

June & July 2020



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- ◆ *Christine Coy Fohr voted next lead pastor*

IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS A NEW BEGINNING

Dear Friends,

These are exciting times in the life of Harvey Browne church. You have enthusiastically and overwhelmingly approved the call of Christine Coy Fohr to serve as the first female pastor and head of staff in the history of this congregation. Some would say, "It's about time!"

Christine will come onto the payroll of the church on July 20, but will begin by taking vacation days while she and husband Rob move with their daughters to Louisville. Her first day in the office will be August 3, and her first Sunday in the pulpit will be August 9.

All of us should be grateful to the enormous work done by the Pastor Nominating Committee. They have served faithfully, diligently, and prayerfully to bring us to this point when we can welcome a new pastor. Thanks to these faithful church members for their great service.

The call to Christine means, of course, that my time as Transitional Pastor is drawing to a close. At its meeting on June 2, the Session approved my request to make my resignation from the position official, effective July 15. My last Sunday with you will be July 12. Paul Huh will cover pastoral duties from that time until Christine begins.

We will have time in the coming days to say our goodbyes. For now please know that I look ahead to this time with sadness, but also with great gratitude for the single privilege that has been mine to serve this great congregation.

In the coming days there is still much work to do. We need to figure out how to reopen the church and begin having worship and other activities back in the church building. I have asked the Wellness Committee, chaired by Pam Bliven, to repurpose itself as a Reopening Task Force. I am asking Dave Doehnert, Kim Harrod, and Cheryl Granger to serve on this task force as well. You'll be hearing much from them in the coming days.

Through all of this, we are confident of the presence of God, the Lordship of Christ, and the leading of the Holy Spirit. May the Triune God give you strength in this strange and difficult time.



Bill Williamson
Transitional Pastor

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, through the technology of Zoom, for a stated meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Following devotion by Anne Hughes the following business was handled:

- Elected Maggie Chilton as **HBPres'** Treasurer
- Elected Anne Hughes as Clerk of Session
- Elected Maggie Chilton as a Commissioner to Presbytery
- Approved proposed plan for new pastor election as presented by the Pastor Nominating Committee
- Dave Doehnert led discussion on the COVID-19 guidelines to re-open the church. Session agreed that all church activities will be cancelled through June 2. Session will meet again on June 2 and discuss re-opening plans.

Anne Hughes
Clerk of Session

SESSION APPROVES STATEMENT ON CURRENT PROTESTS

At its meeting on June 2, the Session approved the following statement:

In the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, we have witnessed another crisis: the taking of the lives of people of color. The lives of Arnaud Abernathy of Georgia, Breonna Taylor of Louisville, and George Floyd of Minneapolis, were ended in ways that were tragic and unjust.

This issue is not an abstract one for the congregation of Harvey Browne. Our church member Heather Drake writes of her concern for her African-American husband, Paul:

“Paul has been pulled over more times than I can count in the nearly 19 years we’ve been together...despite anything my husband or I do or ever could do, I still have anxiety when he doesn’t arrive home from work (as a frontline hospital employee) on time. We still have to have conversations with our 7 and 9-year-olds about how to respectfully respond to a police officer so they will stay safe. I still worry all the time because we live in the world that we do. We can’t keep denying the experiences of living in this country as a black person. I have privilege and I acknowledge that privilege. I try to use my privilege to make this world a better place. I am trying to do the right thing because it’s the right thing to do. I will continue to believe that peace and love will triumph in the end. I will continue to love my little neighborhood and my neighbors. And though I shouldn’t have to, I will continue to pray for my husband and children’s safety every time they leave our home - for no other reason than their skin is a bit darker than mine.”

As the Session of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, we call upon the mayor of Louisville, the interim chief of police, and all those in authority to establish policies and practices that espouse social justice and establish racial equity within law enforcement agencies. We call upon our fellow church members to make their voices heard whenever such unjust events take place. Members can call our mayor’s office by dialing 311, the number for Metro Louisville, and voice their concerns.

We follow a Lord Jesus Christ who came “to proclaim release to the captives and to let the oppressed go free.” We look for a day where there will be a “new normal” in the treatment of people of color, and where the words of the prophet will become a reality: “They shall all sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid.” (Micah 4:4).

CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES!

We're proud of all you have accomplished and hope each of you has an opportunity to celebrate your achievements.

*Hope Doelling | Jack Gordon | Keegan Henderson | William Judy | Aidan Ritchie
Emily Sedgwick | Jonathan Sutphin | Colin White*



Jonathan Sutphin is planning attending WKU this fall and double majoring in theatre and political science. He is

Keegan Henderson graduated from Eastern High School and will attend Bellarmine University this fall and will be on the swim team while earning a major in Computer Science and Business.

Aidan Ritchie graduated from Eastern High School and plans to attend the University of Kentucky majoring in Computer Science.

Colin White graduated from Trinity High School.



Emily Sedgwick graduated from Highlands Latin School, where she attended for 13 years. She was also a student at the Louisville Ballet School and a member of the Louisville Ballet Youth Ensemble for many years. She will be attending Stetson University as an Elementary Education major.

A few youth gave video greetings and described their future plans. These videos were shared during the Pentecost worship service on May 31. You can still watch this service and video greetings on either our Facebook page or YouTube channel for **HBPres**.

A NOTE FROM CHRISTINE COY FOHR

Dear Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Hello from the Fohr family as we wrap up life in Owensboro to prepare for our new journey with you in Louisville. I can't tell you how excited I am to join with your congregation in ministry! Obviously, this is a time unlike any other, which will present challenges over the coming weeks and months. Nonetheless, I am thrilled to be called as your new pastor. Whether that means getting to know you over phone calls or FaceTime chats, through online worship or over many, many Zoom meetings, I am grateful that God is able to build relationship no matter the circumstances. In the coming month, we will be moving into a home in St. Matthews. We will be working out schools and daycares while settling in as a family in Louisville. Please keep us in your prayers during this time of transition. We will certainly keep you in ours. Stay safe, stay well, and many blessings from our family to yours.

Peace be with you.

Christine Coy Fohr (with Rob, Maddy and Mae)



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER IS DATED!

In-person worship will resume on July 5. Church activities will be re-started on a case-by-case basis. Contact the church office with questions. For the most recent information, please visit us online:

HBPres website  www.HBPres.net
YouTube channel  [HBPres](https://www.youtube.com/HBPres)
Facebook  www.facebook.com/hbpres

HARVEY BROWNE PRAYER LIST

Prayer List: Family of Jeannette Priebe, Talia, Jerry Scott, Will & Cynthia Hilyerd, Family of Doris Wheeler, Marcia Lewis, Dawn Cundiff, Carol Christell, Adrian Cole, Pat Lewis (Mother of Kathy Williams), Anne Schulte (Mother of Steve Schulte), Justice Andres (sister of Jessica Gibo), Mary Reid, Jim Cunagin, Judy Laning, Max Pope (Son of Cathy Shade), Linda LaFrance, Lyle Austin (Nephew of Judy Laning), Mary Ann Baker (Friend of Sandy Dempsey & Toni McWilliams), Sandra Sanders & Lyle Sanders (Relatives of Jim & Kitty Boswell), Connie Talbott (Mother of Sarah Zuber), Karen Frank (Sister of Pam Schmidt), Diana (Daughter of Skip & Edith Light)

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

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

THE FOLLOWING HBPRES MEMBERS ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN JUNE OR JULY!

If you speak with them be sure to join us in wishing them a Happy Birthday!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Scott Blake	Tim Healy
Emily Boden	Dan Herrinton
Maggie Boden	Cynthia Hilyerd
Lenore Boroughs	Jennifer Howard
Paulette Brown	John Johnson
Kim Cannavan	Frank Kosnik
Becky Carnes	Edith Light
Charlotte Cunagin	Lynn Overstreet
Sandy Dempsey	Marilee Phillips
Bill Dobbs	Dee Pregliasco
Dave Doehnert	Abby Price
Katie Faris	Will Seewer
Donna Frenz	Lianna Spurrier
Matthew Frenz	Clay Taylor
Terri Giesel	Leslie Whitehouse
Kelly Graybeal	Ann Whittle
Carol Grigg	Bill Williamson
Mary Hatcher	Adam Zuber

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Frank Anderson	Jennie George	JoAnna Overstreet
Dan Askins	Laurie Graybeal	Nancy Pollock
John Ballard	Carrie Grigg	Joshua Puia
Mary Bartram	Mary Hall	Susan Schneider
Lindsey Bobbitt	Brooks Hatcher	Becca Schulte
Joyce Boblitt	Natalie Healy	Steve Schulte
Nathan Brandenburg	Nancy Hilbert	Martha Scott
Linda Brantley	Joey Hughes	Paul Scott
Suzanne Brent	Daniel Huh	Scott Sedgwick
Dorothy Buchanan	Mike Hunter	Daniel Seewer
Nanci Chasteen	Mike Jarvi	Michael Shearrow
Janice Clarke	Scott Johnson	Laurel Stock
Estell Cochran	Carolyn Judy	Norma Stratford
Mark Crowner	Dick Kaiser	Paul Sutphin
Ben Doelling	Mary Kolbrook	Anne Wade
Al Earley	Laura Krausen	Gary Wardle
Julie Erwin	Skip Light	Carole Whitledge
Laura Erwin	Scott Luttmann	Anna Will
Jim Garrett	Matt McCallister	Ashley Will
Kate Garrett	Barbara Noland	

“HOW” THEN “WHEN”

A MESSAGE FROM HBPres TASK FORCE ON RE-OPENING

The HBPres Task Force on Reopening has been meeting to prepare “how” we are going to return to in-person worship. Most of us want to know “when” we will be resuming worship in our sanctuary but that answer is still evolving and no specific date has been set. The Session will consider the “when” question at their regular monthly meeting on June 2.

In the meantime, the Task Force is getting us ready for a safe return. We are following the Team Kentucky Healthy at Work Regulations – “Guidelines for Places of Worship” as well as the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky’s “Healthy at God’s House” recommendations. The prime focus is on our safety, often times with some compromise on our convenience and comfort. We want to introduce some of the precautions we will implement when we return to in-person worship in our sanctuary. As that time draws nearer, we will expand on these precautions.

1. *Worshippers will be asked to wear a mask during the time you are in the building.*
2. *Trained greeters and ushers will assist in seating you, so that proper social/physical distancing is maintained.*
3. *A trained sanitizing team will be circulating before and after worship to wipe down “touchable” surfaces. There will be an increased number of hand sanitizing dispensers.*
4. *Signage will be available suggesting proper ways to stay safe while worshipping at HBPres.*
5. *Entering before worship and exiting after worship will be organized in a manner in which all can maintain proper social/physical distancing.*
6. *Initially, there will be no child care, Sunday School, congregational singing, communion, or passed offering plates. (there will be a box to place your offering in as you leave the service).*

Going to church is going to look quite different when we see each other again. It will be great to worship God together again but will challenge our sense of “normalcy.” Please stay “healthy at home” until we see you.

HBPres Task Force for Reopening

DEACON’S CORNER

The Board of Deacons and all Deacons would like to welcome our new Minister to HBPres. We look forward to working with and getting to know you.

The Board has been meeting by Zoom during the virus lockdown and working on getting new Deacons trained by Zoom. Hopefully that will be accomplished before the end of June and new Deacons can begin serving their flocks. In the interim the Deacons who are rotating off deserve appreciation for continuing to serve until new Deacons are trained.

Welcome to the new Deacons: *Barb & Rob Davis, Anne Hess, Vivian Smith, Carolyn Deiner, Bob Brown, Marina Gutierrez, Leslie Whitehouse.* We thank you for volunteering to serve.

Thanks to all Deacons for the ways in which you have been reaching out to your flock with added notices during the Corona lockdown. Please continue to communicate with your flock at least four times per year plus the added notices you have been doing. Some members of your flock may like to know someone is thinking about them.

The Board of Deacons
Lynn Overstreet

THANK YOU HBPres

We want to thank our church family for all the prayers and support during our time of waiting, Will’s surgery and recovery. We are truly blessed to be members of HBPres. Eric has appreciated the cards, gifts and food to help him through this crazy and scary time.

In Christ,
The Hilyerd Family

PRESCHOOL NEWS

As hard as it is to believe, another school year has come to a close for Harvey Browne Preschool. It has been a year like no other filled with pandemic-created challenges and incredible accomplishments. 2019-2020 has been a year marked by creativity.

Faced with unprecedented challenges to stay connected with, and to continue to teach and inspire our students in a socially distanced world, our teachers and staff not only met the challenge but excelled. Remote lesson plans were created and shared with families (including activities for entire families to do together). Daily Zoom (videoconferencing) classes were held to ensure that learning continued and that the children remained connected to their classes, teachers and friends. Music class continued remotely and our Director, Amy Squires' YouTube channel read aloud deemed a success by all.

Demonstrating to our children the importance of helping others and supporting mission activities has been a focus even with our reduced in-classroom schedule. Mission project support this year included Forgotten Louisville (in conjunction with Harvey Browne Youth Group), the Side by Side Book Drive, Jared Boxes for Norton Children's Hospital, the Crayola marker Recycle Project and collecting band aids for disaster kits for Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

The Preschool also worked to connect with, and support families in our community more. The All About Kids Harvey Browne Preschool Night and Family FUNdraiser had great attendance and received rave reviews. The Mindfulness and Anxiety discussion held as part of Harvey Browne's Wednesday night program was also well received providing insightful tips for a healthier life for all.

While our at-school end of year parties and graduation may have been canceled, our class celebrations and our Virtual Art Fair were not!



While we hope for a more "normal" school year in the fall, the Preschool continues to work to plan for the unexpected and keep in close contact with our families. The preschool has very limited openings in certain age groups for the 2020-21 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in enrollment, please contact Amy Squires at 502- 895-2577 or email harveybrownepreschool@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for a very memorable and incredible school year. The creativity, love and care that you share with our students and their families is a daily reminder of the mission of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church and its Christian outreach to the community. You touch the lives of so many.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Harvey Browne church staff and the congregation for your enthusiastic support of the preschool. We are truly blessed.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

In Christ,
The Preschool Board



THANK YOU SKIP LIGHT!

The Preschool Board and staff extend their deepest gratitude to Skip Light for his years of support and dedication to the Preschool. Skip is retiring from the Preschool Board and will be greatly missed. Skip's devotion to the Preschool and concern for our students was evident in so many things that he has done but none more evident than his continued inspection of Harvey Browne's courtyard and playground equipment. The smallest of items needing repair or replacement were always noted and quickly taken care of. The safety of the children was always his top priority.

Thank you Skip for your commitment to Harvey Browne Preschool and for your work and support of our teachers and staff. We will miss you but wish you a well-deserved retirement!

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES VIRTUAL MEETINGS HELD WEEKLY

"Parenting Together" Class

Curriculum – various topics/books for discussions
Leaders – Tom & Cynthia Frentz

Mariners

We've been studying "Church History: Those Who Shaped the Christian Faith". We'll begin with the Early Church, travel through The Middle Ages and the Reformation, ending up in the Modern Period and the Twentieth Century.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CANCELED

At this time, we are canceling Vacation Bible School for this summer to keep our volunteers and children safe. When the session decides small groups can meet safely, we will make plans to do so. The Spiritual Formation Committee will look at online VBS options.

Questions may go to Terry at:
terryhargrave@hbpres.net

BOOKANALIA & BOOKTALK

There is no Bookanalia for June, July or August. The committee will be meeting soon to plan for next fall. We may consider an option to have Bookanalia through Zoom if we are still not able to meet in person. More information will follow in the August newsletter.

Booktalk met through Zoom for March and May. We will consider meeting with Zoom until we are again able to meet together in person safely. The book for June is *American Dirt* by Jeannine Cummins and the one for July is *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos* by Dominic Smith.

The LFPL continues to have their holdings available through electronic means and Carmichael's has home delivery of books ordered through them. There are a lot of exciting books out there and now is the perfect time to catch up on your reading. Enjoy and stay safe.

May God bless you as you are encouraged by the challenges others have overcome. — Sarah Grant



Book for June
Booktalk



Book for July
Booktalk

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

June 14 at 5:00 pm

The youth will meet at Cedar Ridge Camp for a campfire.

July 19-25

The high school youth will go to Montreat for a retreat on-site.

SESSION MEMBERS

Anne Hughes
 Margaret Lindsey
 Jim Boswell
 Mike Hunter
 Veda Pendleton
 Laura Krausen
 Cason Henderson
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 Steve Schulte
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, JULY 17

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