

Making a Difference

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter
December 2022



Waiting in Wonder this Advent

I have a distinct memory of laying on the hood of my dad's car as a little girl, just gazing up at the stars. I had just seen the movie *Contact* with Jodie Foster, and my heart and mind were bound up with a sense of wonder. Though I didn't have the Psalmist's words yet in my mind, they resonate with what I was thinking. "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" (Psalm 8)

Looking up at that vast sky, I felt both small and enormous; miniscule and infinitely valued. *Who are we*, I wondered, *that when there is all of this [gesturing to the night sky], God still cares for me?*

This Advent, we are invited to sit with that question; to wonder at the enormity of God's handiwork and yet revel in Emmanuel, God-with-Us. Perhaps, like me, you were captivated by the images that emerged this summer from the James Webb Space Telescope, which gave us a view of space never seen before. In me, they provoked awe and wonder, drawing me back to that memory of sitting on my dad's car, staring at the heavens in wonder.

This Advent, may we take a breath and take time to wait in wonder—to revel in the meaning of God-with-even-us. As stress levels rise and headlines leave us disheartened, may we lift our eyes to the heavens this Advent and remember that even in this midst of all of this [lifting hands to the skies] Christ comes here and now to us.

Christine

New Bulletin Format Starting in Advent

This fall, the Worship and Music committee has been looking at our church worship bulletin to see if it is meeting the needs of our congregation. A special task force was created for this purpose, and after several wonderful meetings together, they proposed some changes based on the following criteria. 1) That the church bulletin should be as useful for both longtime church members as it is for someone entirely new to church, 2) that it say something about who we are as a church community, and 3) that it be a tool for drawing people more deeply into the life of faith.

With this in mind, the Worship and Music committee has developed a new worship bulletin meant to help people worship better. It will have imagery to help draw people into worship. It will have guides to help readers and non-readers follow along. It will have information to explain different elements of the service. And it will express a bit about who we are here at Harvey Browne.

The new bulletin will roll out on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th.

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December Birthdays!

Allison Allison
Debi Ballard
Carolina Barrick
Josh Barrick
Ben Blake
Martha Brown
Hondro Cabrera
Braeden Cabrera
Brennen Cabrera
Jackie Cain
Lavona Casson
Vicki Crowner
Carolyn Diener
Katherine Effinger
Wally Ellis
Mary Esch
Claire Evans
Nate Evans
Allen Gilfert
Jim Guinn
Terry Hargrave
Gaines Harrison
Anne Hickey
Eric Hilyerd
Donovan Hoert
Harry Hunt
Shelley Koczot
Jim Mackell
Holly McKernan
Veda Pendleton
Lucy Rapp
Janet Redford
Peter Ritchie
Allison Scheynost
Terri Shearrow
Jonathan Sutphin
Rick Williams
Leight Wilson
Adam Witt
Graham Zuber

Harvey Browne Prayer List

PRAYER LIST: Sally McQuilkin and family on the death of Tom McQuilkin, Sally's husband, the family of Audean Merrell on her death, Tim Cargal, Carl Enoch, the Rissler family on the death of Jim's sister, Ellen Harvey, Marybelle Duff, Jim Hughes, Cheri Merten (friend of Tim Healy), Garrett Mears (brother of Cynthia Hilyerd), Dave Curneal, Jim Hickey, John McClure, Sherryl Schmied, Billy Davis, Christina Davis (daughter of Billy Davis), Diana (daughter of Skip & Edith Light). * = added this week

MISSION CO-WORKERS:

Betsey & Eric Moe, Tyler, Rochelle & Mphatso Holm, Jeff & Christie Boyd, Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley

PRESBYTERIAN CHAPLAINS:

Jenny Edlin, Marie Ellis, Jennifer Gingerich, Amy Helwig, Robin Hogle, Jim Martin, Donna Melloan, Cynthia Miske, Kate Pyle, Caroline Wood, Jessica Gibo

Sunday Worship Schedules

Ushers

December 4

Kelly* & Joni Burke
Meg Buckner
Sarah Bumpas

December 11

Dick Blayney*
Kitty Boswell
Becky & Nate Evans

December 18

Bill* & Pam Bliven
Peggy Campbell
Marisue Coy

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Anne Hughes*
Lynn Cole
Brian, Molly, Mattie, & Pippa Pollock

December 25

Sara Sutphin*
Ann Burge
Carol Tinkle
Jeanne Luhr

* Head Usher



Lay Readers

December 4 Kathy Williams
December 11 Becky Evans
December 18 Audra Grogg
December 25 Gary Luhr

Acolytes

December 4

Graham Koenig
Riley Drake

December 11

Ruth Buckner
Daphne DeWees

December 18

Sophia Esterle
Amelia Esterle

December 25

Riley Drake
TBD



The Longest Night

Longest Night Healing and Wholeness Service

On Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00 PM, the day of the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, we will have a service in the sanctuary for those for whom this season is a time of darkness and difficulty - those who grieve the death of loved ones, those suffering from personal issues, or any others who simply want to be a part of this service. You are invited to attend as we hear words of hope and promise that shine a light in our dark world.



Christmas Eve & Day

We are excited that this calendar year offers us the chance to worship together, both on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day (which falls on a Sunday). We will have one Christmas Eve service at 6:00pm. On Christmas Day, our service will be at 10:30. Members are welcome to come in more casual attire and can look forward to a fun, heartwarming morning of carol singing, celebration, and maybe even a birthday cake for the baby Jesus. Childcare will be available on Christmas Eve but not on Christmas Day.



Deacon's Corner

Deacons may want to consider signing up for Prayer Concerns which is sent from the church office via email. This is a list of those who are in need of prayer for varied reasons and as Deacons we should pray for those who need help. You can sign up to receive Prayer Concerns by contacting Christine and you will be added to the email list.

The Fall Deacon Retreat was a very good meeting which all seemed to enjoy. Thank you Marie Ellis for your presentation tying the work of Deacons to your work as a Chaplain.

The Board of Deacons has begun asking those Deacons rotating off next May if they will stay on for another term. If your term is up next May, please consider serving another term.

Thanks to all Deacons for serving and have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Board of Deacons

Christmas Joy Gift

Jesus came to us as a helpless baby, destined to lead us and bring joy, peace and salvation for all people. The perfect gift.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place. We honor current and retired leaders as well as other Presbyterian church workers by offering support in their time of need. The Christmas Joy Offering allows us to contribute to the well-being of those who have made a life decision to serve the church; in some cases allowing some to not be forced to choose between housing, food or medical care.

The Joy Gift also supports leadership development for communities of color as well as the development of our future leaders. This gift makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. For personal stories about those who have received assistance through Christmas Joy visit specialofferings.pcusa.org



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Children & Youth at Harvey Browne

HBTweens

- December 11th, 11:30am-1:30pm**
 HB Pres
 Lunch - Pizza
 Christmas activities and food
 Bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange.



HBYouth

- December 4th, 5:30-7:30pm**
 HB Pres
 Advent Activity
- December 16-17th, 5:00pm**
 Lock-IN!



HB Families

December 18th 10:30am Worship
Christmas Pageant

December 16th, 6:00 - 8:30pm
F-R-I-E-N-D-S Christmas Party

December 24th Christmas Eve
Worship 6:00pm

Christmas Day, December 25
Worship 10:30am

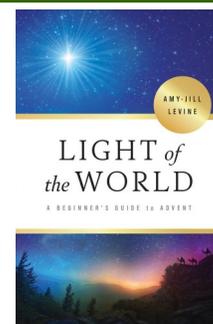
Contact Katherine Kupar for more information



HBUniversity & Sharing Our Journey

For the season of Advent, the HBUniversity and Sharing Our Journey Sunday school classes will be combining to explore Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*. In this study, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.

People can participate by reading the book or by simply coming for the class. We have ordered 15 copies of the book, which will be available in the church office or at the first class on November 27.



Harvey Browne Preschool

Christmas excitement is in the air at Harvey Browne Preschool! The children have been learning about the true meaning of Christmas in their classrooms and during chapel time with Katherine. We will be welcoming families to join in a Christmas Chapel with Pastor Christine and a sing-along session before Christmas break. Our kindergarten class will continue the tradition of rewriting and performing the Christmas story. It's such a joyful time, we love sharing it with our children and their families.

Our preschool community will be enjoying a well-deserved break from December 17th - January 3rd. We will return for the new year rejuvenated and ready for all the wonder winter brings!

Harvey Browne Preschool serves children ages 2.5 – kindergarten and is currently registering for the 2023/2024 school year! Members of the church receive priority registration and a tuition discount. Priority registration ends on December 16. Registration packets were mailed in November to church members with age eligible children, please contact the preschool office for more information or with any questions. (502) 895-2577 harveymbrownepreschool@gmail.com

May your family have a Christmas that is filled with joy, good health, love, and peace.

Sincerely,
The Harvey Browne Preschool Board



Parents Day Out and Nursery

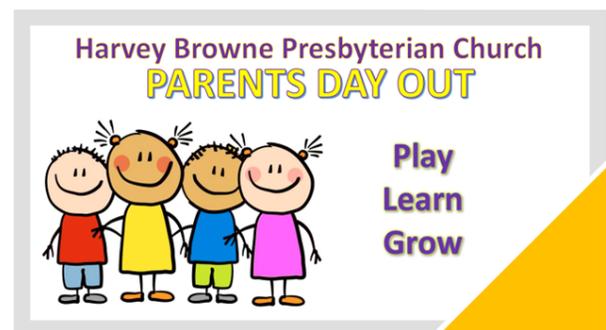
Christmas is coming! Even at the age of the PDO children you see a shift in spirit this time of year. For children it is a time of wonder... Why is everyone excited about Christmas trees, lights, special treats, decorations, reindeer, Santa, and hearing the Christmas story? It is our job to share the stories of Christmas and to show children how to give and spread love. One way to show them about giving is having PDO families donate items to the Cabbage Patch. We hope when parents are shopping, they are telling the children why they are bringing these items into school. The teachers share the Christmas story during circle time, we have nativity sets that children can play with, we make personal gifts for their parents, and have special treats before Christmas break. The spirit is alive for them at PDO and we hope it is for your families as well.

In January, we will begin registration for the 2022-23 school year. Look for more information about registration in the January newsletter.

The nursery area is also buzzing with the joy of Christmas coming. We have had a fun fall with children regularly attending Sunday and Wednesday nights. The children are enjoying playing with their church friends and our three wonderful nursery workers (Annabelle, Tess, and Katie). During 2023, we are planning to replace the carpet and spruce up our nursery area.

Merry Christmas,

Julie Rousseau
Director of PDO and Nursery

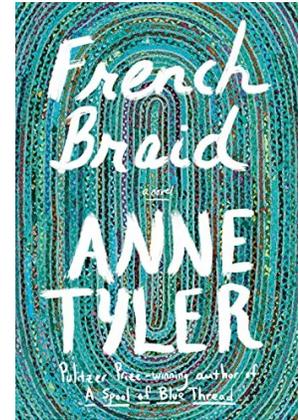


Harvey Browne Book Clubs

Everyone is welcome whether you have read the book or not. If you buy your book at Carmichael's and mention Bookanalia or Booktalk at Harvey Browne, you will receive 20% off.

Booktalk

Booktalk for Tuesday, December 27th at 11:30 will be *French Braid* by Anne Tyler. We will be on Zoom and in-person in the Living Room. Join us with Your lunch and a drink and some questions or comments for discussion. You do not have to have read the book to attend.



Advent Devotionals

Pick-up your copy of the Presbyterian Outlook's Advent Devotional *Attending to Advent: Poetry, Prose and Prayer* on the Welcome Center. The weeks leading up to Christmas can be hectic and full. The opportunity to pause and attend to Advent can get lost amid preparations for the big holiday, vacation plans or end-of-year work. This daily devotional invites readers to pause and reflect on narratives in the Christmas story.

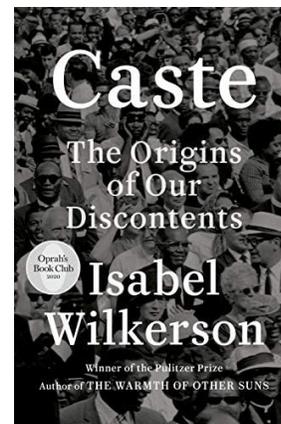
Each week, the devotions address a different theme: Week 1: Mary; Week 2: Joseph; Week 3: Herod; Week 4: the Christ child; Christmas Eve: Emmanuel. Daily readings will take us deeper into the scriptural story of the birth of Christ and explore contemporary subjects like parenting, power, war and violence, vulnerability, innocence, and the many ways God's incarnation can be experienced.

Attending to Advent:
poetry, prose and prayer
OUTLOOK



Bookanalia

Bookanalia will not meet in December. This is an opportunity for you to begin reading our January book, *Castle: the origins of our discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. The book is a "reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives" and then points to how America can move forward toward hope in our common humanity. Join us January 18th, when Veda Pendleton will lead us in a discussion of this impactful book.



Pastor's Book Group

Pastors Book Club will not be meeting in December. Please enjoy your holiday and join us in January.

Notes From Session

The Session of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church held a stated hybrid meeting on November 1. Following an opening prayer by Hayden Krausen the following business was handled:

- Lance Christell reported on the Board of Trustees.
- Rev. Katherine Kuper gave a report on her work as Parish Associate, Director of Children and Families.
- Christine gave her Pastor's report.
- Approved Rev. Jim Garrett to preach on November 20.
- Approved the baptism of Goldie Rodriguez, daughter of Javier & Leslie Rodrigues and granddaughter of Revs. Annie & John McClure.
- Approved Veda Pendleton hosting a AARP driver safety training at Harvey Browne in February.
- Approved hiring a part time social media support person working 5-10 hours per week.
- Heard reports from the committees.
- Communion dates for 2023 were approved.
- The annual congregational meeting will be February 26, 2023 in the sanctuary following worship.
- Personnel Committee recommend the following changes for 2023 operating budget which were approved:
 - Cost of living increase of 6% for all staff except for new hires.
 - Increase the salary of Cheryl Granger \$5000.00 for the additional administrative assistant work she has taken on.
 - Increase the salary of Parish Associate for Pastoral Care to \$22,700 to keep this salary in line salaries for ordained positions.

Anne Hughes, Clerk of Session

Our Letters Have Helped

All of us have noticed rising food prices and may have changed some of our shopping practices because of them; however, in countries such as Somalia and Ethiopia the food crisis is so severe that the World Food Programme has had to ration food aid. Earlier this year Congress allocated an additional \$5 billion in humanitarian aid for countries facing famine and severe malnutrition and since then a further \$1.5 billion in aid has been designated. Aid has also been extended for children in the U.S. in the form of child nutrition waivers which were set to expire on June 30th and school meal programs which will receive increased federal reimbursement rates through the school year 2022-2023. Further action will be needed in the coming months.

PLEASE CONSIDER CALLING 800-826-3688 AND URGE CONGRESS TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE AND GLOBAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS.



Coffee, Chocolate and Crafts

Our 3-C Advent Event will soon be here and we want to make sure everyone has it on their calendar! For anyone new to Harvey Browne, this is an annual event which is a fund raiser for Congo Schools. Eleven schools have been completed and much has been done in the areas of renovations, teacher training, the purchase of textbooks and transportation (a motorbike) for the school supervisor.

The first sale will be Dec. 4th at Harvey Browne, the second on Dec. 11th at Anchorage, and the third back at Harvey Browne on Dec. 18th. As usual, we will have baked goods as well and welcome all contributions!! Any other sort of crafts such as carving, sculpting, knitting, handiwork, etc. is also very welcome.

If you have questions, please call Emily Brown at 502-896-2081.



Presbyterian Women Christmas Coffee

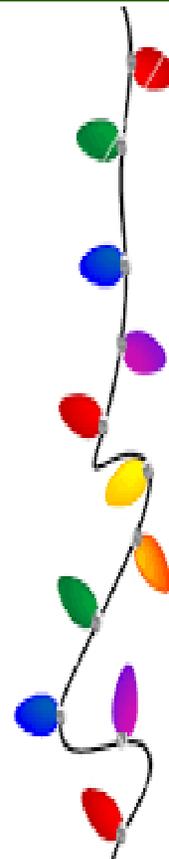
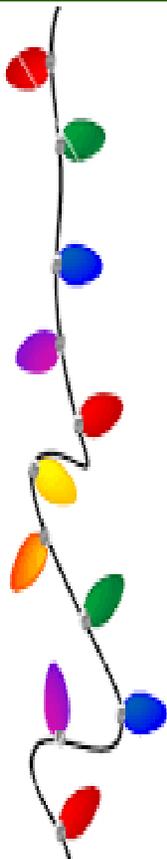
Join us at our

PW Christmas Coffee

For refreshments, music by HB musicians, and carols.

December 3 at 10:30 AM in the foyer of Harvey Browne

Everyone is welcome!



Cabbage Patch Christmas

2022 Cabbage Patch Christmas

Profoundly changing lives for over 100 years.

Get to know the Cabbage Patch Settlement House at cabbagepatch.org

12 families - 14 adults – 33 children
\$100/person for Meijer shopping and \$25/person for food
Our goal: \$5,875

Shopping is accomplished (thank you, Heather and crew) and now the wrapping begins. Select a gift tag from the small Christmas tree in the foyer and find a special gift for a child. Donate money anytime until Christmas to help cover the cost of the shopping event and for Cabbage Patch to get gift cards for food. We will put together boxes of items from our grocery cart and PDO Friday December 16. Then we will deliver to families on December 18 right after worship.

Contact Bob Smith 502-523-6466 to help with delivery. 12 vehicles needed.

Dates to Remember:

November 12-December 16 Gift wrap Meijer purchases in room 209 (Laura Krausen)

November 13-Dec. 7 Pick a child's gift tag for toys off the foyer gift tree (Anne Hughes)

December 16 6:00 PM Organize gifts, and boxes in Emory (Friends Class with Mariners)

December 18, 2022 Deliver gifts to the Patch families after worship (Bob Smith)

Our grocery cart and PDO will be collecting items that families cannot buy with food stamps so please donate as you can.

December Grocery Cart

The Grocery Cart for December is for Cabbage Patch Settlement House. The Cabbage Patch Settlement House is a local, non-profit Christian organization whose mission is to equip and empower at-risk children, youth, and their families.



Their biggest needs are:

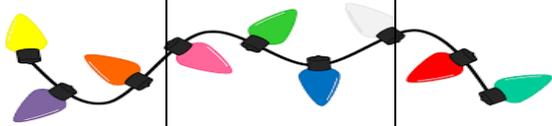
Paper products
Cleaning products
Laundry detergent
Oral care
Soap
Deodorant
Hair care
Lotion, Sunscreen, Lip balm
Feminine hygiene products



Merry Christmas



DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>^Every Sunday Morning 9:00 - Breakfast 9:15 - Choir Rehearsal 9:30 - Sunday School ALL Ages+ 10:30 - Worship+ 4:00 - Yoga at HB (Session)</p> <p>* - Via Zoom/Online + - In person AND via Zoom/Online Contact the church office for links to join Zoom.</p>			<p>◇Every Wednesday Night 5:15 - Dinner 6:00 - Children & Youth Activities 6:00 - Handbells in Sanctuary 6:15 - Adult Bible Study 6:30 - Boy Scout Troop 315 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Wednesday Night Dinner December 21 & 28</p>		<p>1 1:00-Midday Prayers* 6:00-Chenoweth Basketball Practice (Emory)</p>	<p>2 3:00-Christmas Tea Set Up (Foyer)</p>	<p>3 8:30-YMCA Basketball (Emory) 9:00-Girl Scout CPR Training (Loft) 10:00-5,000 Steps+ (Eline) 10:30-PW Christmas Coffee (Foyer)</p>
			<p>4 ^Sunday Morning 9:30—PW Advent Marketplace (Foyer) 11:30—Christian Education Committee Meeting* 5:00—HBYouth (Foyer)</p>	<p>5 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Loft) 5:30—YMCA Basketball (Emory)</p>	<p>6 9:45-Staff Meeting 2:00 Worship & Music Meeting (Session) 5:30—YMCA Basketball (Emory) 7:00-Session Meeting (Session)</p>	<p>7 10:00-5,000 Steps+ (Eline) 2:00—Blood Drive (Eline) 6:00—Cabbage Patch Gift Wrapping (209) ◇Wed. Night</p>	<p>8 1:00-Midday Prayers* 5:30—YMCA Basketball (Emory)</p>
<p>11 ^Sunday Morning 11:30-HBTweens (Eline) 3:00-Louisville Winds Concert</p>	<p>12 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Loft) 5:30—YMCA Basketball (Emory)</p>	<p>13 9:45-Staff Meeting 10:30-Circle A* (Eline Hall), Circle Ruth (Living Room), Circle Miriam (Session) 5:30—YMCA Basketball (Emory) 6:00-Hope Circle* (Living Room) 6:30—Daisy Troop 363 (Eline)</p>	<p>14 10:00-5,000 Steps+ (Eline) 6:00—Cabbage Patch Gift Wrapping (209) ◇Wed. Night</p>	<p>15 1:00-Midday Prayers* 5:30—YMCA Basketball (Emory)</p>		<p>17 10:00-5,000 Steps+ (Eline) 5:00-HBYouth Lock-In (Eline)</p>	
<p>18 ^Sunday Morning 9:30—PW Advent Marketplace (Foyer) 11:30—Deliver Cabbage Patch Gifts</p>	<p>19 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Loft) 11:00-Property Meeting (Session)</p>	<p>20 9:45-Staff Meeting 11:30-Booktalk (Living Room)+ 7:00-Congregational Life Meeting (Living Room)</p>	<p>21 10:00-5,000 Steps+ (Eline) 6:00-Longest Night Service (Sanctuary) 6:30-Boy Scout Troop 315 (Loft) 7:00-Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>22 1:00-Midday Prayers*</p>	<p>23 12:00-Harvey Browne Closes at noon</p>	<p>24 4:30- Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00- Christmas Eve Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p>	
<p>25 10:30- Christmas Worship Service</p> <p>No Breakfast, Sunday School or Yoga</p>	<p>26 Harvey Browne Closed</p>	<p>27 Harvey Browne Closed</p>	<p>28 10:00-5,000 Steps+ (Eline) 1:00—Hope Circle* 6:30—Boy Scout Troop 315 (Loft)</p>	<p>29 9:00-HBQuilters (209) 1:00-Midday Prayers*</p>		<p>31 10:00-5,000 Steps+ (Eline)</p>	

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HBPres is a community of believers who share God's grace and an abiding love for Jesus Christ, seeking to be grown through worship and study, recreation and fellowship, service to others and loving care for one another.

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