am  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Luke 1:26-38  
Music & Carols

## Christmas Eve Service

11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Luke 2:1-20  
"Christmas Surprise"  
*John Roper*

## December 31

(Combined service @ 11:00)



## Usher 8:30 a.m. Ushers & Greeters



### December 3:

Eric (Head Usher)  
Susan Lehmann  
Frank & Susan Anderson

### December 10:

Eric (Head Usher)  
Susan Lehmann  
Bob & Barb Graas

### December 17:

Bob Smith (Head Usher)  
Doug Mann  
Jerry & Martha Scott

**On December 24 & 31,  
there is only one 11:00 a.m.  
Service in the Sanctuary.**

## Ushers & Greeters 11:00 a.m.

### December 3 & 10

**Head Usher:** Jeanne Luhr  
Linda LaFrance  
Skip Light  
Bruce & Margaret Lindsey  
Tim McCallister  
True Newlon  
Tom & Diane Osborn  
**Greeters:** Bruce & Margaret Lindsey

### December 17 & 24

**Head Usher:** Lynn Overstreet  
Karen Overpeck  
Kevin Pernicano  
Al & Nancy Pollock  
Brian Pollock  
Dee Pregliasco  
Louise Pumpelly  
Theresa Reker  
**Greeters:** Al & Nancy Pollock

### December 31

(Combined service @ 11:00 a.m.)  
**Head Usher:** Jim Rissler  
Allison Allison  
Janie Roper  
Zenet Schissler  
Jeff & Betsy Barrick  
Georgia Barrick  
Priscilla Becker  
Fred Bennett  
**Greeters:** Jeff & Betsy Barrick



## Lay Readers

### December 3

8:30: Bob Smith  
11:00: Cynthia Hilyerd

### December 10

8:30: Doug Mann  
11:00: Jennifer Hoert

### December 17

8:30: Pam Glaze  
11:00: Gary Luhr

### December 24

**Combined 11:00 a.m. in the  
Sanctuary:** Kim Harrod

### Christmas Eve Worship

11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary: TBD

### December 31

(Combined service @ 11:00)  
11:00: TBD



## Acolytes

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

**December 3:** Aaron Krausen  
**December 10:** Tess Barrick  
**December 17:** Will Stewart  
**December 24:** Tess Barrick  
**December 31:** Emery Holm



## Coffee Cove

For the month of December  
if no one is there, the coffee  
cove will be self serve.

## Cabbage Patch

Thank you to all who have participated with the Cabbage Patch Christmas so far. A lot has been accomplished, but here are the things you can help with between now and when we finish the project on Sunday, December 17 with delivery to our 20 families.

**Wrapping Burlington Gifts** – Located in Room 209 (behind Eline Hall) on Wednesdays and Sundays. Check with Laura Krausen.

**Grocery Cart** – Our grocery cart is accepting these items through Friday, December 15. Especially needed are products not covered by food stamps such as paper goods, soap products for kitchen, laundry and bathroom. Questions, ask Wilma and Fred Bennett.

**Christmas Tree Gift Tags** - Choose a gift tag with a child's name and interests. Buy a gift for that child, and then bring it back to the church wrapped with the tag attached to the package no later than Sunday, December 10. Look for Anne Hughes.

**Grocery Sorting** – On Friday evening, December 15 at 6:00 p.m., groceries and donations will be sorted in Emory Hall (gym) for our 20 families. This is a fun evening with the Mariners organizing all of us who can come to help. Wrapped gifts will be taken from Room 209 to the gym. Everyone is welcome to help.

**Delivery Day** – Sign up with Bob Smith to deliver food baskets on Sunday, December 17 after the 11:00 worship service. Those who have signed up to help will come to Emory Hall (gym). Baskets will be delivered directly to the families' homes, wishing them a very Merry Christmas and God's blessings. This is a meaningful family project. You will need a vehicle and will get instructions and directions when you get to the gym.

**Make a donation of money for the project to help cover the cost of Burlington gifts and groceries.**

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES AS YOU  
SHOP, WRAP, SORT AND DELIVER!**

# Children & Youth Ministry

## HB Tweens *(2nd—5th Grade)*



**Christmas Activities and Foods - Sunday, December 10, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
The Tweens are invited to enjoy some Christmas games after the lunch honoring Kim Cabrera. Please bring a **wrapped** “white elephant” gift to exchange in a game.

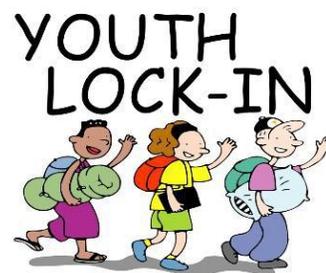
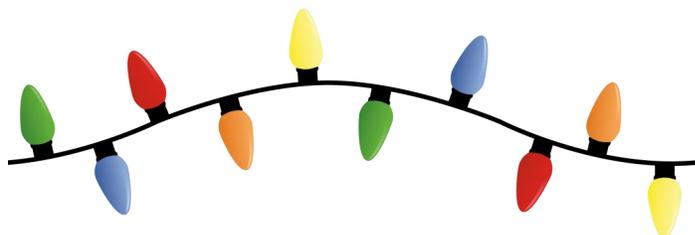
## HB Youth *(Middle School and High School)*

### **Pizza and Games at Uspiritus - Sunday, December 3**

The Middle School and High School youth will be hosting an event for the youth from the Uspiritus Bellewood Campus to enjoy pizza and lead games for the residents there. We will leave **HBPres** at 4:30 p.m. and return by 7:00 p.m.

### **Lock-In - Wednesday, December 20, to Thursday, December 21**

The Middle School and High School youth are invited for a holiday lock-in at **HBPres**. We will gather at 7:00 p.m. and be ready to go home the next morning at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$20 to help with the expense of the food and activities. Bring a white elephant gift for a game. Be sure the wrap the gift. I need adult help for this event.



## HB Kids *(Infants through 5th Grade)*

### **Movie Night! - Saturday, January 20, 5:00 PM**

Put on your jammies and grab your sleeping bags, beanbag chairs, camp chairs or blankets and get comfy as we watch a family friendly movie on the big inflatable movie screen. Pizza and dessert will be provided by **HBKids**. Please RSVP to Terry Hargrave for a head count for dinner [terryhargrave@hbpres.net](mailto:terryhargrave@hbpres.net).



## Adult Sunday School - HBPres University

December 3, 10, 17 & 24  
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

### The Christmas Story in Matthew and Luke (Session Room)

The story of Jesus' birth is among the most treasured of Bible passages. Join us as we look in depth at these texts that are filled with marvelous characters: angels, shepherds, wise men, and at the center, the babe in the manger. We'll sing some of the songs of the season as well. Led by Bill Williamson.

### Mariners Class: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns for Adults (Room 216)

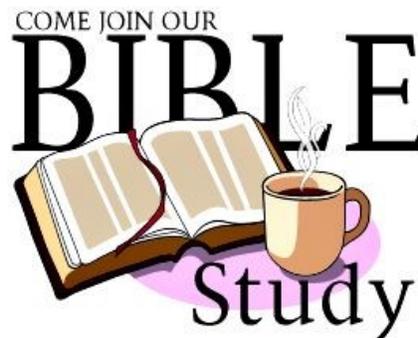
Discover the meaning of the season with "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns." Written by Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle and Beverly Howard, this four-session adult study takes a look at the meaning of four popular Advent and Christmas hymns. Featured hymns include "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus;" "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence;" "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel;" and "In the Bleak Midwinter." This study will encourage adults to discuss the importance of the hymns, explore the meaning of the featured text, and learn more about the hymn writers. Led by Jeanne Luhr. (Note: Mariners Class will not meet on December 17 but will help sort and package perishable items for the Cabbage Patch food baskets.)

## LOOKING AHEAD TO WINTER January 7-February 11, 2018 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

### Presbyterian Worship 101: studying newly revised Directory for Worship (Session Room)

Bill Williamson, Paul Huh and Tim Cargal will be leading a class on the Directory for Worship in the Book of Order.

### Mariners Class: "Jonah & Tobit: Biblical Fairytales?" (Room 216)



# Upcoming Events

## Important Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, December 3:** Fall Hospitality Night.
- **Sunday, December 3:** Called Congregational Meeting after 11:00 Worship.
- **Sunday, December 3:** Last Day to order Poinsettias.
- **Friday, December 8:** Louisville Youth Choir
- **Saturday, December 9:** Presbyterian Women's Christmas Coffee for the congregation.
- **Sunday, December 10:** Farewell luncheon for Rev. Kimberly Cabrera. Call office to R.S.V.P.
- **Sunday, December 10:** Brass Band of Louisville.
- **Friday, December 15:** Cabbage Patch groceries and donations sorted in gym.
- **Sunday, December 17:** Cabbage Patch delivery day.
- **Sunday, December 17:** Louisville Winds performance.
- **Friday, December 20:** *HBYouth* Lock-In
- **Friday, December 22:** Office closes at 12:30 p.m. for the Christmas Holiday.
- **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24:** One service at 11:00 a.m. and one Christmas Eve service at 11:00 p.m. No nursery or child care provided for late service.
- **Christmas Day, Monday, December 25:** Building Closed.
- **Tuesday, December 26:** Building Closed for the Christmas Holiday.
- **Wednesday, December 27:** No Wednesday Night Dinner.
- **Sunday, December 31:** One combined service at 11:00 a.m.
- **New Year's Day, Monday, January 1:** Building Closed.



## Twenty-Two Miracles Part 3 – Coming to America

The story of Ann Dorzback's journey from Nazi Germany to America will continue on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel as she recounts how she and her family escaped the Holocaust.

Ann has experienced a lot in her 96 years. She has resided in Louisville for 50 years, but her formative years were spent in Ulm, Germany. To avoid persecution from the Nazis, she and her family, who are of Jewish heritage, left their homeland in 1939 and eventually came to the United States after spending time in London.

In this third part of her remarkable story, which she calls *Twenty-two Miracles*, she will describe the experience of seeing the Statue of Liberty for the first time, living as an immigrant in New York City, and how she met the challenges she faced with faith, hope and perseverance. Come and hear more of what she has to tell us.

*Jane Doehnert*

## Upcoming Events (Continued)

### Harvey, Irma, Dave and PDA

Would you like to know more about the mission of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)? National Response Team volunteer and **HBPres** member Dave Doehnert will provide information about PDA's mission in the wake of a disaster. He will also share photos and stories from his work with survivors in Houston, the Florida Keys, and Gatlinburg. Come and see his presentation on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Eline Hall.

PDA's website, [www.pda.pcusa.org](http://www.pda.pcusa.org), provides information about its current national and international disaster response and the ongoing work of its mission, *Out of Chaos, Hope*. Check out this site to see stories of hope, the prayers, and volunteer opportunities connected with PDA.

### God's Green Thumbs

*One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.*

— Dorothy Frances Gurney

Our long-awaited Centennial Garden is finally here. For us and for future generations, it will be a place of beauty and serenity where we can experience the seasons of life.

Thanks to the following volunteers who planted and mulched the garden: Fred Bennett, Ben Blake, Dick Blayney, Jane and Dave Doehnert, Cynthia Frentz, Pam Glaze, Skip Light, Jim Lewis, Jeanne and Gary Luhr, Tim Miller, Bob Pumpelly, Mark Wood and Brad Zuber.

Special thanks to Rick Williams and Peggy Campbell, who selected the plants and supervised the planting; to Edith Light, who had the original idea for a memorial garden at **HBPres**, and to the committee that got the ball rolling: Edith, Peggy, Rick, Margaret Lindsey and Kelly Burke.



### Is Your Pledge Up to Date?

Time to take a look at your financial pledge to HBPres and make sure your giving is up to date. Every year we fall behind in summer when worship attendance is down. The good news is, we aren't as far behind as we sometimes are at this time of year. Still, we need your help to bring our bank balance up to date so we can pay our bills, pay our staff and pay our outreach obligations.

Please review your giving for the year and help us get where we need to be. Thanks.

# Upcoming Concerts

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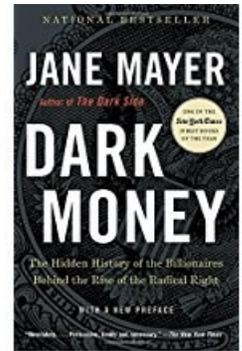


- ***Louisville Orchestra – Messiah*** - Friday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. (Tickets are required). Conductor: Kent Hatteberg. Cost is \$35.00. You may purchase tickets online at: <https://louisvilleorchestra.org/concert/holiday-messiah-3/>.
- ***Louisville Youth Choir*** - Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. (Tickets are required). You may purchase tickets online at: [do502.com/venues/louisville-youth-choir](http://do502.com/venues/louisville-youth-choir).
- ***Brass Band of Louisville*** - Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- ***Louisville Winds*** - Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- ***Brass Band of Louisville with the Salvation Army Choir*** - Friday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- ***Louisville Philharmonia*** – Winter Concert, Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Program TBA.
- ***Louisville Master Chorale Performing Opera Favoriti*** - Louisville Master Chorale will perform on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with a pre-concert program at 2:15 p.m. in the Foyer. (Tickets required). Cost \$20. You don't have to be an opera lover to know and love some of the well-known opera choruses and arias. We will collaborate with Kentucky Opera's Barbara and Halsey Sanford Studio Artists to present a selection of favorites from composers such as Verdi, Mozart and Wagner, from operas such as *Nabucco*, *The Magic Flute* and *Il Trovatore*. This family-friendly concert will present our chorus and orchestra augmented by Kentucky's Studio Artists. The program should appeal both to seasoned concertgoers and to those hearing their first live performance. We hope you'll bring someone you'd like to introduce to the glories of this tradition and go home humming your favorites.

## Men's Book Forum

The Harvey Browne Men's Book Forum will be meeting on Wednesday, January 3 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 206. We will be reviewing the book, *Dark Money*, by Jane Mayer, recommended by Don Chasteen. Hope to see you there.

*Gary Faltin*

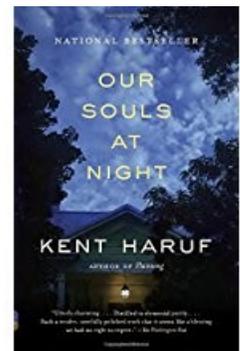


## Ladies Book Talk

Ladies Book Talk will meet on Tuesday, December 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Barret Room. We will be discussing *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. This brief book published in 2013 was the author's final novel before his death in 2014. It is a touching story of a lonely widow and a widower in a small town.

We are a registered book club with Carmichael's, so if you purchase your book there and mention Book Talk at **HBP**res, you will receive a 20% discount. Visitors are always welcome. Bring your lunch.

*Sarah Grant*



## Bookanalia

There will be no Bookanalia for the month of December.  
Happy Holidays.

*Sarah Grant*



## Saturday Men's Group Meets January 20

The Saturday Men's Group enjoys breakfast goodies, good conversation, and Bible study from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month (**except December**). Bill Williamson leads a Bible study on the passage that will be the basis of the Sunday sermon for the following day. The group meets in Room 206 at the church. You're welcome to join us. Call Bill for more information.

## Wellness Brief



Hildegard House  
*dignity has a home*

### *Hildegard House – Dignity Has a Home*

Hildegard House is Louisville's first and only comfort care home. It provides a loving home, quality end-of-life care and hospice services for people in need. Comfort care homes are not licensed facilities, they are just homes. Volunteers provide the care as a family would. There is a small staff of nurses and certified nurse assistants, but the majority of care and presence is provided by trained volunteers. At Hildegard House, these volunteers are called compassionate companions.

Hildegard House was the former Ursuline convent at St. Joseph parish. It provides care free of charge as a charitable organization with a mission of compassion and hospitality. It is a 501c(3) charity and is funded entirely by donations. They do not bill Medicare, private insurance or individuals.

Hildegard House believes that no one should have to die alone or lonely, that every person deserves dignity at the time of death, that care at the end of life should be extended to individuals who have no loved ones and no home. Wellness Committee member Diane DeLong, RN, is a weekly volunteer nurse at Hildegard House.

*Nanci Chasteen*  
Wellness Committee

## Deacons' Corner

Deacons, remember your flock during the holiday season. This is a joyous time for most people, but for those who are alone or in crisis it can be very sad and lonely. Sometimes a note, card or phone call means a great deal to people. Please contact your flock at least four times per year.

Special thanks and best wishes to the Rev. Kimberly Cabrera as she departs. Kim has done a great job as the deacon staff person. Take time to wish her well and thank her for all she has done.

Are you aware that, contrary to common assumption, St. Francis of Assisi was not a priest, but a deacon?

Enjoy the Christmas season.

*Lyndall Overstreet*  
The Board of Deacons



# Ministries of Caring

## Grocery Cart

Grocery Cart donations for December will be added to the Cabbage Patch Christmas baskets. Please leave all donations in the cart by Friday, December 15. Items needed are those items that cannot be purchased with food stamps, such as:

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissues
- Cleaning Supplies
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Laundry Detergent
- Bar Soap



For questions/concerns, contact Wilma Bennett (459-7705).

## Forgotten Louisville Project

With the onset of winter weather the needs for Forgotten Louisville have changed. The following items are now very much in demand: heavy socks, hats, gloves, scarves, sleeping bags (gently used is fine), blankets (gently used is fine), sweatshirts/hoodies and thermal underwear. Leave any donations on the marked shelves in the Drop Closet. Our next drop-off will be December 12. Questions? Contact Scott Doelling.

## Blood Drive

The next blood drive at **HBPres** will be Wednesday, March 14. However, I am having a blood drive on Saturday, December 23 at Wal-Mart-St. Mathews from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for Harvey Browne members, the neighbors of St. Mathews and employees at Wal-Mart who love to donate during this time of year. I encourage everyone who is in town to come donate and help save up to three lives for the holidays.

*Bill Bliven*  
American Red Cross  
Donor Recruitment



## Leftover Christmas Cards?

Let's flood our mission co-workers with Christmas blessings. **HBPres** currently supports five mission families in Africa. Find their names on the prayer list and write a short Christmas card to each family. Leave cards at the Foyer Welcome Center in the Christmas "mailbox." No postage necessary. The deadline is Sunday, December 3. Thanks for your prayers and support of our mission co-workers.

# Congregational Updates

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## Welcome Our New Members

Dave and Jane Curneal come to us from Elizabethtown, KY, moving here to be close to their daughter, Kathy Gardner, who has already joined **HBPres**. They are residents of the Forum where their former minister, Walt Sutton, lives. Jane enjoys bridge, reading and their family. Dave is a sports fan. They both think we have a friendly church.

## Thank You, Touched Twice Health Clinic Volunteers

On Saturday, October 21, 15 **HBPres** members volunteered to help staff this clinic, which has been held at St. Matthews Methodist Church (SMMC) for seven consecutive years. During this four-hour clinic, many grateful people were helped in different areas, including medical, dental, hearing and vision tests; clothing closet; food pantry and hot lunch. **HBPres** members responded to the needs with twenty-eight sacks of groceries for the food pantry and winter clothing for the clothes closet.

Special thanks to Fred and Wilma Bennett, who not only transported all the food and clothing collected at **HBPres** to SMMC but also volunteered at the clinic.

Thanks to all who assisted with this valuable ministry for our community.

*Mary Alice Grover*

**HBPres** Representative

Touched Twice Health Clinic

## Thank You

My daughter, Kim, and I are so grateful for the love and support that Harvey Browne, especially John Roper, provided for Al and us during the last 13 days of Al's life. Each day was a new adventure. John and **HBPres** members were very visible during that time. Thanks to all members and staff for helping to make Al's celebration of life service and reception a memorable occasion. Your cards, phone calls and visits meant so much!

Love,

*Mary Hall*

## Thanks

Janet and I want to thank everyone for your concerns during my recent illness and surgery. Your prayers meant a lot and continue to mean a lot to us. The many cards, visits, and words of encouragement have given us hope for a full recovery. We appreciate the visits from John, Bill and Kim. They are truly God's servants to this congregation. Your many expressions of caring do not go unappreciated! During this time, our love and appreciation for **HBPres** has become ever stronger.

With Christ's love,

*Dale Redford*

# Missions-Outreach

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## Exciting News From Uspiritus

For over 160 years Uspiritus has worked hard at giving children the help they need to heal the emotional wounds of the trauma they have endured. Though we have been through changes over the years, we have never waivered from our central focus of providing hope and healing to children.

As a supporter of Uspiritus, you have played a valuable role in that mission and I wanted to personally write to tell you of an opportunity that has recently presented itself, which will allow us to not only continue that mission, but to build on it and provide even better care for children.

Uspiritus and Centerstone Kentucky (formerly Seven Counties Services) have recently signed a letter of intent to merge our two agencies. If finalized, this merger will create one of the most comprehensive child welfare agencies in the state of Kentucky and give children a true continuum of care that currently does not exist in the foster care system.

By combining each organization's individual strengths, we will create shorter stays in residential care and get children back to more stable home settings, all while continuing to serve their needs. Research has shown that this is best for children, and we know that by bringing Uspiritus and Centerstone together, we can eliminate much of the disruption of services, confusion and discord that currently exists during such transitions. This is a much-needed solution to a problem that has long plagued the foster care system and kept many children from being successful.

I want to assure you that nothing will change with regard to the work Uspiritus is currently doing, and preserving the strong foundation we have created with at-risk children is of the utmost priority to us.

Whether you volunteer, make birthdays special for our children, donate funds or participate in another way, I thank you for your years of support and hope that you will continue to walk this journey with us.

As always, my door is open and I would be happy to speak with you to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Abbreial Drane  
President/CEO



## Presbyterian Women's Christmas Coffee

This year's Christmas Coffee will be Saturday, December 9 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the **HBPres** Foyer. We will gather for some light breakfast foods and coffee from at 10:00 a.m. Our musical program will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Some home-grown **HBPres** talent will be performing for us. Laura and Hayden Krausen will offer a mother-son violin duet and Tess Barrick will play a piano solo. Then we will welcome David Barrickson, a well-known local pianist, who will present old and new Christmas music and end with a rousing sing-along.

We hope you can join us for this festive and uplifting event. Everyone in the church is invited and encouraged to attend.

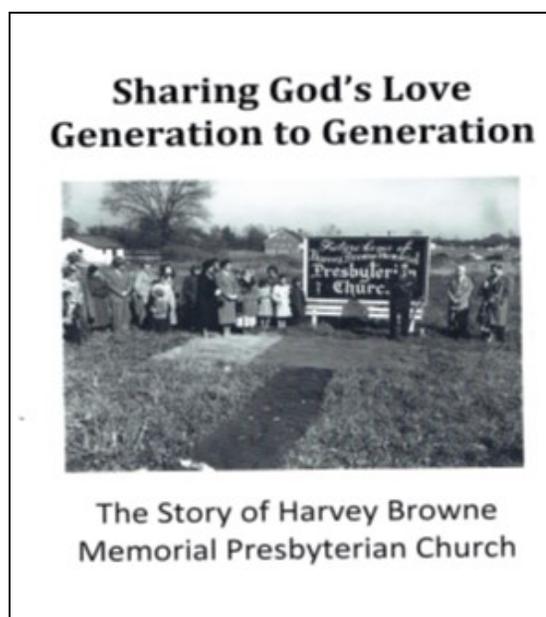
Linda LaFrance

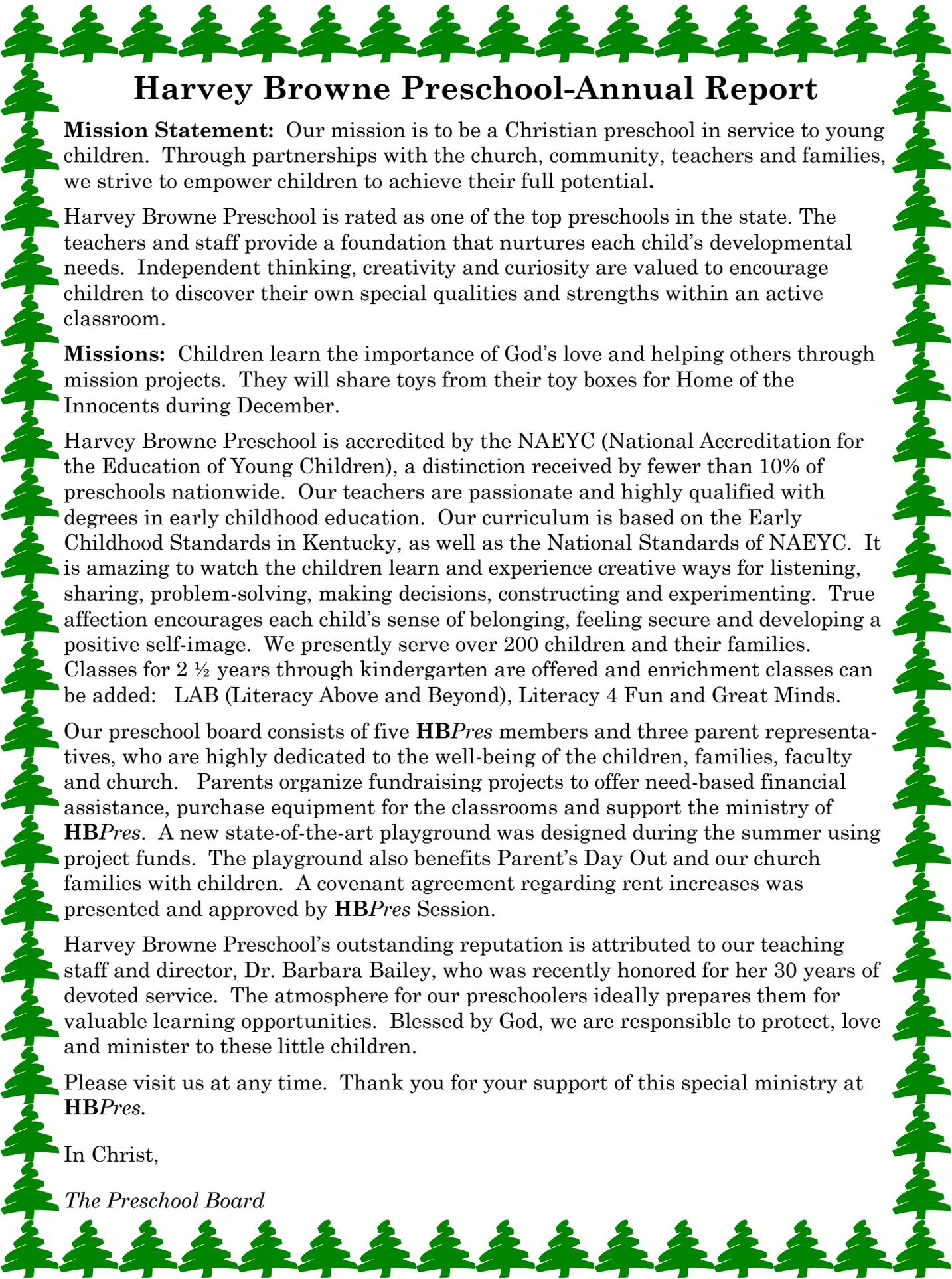


## Centennial History Makes a Good Christmas Gift

*Sharing God's Love Generation to Generation: The Story of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church* would make a good stocking-stuffer for that person on your Christmas list who has fond memories of **HBPres**.

Copies are available for \$5.00 in the church office. Proceeds go to our centennial fund.





# Harvey Browne Preschool-Annual Report

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to be a Christian preschool in service to young children. Through partnerships with the church, community, teachers and families, we strive to empower children to achieve their full potential.

Harvey Browne Preschool is rated as one of the top preschools in the state. The teachers and staff provide a foundation that nurtures each child's developmental needs. Independent thinking, creativity and curiosity are valued to encourage children to discover their own special qualities and strengths within an active classroom.

**Missions:** Children learn the importance of God's love and helping others through mission projects. They will share toys from their toy boxes for Home of the Innocents during December.

Harvey Browne Preschool is accredited by the NAEYC (National Accreditation for the Education of Young Children), a distinction received by fewer than 10% of preschools nationwide. Our teachers are passionate and highly qualified with degrees in early childhood education. Our curriculum is based on the Early Childhood Standards in Kentucky, as well as the National Standards of NAEYC. It is amazing to watch the children learn and experience creative ways for listening, sharing, problem-solving, making decisions, constructing and experimenting. True affection encourages each child's sense of belonging, feeling secure and developing a positive self-image. We presently serve over 200 children and their families. Classes for 2 ½ years through kindergarten are offered and enrichment classes can be added: LAB (Literacy Above and Beyond), Literacy 4 Fun and Great Minds.

Our preschool board consists of five **HBPres** members and three parent representatives, who are highly dedicated to the well-being of the children, families, faculty and church. Parents organize fundraising projects to offer need-based financial assistance, purchase equipment for the classrooms and support the ministry of **HBPres**. A new state-of-the-art playground was designed during the summer using project funds. The playground also benefits Parent's Day Out and our church families with children. A covenant agreement regarding rent increases was presented and approved by **HBPres** Session.

Harvey Browne Preschool's outstanding reputation is attributed to our teaching staff and director, Dr. Barbara Bailey, who was recently honored for her 30 years of devoted service. The atmosphere for our preschoolers ideally prepares them for valuable learning opportunities. Blessed by God, we are responsible to protect, love and minister to these little children.

Please visit us at any time. Thank you for your support of this special ministry at **HBPres**.

In Christ,

*The Preschool Board*

## Preschool News

*Did you know the Preschool has an early bird program and an extended day program?*

One of the joys of being at the preschool is the enthusiasm that the children have for so many different activities. There is always something to celebrate. Some of our classes recently had Thanksgiving “feasts” with the children bringing in their favorite food to share. Parents were serenaded with Thanksgiving songs and fun was had by all.

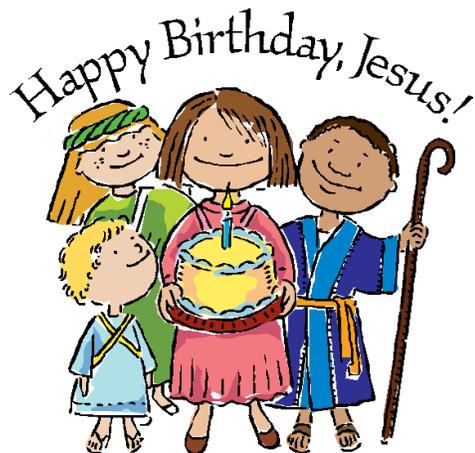
December kicks off a month of festivities as Santa comes to visit on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Always a favorite, the children love to sit on Santa’s lap and share their Christmas wishes. Special time is also spent with the classes sharing the Christmas story.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate with birthday parties for Jesus. In recognition of Jesus’ message of giving and love our mission project for the month is a toy drive for the Home of the Innocents. We are collecting new toys or previously loved toys in great condition. If you would like to contribute please let us know. It’s a wonderful project that brings such joy to little ones.

As incredible as it seems, another year has flown by and we are once again approaching registration time. If you have preschoolers’ ages two-and-a-half through kindergarten, registration for the Harvey Browne Preschool 2018-2019 school year is starting soon. Harvey Browne church members receive the highest priority in the registration process and can begin registering now. If you would like to arrange a tour or have any questions, please contact Barbara Bailey or Anne Hughes at 502-895-2577. Registration information can also be downloaded from our website at [ww.harveybrownepreschool.org](http://ww.harveybrownepreschool.org). We look forward to talking with you!

In Christ,

*The Preschool Board*



# Worship Committee

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## Accomplishing Our Church's Mission through Worship

*As a worshipping community, Harvey Browne is a congregation that honors the past as we seek new ways to grow in faith, share our beliefs and put our faith into practice, that by doing so we will glorify God and show our love for one another.*

In worship we seek to:

### **Honor the past**

- Every time we come together to celebrate communion we honor those saints who have gone before us.
- When we say a creed during worship, we honor the traditions of our faith.

### **Grow in faith**

- When we celebrate the sacrament of baptism we welcome someone new into our community of faith.

### **Share our beliefs**

- In worship, we share our beliefs through the reading of the Word and the sermon.

### **Put our faith into practice**

- A time is set aside during worship for a Minute for Mission, often inviting the congregation to become involved in putting their faith into practice.
- We offer the congregation an opportunity to make an offering of their treasures each time we gather in worship.
- During the Sending time of worship, the pastor invites the congregation to go from the church and put their faith into practice.

### **Glorify God**

- We come together as a worshipping community to glorify God and experience God's presence among us. We glorify God through music, which touches us in ways that words cannot.

### **Show love for one another**

- During the gathering of the people, the congregation is encouraged to be welcoming to one another. The hour is then chimed and the choir sings an introit to call the congregation to worship.
- A corporate Prayers of the People is prayed each time during worship. This prayer includes concerns for our community of faith, our communities we live in, and our world.
- Home communion is served to our homebound.

The Worship Committee would like to thank its many volunteers who commit each week to usher, greet, prepare/clean up communion, serve communion, and serve as lay readers.

### *The Worship Committee*

Kathy Williams (chair), Bob Roberts, Claudette Taylor, Jim Lewis, Penny Stewart, Kim Harrod, Diane Delong, John Roper (staff), Larry Brandenburg (staff)

# Notes from Session

## HBPres Vision Statement

Harvey Browne Church is a community of Believers that glorifies God and honors tradition as it seeks new ways of growing in faith, sharing our beliefs and putting our faith into practice.

## HBPres Purpose Statement

**HBPres** is called to make a difference by making disciples who faithfully follow Jesus, study the Bible, and love one another by serving our neighbors.

The Session of **HBPres** met on Tuesday November 7, 2017 for a stated meeting. Following a devotion led by Jennifer Hoert the following business was handled:

- Approved the serving of beer and wine in Emory and Eline Halls pursuant to rules and regulations to be developed by the Marketing Committee and presented to the Session for approval at a later date.
- Approved membership to **HBPres** for Teresa Lynne (Howard) Hargrave by transfer of letter from Beulah Presbyterian Church. Louisville, KY.
- Gary Luhr reported the memorial garden is near completion. The garden will be planted November 9 & 10. The bronze and glass cross is almost completed; we anticipate having the project completed by the end of the year.
- Joanne Heumann reported our time with the Alsabbagh refugee family has come to an official end. The family members are finding jobs and attending school. Sponsoring this family has been a lot of work and a lot of blessings. KY Refugee Ministries asked that we raise \$2,500.00 to support the family in their first few days. Through the generosity of the congregation we raised \$6,541.00. **HBPres** spent \$3625.75 with this program. Joanne Huemann made motion the balance of \$2,915.25 be donated to KRM in keeping with the spirit of the special offerings collected from the congregation. This motion was approved.
- Heard reports from Worship and Music, Spiritual Formation, Spiritual Enrichment Committees and the Preschool Board.

Approved a motion for a called congregational meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2107 at 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Kimberly Cabrera and Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church effective December 31, 2017.

The Session will meet for its winter retreat on Saturday, January 27.

*Anne Hughes*  
Clerk of Session

## Did you know...

One option in paying your HB pledge is to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). With EFT, your monthly pledge is automatically deducted from your bank account and sent directly to HB. Some of the advantages of EFT:

- There are no more checks to write.
- Your pledge is automatically transferred the 20th of each month from your bank account.
- Your record of giving is on your bank statement each month.
- You can provide HB with steady giving, even during the months when you're out of town.
- You may give more at any time through your pledge envelope.

If you'd like to know more about EFT, please contact Cheryl Granger, Church Administrator, at 896-1791 or complete the form below.

### How to Get Started with the EFT Giving Plan

1. Fill out the form below with your name and signature authorizing the charge to your account.
2. Indicate the amount you want deducted each month from your checking account for your giving gift to Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church
3. Return this form with a voided check. This will give us the necessary information needed to begin automatic deductions.
1. You will receive a letter confirming that you are a part of the EFT giving plan. A record of each deduction will appear on your monthly bank statement and giving statement.
2. Your automatic deduction will continue until you notify Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church in writing that you would like to discontinue.

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I hereby authorize Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church to debit my account \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month as indicated below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Building Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount to Debit

Please attach a copy of a voided check

## Session Members

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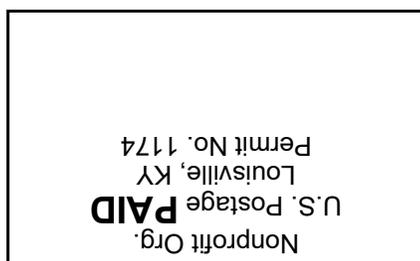


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**Deadline for submissions to the January 2018  
Newsletter is December 15th**

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