

March 2021



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Featured in this issue:

- ◆ Weekly Lent Study Thursdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom
- ◆ Lent activities for all ages inside
- ◆ PW Spring Gathering on March 20

This month will mark one year. One year since lockdown began. As churches we often know that planning anything in the month of March is a tricky task. Not because of Lent or Spring Break, of course, but because of basketball. Especially in Kentucky – if you plan an event in March, you are just asking for low attendance. So when, one year ago, it was announced that March Madness was cancelled? Wow, that’s when reality really set it.

Many of us handled this shift in different ways. Some quickly moved everything online. Some had to drop work in order to care for children, now home as daycares and schools shut down. But many took the lockdown as an opportunity to *clean*. And not just clean, but clean out. Closets, garages, basements. Stuck at home, unable to be distracted by the usual busyness of life, people across the country began “tidying up” as a means of handling the strange times around them.

Several years ago, Netflix premiered the show “Tidying Up”. Based on Marie Kondo’s book by the same name, the show followed the journeys of people trying to clean up the clutter in their lives. One episode featured a couple overwhelmed with their children’s toys. Another shows a family trying to downsize after moving from a large house to a smaller home. In one moving episode, a woman tries to clean out her house following her husband’s death. In each episode, Marie Kondo gently walks these people through the overwhelming task of cleaning out their lives. Kondo’s method, called the *konmari method*, is very intentional. She asks people to work in categories, dealing with clothing, books, papers, miscellaneous household items, and finally, sentimental items. As people go through the process of tidying up, she encourages them to hold each item and ask themselves the question: does this item spark joy? If it does, you keep it. If it does not, you let it go.

What’s most noticeable in the show is not the clean homes or the tidied rooms, but just how free people feel after going through the process. They feel free to move forward with their life because they are unburdened by “stuff” that had been holding them back.

I have long thought that there is a spiritual lesson in all of this, and I think Lent is a great time to explore it. In Lent, we are invited into a deeper practice of intentionality. Some people give things up. Some take things on. But what would it look like to take on the discipline of tidying up – not just our *stuff*, but our *spiritual life*? Ask yourself:

What in your spiritual life brings you joy? What feels more like a burden?

What in your spiritual life is holding you back from the joy of the good news?

What spiritual baggage – maybe some guilt, fear or worry – is unhelpful and needs to be “tidied up” so that you can welcome the good news of Easter?

Just like clearing out the debris in our gardens allows new growth to spring up, this Lent, consider how a little *tidying up* might enable your faith to grow, flourish, and blossom.

Christine Coy Fohr
Pastor

MARCH 2021

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Contact the church office with questions. For the most recent information, please visit us online:

* = meeting led via Zoom. Links to most meetings are available in our weekly Highlights or you can contact the church office to join.

** = Tai Chi held in person in the Loft and via Zoom.

HBPres website  www.HBPres.net

YouTube channel  [HBPres](https://www.youtube.com/HBPres)

Facebook  www.facebook.com/hbpres

LENT AT HARVEY BROWNE

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

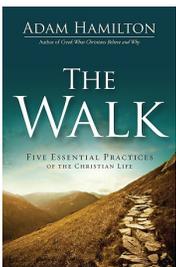
This year Harvey Browne will celebrate the joy of Easter by assembling a flower cross on our front lawn. All church and community members are invited to cut flower clippings from their yard or purchase flowers from a shop, and bring them by the church on Easter morning. The flowers will be assembled onto our large wooden cross for all to enjoy and see. More details will be provided in our April newsletter. We hope that even if our worship will be apart, we will all be able to participate in this meaningful activity.



LENT STUDY

“THE WALK” BY ADAM HAMILTON

For the season of Lent, Rev. Christine Coy Fohr will lead a weekly book study on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Using the book *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton, this study will explore common practices we can engage to grow deeper in our faith journey. Classes are continuing weekly through Lent.



- To join the class meetings, please contact the church office.

Book for HBPres Lent Study

HOLY WEEK KITS

Everyone is invited to stop by the church on Saturday, March 27 to pick up special packs for Holy Week. These will include palms for our Palm Sunday service, materials for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Tenebrae, and Easter services, and other goodies and devotions. Pickup is during our Family Egg Hunt from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM or in the afternoon between 1:00–3:00 PM.

PALM SUNDAY

March 28—This year for Palm Sunday, we invite our church community to worship together over Zoom. We will all have our palms to wave (see announcement about Holy Week Kits above!) and will be able to shout “Hosanna!” with one another. The service will also be streamed, as always, over Facebook and YouTube. The links for joining the service on Zoom will be shared later this month in the church Highlights.

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN’S MUSIC

It’s that time of year again when children sing as we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey while people waved palms. While the children can’t wave actual palms this year while they sing on their recording (we won’t have palms in time), they can sing a song which most of them will remember from two years ago when we were together, “Lo, He Comes”).

Watch for an email from Beth telling you when the digital music, the practice video and the video to record with is available the church’s Dropbox account.

If you would like to make palms from paper you can, but it’s not necessary. The important thing is for people to see and hear your children raising their voices in song praising Jesus on Palm Sunday!

HARVEY BROWNE PRAYER LIST

Prayer List: Grandson of Darrell & Kathy Darby & his parents, Bob Roberts, Judy Laning, Harrison Bailey, Martha Brown, Karen Gordon, Larry Brantley (Son of Linda Brantley), Tim Baker, Linda Kraft (friend of Jennie George), Rev. Dan Lewis (brother of Kathy Williams), Fred Bennett, Carol (Sister of Diane DeLong), Betsy Johnson (Mother of Kit Tossmann), Deedee & John Paul Austin and Lyle Austin (Sister, brother-in-law, and son of Judy Laning), Virginia Strahl & her son Paul, Jim McCabe, Jeannette Ponder, Elizabeth Wolfe, Mary Hatcher, Karen Overpeck, Lucy Rapp, Pat Lewis (Mother of Kathy Williams), Connie Talbott (Mother of Sarah Zuber), Karen Frank (Sister of Pam Schmidt), Diana (Daughter of Skip & Edith Light)

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

Presbyterian Chaplains: Fred Ehrman, Marie Ellis, Jessica Gibo, Jennifer Gingerich, Amy Helwig, Jenny Hockenberry, Robin Hogle, Jim Martin, Caroline Wood

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

Ephesians 6:18

THE FOLLOWING HB PRES MEMBERS ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN MARCH!

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

Scottie Allen
Harrison Bailey
Jim Bale
Barbara Blaine
Pam Bliven
Iris Carter
Lydia Dobbs

Doris Downs
Ann Forseth
Courtney Giesel
Susan Gilfert
Carolyn Johnson
Mary Lou Krieg
Kara Lewis

Louise McKinney
Diane Osborne
Angie Schulte
Jerry Scott
John Seewer
Evan Smith
Viv Smith

Art Stewart
Penny Stewart
Flo Trinkle
Cynthia Weller
Larry Whitledge
Babs Williams
Nancy Williamson



HBPres is operating in the office Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

The building is still closed except by appointment. The best way you can reach the office is by e-mailing us.
In case of after-hours pastoral emergency, please call and leave a message at (502) 208-8472.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE APRIL NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, MARCH 19

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

DEACON'S CORNER

New Deacon volunteers who will replace those Deacons rotating off in May will be receiving their training when it can be scheduled. New Deacons will be notified of any schedule dates. Thank you for volunteering to serve as a Deacon.

Please remember to contact your flock at least four times a year and if one of your flock is ill or homebound remember to check on them often. Also pray for your flock daily so the entire church may be kept in daily prayer.

All Deacons will be notified of meeting dates, whether by Zoom or in person, as soon as dates are available.

The Board of Deacons
Lynn Overstreet

*"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."
—Albert Einstein*

STUFF EASTER EGGS FOR BELLEWOOD & BROOKLAWN

Bellewood and Brooklawn are looking for volunteers to stuff Easter eggs with candy! They use hundreds of filled eggs for the hunt each year! *Please only use individually wrapped candy.*

We also have an opportunity to make Easter baskets for all of our cottages. Each cottage holds either 9 or 12 kids and we have both boys and girls. Common items found in the baskets are candy, art supplies, small games or toys, and hygiene products.

Drop off your donations during office hours on Thursdays in March. There will be a box outside for you to place your donations in.

Please contact Jane Doehnert (jbdonut@bellsouth.net) to participate in this if you have questions or would like to participate in this project.



EASTER BASKETS FOR ST. MAM

It's time once again to support local families! It is especially important due to the demand brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please bring each basket in a re-usable bag to Beargrass Christian Church (4100 Shelbyville Road) on either Sunday February 28 or March 14 between 12:30-2:00 PM. You can pull up to the front columns for a simple drop off!

EASTER BASKET ITEMS

- 2 boxes of instant potatoes
- 2 boxes of mac 'n cheese
- 2 cans of fruit
- 2 cans of peas
- 2 cans of carrots
- 1 bag of Hawaiian Rolls
- 1 cake mix with icing OR 1 box of brownies

Questions may go to [Julie Abbott](#) or [Sarah Banks](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

If you view our newsletter online, each of the website addresses mentioned are hyperlinks. This means that if you click on the blue underlined letters, your web browser will take you directly to the destination mentioned. Save some time (and paper) — read online!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Each Wednesday **HBPres** offers an adult devotion on our Facebook and YouTube pages. Rev. Tim Cargal will be leading these devotions during Lent. Watch it whenever you have time. Take a moment from your day and devote some thought to the Lenten season.

SONGS OF OUR FAITH

Join us on Facebook and YouTube each Friday morning as our Minister of Music, Larry Brandenburg, leads us on a journey of spiritual and musical insights into the great hymns of our Faith.

HBPres - FAMILIES, CHILDREN & YOUTH

EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT

March 27 — 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

at **HBPres**

We'll be hosting an event for kids that will give them the fun of an Easter Egg Hunt and the challenge of a Scavenger Hunt. It will be held outside in the parking lot and around the building. Please watch for further details about this event in your e-mail and in our weekly Highlights. Questions can go to Terry Hargrave.

FAMILY GYM TIME

Saturdays & Sundays in March

Emory Hall

We're offering times that families can come, one family at a time, to enjoy the gym for a time to play as a family. Times are available March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, & 21.

Sign up sheet is available online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45ACAE2DA1F85-open>



HBTWEENS (3rd—5th Grade)

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to be part of the Tween group at Harvey Browne! The group typically meets once to twice a month for Bible study, recreation, fellowship and mission projects. Children are invited to participate as parents are comfortable doing so.

March 14 — 2:00-3:30 PM

Youth Loft

Tweens are invited to gather to discuss God's love and loving others. Participants are asked to please wear a mask. We will be observing social distancing and taking temperatures.

HB YOUTH (Middle School & High School)

March 21 — 5:30-7:00 PM

Youth Loft

Youth group will meet in the loft at Harvey Browne with social distance and masks. Participants are asked to please wear a mask. We will be observing social distancing and taking temperatures.

March 7, 14 & 21 — 4:00-5:30 PM

Youth Loft

Confirmation class for those youth in 7th grade and up who have not been confirmed. Participants are asked to please wear a mask. We will be observing social distancing and taking temperatures.

Questions about **HBKids**, **HB Tweens** or **HB Youth**?

Contact: Terry Hargrave | 502-896-1791 ext. 117 | terryhargrave@hbpres.net

PRESCHOOL NEWS

While Harvey Browne Preschool is well known for its highly-accredited preschool program, many people do not know about our wonderful "Preschool at Home" program. VERY few preschools in the area are also offering a "virtual option" to their families and the program has been very successful this year.

Lori Bushong, an early childhood teacher at the preschool for 20 years, has been doing a "Preschool at Home" program for children this school year who are unable to attend in person. The children may be quarantining due to a number of reasons or their family may be choosing to do "Preschool at Home" for the entire school year. If a child has to quarantine, they have the option of being added to Mrs. Bushong's virtual classroom for as long as they are unable to attend.

Lori sends a detailed weekly plan to parents on Mondays with the theme of the week which includes projects, child created art ideas, book suggestions, songs, plays, learning center ideas, age appropriate skills that are broken down to help teach the parent how to help the child, and suggestions for extending the learning at home. She also has a YouTube channel where she downloads videos of read alouds and Calendar Math lessons 2-3 times a week.

Mrs. Bushong is available to conference with the parents and serve as a resource to help support the children who are at home.

The preschool has offered "Preschool at Home" for the entire school year and it's been wonderful to still be connected to our families, even when they are unable to attend in person. We've had many families who started with "Preschool at Home" for the first part of our school year and transitioned to in person learning when they felt more comfortable to do so.

This is just another way Harvey Browne Preschool is working to meet the needs of all the children and families we serve!

In Christ,
Harvey Browne Preschool Board

VIRTUAL MEETINGS HELD WEEKLY

See the weekly Highlights e-mail or contact the office for links to join these Zoom discussions.

“Parenting Together” Class

Sundays at 9:15 AM — Curriculum – various topics/books for discussions.

Leader – Veda Pendleton

Mariners & Friends

Sundays at 1:00 PM — A Sunday School format with curriculum based teaching and discussion covering selected theological topics. The hour starts with support for participants by the sharing of joys and prayer requests.

HBPres Friends

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM — This group studies current issues through a Biblical perspective trying to understand our place in this complex world.

Leader — Dave Doehnert

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM — Did you know the choir can rehearse remotely? It is a unique experience that allows all the voices of HBPres to come together. Everyone is invited to participate!

Leader — Larry Brandenburg

Midday Prayers

Thursdays at 1:00 PM — Meet with Christine to share prayers and meet with other HBPres members that want to lift one another up in prayer.

Leader — Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

Do you have a church meeting that you would like to hold remotely? Contact the church office and we can set your meeting up and host it for you.

MARINER’S LENT STUDY

During the six Sundays of Lent, Mariners and Friends will study *Illuminating Lent*, by Donald K. McKim. The purpose of this book is to deepen our faith and enhance our knowledge through the exploration of the Lord's prayer. Each section examines a part of the prayer, its theological understandings, and what it means for Reformed Christians in practical ways during Lent.

Newcomers welcome! Join by following links in our weekly Highlights or contact the church office for meeting information.

BOOKANALIA & BOOKTALK

Booktalk & Bookanalia groups are both reading *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson for March. This historical novel tells a story about the Pack Horse Librarians in President Roosevelt's WPA. The program provided books for people in remote areas of Eastern Kentucky among other locations. We hope you enjoy the book and can join us using Zoom either for Bookanalia's meet on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 PM or Booktalk's meet on Tuesday, March 30 at 11:30 AM.



Book for March
Bookanalia AND Booktalk

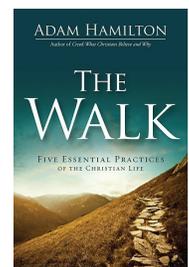
If you'd like to be invited to either Booktalk or Bookanalia discussions, contact Sarah Grant at: rscanoe@bellsouth.net or the church office.

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

CONGREGATIONAL LENT STUDY

During the season of Lent, Rev. Christine Coy Fohr will lead a weekly book study on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Using the book *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton, this study will explore common practices we can engage to grow deeper in our faith journey. Classes are continuing weekly through Lent.

More details about this study are on page 3 of this newsletter.



Book for HBPres
Lent Study

INTERNATIONAL HUNGER PRIORITIES FOR PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM IN 2021

PHP partnered with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and the Self Development of People (SDOP)

- PDA funded \$350,000 in grants to 20 PHP partners for COVID-19 related work in the fall of 2020
- PDA funded \$50,000 in assistance to people displaced by the Anglophone crisis in Cameroon through Joining Hands partner RELUFA in the fall of 2020.
- PHP, PDA and SDOP have begun discussions on future joint work in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia and the Middle East

PHP partnered with Growing Hope Globally (GHG)

- GHG has committed to fund a 3-year food security program with the West Africa Initiative in Liberia and Sierra Leone that will begin in 2021.
- GHG has committed to fund a 3-year food security program that includes the establishment and management of grain banks in Cameroon through Joining Hands partner RELUFA that will begin in 2021.

PHP partnered in 2020 with the Office of Public Witness, the Presbyterian Mission at the UN, the Office of the General Assembly, World Mission and PDA on an international advocacy table to address crises and issues (Cameroon, Yemen, Venezuela, and other issues like militarization, civil conflicts and violence, debt, UN goals, etc.)

2020 FUNDING FOR 2021 BY FOCUS AREA



Supporting Sustainable Livelihoods - PHP supports poor and marginalized communities through community-based sustainable development projects that promote dignified work and ensure sustainable livelihoods.

Developing Leaders and Building Capacities PHP believes not only in providing poor people and communities with training and skills that help them to achieve their development goals, but we also prioritize building the capacity of individuals and organizations to identify root causes of poverty in their communities and organize for change.

Defending Resource Rights PHP accompanies civil society groups and communities as they struggle to protect and defend fundamental human rights to land and natural resources

MESSAGE FROM THE MID-KENTUCKY PW MODERATOR



January 2021

Dear PWs and Friends of PW,

I am writing you to let you know that the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery PW is alive and functioning.

As you may know we are planning to hold a **Spring Gathering** by Zoom on **Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM**. The theme of the gathering is “**The Beauty of the Earth: Climate Change**”, a timely topic as the world grapples with this issue. We will have as our guest speaker Sam Avery, a representative of Renewable Energy Alliance of Louisville, who is very knowledgeable about climate issues. He is the author of nine books, with the ninth having been released this summer entitled, *The Carbon Boycott*. In addition, we will have a poet, Margaret Stewart and two vocalists, a soloist and a duet. There will be no fee associated with this event. We are very excited about the program we are offering and hope you will mark your calendars for March 20.

In addition, we have some recommendations from the **Together in Service** component of our Coordinating Team led by Linda Garrett. We recommend the following during this time of COVID-19:

- That our women’s groups continue to give to their local community ministries.
- That we encourage all our women to sign-up for the Mid-Kentucky Calling Weekly newsletter of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery to learn when events are occurring, especially those having to do with the Beloved Community.
- To do this, visit www.midkentuckypresbytery.com. A bar will come up saying “Read Our News Letter,” Click on this. The latest edition of the newsletter will come up. In the upper left corner, there is a box with the word “subscribe.” Click on this and follow instructions.
- That we encourage all our women to read 3 books to learn more about Black history and experiences so we will be educated about systemic racism.
 - ⇒ *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson—a story of the Great Migration out of the south
 - ⇒ *The Children* by David Halberstam—the story of the early days of the civil rights movement
 - ⇒ *Prepped* by Veda Pendleton—a memoir. Veda is a member of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church and hosts a discussion every Saturday morning. If you’re interested in participating, contact me and I will give you her email address.

We want to remind the PW groups in the churches to please send their per capita contributions by mail to JoAnna Overstreet.

We also want to encourage the circles to meet by Zoom in lieu of meeting in person for the immediate future. If you need some help in navigating this task, you can contact Jane Doehnert of Harvey Browne. Again, contact me and I will give you her email address.

I didn't know I would be writing to you in such troubled times. The insurrection at the national Capitol has shaken all of us. Without diminishing the tragic loss of five lives, we were fortunate to have not lost more. Thankfully Congress was able to proceed with the counting of the electoral votes on Wednesday, January 6 and our democracy held. We are thankful that the inauguration was peaceful.

In addition to the turmoil in Washington, as you know the nation is experiencing a surge in cases and deaths from COVID-19. Despite the pandemic we do have hope that we will have a vaccine to protect us from this scourge of a virus. I hope that all of you will be able to get the vaccine soon. My husband and I plan to get the vaccine as soon as it is made available to us, and we hope that is soon. Both of these situations are cause for anxiety but we have comfort in the promises of God that we are not alone in these situations but God's spirit is moving among us in the courageous efforts of many bringing healing and hope.

During these times I have been more intentional about giving thanks to God for the things I am thankful for. When I say my evening prayers, I name all the things I have experienced that day for which I am thankful. This serves as a helpful counterpoint to the barrage of troubling news. Many of you may already do this. It is beneficial to be intentional about being thankful at this time.

We want to convey our best wishes for many moments of joy in the new year. We have a gracious God who will be with us during these crises we're experiencing. May each day bring blessings to you.

In Christ,



Anne Hickey
Moderator Mid-Kentucky Presbytery PW
email: anneh3@bellsouth.net

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING

Spring Gathering "The Beauty of the Earth: Climate Change" on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Speakers will be Sam Avery, Author & Renewable Energy Advocate and Margaret Stewart, Poet & Environmental Preservation Advocate.

Checks for the Offering recipient "Open Table Ministry" at Beulah Presbyterian Church can be made payable to "PW Mid-KY, designated Spring Gathering Offering", and sent to JoAnna Overstreet.

Please RSVP to Amy Parker to receive the direct Zoom link and Agenda by email: amyarker158@hotmail.com

Please contact the church office for address to send PW offering payments or the Zoom information details regarding this meet.

USING THE 2020 CENSUS TO MAKE PROGRESS

Thanks to the Session and all those that support the League of Women Voters Fair Maps Redistricting outreach. With the New Census numbers from 2020 being released soon, it is important that all citizens contact their legislators (502-564-8100 or 1-800-372-7181) to support an open and transparent process for drawing new district lines. Voters should choose their legislators, not legislators choosing their voters. There will not be another Census for ten years so it is important to get this right, now. Please see more details below.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 15, 2020

LEAGUE RELEASES SIMPLER, FAIRER LEGISLATIVE MAPS FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Seeks transparency and public input in open redistricting process

LOUISVILLE, KY—The League of Women Voters of Kentucky (LWVKY) has released maps today showing that boundaries of Kentucky’s legislative districts can be drawn to make districts more compact and fair. “We’re doing this now to show our fellow Kentuckians what simpler, fairer maps can look like and to encourage broad citizen involvement in next year’s redistricting work,” explained Fran Wagner, LWVKY president.

After each federal census, each state must redraw boundaries for their congressional and state legislative districts. Results from the 2020 census will be released sometime in 2021, and Kentucky redistricting is likely to occur late in 2021 or early 2022. LWVKY joins Leagues across the nation in working toward fair maps

The LWVKY maps released today reflect 2010 census data and can be compared with the official ones created by the General Assembly in 2012 & 2013. Copies of these maps as they are now, and as they could have been, were sent to all Kentucky legislators. They are also available at www.lwvky.org.

“We designed districts without considering how that might affect current legislators, aiming to meet the legal rules and avoid gerrymandered and confusing district lines,” Wagner said. “We don’t think legislators should be choosing their voters. We think democracy means the voters choose their representatives.”

In addition to ignoring incumbents, LWVKY aimed for compact districts with simple lines, and when a county had to be divided, tried not to split up voters who live in the county seat. The maps also follow three important legal rules:

1. **One person, one vote.** Districts must be nearly equal in population. U.S. House districts must be very, very close to perfectly equal. Kentucky House and Senate seats must be within 5% of perfectly equal size.
2. **Opportunity.** Redistricting must provide “districts of opportunity” where minority voters have a chance to select representatives of their choosing.
3. **County lines.** Kentucky House and Senate districts must not divide counties except when needed to create nearly equal districts.

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The possible maps drawn by the League are now available for download at www.lwvky.org. Wagner added one more point: “We really want citizen comments on these maps. We’ll be doing another set when the 2020 Census data is released, and ideas we hear now will help us to draw better maps then.” The League will seek comments as they speak with groups across the state.

For more information or to leave comments email: kentuckylwv@gmail.com.

The League of Women Voters of Kentucky is a non-partisan organization that promotes the informed and active participation of citizens in government through study and action. The League of Women Voters of the United States provided grant funding for work on these maps as part of its People Powered Fair Maps campaign.

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CABBAGE PATCH SUCCESS STORY

Dear Church Partners,

Below is a recent story in our staff report. It’s a great story about how your investment is making a difference in the life of a young girl. Thank you for your partnership and investing in the lives of the children at The Patch.

Ms. Micah was featured on the December cover of Louisville Magazine, which is now proudly on display in her office. Recently, one of our Patch students, Bahia*, had to visit Ms. Micah’s office to discuss some of her classroom behaviors. She has a very difficult time staying focused during daily DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time, struggling to even stay awake some days. She says that reading is her least favorite activity. When she walked into Ms. Micah’s office, she was noticeably tense because she expected to get in trouble. Spotting the magazine that Ms. Micah had displayed, she commented that the cover looked a lot like her. When she found out it was indeed Ms. Micah, she was shocked and proceeded to flip through the magazine, which featured several individual stories from other young women. Calming down at this point, Bahia read seven of the stories aloud to Ms. Micah, sounding out words that she would normally struggle to pronounce. Ms. Micah did not discipline Bahia that day. Instead, they spent time discussing the inspiring stories in the magazine. It turns out that Bahia’s poor classroom behavior stemmed from her need for a break, which she found through reading, what she claimed as her least favorite activity. When she returned to her classroom later that day, she had a much more positive and productive attitude.

Jennifer L. Scott
Director of Development, Marketing & Support Services

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* = Bahia’s name has been changed

NOTES FROM JANUARY SESSION

The Session of **HBPres** met, through the technology of Zoom, for a stated meeting on Tuesday, February 2. Following a devotion and pastoral concerns the following business was handled:

- George Creznic reported on the work of the Trustees.
- Christine Coy Fohr gave her Pastor's report.
- Reviewed report from Terry Hargrave, Children & Youth Director
- Marcia Lewis gave the financial report as of December 31, 2020
- Approved the 2021 Operating Budget
- Approved the 2020 Statistical Report
- The annual congregational meeting will be Sunday February 28 at 11:45 over zoom. The next stated meeting will be March 2, 2021.

Anne Hughes
Clerk of Session

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Bring your offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on either March 27, when you pick up your Holy Week Pack, or April 4, when you bring your flowers for the Flower Cross. One Great Hour of Sharing supports many of the incredible ministries in our denomination, including Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. So, bring your fish banks or your pocketbooks, and let's support this important work of our church!

DO YOU NEED OFFERING ENVELOPES?

Would you like Offering Envelopes? We have weekly offering envelopes available. Each envelope is compatible to be mailed through the US Postal Service. Contact the church office if you want a box.

*A gift opens the way
and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.*

Proverbs 18:16

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1. **DONATE ONLINE!** On our website at www.hbpres.net, you can click on "Give Now" to make your secure donation online. www.hbpres.net/Donate
2. **Use our GivePlus app.** Available for most mobile devices. More information on **HBPres's** website.
3. **Send your check to us by mail.** The post office is delivering our mail on a regular basis.
4. **Sign up for an EFT** (Electronic Funds Transfer) so your offering is automatic.

STAY CONNECTED

Harvey Browne will send you paper copies of the sermon and/or our weekly e-mail, Highlights, upon request. If you'd like to be added to our distribution list, please call the office at (502) 896-1791.

SO MUCH GRATITUDE

How nice for so many Harvey Browners to remember me on my 97th birthday. Harvey Browne is special in so many ways.

Much love.

Ruth Green

WORSHIP TOGETHER WHILE STILL APART

Our service is live streamed weekly from the sanctuary!
You can participate in one of two ways:

1. WATCH THE SERVICE ONLINE.

⇒ Facebook: Visit www.facebook.com/hbpres
(Note: Everyone can watch from this link, even if you don't have a Facebook account!)

⇒ YouTube: Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6d9pph9>

2. LISTEN TO THE SERVICE.

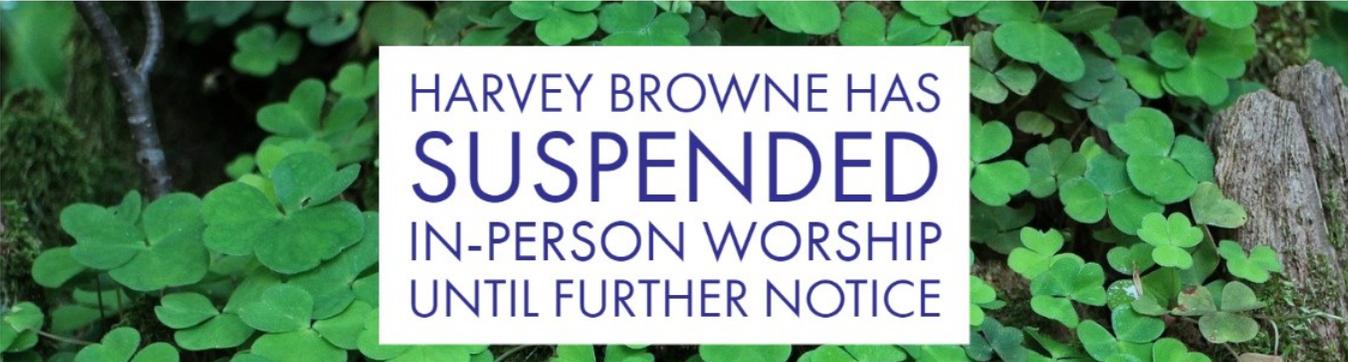
Call (312) 626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID.
(please call the church office for the Meeting ID).

The Order of Worship for each Sunday will be available at <https://hbpres.net/worship-service/services-online/>. We will also include a link to the liturgy in each weekly edition of the Highlights.

MISSION BRIEFS

Have you ever wondered what Harvey Browne does cumulatively for our community? Take a glance! (All dollar amounts mentioned were given during 2020.)

- Caroline Wood collected 65 winter coats for folks at Central State Hospital
- Jane Doehnert and PW circles collected 147 treat bags, 331 valentines and 18 notes of encouragement to staff. bags of valentine and valentine treat bags
- \$3,851.32 for the kiddos at Uspiritus (Bellewood & Brooklawn). We also purchased 7 pairs of on-ear headphones for NTI learning.
- Ben Blake hand-carved 4 beautiful creches for the Furlough Home.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance received \$1,120 in donations.
- Cabbage Patch Christmas baskets received a record \$8,697.50 in donations.
- Dare to Care received \$2,474.
- Habitat for Humanity received \$4,780.
- St. MAM received \$7,840.41 regular donations and \$1,357 for the Souper Bowl of Caring event.



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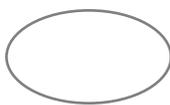
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