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Joy, Joy, Joy

For months now, my wife has been doing research into Christmas gifts for our extended family. There is a real art to giving something that the receiver wants. In order to do that, you have to get to know the person. This is easy enough with your children because over the years you have come to know their likes and dislikes. With the in-laws, however, it is much more of an art than a science.

For instance, you know they like golf, but do they really need any more golf balls? (Boring.) So you listen for clues and hope something slips out in conversation about, for instance, a particular item for the kitchen that they would love but have had a hard time finding. Then one day you are walking through a little shop off the beaten trail and there it is. You come home with it and wrap it and you can't wait to mail it to them. Your good listening has paid off and by some mysterious grace, you have found just the right thing and you know they will not only be surprised but filled with joy.

I think that the gift of the Christ Child is like that for God. God has listened for just what we need, just as God listened for the Hebrews crying out for rescue in Egypt. We recall that the gift of that rescue was not only traumatic but also costly. Pharaoh did not want to let the people go and we are all too aware of what God went through to get them out of Egypt.

In the New Testament there is another rescue. This time God finds God's people trapped not in a place but in a state of being called sin.

But not just any gift would work if we, the people, were to be rescued from sin. Once again, God knew just the perfect gift and a child is born. He was called Emmanuel for he rescued us from sin. This perfect gift brought joy to all because that is what freedom does for us. A child is given to rescue us from sin.

That child grew into a man and died on the cross freeing us from sin and death. That child has filled us with joy. God's precious gift of God's own child has filled us with joy because the child was, indeed, just what we wanted and needed. And here is the best and perhaps most surprising part: not only does this gift fill us with joy, but when we respond to this gift of love, we fill God's heart with joy as well.

Joy to the World we will all soon sing and God will join right in!

John



The building will be **closed**
at 12:00 p.m. on December 23
and
closed December 26 & 27.

Winter is here so please check WHAS11.com (TV and website) and **HBPres.net** for closings and cancellations. If Jefferson County Public schools are closed, the building will be closed.

Sunday Worship

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

December 4
2nd Sunday of Advent
One 11:00 AM Service
Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 3:1-12
John Roper

December 11
3rd Sunday of Advent
8:30 & 11:00 Service
"Do You Know What I Know?"
Kimberly Cabrera

December 18
4th Sunday of Advent
8:30 & 11:00 Service
Isaiah 7:10-16
Matthew 1:18-25
"Christmas at Matthew's House"
John Roper

December 24
Christmas Eve
One 5:00 PM Service
Isaiah 7:10-16
Matthew 1:18-25
"Christmas at Matthew's House"
John Roper

December 25
Christmas Day
One 11:00 AM Service
Isaiah 52:7-10
John 1:1-14
"Christmas at John's House"
John Roper

Coffee Cove

December 4
One 11 AM Service-Skip Light

December 11
8:30 & 11:00 Service
Self-Serve



December 18
8:30 & 11:00 Service
Skip Light

December 24
One 5:00 PM Service-Self-Serve

December 25
One 11:00 AM Service-Self-Serve

Ushers & Greeters



Ushers—8:30 a.m.

December 11
Bob Smith
Doug Mann

December 18
Bob Smith
Doug Mann
Adrian & Lynn Cole

Ushers—11:00 a.m.

December 4-One 11:00 AM Service
Head Usher: Jim Frentz
Cynthia Frentz
Heather Drake
Eric Effinger
Katherine Effinger
Peter Esch
Mary Esch
Becky Evans
Chrissy Evans
Nate Evans

December 11
Head Usher: Tom Frentz
Kevin Pernicano
Jayne Hines
Kathleen Gilman
Marina Gutierrez
Anne Hess
Linda Hester

December 18
Head Usher: Cynthia Hilyerd
Will Hilyerd
Jennie George
Sue Hodapp
India Hoddy
Devin Hoert
Jennifer Hoert
Doug Holm
Gail Hudson
Anne Hughes

December 24-One 5:00 PM Service
Head Usher: Mike Hunter
Sarah Hunter
Donna Jones
Claudette Taylor
Tom Taylor
Cherry Kelly
Leslie Koenig
Beth Kolodey

December 25-One 11:00 AM Service
Head Usher: Kevin Pernicano
Edith Light
Skip Light
Bruce Lindsey
Margaret Lindsey
Jeanne Luhr
Tim McCallister

Greeters—11:00 a.m.

December 4-One 11:00 AM Service
Chrissy Evans
Nate Evans

December 11
Jayne Hines
Anne Hess

December 18
Gail Hudson
Anne Hughes

December 24-One 5:00 PM Service
Leslie Koenig
Beth Kolodey

December 25-One 11:00 AM Service
Jeanne Luhr
Tim McCallister

Lay Readers

December 4
11:00: Micah and Heather Drake

December 11
8:30: Adrian Cole
11:00: Jonathan Sutphin

December 18
8:30: Bob Smith
11:00: Penny Stewart

December 25
11:00: Sara Sutphin

Advent Happenings

Upcoming Schedule Changes

Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25

The building will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sunday, December 4

One combined Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

The Chancel Choir will present **SMALL, *Dancing* LIGHT**, A Choral Service for Advent.

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

One service at 5:00 p.m. with lighting of candles and Communion. (The Worship and Music Committee approved having one combined service earlier in the evening *this year only* due to also having worship the next morning on Christmas Day.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day & Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day

One combined service at 11:00 a.m. with Communion by intinction. *No Sunday school, Nursery or Child Care.*

HBPres University Advent Term

OPTION #1 - The Session Room

SINGING THE FAITH DURING ADVENT

The season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, is a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Savior. In recent years this season has become more important in the church's life and includes many wonderful hymns that look for Christ's coming. During the four Sundays of Advent, Bill Williamson and Tim Cargal will consider hymns of the season, and how they help us understand the significance of Advent. Join us as we study and sing together.

OPTION #2 –Room 216 and the Living Room

ADVENT IN NARNIA: REFLECTIONS FOR THE SEASON

Join the Mariners Class on Sundays, December 4 & 11 for this enchanting study with themes of light and darkness, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope, C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* naturally enhances the Advent season of reflection. Anticipating the glorious coming of Christmas, Advent in Narnia inspires us to consider the holiday season from a new perspective. On Sunday, December 18, we will load perishables into the Cabbage Patch food baskets during Sunday school hour.

Christmas Caroling



Join us in the gym after 11:00 worship on Sunday, December 11. We will sing through a few standards and then head next door to sing for the residents at the nursing home. This is a congregational event and families are encouraged to “come-a-wassailing.”*

*Please note: Terry will be meeting with the **HBTweens** directly after our trip next door (see page 5).



Lights Under Louisville
Friday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.

HBKids invites all ages for a holiday adventure. We will leave from church around 6:00 p.m., travel by school bus (with seat belts) to view the Lights Under Louisville then return to **HBPres** for hot chocolate and cookies in Eline Hall. All ages are welcome!

Cost \$5 per person, \$20 family maximum

Questions? Contact Terry Hargrave: terryhargrave@hbpres.net, (502) 896-1791.

Movie Night

What is better than a movie night? Getting to wear your PJs to church for the movie!

Join the church family on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. for a movie on the big inflatable screen sponsored by **HBKids**. Feel free to wear your jammies, bring a sleeping bag, bean bag or lounge chair to Emory Hall (gym). We will have mats on the floor as well as tables for adults.

A pizza dinner will be provided, but please feel free to bring something else to eat if you wish. All are welcome and encouraged to come. Movie TBD, but will be family friendly.

Questions? Contact Cynthia Hilyerd, (502) 553-6916, meercat13@hotmail.com.



HB Tweens 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders

December 2016 - May 2017 Schedule

Theme for December: Stewardship

December 11

“I Give My Time”

At noon, the group will go Christmas caroling at the Golden Living Center as part of a multi-generational activity. After caroling, the Tweens are invited to stay for pizza and games until 2:30 pm. Note: this is a change from the original schedule. We will **NOT** meet on December 18.

January 13-14, 2017:

Mid-KY Presbytery Tween overnight event at: Highland Presbyterian Church, Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Cost - \$15 Deadline is Thursday, January 5.

February 19, 2017:

Lazer Tag and pizza.

March 19, 2017:

Put together care packages for college students.

The group will meet in Emory Hall from 12:00-2:00 p.m. for lunch, the project, and games.

April 23, 2017:

“Gracie”

The group will meet in Emory Hall from 12:00-2:00 p.m. for lunch, the lesson, and games.

May 27-29, 2017:

Tween Camp at Cedar Ridge Camp

Terry Hargrave

502-314-7041

terryhargrave@hbpres.net



HBPres Youth and College Students

December 2, 6:00 p.m.

The youth are invited to a multi-generational activity to go by bus to see the “Lights Under Louisville” in the Mega Caverns. We will return to church for hot chocolate and cookies. Cost: \$5

December 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Group time - What is Advent? The Middle and High School Youth will have dinner together followed by a Bible study on Advent. We will end the evening with games.

December 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Group time – Mission project. The Middle and High school youth will go shopping for needed items to fill the food pantry at St. MAM. Please bring a donation of \$5-\$10 to help with the mission project.

December 16-17, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m.

Serving others while having fun! Lock-in (Break Out Louisville). The cost is \$25 to cover this event and there are 15 spots available, so reserve yours soon. We will make breakfast burritos for the homeless and will serve the burritos to the homeless at St. John Center.

December 21, 5:30 pm

Calling all HBPres college students! There will be a dinner on Wednesday, December 21 at 5:30 pm in Eline Hall. This is a gathering with the Rev. John Roper and Terry Hargrave. It will be a catered meal, so please let Terry know if you are able to make this event. We will also go and serve the homeless that evening downtown from 7:00-8:00 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Terry at terryhargrave@hbpres.net.



Custodial Department is Hiring

We are looking to hire two people to work part-time in the custodial/maintenance department. The persons would work 10-15 hours per week, including nights and weekends, must be able to lift 50 lbs. and pass a drug screen and background check. If you know of anyone who is looking for part-time work, please pass this information to them and have them contact Tim Miller at 896-1791. Please help us to spread the word so we can get these positions filled.

“SMALL, *Dancing* LIGHT”

The Chancel Choir will present “SMALL, *Dancing* LIGHT” A Choral Service for Advent at the 11:00 worship service on December 4. (There will be one service that day.) The author of the text for this work shared the following about his approach to writing a new, fresh text that will speak to the themes of Advent:

“Anticipation and revelation: these two words help us understand and embrace the season of Advent. It was my intent to create images of anticipation and revelation in each of the texts I wrote for this work. In each case, a definition emerges before the word itself is revealed. However, in each text the word can be seen to be active, even before the actual movement of its revelation.”

So it is with the birth of Jesus. Prophets gave us a description, a definition, and then came the revelation of the Word in Bethlehem, a small dancing light in the manger.

Terry W. York

Harvey Browne Music Series—2016-2017

- ♪ **Louisville Orchestra Messiah Concert** - Friday, December 2, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Only 500 tickets will be sold. You are encouraged to buy the tickets online through the Louisville Orchestra website. If tickets are left over the night of the concert, they will be sold in the **HBPres** Foyer.
- ♪ **Louisville Winds** - Sunday, December 11, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- ♪ **Louisville Youth Choir Concert**- Friday, December 16 @ 7:00 PM in Sanctuary
- ♪ **Brass Band of Louisville** - Sunday, December 18, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- ♪ **Louisville Master Chorale** - Sunday, February 26, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (tickets required)
- ♪ **Louisville Philharmonia** - Thursday, March 2, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- ♪ **Louisville Philharmonia** - Thursday, April 27, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- ♪ **Louisville Chorus** - Sunday, May 21, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Contact Pat Pernicano (ppshrink@att.net) if there is a particular group you would like to see perform sometime at **HBPres**.

Worship and Music Council

Caring for our Church Family

Prayer Requests:

Carol Clarke, Janice Clarke, Bea Young, Patrick Ricketts, Linda LaFrance, Doris Wheeler, Scott Jones (Anna Jones' son and Kim Harrod's brother), Gene Ramey (Hondro Cabrera's brother-in-law), The Woodford Family, Wayne Hansen (Donna Jones nephew), Karen Frank (Pam Schmidt's sister), Gerry Boden (Bob Boden's mother).

Mission Co-Workers:

Rochelle & Tyler Holm, Gwenda & John Fletcher, Jeff & Christie Boyd, Rev. Dr. Dustin & Sherry Ellington, Dr. Larry and Inge Sthresley.



Looking for Flowers

God's Design, Inc. is in need of old/used silk flowers or flower arrangements. The purpose of God's Designs, Inc. is to enrich lives by making homes more pleasant places for everyday living. It starts by collecting donated household furnishings, which are used to furnish homes and apartments for those in need at no cost to them. The donated flowers will be used to create a flower arrangement for the newly established homes.

Flowers can be left in the Drop Closet. For questions, contact Mary Reid at 425-3936. Thank you for your help. For more information about God's Design, Inc., visit <http://godsdesignsinc.com/>.

Grocery Cart

Grocery Cart donations through early December will be added to the Cabbage Patch Christmas baskets. Please leave all donations in the cart by Wednesday, December 14. Items most needed are those that cannot be purchased with food stamps, such as: toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent.

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



Thank you, Touched Twice Health Clinic Volunteers

On Saturday, October 22, ten **HBPres** members (plus a friend) responded to the need for volunteers to help staff this clinic, which has been held at St. Matthews Methodist Church for six consecutive years. During the four-hour clinic, 233 thankful people were helped in many different areas including medical, hearing and vision tests, parking, clothes closet, picture taking and flu shots. Each family unit had a “shepherd” volunteer helping them find the services they requested, including lunch.

Thanks to many of you who helped through the generous giving of items for the winter clothes closet and food pantry. The **HBPres** parking lot was designated for volunteer parking freeing the St. Matthews Methodist lot for attending clinic guests.

Special thanks to Fred and Wilma Bennett for organizing and transferring the food and clothing collected at **HBPres** for the clinic. St. Matthews Methodist is very appreciative of all the help given by **HBPres** to be able to carry out this valuable ministry in our community.

Mary Alice Grover

HBPres Representative

Touched Twice Health Clinic

Beloved Community Workshop a Great Success

Ninety-three people from the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky attended a workshop on racial harmony at the Fourth Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 22. The event, which was planned by representatives from **HBPres** and Shawnee Presbyterian Church, was led by pastors Alonzo Johnson and Mark Koenig. Those attending engaged in exercises which made them alert to issues of racial privilege and discrimination.

The group also enjoyed lunch together catered by Franco's, which advertises itself as “the best soul food in Louisville.” The planning group will gather again on Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m. at Shawnee church to follow up on the October event and consider next steps in the struggle for racial reconciliation. Any who wish to attend are encouraged to call Sally Craxton or Bill Williamson for information.

Harvey's Helpers

Stewardship of time is a valuable resource for the church that can free part of our budget for mission. Come help your fellow church members beautify, clean, and repair our church. All skill levels can contribute to the ongoing work. Hope to see you Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

If you have a questions or a church project for Harvey's Helpers, please contact Dave Doehnert.

Check Out the HBPres Library

Starting in 2014, a dedicated group of church members renovated the library. As part of the renovation, all library books were relabeled and reorganized on the shelves for better access. In addition, the library catalog was moved on-line and can now be accessed any time by visiting the link on our website: <http://hbpres.net/hbpres-library-catalog/>.

Our books get lonely doing nothing but sitting on a shelf day after day. Most of our books are housebroken, play well with children (and grandchildren), usually bring a smile to your face and would like nothing more than to curl up in your lap in a comfortable easy chair. We have 4,979 books in the categories of fiction, non-fiction, Christian books, books for children, devotionals, study guides and more. Come by the library, take a look at the work that has been done and make one of our books happy by checking it out.

The HBPres Library is located on the 2nd Floor just beyond the Foyer balcony. The Library is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

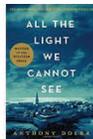
Ladies Book Talk



Book Talk will meet on Tuesday, December 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Barrett Room. We will discuss *Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah. Members should bring one book title for us to read next year.

Mary Faltin

Bookanalia



There is **no** scheduled Bookanalia for the month of December. We will meet again on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Barret Room. We will discuss *All the Light we Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

Sarah Grant

Men's Book Forum

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017, we will be meeting to review our December book, *The Last Days of Night* by G. Moore, recommended by Don Chasteen. We will be meeting in Room 206 at 1:00 p.m.



Annual Christmas Dinner

The Harvey Browne Men's Book Forum will be meeting, with our wives, for our annual Christmas dinner at the Bristol Bar & Grill on Hurstbourne Parkway Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. We will select the twin table configuration as most were pleased with this last year. Please contact Gary Faltin with your reservations at glfaltin@yahoo.com as soon as you are able.

Gary Faltin

The Gift of Listening and Caring

In this beautiful season of giving, consider becoming a trained Stephen Minister. Our training is a time to grow spiritually, as well as a time to learn ways to provide care for individuals going through a time of transition or difficulty.

The training will be a gift to you, to those you love and to our Harvey Browne family as we continue our Centennial Celebration. If you have questions, please call Mary Esch at 500-5391.

We will be offering training in January. Consider using your gifts of compassion and care to be a blessing to others.

Have a Blessed Christmas.

Your Stephen Ministry Team

"We are the Care Givers, Christ is the Cure Giver"



Not What You Eat but Who You Meet

Kitty and I joined the church and did not really know anyone else. One Sunday, there was a sheet in our service program asking people to sign up for "Tables of Eight," now known as "Hospitality Nights." We thought this would help us meet more of the people that were in church on Sunday. It was through this activity over the last ten years that we have met and become friends with many of our fellow church members.

We hope everyone will take part because this is one of the best activities HBPres has that builds community. It's not about what you eat; it's about who you meet.

Please take the stretch and sign up for the next round of Hospitality Night dinners in the winter of 2017.

Love and Blessings,
The Boswells

Deacon's Corner

Dont forget your flock during this holiday season. Remember them with a phone call, text or card. Just a short conversation after church can cheer someone up who might have been having a bad day. Let's take time to remember what and who the season is all about.

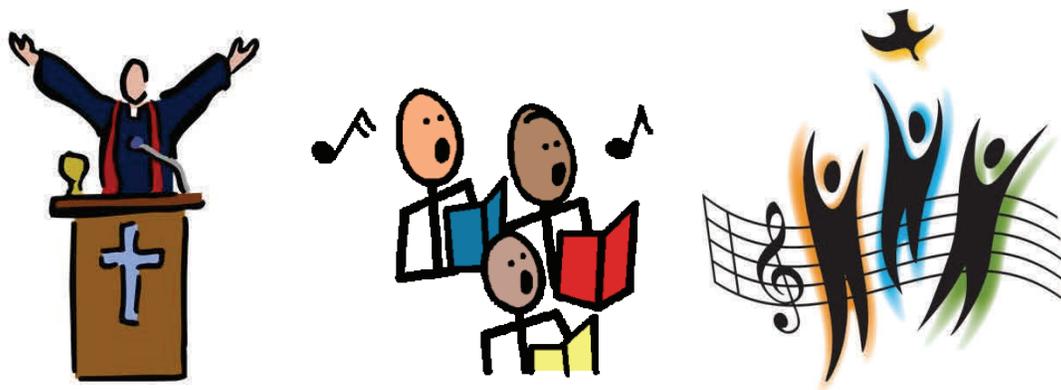
By request of the Session, the Board of Deacons would like to encourage anyone to commemorate special events of family members with flowers in the sanctuary or chapel for worship.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mary Lou Krieg
Board of Deacons



Music & Worship Committee



2016 ANNUAL REPORT: *HBPres* WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship and Music Committee serves the church behind the scenes in many ways by planning and carrying out the details of weekly and special worship. We have had a GREAT year in 2016, especially in the planning and carrying out of our special Centennial events with the Psalm 100 theme, culminating in our celebration service of 9-11-16 with special guests, the Rev. Neil Weatherhogg and the Rev. Lynn Gant March. The orchestra played a commissioned piece by our own Allen Gilfert that morning. We are very fortunate to have such a talented musician in our midst.

Looking back over the year, we worked as a team to set out Easter Lilies, blacken the sanctuary for Good Friday, order candles and poinsettias with office staff help, make a worship planning calendar, approve/updated policies, wash communion linens and trays, initiate a new music series in coordination with the Support Committee, plan a fund raiser organ/movie concert to benefit Cabbage Patch, and involve children and youth in worship through music participation, reading scripture, helping during communion, and ushering. Thanks to the youth who washed and dried communion trays as a youth activity.

We continue to have two services on Sundays, a Chapel service at 8:30 a.m. with a very faithful choir and a Sanctuary service at 11:00 a.m. (10:00 a.m. in the summer). We are on track to finish the year within the established budget. We had a joint World Communion Service with the Korean Presbyterian Church, a special Good Friday Tenebrae service, and two full youth participation Sundays. We have shared worship with Shawnee Presbyterian Church through pastoral exchanges and perhaps will exchange choirs in the future.

Worship services, including music, could not take place without those who give of their time to serve on the Worship and Music Council: Allen Gilfert, Kim Harrod, Kathy Lewis Williams, Kevin Pernicano, Jane Doehnert, Sara Sutphin, Jim Lewis, and Dianne DeLong at this time. We know that *HBPres* appreciates the work of these behind-the-scenes helpers, and I am ever grateful for their ideas and enthusiasm.

At the present time, we have 110 volunteers who serve communion at the two services; 79 who usher for the 11:00 a.m. service and eight who usher for the 8:30 a.m. service; three to five who serve communion to home-bound persons; and about eight who regularly help prepare or clean up communion (plus five as needed substitutes who help during “emergencies”, Advent and Lent). We lost about 20 ushers this year due to their no longer wishing to serve, having moved or death. We lost three communion helpers.

We are in need of additional volunteers to take communion to home-bound persons and would welcome youth and their families to volunteer for communion clean up on a particular Sunday as a way to encourage inter-generational participation. We are always in need of additional ushers, communion servers, and help with communion preparation or clean up. If you are in worship on Sundays, please volunteer to help us with these tasks.

We offer a *shout out* of thanks to the **HBPres** staff and members who coordinate the following Worship and Music activities:

- Staff Advisors: Rev. John Roper, Larry Brandenburg
- Staff Adult Choir Music (8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.) and Special Music for Services: Larry Brandenburg
- Staff Orchestra: Larry Brandenburg
- Staff Organist: Tim Baker (and resident music arranger)
- Bells: Tim Baker
- Staff Children’s Music: Beth Brandenburg
- Communion Servers: Kim Harrod
- Communion Preparation, Putting Out and Cleaning Up: Pat Pernicano
- Communion Supplies (wine, doilies, cups, juice, bread): Pat and Kevin Pernicano
- Gluten Free Bread Supply: Jane Doehnert
- Home Communion Coordination: Bill and Pam Bliven
- Ushers: Kevin Pernicano
- Orchestra / Choir Music Arranging: Allen Gilfert and Larry Brandenburg
- Service Scripture Readers: Sara Sutphin
- Technology during Worship: Jane Doehnert, Dave Doehnert, James Holt
- Council Minutes: Jim Lewis
- Wedding Coordinator and Liaison: Kathy Lewis Williams
- 8:30 Service Liaison: Dianne DeLong
- Pew Materials: Linda Douglas, Ruth Hodges and Judy Laning
- Music Series Coordination: Pat Pernicano (thanks to Allen Gilfert for the brass and woodwind events)
- Facebook Announcements of Special Musical Events: Kathy Lewis Williams
- Seasonal Decorating: Council and church members

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Pernicano

Chair, Worship and Music Committee

Contact information: 502-649-0697 or ppshrink@gmail.com

Christmas Mission & Events

Cabbage Patch Christmas 2016

Thank you for the continued support of this mission project. We “shopped until everyone dropped” for clothing, shoes and housewares at Burlington. We had happy mothers and church members anticipating a special Christmas. All these gifts are now in Room 209 ready to be wrapped.

Want to help? Here is how you can still be involved in this special HBPres event.

1. **Wrap gifts** in Room 209 (behind the Eline stage) every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Donate money** to pay for the shopping day gifts and groceries.
3. **Pick up a gift tag** from the small tree on Sundays and Wednesdays to provide toys and gifts for the children.
4. **Donate paper goods and soap products** for the kitchen, laundry and bathroom to the grocery cart.
5. **Thank the PDO** for their support providing snacks for the baskets for when the children are out of school over the holidays.
6. **Sort groceries and bring gifts from Room 209 to Emory Hall** on Friday night, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.
7. **Deliver baskets** to the homes of our families on Sunday, December 18.
8. **Pray for the families** we are supporting.



Contact persons for each project:

Wrapping Room	Laura Krausen	lkrausen1@att.net	295-9585
Gift tree	Anne Hughes	hughestaaj@gmail.com	254-5103
Groceries	Pollock's & Mariners	al@computerconcepts.net	
		nancy@computerconcepts.net	458-6413
Delivery	Bob Smith	smith103@bellsouth.net	254-2008
General Information	Linda Garrett	ldgarrett0447@gmail.com	499-5708
Cabbage Patch Liaison	Doug Holm	dholm@cabbagepatch.org	493-5920

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Coffee

Mark your calendars now for the Presbyterian Women's Christmas Coffee on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the **HBPres** Foyer. The program will consist of music, singing and light breakfast foods. Playing for us will be the Derbytowntown Quartet (a dulcimer group), a string quartet, and Jonathan Sutphin (a soloist). Everyone in the church is invited and encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season.

Linda LaFrance

The Perfect Christmas Gifts

The Harvey Browne Church history, *Sharing God's Love, Generation to Generation: The Story of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church*, will make a wonderful gift for family and friends this Christmas, along with a Centennial coffee mug.

History books (\$10) and mugs (\$3) will be for sale in the Foyer the first three Sundays in December.

***HBPres** T-shirts will also be available on the balcony on these Sundays.



A Philharmonia Christmas

Louisville Philharmonia presents “A Philharmonia Christmas.” This is a free Holiday Concert on Friday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m. **NO TICKETS NEEDED.**

**Note different location just down the street-Beargrass Christian Church-St. Matthews (in the Sanctuary), 4100 Shelbyville Road.

Memorial Garden and Cross

Our long-awaited memorial garden and cross are nearing completion—a few months behind schedule but still on track to be done by year’s end or shortly thereafter. This does not include full planting of the garden, which will be done next spring due to construction delays.

The garden and cross are the final pieces of a capital campaign that has also included a new sign in front of the church, repairs to the roof and the main elevator, support of our year-long Centennial Celebration, and a gift to Habitat for Humanity.

We are close to reaching our goal, thanks to an anonymous gift of \$45,000 to fulfill our commitment to Habitat. We won’t know the final cost the garden until the work is finished, but at this point it appears we still need to raise somewhere close to \$20,000 to complete this campaign.

If you need to make a year-end, tax-deductible gift, this is the perfect way to make a lasting gift to the church and the St. Matthews community. And even if you don’t need to make such a gift but can help us to reach this goal, we hope you will find it in your heart to do so.

Thank you.

Harvey Browne Preschool Annual Report 2016

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 very proud of our school and believes it to be an excellent environment for preschoolers. Each child is loved, nurtured and granted the opportunities to explore, create and master the real world of things and people on “kiddo” time. This is a rare and precious commodity in the world today. Independent thinking, creativity and curiosity are valued to encourage children to discover their own special qualities and strengths within an active classroom.

Missions: Mission projects organized by parents teach children the importance of sharing God’s love by caring for others in our community, church and family and around the world. Our chapel program offers Bible stories that relate to our mission projects. The first project is helping the Golden Arrow Center for Mothers & Children (newborn to 6 yrs.) collecting diapers, baby and maternity clothing. Our second project invites our children to share toys from their toy boxes for Home of the Innocents. In February, we will collect canned goods for St. MAM. Other projects will be planned for the spring.

Harvey Browne Preschool is accredited by the NAEYC (National Accreditation for the Education of Young Children). There are ten gold standards required for accreditation. 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, and 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 two and a half 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 of five **HBPres** members and three parent representatives is devoted to the welfare of the children, families, faculty and church. They support fundraising projects organized by vastly talented parents, which allows us to offer need-based financial assistance, purchase equipment for the classrooms and support the ministry at **HBPres**. The preschool has financially contributed to re-pavement of the parking lot, installation of security cameras, painting of classrooms and replacing fixtures in addition to monthly rent to support the ministry of our church.

Harvey Browne Preschool has an outstanding reputation attributed to our teaching staff and director, Dr. Barbara Bailey. As one parent said, “It is a place where magic happens to shape little minds. A family can feel like they truly have a village helping to raise their child.” It is a blessing for these children to begin their educational development at our preschool, where they are loved and cherished by their teachers and learn that God loves them.

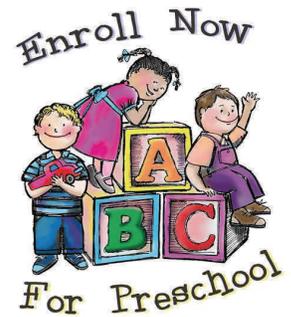
Please visit us at any time. Thank you for your support of this special ministry at **HBPres**.

Harvey Browne Preschool

Harvey Browne Preschool 2017-2018 Registration

It's registration time. For everyone with preschoolers' ages two and a half through kindergarten registration for the Harvey Browne Preschool 2017-2018 school year is starting soon. **HBPres** church members receive the highest priority in the registration process and can begin registering now. Priority registration ends Friday, January 13, 2017.

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 www.harveybrownepreschool.org. We hope to talk with you soon.



Harvey Browne Preschool

Congratulations

A Prolific Author is in our Midst

Dr. Veda McClain will soon launch her fourth book entitled *I Mastered Parenting, and here's What I Did*. You are invited to celebrate this occasion with Veda on Saturday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Quinn Chapel AME Church, 1901 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard. Her book will be available to purchase and would be a welcomed gift for any family with children. Veda, a teacher, literacy advocate, and Equity Officer at Kentucky Department of Education, has been worshipping at **HBPres** for four years and has been very active in Hunger and Justice activities, in planning the Beloved Community event in October with Shawnee and in the Presbyterian Women's Miriam Circle. For more information on Veda visit www.vedamcclain.com Congratulations, kudos, and hats off to you, Veda!

Portia Brittain

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 1, 2016 for a stated meeting. Following a devotion led by Pat Pernicano the following business was handled:

- Dave Doehnert, Cynthia Hilyerd, and Terry Hargrave gave a report from the Spiritual Formation Committee. Many exciting things are happening with our children and youth. The committee would like to stress that the Spiritual Formation Committee is not just about activities for children and youth but, rather, the spiritual formation of our children and youth. They encourage all ages of the congregation to take part/help with many of the activities/events.
- Larry Brandenburg gave his staff report as Minister of Music.
- In 2014, Session voted to no longer include committee yearly reports and staff yearly reports in the annual report, Ministry Overview, but rather to include them throughout the year in the newsletter. It has been requested that staff reports be included in the Ministry Overview. Session voted to include staff reports in the Ministry Overview and continue to have committee reports in the newsletter.
- Voted to change the company used to perform background checks on staff and volunteers. Adopted policy/procedures for not-for-profit events held in the sanctuary.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

Anne Hughes
Clerk of Session

Did you know...

One option in paying your **HBPres** pledge is to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). With EFT, your monthly pledge is automatically deducted from your bank account and sent directly to **HBPres**. 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 **HBPres** 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.

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 Return this form with a voided check. This will give us the necessary information needed to begin automatic deductions.
3. 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.
4. Your automatic deduction will continue until you notify Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church in writing that you would like to discontinue.

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Effective Date: _____

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\$ _____ Total Amount to Debit

Please attach a copy of a voided check

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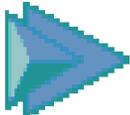
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