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## Decisions, Decisions

I am writing this article on Friday, January 22, from home, since I am out of the office today. On this particular Friday, the office is closed because of a very serious snow event. I have gone to the church and walked in the gym early and I am now home watching us be snowed in. Around noon today, the staff and I will talk and I will have to decide whether to cancel the session retreat that is planned for Saturday, the 5:00 p.m. Saturday **HBPres** Loft service and the 8:30 a.m. worship service Sunday. These are hard decisions but if we get the amount of snow that is being predicted, which is between 5-10 inches, then it should be, as they say, a “no brainer.” If the snow turns out to be much less, which would be a blessing, I will get calls and emails questioning my decision. But as many of us know, these are life’s easy decisions.

My mom has been seeking her children’s advice about whether to have a knee replacement at age 94. She has been in severe pain for months now and pain medication is of little help. We worry, and so does she, about the surgery at her age, not to mention the rehab, which, as many of you know, is quite arduous. We are praying but the pain continues to get worse. This means a decision must be made but like so many decisions, it comes with a high risk.

A few years ago a friend of mine put his mom in a nursing home. She had been living at home alone but was beginning to show signs of dementia. One day she had left the stove on and started a small fire, which a neighbor quickly extinguished. She was unhappy with her son but he made her move into the care facility. One of his friends made a point of seeking him out to tell him what an unloving, rotten son he was for doing this to his mother. The friend had visited his mother in her new “home” and the mother had expressed her dismay at being “put away.” It was this visit that prompted the friend’s tirade at the son. These decisions are hard enough without such well-meaning friends.

Years ago when I was in Tennessee, a friend of mine had a son who had become involved with drugs. He had said little to me about it and then one day, I got some very sad news. My friend and his wife were getting a divorce. When he finally talked to me about the divorce it came down to a disagreement between him and his wife over how to deal with the son’s addiction. They had put the son in rehab not once, but three times to no avail. My friend, the father, wanted to have an intervention with the son and tell him that un-

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

1 John 5:14

less he took his rehabilitation seriously he would no longer be allowed to live at home. His mother was unwilling to, as she said, “put her son out to live on the street.” She believed that the only thing

to do was to leave him alone and pray that he came to his senses. The father said that he believed they were enabling his son’s addiction. He was afraid that waiting could lead to their son finally overdosing and dying. The mother said she believed that as a Christian, she was called to practice unconditional love.

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

***HBPres.net***  
We’ve updated our Website!  
Check it out!

## Sunday Worship

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

### February 7

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36  
“Living under a Veil”  
Kimberly Cabrera

### February 14

Deuteronomy 26:1-11;  
Luke 4:1-13  
“A Test Case”  
John Roper

### February 21

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18;  
Luke 13:31-35  
“Completing the Assignment”  
John Roper

### February 28

Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9  
“Being Held Accountable”  
John Roper

## Coffee Cove

### February 7

Mac McCuen

### February 14

Marina Gutierrez

### February 21

Brenda Price

### February 28

Rick Williams

If no one is there, the coffee cove will be self serve.



## Ushers—8:30 a.m.

### February 7 & 14

Peggy & Bill Campbell  
Dick & Sharon Blayney

### February 21 & 28

Eric & Susan Lehmann  
Bill & Lydia Dobbs



## Ushers—11:00 a.m.

### February 7 & 14

**Head Usher:** Nate Evans  
Becky Evans  
Anne Hughes  
Beth Kolodey  
Allison Allison  
George Bales  
Betsy & Jeff Barrick  
Fred Bennett  
Nancy Williamson

### February 21 & 28

**Head Usher:** Steve Whitehouse  
Leslie Whitehouse  
Bill & Pam Bliven  
Paulette Brown  
Frank & Marla Kosnik  
Sarah Strapp  
Linda Brantley  
Koenig Leslie



## Lay Readers

### February 7

8:30 Doug Mann  
11:00 Katie Stewart

### February 14

8:30 Lynn Cole  
11:00 Alex Holm

### February 21

8:30 Adrian Cole  
11:00 Bob Roberts

### February 28

8:30 Eric Lehmann  
11:00 Heather Drake

## Ushers & Greeters



## Greeters—11:00 a.m.

### February 7

Nancy Williamson  
Anne Hughes

### February 14

Barrick Family

### February 21

Frank & Marla Kosnik

### February 28

Bill & Pam Bliven

# Caring for our Church Family



## World Day of Prayer 2016



Church Women United is holding its annual World Day of Prayer event on Saturday, March 5 with registration and refreshments at 10:00 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. We are in the cluster of churches that meet at St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Ave. The theme of this year's program is "Receive Children, Receive Me" and is written by the women of Cuba. This is always a wonderful event with women from many churches in the area participating. Please plan to attend.

## Remembering:

Jack Spickard, 1/30/15  
Ann Boswell, unknown  
Linda S. Payne, 4/25/15  
Edward "Ed" Hilbert, 04/01/15  
Adolph Schmitt, unknown  
Marilyn Frentz, 05/18/15  
Audrey Cole, 05/20/15  
Dorothy L. Ellwanger, 06/18/15  
Tom H. Wolfe, 7/8/15  
Charles Michael Young, 07/08/15  
Ed Neel, 08/08/15  
Robert E. "Bob" Robertson, 08/11/15  
Estelle Gilmour, 10/07/15  
Clara Lovelace, 10/08/15  
Mary Smith, 10/9/15  
Carolyn Piersall, 10/9/15  
Betty Jean Mayfield, 10/26/15  
Marianne Lawrence, 12/8/15



## Prayer Requests:

Carl Enoch, Pat Crawford, Vivan Hasty, Patty Mackell, Margaret Rinne, Deward Eades, Cynthia Alvery, Jane Bumpas, Dale Allison, Merle Newlon, The Hewitt/Becker family, The Bliven family, Bill Hodapp, Barb Graas, Cherry Kelly, Bill Hilyerd (Will Hilyerd's father), The Brantley family, John Ballard, Scott Jones (Anna Jones' Son and Kim Harrod's brother), Karen Frank (Pam Schmidt's sister).

## Mission Co-Workers:

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

# Pastoral Care at HBPres

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



Caring for a Care Giver Our Stephen Ministers is often called to provide care for a care giver. Many times those in a Caregiving role find themselves exhausted and overwhelmed by the responsibilities of taking care of a loved one who might have a chronic illness such as cancer, Alzheimer's, other age related difficulties or mental health issues. We are available to provide one on one high quality, confidential, Christ centered care for those experiencing difficult times.

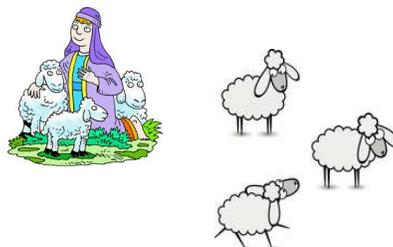
So if you are dealing with the difficult responsibilities of caregiving for a loved one, or if you are going through a serious illness, loneliness, grief, job loss or other life crisis - please call to find out more about our Stephen Ministry Program.

You can contact Doug Earley at 599-7295 or a pastor at 896-1791.



Love One Another As I Have Loved You. (John 15: 12)

## Deacon's Corner



It's Time for a Churchwide Potluck Lunch

Come and share a meal and fellowship. This is a time for you to get to know your Deacons and for your Deacons to get to know you. We'll have fun & games too.

**Where:** In the gymnasium (Emory Hall)

**When:** Sunday, February 21 at 12:30 p.m. following our Annual Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary after the 11:00 a.m. worship.

Everyone is invited to attend. The Deacons will be our hosts. March will be an important month for new deacons. Training class has been scheduled for Sunday, March 6th immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The May flock assignment meetings have been scheduled Thursday evening, May 12th and Friday, May 13th.

As 2016 begins joyfully remember your flock members with a friendly smile, a kind note, a handshake or perhaps a hug.

Blessings to all,  
*The Deacon Board*



POTLUCK DINNER

# Caring for our Neighbors

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I ran across this article in Letters to Annie in Courier-Journal. In response to a reader's question about such an issue, Annie responded, "Unconditional love means you love someone regardless of their behavior, while not necessarily condoning what they say or do. (For example, your daughter steals from you. You are angry about it and no longer trust her, but you still love her.) Enabling is acting in a way that allows the loved one to continue behavior that is damaging either to him or to others. (You make excuses for your alcoholic husband when he's too hung over to show up for work.) A lot of folks can't tell the difference. And it is often easier to be an enabler than to hold someone responsible for their behavior. But "easier" is the wrong choice.

My being able to remember life's really hard decisions helps keep this one I have to make in perspective. Besides, as an elder reminded me the other night as I was complaining about the snow that had forced us to cancel our Wednesday night activities, it was winter and it was supposed to be cold.

It is so much easier for me to whine than to face up to life's realities.

*John*

## Grocery Cart

The items collected in the Grocery Cart for the month of February will be donated to Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church food pantry. They have renovated the old Kroger store and are worshipping and serving the Portland Community from there.

Items "most needed" are:

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Bar Soap  
Dishwashing Liquid  
Toothpaste & Brushes  
Deodorant  
Canned Veggies and Fruits  
Tuna Helper, Canned Meats

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

## Wellness Brief

Don't let stress get the best of you. Anxiety in general doesn't always have to be negative. In some cases, stress serves as motivation to get things done. It can help us act when we're in danger. As our bodies are wired with a *fight or flight* response that gives us this ability to run faster and think more quickly in the face of an emergency.

Problems can occur when a situation is too stressful or the stress is chronic. If you're tense, you're more likely to have problems like headaches or muscle strain. You'll also have a lower immune system and be more susceptible to an illness.

Fortunately there is plenty you can do to mitigate the effect of stress. The most important step is to find support wherever you can. There's comfort in knowing other people understand you and your situation.

- Don't overlook something as simple as the laughter of a good friend (Dr. Andrea Bonor)
- Ever have a memory that sneaks out of your eye and rolls down your cheek? Never witness a tear with apathy or indifference. A tear comes directly from the heart and speaks the language of truth and sincerity
- The single greatest thing you can do to change your life today is to start being grateful for what you have right now. (Oprah Winfrey)
- When you have shut the door and darkened the room, never say that you are alone for God is with you. (Epictetus)
- I will bless you so that you can be a blessing. (Genesis2:2)

*Wellness committee*



**American  
Red Cross**

## Blood Drive

Save the date—Wednesday March 2—from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Eline Hall, to donate to the Red Cross blood drive.



## Centennial Campaign Update

So where are we with our plans to transform our front lawn along Browns Lane with a garden, a new sign and a magnificent cross made of glass and bronze?

Not entirely where we hoped to be at this point, but not too far off schedule. The main delay in installing a new electronic sign has reached absurd proportions, given that we expected to have it in place last fall. You've no doubt noticed the stone frame in front of the church where the new sign will be. The latest estimate is that we will have it (finally) sometime in February.

The rest of the project is pretty much on schedule.

Mark Simpson, a member of **HBPres**, a civil engineer and the owner of Simpson Builders, Inc., has agreed to serve as our contractor. By the time you read this we expect to have selected a landscape architect to oversee construction of the garden. Our goal is to be able to begin construction once the weather turns warmer after Easter.

Guy Tedesco, the artist who will be making our colorful new cross, is currently working with an engineer to create an actual size, 20-foot tall model. When it is completed, it will be carefully deconstructed and each piece used as a template for fabrication and construction of the finished sculpture in bronze. We expected to have the sculpture in place by our centennial anniversary date in August.

As for the rest of our campaign projects, we have completed repairs to the elevator next to Emory Hall and, fortunately, we have had no new leaks as we wait for a new roof. Our campaign also includes a three-year commitment to Habitat for Humanity.

As this update is being written we have received a little more than \$403,466 in gifts and pledges toward our goal of \$465,000. If you have not yet made a gift to this once-in-a-lifetime centennial project, please prayerfully consider doing so. The end result will be a visible sign of our church's 100 years of ministry and mission. If you prefer, you may designate your gift for a particular portion of our campaign.

Thank you for helping to make this dream a reality.

# The Real Story of Holy Week



Join the Mariners Class on Sundays during Lent as they explore *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossman. Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, these top Jesus scholars present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life. They begin their story on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey. The Jesus introduced by Borg and Crossan is this new moral hero, a more dangerous Jesus than the one enshrined in the church's traditional teachings.

The book can be ordered from Amazon or Barnes & Noble. The class will meet in the Living Room at 9:45 a.m. from February 14 through March 20. All are welcome.



## BIBLE READING AND PRAYER: A LENTEN DISCIPLINE February 17-March 16

This class will meet Wednesdays during Lent after supper, beginning February 17. Lent is the time for believers to deepen their spiritual life. We will reflect on scriptures and engage in a time of shared prayer. Led by Bill Williamson.

### Dear Harvey Browne Family,

Hal and I thank all of you for your love, concern, and prayers for both of us, as I recovered from a fall, breaking some pelvic bones in June, to Hal's triple by-pass surgery in October, then to my surgery on December 31, 2015. We know that you helped us recover and recuperate and that now we are over the hump with new leases on life. We greatly appreciated the staff and lay persons who came by the hospitals to see us and to pray with us before and after surgeries.

With love,  
Hal and Barbara Cole

### HB Card Connection

Thanks to donations for cards we were able to donate the following in 2015:

- 500.00 Youth Montreat trip
- 400.00 St. MAM Ministries
- 125.00 Office Staff & Custodians
- 1500.00 Cabbage Patch Christmas Project

In addition we have sent 3 packages containing 25 cards and items they can't get to our missionaries, The Holm family, in Mzuzu, Malawi. This package cost approximately 65.00 each.

We sent cards to our home bound members 4 times in 2015.

# What's Going On...

## HBPres University Lenten Offerings – February 14-March 20

### **Handel's Messiah:** Crucifixion and Resurrection

Led by Bill Williamson and Tim Cargal. Following their presentation of the Christmas portion of the Messiah in December, Bill and Tim will consider the portions of scripture in Parts II and III of that monumental musical work. We will study the texts, and also listen to recordings of the way Handel has set these selections to music. The class meets in the Session Room at 10:00 a.m. during the Sundays in Lent.

### **Mariner Class**

From February 14 through Palm Sunday, Mariners will be reading *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem* by Marcus Borg & John Dominic Crossan. Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life.

**Fast Faith & Together With Jesus** will continue to meet every Sunday as scheduled.



## Come, Eat and Learn about Uspiritus

Enjoy Uspiritus Hospitality and enjoy a delicious meal as you discover more about Uspiritus, their mission and services. Join the "Catch the Spirit" Tour Tuesday, Feb. 16, or Tuesday, April 19 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Bellewood's Administration Building in Anchorage, 11103 Park Road, just off Old LaGrange Road. Find out what's new as this organization seeks to care and protect children in Louisville and discover new ways to serve.

## Yarn Necklace Workshop

A crochet yarn necklace workshop will be offered February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Barrett Room. These popular necklaces are simple to make. Bring a size J crochet hook if you have one. The Synod of Living Waters is asking for a supply to be sold at the next PW Gathering. Please help fill the supply. Contact Sarah Grant for more information at [rscanoe@bellsouth.net](mailto:rscanoe@bellsouth.net)

## Easter Breads



Easter is March 27 this year. It is time to get out those cookbooks and see what you would like to bring for the **HBPres** Easter Bread Celebration. If you would like to try some traditional breads, you may have one in your family that has been passed down through the generations. If not, check out the selections in *Hot Browne: A Second Helping*. Coffee cakes and other special breads, including those from the bakery, are also welcome.

More information will follow in *Good News to Go* and the weekly *Highlights* about signing up to bring a bread, helping cut breads or decorating on Saturday the 26th or helping serve and clean up on Easter Sunday. Come be part of this very special Easter celebration.



## St MAM. Valentine

St. Matthews Area Ministries cordially invites you to the 1st annual Share the Love Shindig. Come celebrate and extend your compassion for the unmet needs in our community.

Dinner and Dance - \$40 per person  
Saturday, February 13th 2016  
6:30-10:30 p.m.  
Wildwood Country Club  
5000 Bardstown Road

For tickets please contact your church's St. MAM board representative or Julie Abbott at 893-0205 or [julieabbott@stmam.com](mailto:julieabbott@stmam.com).

# Literary Corner

## Presbyterian Men's Group

The Saturday group will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Feb. 20, in room 206 at the church.

Contact Bill Williamson for further information about either group, 896-1791 ext. 112



## The Men's Book Forum

The Men's Book Forum will meet Monday, February 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

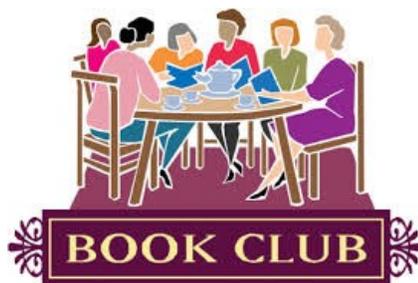
We will be reviewing the book, *The Consuls Wife* by W.T. Tyler, recommended by Jim Bale.

For more information contact Gary Faltin, 326-5069 or [glfaltin@yahoo.com](mailto:glfaltin@yahoo.com)

## Ladies Book Talk

Book Talk will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23 in the Barret Room. We will discuss *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Faltin at 326-5069 or [maryfaltin@yahoo.com](mailto:maryfaltin@yahoo.com)



## Correction from Jan. Newsletter

To my Harvey Browne Family  
I send to you:  
A haiku.



A church celebrates  
Harvey Browne, one hundred years  
Thank those before us.

*Judy Laning*



## Bookanalia

Bookanalia for February 17 is the historical novel, *In Falling Snow*, by Mary-Rose MacColl. It will be presented by Heidi Schissler Lanham, who grew up at Harvey Browne. An invitation to a reunion triggers memories for an 80-year-old nurse about her time during World War I at a military hospital at Royaumont Abbey in France. The hospital, which was staffed entirely by women, was part of the efforts of the Scottish Women's Suffrage Federation to give women's medical units a chance to serve on the Western Front. Of course, there is also a romance involved in this very well written, enjoyable and thoroughly researched story.

If you buy your book at Carmichael's, mention Bookanalia at **HBPres** and receive a 20% discount. Everyone is always welcome at Bookanalia whether you have read the book or not.

# Mission at HBPres

Happy New Year and blessings from Malawi! We had a very busy few months to end 2015, and enjoyed some valuable quiet and down time as a family over the holidays. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support of our ministry in Malawi in 2015. For updates on our family and what we have going on in 2016 please visit:

<http://holminafrika.blogspot.com/>



## Micro-Mission at HBPres



### "Harvey's Helpers"

A group of interested people continue to meet for the purpose of completing small projects to beautify, maintain and improve our church building. No special skills are required, just a willingness to help. We invite you to join us and be a "Harvey's Helper." During February we are working each Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We have lots of projects so we can use your help. No need to reserve a spot, just drop-in and enjoy some great fellowship and make **HBPres** a better place.

If you want to talk to one of "Harvey's Helpers," call Al Pollock.

Celebrate Life,  
*Dave Doehnert*

## In The News...



Please join us for our annual Chili Cook Off on Wednesday February 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Emory Hall!

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Red, White, Vegetarian, Hot, Plant based

The tasty meal will be part of our regular Wednesday dinner.

Please contact Kathy Williams with questions at 502-639-1042 or [kathylewiswilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:kathylewiswilliams@hotmail.com)



### Coffee, crafts and chocolate sale

Thank you for your terrific support for this year's sale! A total of \$2,798.16 items was sold! When all accounts have been settled, we will let you know how much in proceeds have been made for Build Congo Schools. Know also that your purchases have helped small farmers and artisans in South America, India, Guatemala, Africa and elsewhere earn a livelihood.

*Emily Brown*





## Parents' Day Out

The PDO has begun registration for the 2016-2017 school year for members of **HBPres**. Church members are guaranteed a place in the school during the priority registration period, which ends Feb.11. If you would like to receive a registration form, take a tour or have questions, please contact Julie Rousseau in the PDO office at 896-1791 ext. 119. Also, registration forms are located in the church office and at the Visitor Center.



## News from Harvey Browne Preschool

As the temperatures drop outside, the sprit within the preschool continues to rise! Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and the children love this holiday that's all about love. We try to begin to teach these small children about the act of giving back, and the compassion and love for others felt during important mission projects. In January, we participated in the "souper bowl" –collecting canned goods to donate to Dare to Care.

We will have several visitors to Harvey Browne Preschool. Mad Scientist will visit, and encourage children to explore their natural curiosity through science and exploration. The children will also get a visit from Dr. Branson, a pediatric dentist (February is Dental Health Month)—she will be teaching them about the importance of good dental hygiene.

Join us for a fun trivia night—a fundraiser for Harvey Browne Preschool! The event is on Friday, February 26 from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Saints Pizza Pub and Sky Bar (131 Breckenridge Lane). Your \$30 ticket includes: dinner, 2 drink tickets, 6 rounds of trivia, and a live and silent auction. You can play on a preschool class trivia team, or create your own team with family and friends. All proceeds directly benefit classroom improvements and the Tuition Assistance Program. Space is limited, so register today at: <http://hbps.eventbrite.com> to reserve seats. You can also email [HBPSfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:HBPSfundraising@gmail.com) with questions or to pay with a check.

We hope to see you there!

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year—**HBPres** members get a discount. If you are interested in learning more about our fantastic accredited school, or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Barbara Bailey at (502)895-2577. You can also visit our website: [www.harveybrownepreschool.org](http://www.harveybrownepreschool.org).

As always, we thank you for your support!

In Christ,

The preschool board



# Meet the Nominees

The following church members have been nominated to serve as trustees of **HBPres**:

## Bill Bliven — *Trustee*

**EXPERIENCE:** elder, deacon, chairman of Athletics Committee, past president of Pike Crew at Cedar Ridge, Stephen Minister, member of Personnel Committee, served on Stewardship Committee, served on Financial Committee, youth chaperone at Montreat, youth advisor of kitchen at PYOCA, served communion to nursing home members, helped and delivered Christmas presents for Cabbage Patch, Sunday school teacher and Jubilee Breakfast helper.

I am proud to be a member of Harvey Browne for 38 years, as I moved here from Memphis, Tenn. in 1977. I became a Stephen Minister in 2008 and was lucky enough to meet my wife, Pam, as we were both being trained at the same time to be Stephen Ministers. You know you are blessed when you meet your wife at church after both being trained as Stephen Ministers. I have a 21-year-old son, Nick, who is a junior at Northern Kentucky University. I also have a stepson, Richard, and a step-daughter-in-law, Nani.

I am employed by The American Red Cross in the Blood Services Division as a Donor Recruitment Representative.

I am very grateful for the support the church has shown for hosting blood drives and being very successful.

What brought me to Harvey Browne Church was the friendliness of the people, the music program and the opportunity to get involved in the outreach programs. I am an avid outdoorsman, love sports and enjoy working with the youth and people in order to make things better and, whenever possible, fun.

I enjoy coaching the Harvey Brown middle school and high school basketball teams because we have fun, fellowship and exercise. I feel my vision for the church is to keep the youth programs active and growing, keep the music program continuing with the orchestra and music and truly keep “Making a Difference by Making Disciples.”

*Bill Bliven*

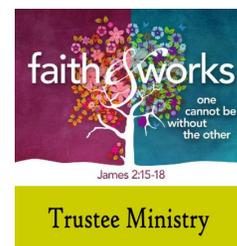
## Ben Blake — *Trustee*

Ben Blake is an elder here at Harvey Browne and recently retired from the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program where he served as its Vice President of Sales & Marketing. Ben and his wife, Scott, (also an elder at Harvey Browne) have been members for sixteen years. Prior to joining the Investment & Loan Program, Ben worked in the Coca-Cola bottling system as a vice president for sales and marketing.

A native of Alabama, he graduated from the University of Alabama with a B.S. degree in marketing. While working at the Presbyterian Center, Ben achieved a Certificate in Pastoral Studies at Louisville Seminary and served a short-term commission as pastor of Beulah Presbyterian Church while their pastor was on sabbatical. In addition to his service at Harvey Browne, he is the current chair of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery’s Commission on Ministry.

Ben and Scott have three adult children: Winston, who is a member of Harvey Browne, and twin daughters Rebecca and Dana, who reside in Denver, Colorado.

*Ben Blake*



## Gary Luhr — *Elder*

When Jeanne and I moved back to Louisville 36 years ago, one of the best things that happened to us was finding Harvey Browne Church. For 36 years it has been the center of both our spiritual and social lives. Highlights have included the choir, dinner theater, the Mariners’ Sunday school class, prior service on Session and service on a pastor nominating committee. I currently serve on the Personnel Committee, the Marketing Committee and the Centennial Committee.

Harvey Browne gave our two grown daughters a spiritual foundation as they were growing up. My vision for the church is to see a renewed commitment to providing a similar foundation for our current children and youth.

*Gary Luhr*

# Meet the Nominees continued...

## Cynthia Hilyerd — *Elder*

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Since initially visiting and becoming members, I, along with my husband, Will, have become very involved. My involvement has included playing in the handbell choir, serving as a deacon, heading the craft projects for the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt and inspiring the youth at Do-In with an introspective art project to make a shield/crest related to who they are and how they identify themselves. I have also assisted with communion set up and serving as well as ushering and greeting the congregation on Sunday mornings. Serving on the Outreach committee, initially just to manage the bulletin board then as a more active member, has opened my eyes to the needs of many members in the community, especially those associated with The Cabbage Patch. I have been blessed to help purchase school supplies, deliver Christmas baskets and shop with the families.

Will, a professor and librarian at U of L Law School and Law Library, has also been involved with various aspects of church life such as being an elder and renovating the library (almost finished). We have a 5-year-old son, Eric, whom most of the congregation sees running to the Coffee Cove on Sunday morning to get a cookie from Ms. Brenda or Mr. Mac, excitedly listening to Children's Time during the service, singing in the children's choir, attending Sunday school and Wednesday activities. I spend my days as a physical therapist working with the geriatric population to ensure safe return to mobility, home and community. I strive to ensure they know they are loved, cherished and valuable even in their elder years when they often feel the world has passed them by.

As I contemplate my role as elder at **HBPres**, I am drawn to the growth of our children and youth programming and participation. Having had numerous impactful experiences in youth group as I was growing up, I want Eric to have those opportunities for spiritual and self-growth as well as development of lasting friendships. I hope to ensure that we have children and families who are willing to put church as a priority among the myriad of activities and busy weeks. I hope that we can help each child to see their value and importance within the church and it's functioning, to be visibly present and incorporated into church life, feel it is a safe place to come and receive support from their peers and wise members, a place they want to bring friends and find support for their unique abilities and contributions.

With the celebration of the Centennial this year, it is a wonderful time to look to the future of **HBPres**. Our children and youth are the future and what a glorious future it can be.

*Cynthia Hilyerd*

## Jeff Barrick — *Elder*

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My name is Jeff Barrick. I am a father to three daughters—Georgia (age 11), Tess (age 8) and Catherine (age 6). I am married to Betsy Barrick. We got married at Harvey Browne almost 15 years ago. I am an accountant at Olin Brass Company, and enjoy watching sports (Go Cards!), running and most outdoor activities. I feel connected to Harvey Browne and feel that my involvement here helps me to keep things in perspective during this very busy and sometimes stressful stage of my life. We bring our children to church and keep them involved with the hope that they will develop a secure sense of self, strong core values and a solid relationship with God. I try to stay connected to the church by volunteering my time, helping out during services with ushering, greeting and scripture readings and helping with the audio. I also connect through mission projects (Cabbage Patch) and Sunday school.

My vision for Harvey Browne is to create an inviting environment for young families where the children's and youth programs grow and thrive. At the same time, I feel that it is important to nurture our current members and remember our purpose and mission: To honor the past as we seek new ways to grow. I would love to "get the word out" that Harvey Browne is a church that is welcoming to ALL, that one does not need to have extreme political views to feel accepted and nurtured at Harvey Browne. I feel that the faith, compassion and glorification of God that Harvey Browne teaches is a way to bridge the gap between the political extremes common in today's world.

*Jeff Barrick*

# Meet the Nominees continued...

## Joanne Heumann— *Elder*

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**VISION:** I believe Harvey Browne is on the right path led by John Roper and our other ministers to accept all people in this very diverse world. The decision to marry same-sex couples is a wonderful example of the openness of our church. I applaud this very relevant decision and feel strongly that it is in the spirit of an open and accepting God. I find **HBPres** a caring church—one that teaches love, forgiveness and hope.

My greatest concern for the future of our church is attracting and retaining younger, new members. I read a staggering fact that only 4 in 10 Millennials (Pew Research identifies as born 1981-1996) think religion is important to their lives. Millennials do not want to be told what to think. They are thought to be more tolerant and accepting than most people in today's society.

It is important for a church to appear young, to update its brand, but it is more important to be welcoming and understanding. It is our opportunity to grow as a church by understanding today's youth and the diverse lives that belong to them. In this increasing volatile world, the young people will need the comfort of a church. They will need to hear the message of hope.

I believe that I will be forgiven for my sins and that God loves me. God is not judging me. **HBPres** has guided me on this journey. I have not always thought that God was so forgiving. My wish would be that this faith touches new and younger members and that they too consider Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church a place of hope, comfort and faith discovery.

**CHURCH INVOLVEMENT:** I have volunteered for a few things here and there, including Coffee Cove, hospital visits and serving meals at Cabbage Patch. I am currently a deacon.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** I grew up in Louisville and attended the University of Kentucky and U of L. I worked for The Courier-Journal for 31 years (an education within itself) and retired in 2001. I did not marry until I was 41 years old. My husband had three grown children and I am close to them, especially his daughter, Katie. Mike, my husband, died in 1989. Mike was Jewish and from this I learned that God has many paths for people.

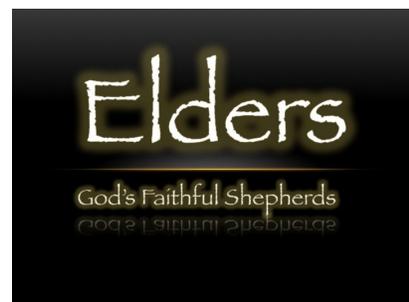
I have no children of my own but my sister has two wonderful daughters and three grand-daughters. My sister and her family have made me an important part of their lives. My step-children have kept me close to their families. So I have been very blessed.

Although I lost Jack Crutcher in 2014, I was very lucky to have him in my life for many years. In 2009, we chose Harvey Browne to be our church. We were both raised Baptist but took to being Presbyterians pretty well. Jack's faith was much stronger than mine, although I was very fortunate to have a mother who took me and my sister, as children, to Sunday school and church every Sunday. So although I pulled away from church for many years, my faith was always there. Jack was responsible for my re-connecting with my faith. As most of you know, Jack became very active in **HBPres** quite soon and served as an elder.

When Jack became ill, Harvey Browne ministers and members were there for both of us, giving us comfort when comfort was so deeply needed. When he died, they helped guide me and his family through the sadness and acceptance of his death.

Harvey Browne has become very important to me.

*Joanne Huemann*



# Meet the Nominees continued...

## Pam Bliven — *Elder*

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My vision for Harvey Browne relates back to the mission statement of Harvey Browne: "Making a difference by making disciples." I hope that by serving as an elder I can learn to make a difference in the church as so many others have because that is what attracted me to Harvey Browne. By continuing to reach out to the community and bringing new families into our church, we will grow.

**PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE CHURCH:** Stephen Minister, deacon, usher, serve communion, help prepare and serve Wednesday night dinners, prepare and serve meals for the youth at Cedar Ridge and PYOCA, administer communion to members of the congregation unable to attend church, participate in shopping with families for Cabbage Patch at Burlington, deliver Christmas baskets to the Cabbage Patch families, chaperoned the youth at Montreat

**PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION:** I was born in Anchorage, Alaska, where my dad was stationed during the Korean War. My parents left Alaska and moved to Louisville when I was under one-year-old. So obviously I have no memory of living in Alaska and have never been there since birth. I have one married sister living in Camarillo, California.

My family attended Fourth Presbyterian Church on Preston Highway. My sister, Kim, and I basically grew up at Fourth. We attended Sunday school, youth group, Vacation Bible School and sang in the youth choir. I came to Harvey Browne in 2002. Right away I knew that I found the church I was looking for: caring people, down to earth sermons, strong music programs and a variety of programs to become involved in. Little did I know how much my life would change when I came to Harvey Browne. This is where I would meet my wonderful and caring husband, Bill. We met while preparing to become Stephen Ministers.

I have one son, Richard. His wife's name is Nani. They have no children. Nick, my stepson, is a junior at Northern Kentucky University.

I taught and retired from teaching in Bullitt County after 34 years. In those 34 years I was very involved with my school and teaching. I began teaching as a homebound teacher and retired as a 4th grade teacher. Currently I am working part time at Christopher and Banks, tutoring, and just enjoying retired life.

*Pam Bliven*

## Welcome, Cathy



We want to welcome Cathy Hayth to our staff.

Cathy has been with us as a temp since October. She immediately won us over with her excellent administrative skills and positive attitude.

Cathy and her husband, Shawn, moved here from Columbus, Ohio to be near their daughter and, yes, you guessed it, grandchildren. She also has a son who is married and lives in Germany.

Cathy is friendly and outgoing and we are very glad she is here with us. If you are looking for her during office hours you can find her in the cubicle that used to be Cheryl's office. Cheryl has moved to the Business Manager's office.

Cathy will be doing many of the duties that Cheryl used to do such as the bulletin and *Good News to Go*.

Please be sure to add her to your email address contacts.

Her email is [cathyhayth@bellsouth.net](mailto:cathyhayth@bellsouth.net). Be sure to stop by and greet her the next time you are in the office.

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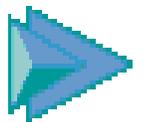
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