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December 2019

## A PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Dear Friends,

Some years ago in another town, I participated in a community Thanksgiving service. I was given the privilege of leading the people in prayer. I am sharing that prayer with you, hoping that it might be helpful to you in this time of giving thanks:

**Almighty and ever-blessed God**, your mercy is everlasting, and your truth endures forever. We bow before you with prayers of thanksgiving on our lips and in our hearts, grateful for mercies beyond what we can number or tell. Our five senses are aware of the many ways your blessings fill our lives.

We thank you for the blessings we see **with our eyes**: for daffodils and daisies, red apples and blue skies, for majestic thunderclouds and starry nights. We thank you for the wonders that fill our sight, for a perfect two-iron hit straight and true, for the intricate design knitted without flaw into a wool sweater, for castles in the sand at the beach and a snowman made on a winter day. We thank you when we behold the bright faces of children at play, and for the solemn faces of adults reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, for the printed words of a good book that hold us spellbound. Our eyes behold the wonders of your world, O God, and we are thankful.

Your blessings also come **to our ears**, and so we thank you for the sounds that enrich our lives: for Beethoven and Bartok and Beyoncé, for Reba and Rihanna and Merle and Garth, for the marches of Sousa and the waltzes of Strauss, for saints like Aretha and Ray Charles who now make heaven a rocking place. We thank you for majestic words spoken to our ears, for “of the people, by the people, for the people,” for “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,” for “I have a dream,” for good sermons that inspired us and for bad sermons that at least didn’t go on too long, for simple words that reassure us: “It’s benign,” “You’re covered,” “I’m with you all the way.” For the blessings that come to our ears, O Lord, we lift our praise.

We thank you for **the blessings of touch**, for silk and satin, for your good gifts of sexuality and sensuality, for holding hands at the movies, and for the hand we hold before we go off to surgery, for clean sheets on the bed and warm blankets on a cold night, for the breeze of a summer evening that cools us, and the brisk air of a late autumn day. The touches that surround us, O Lord, reassure us of the touch of your Holy Spirit, and we are grateful.

Your blessings come to us **by taste and smell**. During the holidays we are well aware of the turkey baking in the oven. But we are also grateful for the joys of that come from all the food we eat, for strawberry jam and minestrone soup, for barbecue and baby-back ribs, for cold water to quench our thirst and for good wine to celebrate with friends, for the solemn times when we gather at this table to partake of the bread and the cup, and in so doing taste and see that the Lord is good. The tastes and smells of good food, and especially the food at this table, offer us salvation and life, and we give you thanks.

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Even as we think of those blessings which surround us, we think of those whose senses are assaulted by hardship and suffering; for those who eyes behold exploding bombs and piercing bullets; for those whose ears hear the sounds of a child crying because of disease; for those who feel, not gentleness, but the roughness of abuse, the agony of torture; for those who taste rancid food scavenged from dumpsters, those whose source of water is polluted and not fit to drink.

O Lord, we dare not offer our thanksgivings without also remembering those who need your blessings this day. Cause us never to take what you give for granted. Rather, give us the imagination to use what you have given in ways that all your children might enjoy the best and highest life.

Hear our prayers, prayers of gratitude, prayers of fervent entreaty. For we offer them all in the name of our loving Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

May this be a blessed holiday season for you and those you love.

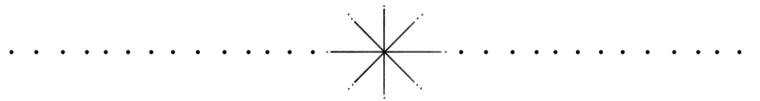
Peace,



Bill Williamson  
Transitional Pastor

*For everything God created is good,  
and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,  
because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.*

*1 Timothy 4:4-5*



## 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 for a stated meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Following a devotion by Maggie Chilton, the following business was handled:

- Received Carol Brinkman and Kevin Gilman into membership of **HBPres**.
- Heard brief reports from each committee.
- Elected April Davenport and Jim Boswell as commissioners to the February 15, 2020 Presbytery meeting.

The next stated meeting will be February 4, 2019.

Anne Hughes, *Clerk of Session*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULES

Sanctuary 10:30 AM

## PREACHING

### December 1

Paul Huh

### December 8

Bill Williamson

### December 15

Bill Williamson

### December 22

Bill Williamson

### December 29

Bill Williamson

## ACOLYTE

### December 1

Micah Drake

### December 8

Lia Krausen

### December 15

Owen Zuber

### December 22

Eric Hilyerd

### December 29

Garrett Hoert

## LAY READERS

### December 1

Jim Boswell

### December 8

Gary Luhr

### December 15

Jim Lewis

### December 22

Bob Smith

### December 29

Sara Sutphin

## AUDIO / VISUAL

### December 1

Hayden Krausen

Dave Doehnert

### December 8

Paul Sutphin

Tom Hughes

### December 15

Sarah Nash Bumpas

Hayden Krausen

### December 22

Paul Sutphin

Sarah Nash Bumpas

### December 29

Jamie Holt

Dave Doehnert

## USHERS & GREETERS

### December 1 & 8

Fred Bennett (*Head Usher*)

Marina Gutierrez (Dec. 1)

Pris Becker (Dec. 8)

Dick Blayney

Bill & Pam Bliven

Sarah Nash Bumpas

Linda Brantley

Debi Ballard

Jim & Kitty Boswell

### Greeters

Jim & Kitty Boswell

### December 15 & 22

Jim Frentz (*Head Usher*)

Sherri Cargal

Heather Drake

Chrissy Evans

Nate & Becky Evans

Tom Frentz

Jeanne Luhr (Dec. 15)

Cynthia Frentz (Dec. 22)

Kathy Gardner

Pris Becker (Dec. 15)

Marina Gutierrez (Dec. 22)

Jennie George

### Greeters

Nate & Becky Evans

### December 29

Bob Smith (*Head Usher*)

Ann Hess

Devin & Jennifer Hoert

India Hoddy

Gail Hudson

Will & Cynthia Hilyerd

Mike & Sarah Jane Hunter

Donna Jones

### Greeters

Devin & Jennifer Hoert

## COMMUNION SERVERS

### December 1, 2019

Penny Stewart

Jonathan Sutphin

Sara Sutphin

Claudette Taylor

Tom Taylor

Carol Tinkle

Billie Valla

Cynthia Weller

Leslie Whitehouse

LaVaughn Will

Kathy Williams

Rick Williams

Nancy Williamson

Mark Wood

Pam Wood

Dan Askins

### December 8, 2019

Brad Zuber

Ellen Zuber

Ben Blake

Scott Blake

Pam Bliven

Bill Bliven

Jim Boswell

Kitty Boswell

Joni Burke

Ann Burge

Bill Campbell

Peggy Campbell

Sherri Cargal

Maggie Chilton

Lynn Cole

### December 15, 2019

Dawn Cundiff

Marty Cundiff

Darrell Darby

Kathy Darby

April Davenport

Jane Doehnert

Heather Drake

Al Earley

Myra Earley

Becky Evans

Nate Evans

Jim Frentz

Betsy Frentz

Gary Luhr

Tom Frentz

Kathy Gardner

### December 22, 2019

Linda Garrett

Pam Glaze

Dudley Haines

Bill Harrod

Keegan Henderson

Linda Henderson

Joanne Heumann

Cynthia Hilyerd

Will Hilyerd

Jennifer Hoert

Gail Hudson

India Hoddy

Anne Hughes

Marianne Humphries

John Johnson

Carolyn Judy

# HBPRES – PRAYERS & BIRTHDAYS

## HARVEY BROWNE PRAYER LIST

Sandy Hinkle, Mary Alice Grover, Clare Stone, Bill Becker, Joyce Boblitt (in the death of her mother, Jackie Fredericks), Linda LaFrance, Cheryl Granger (in the death of her grandmother, Ruby Thimling), Mary Esch, Angie Schulte, Tyler Holm, Dawn Cundiff, Steve Shearrow & Sean Shearrow (Relatives of Jay Shearrow), Louise Pumpelly, Shirley Gurley, Carol Christell, Dave Doehnert, Jane Coe, Lyle Austin (Nephew of Judy Laning), Mary Ann Baker (Friend of Sandy Dempsey & Toni McWilliams), Holly Osborne (Granddaughter of Diane & Tom Osborne), Sandra Sanders & Lyle Sanders (Relatives of Jim & Kitty Boswell), Henry Lewis (father of Kathy Williams), Jack Valla, Connie Talbott (Sarah Zuber's Mother), Karen Frank (Pam Schmidt's sister), Diana (Skip & Edith Light's daughter)

### Currently Deployed in the Military:

General Donn H. Hill (Son of Dee Pregliasco), Alex Melloy (Grandson of Adrian & Lynn Cole), Brian M. Earley (Grandson of Al & Myra Earley)

**Mission Co-Workers:** Tyler Holm, Jeff & Christie Boyd, Rev. Dr. Dustin & Sherry Ellington, Dr. Larry and Inge Sthresley

*But thanks be to God!  
He gives us victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 15:57*

## THE FOLLOWING HBPRES MEMBERS ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER!

*If you see them be sure to join us in wishing them a Happy Birthday!*

Allison Allison	Brennen Cabrera	Allen Gilfert	Veda Pendleton	Jonathan Sutphin
Debi Ballard	Jackie Cain	Jim Guinn	Lucy Rapp	Rick Williams
Josh Barrick	Lavona Casson	Terry Hargrave	Janet Redford	Leight Wilson
Ben Blake	Vicki Crowner	Anne Hickey	Peter Ritchie	Adam Witt
Bob Boden	Carolyn Diener	Harry Hunt	Allison Scheynost	Elizabeth Wolfe
Martha Brown	Katherine Effinger	Shelley Koczot	Terri Shearrow	
Hondro Cabrera	Mary Esch	Jim Mackell	John Singerman	
Braeden Cabrera	Nate Evans	Holly McKernan	David Spurrier	

### HOLIDAY HOURS AT HARVEY BROWNE

#### November 27

Office open during regular hours but  
**no Wednesday night activities.**

#### November 28 & 29

Office & Building will be CLOSED.

#### December 24

Office open from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

#### December 25-26

Office & Building will be CLOSED.

#### January 1

Office & Building will be CLOSED.

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.**

If you would like to be added to the monthly Newsletter Reminder email, please contact Samantha Lund in the church office at 502-896-1791 or [samanthalund@hbpres.net](mailto:samanthalund@hbpres.net)

## Fall in love with Learning!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES EACH SUNDAY AT HARVEY BROWNE

Sunday Mornings now through May 17, 2020

9:00 AM – Breakfast

9:30 AM – Classes begin

10:30 AM – Worship

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH

##### **Together with Jesus (ages 2 and 3-year old) – Room 107**

The class begins with toddlers and young preschoolers with their parents for story time. After the story, the children go to the childcare area.

Leaders – Cynthia Frentz and Marcia Lewis

##### **PreK/K (4 and 5-year old) – Room 208**

Curriculum – Growing in Grace and Gratitude, published by the PC(USA)

Leaders – Katie Williams and childcare helper

##### **1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 206**

Curriculum – Growing in Grace and Gratitude, published by the PC(USA)

Leaders – Sara Sutphin, Jim Boswell, Allison Lockhart

##### **Youth – Loft**

Curriculum – Feasting on the Word, published by the PC(USA)

Leaders – Terry Hargrave

**Parents of children are welcome to join the “Parenting Together” Class while their children attend a Sunday school. ALL are welcome!**

#### ADULT EDUCATION

##### **Parenting Together – Room 212 – Leaders: Tom & Cynthia Frentz**

Various topics and books for discussion.

##### **Mariners – Room 216 – Leader: Jeanne Luhr**

Starting November 24 the Mariners Class has been discussing the book, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* by Cynthia M. Campbell. Please join us for our discovery of the meaning and mystery of Advent and Christmas.

##### **HBUniversity – Barret Room – Leader: Scott Doelling**

*Chasing Advent Rabbits*: We all know the basic Christmas story, as reflected in our nativity sets and shared by Linus at the end of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. This Advent season we'll be chasing a few rabbits - following some of the less well known details of the gospel nativity stories to see where they might lead us.

## **HB PRES – KIDS** (Infant—5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **December 1 — NO MEETINGS**

*Happy Thanksgiving*

*No activities planned for this weekend, enjoy the holiday with family & friends!*

### **December 13— 6:30 PM**

*meet at HBPres*

*Lights Under Louisville is an event you will enjoy during these holidays! Join us and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies afterwards. Cost: \$5/person*

## **HB PRES – TWEENS** (3<sup>rd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **December 1 — NO MEETINGS**

*Happy Thanksgiving*

*No activities planned for this weekend, enjoy the holiday with family & friends!*

### **December 8 — 11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

*Emory Hall*

*Christmas activities and foods! Bring a “white elephant” gift to exchange in a game.*

### **December 15— 11:30 AM-2:00 PM**

*Eline Hall*

*Lazer Blaze—The Tweens will have lunch at church and go to Lazer Blaze at 1:00 PM for two games of laser tag. Pick up at Lazer Blaze.*

**FUTURE DATES FOR HBTWEENS**  
January 12 & 26:  
“God and Me” Studies

## **HB PRES – YOUTH** (Middle School & High School)

### **December 1 — NO MEETINGS**

*Happy Thanksgiving*

*No activities planned for this weekend, enjoy the holiday with family & friends!*

### **December 8 — 5:00-7:00 PM**

*at Beulah Presbyterian Church*

*Bake cookies for Open Table Ministry, a feeding ministry at Beulah Presbyterian Church.*

### **December 11— 6:15-7:30 PM (Middle and High School Youth)**

*meet at HBPres*

*Serve the Homeless at Forgotten Louisville.*

### **December 13 — 6:00 PM**

*meet at HBPres*

*Lights Under Louisville event! Join us for cookies and hot chocolate afterwards. Cost: \$5/person*

### **December 15 — 3:00 PM**

*meet at HBPres*

*Celebrate the season with song! We’ll be singing Christmas carols at an assisted living facility.*

- The Middle & High School youth have Bible study Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM following the breakfast, and Wednesday evenings we have music & fellowship. We serve the homeless on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays in November and December.
- Terry will be registering the High School group for Montreat on December 1, please let her know if you’re interested. Dates: June 13-20, 2020. Cost - \$250 (\$100 Deposit due November 24)
- All high school youth interested in the mission trip to Honduras, notify Terry by December 1<sup>st</sup> who is going and if they have passports. Cost - \$300.

Questions about **HBKids**, **HBTweens** or **HBYouth**? Contact: Terry Hargrave | 502-314-7041 | [terryhargrave@hbpres.net](mailto:terryhargrave@hbpres.net)

# HBPres – WORSHIP & MUSIC EVENTS



## December 1<sup>st</sup> — Hope Candle

reminds us of the hope  
of the coming of Jesus Christ

## December 8<sup>th</sup> — Peace Candle

reminds us of the peace that enters our  
lives when we experience the presence  
of Jesus Christ

## December 15<sup>th</sup> — Joy Candle

reminds us of the joy the angels  
proclaimed when Jesus was born

## December 22<sup>nd</sup> — Love Candle

reminds us of the love that God shares  
with the world through the birth of Jesus

## December 24<sup>th</sup> — Christ Candle

reminds us that Jesus Christ, the true  
light of the world, has come

## DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> CHRISMON TREE

**Celebrate the new Advent Season by helping to  
decorate the Chrismon Tree in the foyer.**

On your way out of the service, we will be handing out  
Chrismon ornaments for you to take to the tree to be  
hung by our volunteers.

## DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE

**One combined service 6:00 PM**

Service & Communion  
childcare is provided

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



## DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> LONGEST NIGHT

**6:00 PM service**

Somber service for those suffering loss,  
depression, or loneliness

## THE LOUISVILLE WINDS



## Holiday Favorites

**Sunday, December 8  
3:00 PM at HBPres**



**Sunday,  
December 22  
3:00 PM  
at HBPres**

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

## CAN YOU HELP?

The Spiritual Enrichment Committee is actively looking for volunteers for a Wednesday Night Dinner committee. If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to Margaret Lindsay at 502-594-1921 or email her at the following address:

[lindseymargaret34@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseymargaret34@yahoo.com)

## CAN WE TEXT YOU IMPORTANT INFORMATION?

Do you get text messages from HBPres? Text messages from HBPres inform you of weather closings, Sunday special offerings, and events.

Messages typically will occur once per week. If you would like to take part in text messages, if you want to opt out, or you have changed your phone number, please contact Cheryl Granger at 502-896-1791 or e-mail: [cherylgranger@hbpres.net](mailto:cherylgranger@hbpres.net)



**ORDER YOUR  
POINSETTIA  
BY DECEMBER 2**

*In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the  
beginning. Through him all things  
were made; without him nothing  
was made that has been made.  
In him was life, and that life was  
the light of all mankind.  
John 1:1-4*



## DEACON'S CORNER

The Deacons wish everyone at HBPres a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Board of Deacons would like to thank all Deacons for their faithful service to their flocks during the year. You have been a valuable contributor to HBPres by your visits, cards, letters and phone calls. Please continue the good work.

The Board of Deacons is still in the process of selecting replacements for the Deacons who are not returning for the next term.

Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek a new minister.

Enjoy the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The Board of Deacons  
Lynn Overstreet

## WELLNESS BRIEF

My to do list for this season:

- ☞ Count my blessings
- ☞ Let go of what I cannot control
- ☞ Practice kindness
- ☞ Listen to my heart
- ☞ Be thankful for what I have
- ☞ Just breathe

Blessings,

The Wellness Committee

DECEMBER GROCERY CART

### CABBAGE PATCH CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Want to help? We need:  
paper towels / toilet paper  
facial tissues / bar soap  
laundry detergent / dish washing soap

Donations must be in the  
cart by December 20

## SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES

HELD WEEKLY AT 9:30 AM

### “Parenting Together Class”—Room 212

Curriculum – various topics/books for discussions

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### Mariners—Room 216

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Leader – Scott Doelling

## BIBLE STUDY WITH BILL

Bill Williamson will teach a weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays in Room 206 at 6:30 PM, and bases the study on the scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday.

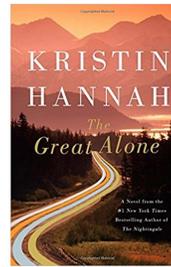
## BOOKANALIA

There is no Bookanalia in December, but you can get a head start by reading the January selection, *Frederick Douglas: Prophet of Freedom* by David Blight.

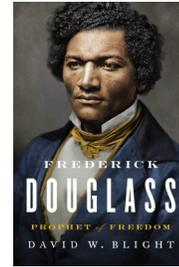
*Everyone is always welcome to join us for Bookanalia whether you have read the book or not.*

## BOOKTALK

Booktalk will be held on December 17 at 11:30 AM and will be reviewing *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah. We will be meeting in the Barret Room (formerly called the Session Room).



Book for Booktalk



Book for Bookanalia

Looking for a great deal? Mention Bookanalia or Booktalk when purchasing one of our highlighted books at Carmichael's and receive a 20% discount!



## BOOK READING & SIGNING BY VEDA PENDLETON

Dr. Veda Pendleton, our church member and ruling elder, is the author of a new memoir, "Prepped: Coming of Age in Black and White America." Bill Williamson says of the book: "So many books on racism discuss the subject in abstract terms. Veda's book looks at the experience of one young woman during her high school years. I highly recommend it." Veda will read from her book and sign copies for any who wish to purchase (\$20 per copy) on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 PM in Eline Hall.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Do you like chili? Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 22, 2020 for a chili cook-off! Watch for more details coming soon.



## God rest ye merry!

### Christmas Concert

Free Admission!  
Children Welcome!  
Ticketless Event!



LouisvillePhilharmonia.org

Find us and like us:   

7:30 pm Fri Dec 6 and  
1:30 pm Sat Dec 7, 2019  
Beargrass Christian Church  
St Matthews, KY

## CULTIVATING MINDFULNESS WITH CHILDREN: STRATEGIES THAT FOSTER CONNECTION AND BUILD RESILIENCE

with Harvey Browne Preschool — presentation by

*Dr. Lisa Cheney, PsyD*  
*Licensed Clinical Psychologist*

*Dr. Chelsea Mitchell, PsyD*  
*Licensed Clinical Psychologist*

Join with our very own Harvey Browne Preschool and on December 4 at 5:30 PM for **HBPres's** Wednesday Night Meal. Afterwards will be a presentation in the Barret Room (formerly the Session Room) at 6:30 PM that focuses on improving the connection between kids and how they can handle challenging circumstances.

- Regular Wednesday Night Meal rates apply  
\$4 per child / \$8 per adult / \$18 family max
- Childcare provided—first come/first serve based on receipt of reservation
- Email RSVP to:  
[harveybrownepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:harveybrownepreschool@gmail.com)  
Please include number of children meals, number of adult meals,  
number of children needing childcare and their ages
- No need to RSVP for program only (no dinner/no childcare)

*I will meditate on all Your work  
And muse on Your deeds.*

 Psalm 77:12 

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HOST CHRISTMAS COFFEE

'Tis the Season...Time to start thinking about the Presbyterian Women's Christmas Coffee which will be held on Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 AM in the Foyer.

This year we will be emphasizing good home baking and other goodies from all the fabulous **HBPres** cooks out there. We will be soliciting from PW circles and others in the church who would like to contribute special treats from old family recipes or try a recipe for the first time.

It will be a time of fellowship, a welcome respite from the busyness of the season, and raising our voices in the joyful singing of carols and songs. Everyone in the church is invited and encouraged to attend. Child care is available upon request, contact Julie Rousseau at: [jrousseau@hbpres.net](mailto:jrousseau@hbpres.net)



## FEEDING THE 5,000

Do you have trouble getting in 10,000 steps every day? Are you bored walking the perimeter of the mall? Do you skip the walk in your neighborhood because of bad weather? Are you spending too many hours watching the Hallmark Channel? The Wellness Committee is offering an activity class for adults, led by Maggie Chilton, called *5,000 Steps*.

With upbeat music and simple dance steps, you won't think of this as exercise, but a fun way to get in half your daily goal in just one hour. Each song – ranging from classic rock 'n' roll, disco, Motown, country-western, and current pop music from performers like Justin Timberlake and Meghan Trainor—is individually choreographed, and singing along is permitted. You can work at your own level, and no dance experience is necessary. The only requirements are comfortable clothes, a pair of sneakers, a water bottle, and a willingness to get moving!

The class will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:00 AM in Eline Hall.

## COFFEE, CHOCOLATE & CRAFTS

It's that time of year again! Our annual Fair Trade Craft Fair will be held on December 1 between 9:30 AM-12:45 PM in the living room. This is an opportunity to get a head start on buying gifts as well as avoid heavy traffic, crowded parking lots and long lines at checkout counters! In addition, a fair trade gift can be the gift that keeps on giving as artisans and small farmers become able to feed their families, send their children to school, improve their health, and more.

*The majority of items will be fair trade and can be identified by the label or tag. All proceeds will be sent to "Build Congo Schools".*

## AERIAL PHOTOS SHOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCH

Thanks to church member and photographer Billy Davis III, we now have a current aerial photograph of the church. Billy donated the photo this summer. It goes nicely with the photo taken in 1951 by his father, Billy Davis, Jr., and with the photo taken by Courier-Journal photographer Bob Steinau in the 1980s. All three shots of the church are hanging the hallway near the church office.



*Join 5,000 Steps on Wednesdays or Saturdays at 10:00 AM in Eline Hall at **HBPres***

## WORSHIP & MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT

The Advent season is the beginning of a new year in the church, so, Happy New Liturgical Year! As we enter a new year, let's take a look back at this year, and also a look at what is ahead.

This year we have established ourselves as “one community of faith” worshipping together at 10:30 AM. This worship schedule allows more time for all the education and music activities before the worship service. This year we are taking this concept to Christmas Eve, with one service at 6:00 PM. This service will feature elements from previous “early” and “11:00 PM” services so that everyone will experience a meaningful worship experience. New activities and worship events with The Korean Church continues to expand, especially with the Calvin Institute Grant thanks to Paul Huh. Look for more combined events in 2020. The intention is for all Harvey Browne members to worship together as “one community of faith” as we work together during this transitional period.

Our worship service has also undergone some “tweaks” as we endeavor to include more congregants in the service schedule. You may notice a wider variety of members, including children and youth, serving as readers, ushers, provide the prayers of the people and prayer of thanksgiving, and also a stronger Youth Day service. We have also experienced a wide variety of Visiting Ministers — some from other congregations, from our own congregation, from the Presbyterian Church USA Offices, from foreign countries, and even our former Senior Pastor—as we open our minds and hearts to experiencing many alternatives during this transitional period. We awarded John Roper the title of Pastor Emeritus at his Visiting Minister service...only the second minister to receive this recognition in the history of Harvey Browne.

The music program at Harvey Browne continues to enhance our worship services. All music programs have new members that further enhance our worship programs. We continue to be blessed with a variety of musicians who share their talents to enhance our worship service, particularly at Easter and Christmas, so thanks to the Helen Wich Fund for making this possible. Special thanks to Beth Brandenburg with our children's choir and orff orchestra, Kathleen Yeager with our preschool children, to Tim Baker as our organist, handbells conductor, and Assistant Director of Music, and a special thank you to our Minister of Music Larry Brandenburg for leading not just our music programs, but for also working with the ministers in planning our worship programs.

Our committee is composed of dedicated members who give selflessly of their time and talents, so that everyone enjoys a meaningful worship service. Bob Roberts serves on the Session and recruits ushers. Lay Readers are recruited by Bob Smith and Kathy Williams. Communion preparation/clean-up is managed by Penny Stewart, Jane Doehnert, Claudette Taylor, and Ben & Scott Blake with Sara Sutphin, Kitty Boswell, Tom Taylor and Jackie Cusick. Kim Harrod leads and manages the communion servers and Chrismon Tree decorating. Audio/Visual support for our services is led and managed by Dave and Jane Doehnert, with regular volunteers Jim Holt, Keegan Henderson, Hayden Krausen, Paul Sutphin, Sarah Nash Bumpas and Tom Hughes. Diane DeLong serves in an at-large capacity on a variety of programs, Gary Faltin serves on our budget preparation subcommittee and Julie Rousseau manages the Acolytes and Nursery programs. Many thanks to Ben Blake and Scott Doelling for special seasonal contributions. All of these members generously volunteer so that we at Harvey Browne can enjoy a meaningful worship experience.

As we enter a new year, we have much to look forward to. The first week of Advent, December 1, will feature the Chrismon Tree which you will have the opportunity to decorate as you depart Service. On December 20 we will again feature the “Longest Night” service for those who are dealing with loss or depression. We have many exciting special musical events to enhance your holiday season. As we start a new year, it is customary to make resolutions...let's all resolve to be more involved at Harvey Browne. And as we resolve to be more involved, we have many opportunities for more volunteers—serve as Audio/Visual Technicians, join one of the music programs, serve as an usher, reader or Acolyte, join a committee (W&M welcomes everyone), and volunteer as hosts at our special musical events—something for everyone! Wishing everyone a most Merry Christmas, and all of God's blessings throughout the new year.

Eric Lehmann,  
*Worship & Music Chairperson*

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

*Christmas! Christmas! Christmas!*

Like most everywhere else, December at the Preschool is all about Christmas. The excitement is contagious as we share this special time with the children. Santa is coming to visit us on Wednesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 12 and the children are very excited.

As we focus on the true spirit of the season Ms. Terry's chapel time shares Jesus's birth and the joy and excitement that brings. Planning for our annual Christmas programs brings out the best in the creativity of the children. Each age group participates in a Christmas program that includes stories and songs. We are excited that Bill Williamson will be joining us for this year's Christmas celebrations. This is also a time that we welcome our families to enjoy the Christmas story as told through the eyes of our children.

In keeping with sharing God's love with others, our Christmas mission project is supporting Norton Children's Hospital. We are making Jared Boxes to be delivered to children who are receiving care at Norton Children's. The holidays are an especially difficult time for children and their families to be away from home and boxes will certainly help to lift spirits.

Christmas Break is December 21- January 7 so the halls at Harvey Browne will be a little more quiet on weekdays. As the children and staff enjoy this time to relax, reflect upon the season and spend time with family and friends we hope that you are able to do the same. Before we know it the holidays will have slipped by us and we will be into the new year.

As crazy as it seems, we are already knee deep in registrations for the 2020-2021 school year and are very excited to welcome new families to Harvey Browne Preschool. As a reminder, Harvey Browne families receive priority registration and a tuition discount. Please call the preschool office at 502-895-2577 or email at [harveybrownepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:harveybrownepreschool@gmail.com) for more information.

In Christ,

*The Preschool Board*



*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son,  
and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which means, "God with us".*

*Matthew 1:23*

It's that time again!



## CABBAGE PATCH CHRISTMAS

The bulletin board down the hallway from the foyer to the office has a big Christmas tree on it. As we receive donations for a family we will put an ornament on representing that family. Watch as our tree fills up to see our progression! Thank you for helping make this a reality for our Cabbage Patch friends. If you want to read and see how important the Cabbage Patch is go to their website at: [www.cabbagepatch.org](http://www.cabbagepatch.org)

At Burlington I shopped with a mother who said her 8 year old son is very quiet and stays at home. I then asked how long her son has attended the Cabbage Patch and she said one year and he absolutely loves it. We hear stories like that often about the Cabbage Patch.

If you didn't get to shop with us earlier there is still plenty you can do to help. See the action words below!

**WRAP gifts** – Our wrapping room, headed by Laura Krausen, [lkrausen1@att.net](mailto:lkrausen1@att.net), is located in room 209 behind Eline Hall. Wrap each Wednesday evening after dinner until December 18.

**BRING grocery cart items** – Our grocery cart until December 20 will accept these items: products not covered by food stamps such as paper goods, soap products for kitchen, laundry and bathroom. Questions may go to Wilma and Fred Bennett: [bennettwj@bellsouth.net](mailto:bennettwj@bellsouth.net)

**TAKE a Christmas tree gift tag** – Find the small Christmas tree in the foyer and choose a gift tag with a child's name and interests. Buy a gift for that child and bring it back to the church no later than December 15, wrapped with the tag attached to the package. Look for Anne Hughes: [hughestaaj@gmail.com](mailto:hughestaaj@gmail.com)

**SORT groceries & gifts** – On Friday, December 20, groceries and gifts will be sorted and organized in Emory hall at 6:00 PM. Contact Al and Nancy Pollock or any Mariner to let them know you can help. [al@computerconcepts.net](mailto:al@computerconcepts.net) or [nancy-pollock@live.com](mailto:nancy-pollock@live.com)

**DELIVER baskets on December 22** – Deliver gifts and groceries to 20 homes right after worship. Bob Smith will want your name to add to the list of drivers. [smith103@bellsouth.net](mailto:smith103@bellsouth.net)

**DONATE money** – Give through the offering plate (Special Offering on December 1<sup>st</sup>) or in the church office at any time through December. Make checks payable to Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church with "Cabbage Patch Christmas" on the memo line. This money is used to buy the Burlington gifts and groceries. Our commitment is \$75/person at Burlington and \$40/person for groceries. We are committed to helping 67 people that make up 20 families.



*As you pass the bulletin board and look at an ornament, pray for that family.  
The next time you pass, pray for another family. Their names are on each ornament.*

**THANK YOU** for your participation.



## HOLIDAY SERVICES

### SERVICE FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS OFFERS MEDITATION & RENEWAL

On Wednesday, December 11, the church will again offer a monthly service for healing and wholeness. This brief service, held at 5:00 PM just before Wednesday supper, includes hymns, readings of scripture, and times of silence. Those who participate may also come forward for personal prayer with one of the pastors.

### LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE SHINES LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

For many people, the holidays are a difficult time, recalling happier occasions which will not return. Again this year we will have a Longest Night service on Friday, December 20, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. This service of meditation will feature reflections by several church members, as well as a chance to light a candle in memory of loved ones. All are invited to attend.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WELCOMES THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Join us for our Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will sing the familiar carols, celebrate the Lord's Supper, and conclude with the service of candlelight.

*Thanks be to God  
for his indescribable gift!*

*2 Corinthians 9:15*

### THANK YOU

Thanks so much for all of the prayers, cards, love and support during my accident recovery. What a wonderful community of people I am so lucky to be a part of. I have a new view of how fragile life is and how blessed we are each day to be here. God is good.

Thanks to all the angels that helped me.

*Dawn Cundiff*

### SINCERE THANKS

My family and I are very grateful for the love and support our Harvey Browne has given us during this difficult time.

The many prayers, cards, and caring thoughts are humbling. The reception committee did an outstanding job, and it gave us special time to visit with family and friends.

Gratefully,  
*Peggy Bales*

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