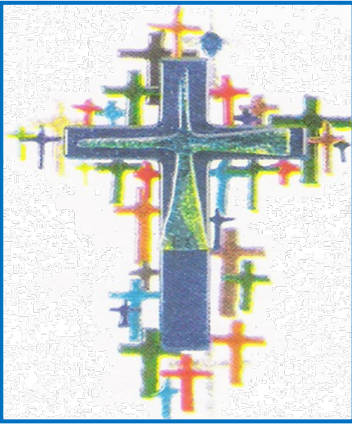


Making a Difference

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter

May 2024



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May is a celebratory month with the Kentucky Derby, Mother's Day, graduation season, and Memorial Day marking the unofficial start of summer. Even the weather can seem like it's piling on to the celebrations with days of "abundant sunshine" (my favorite descriptor in the Weather Channel weather app), blooming flowers, and perfect temperatures.



I was reminded recently that it is important to celebrate – big things and small. Often it seems we are better at dismissing accomplishments or small victories than embracing them. We might say, "Well, that really wasn't a big deal in the grand scheme of things."

When my son was born, those first few weeks were such a blessing but at the same time were some of the hardest of my life. Being a new parent is one of the steepest learning curves I have ever climbed. After some time I remember finding myself accomplishing the smallest possible task, one per day, and feeling such a sense of accomplishment. My first reaction was to say, "Katherine, that is not a big deal. You wrote a thank you note and put it in the mailbox. What's so great about that?"

And yet, at that point in my life, a thank you note in the mailbox was a huge accomplishment. Eventually, I quieted that critical voice and allowed myself to celebrate the small victories day after day.

The poet Mary Oliver reminds us that joy isn't meant to be a crumb. How often do we allow joy to be a crumb in our lives? On the other hand, how often do we wholeheartedly embrace joy, welcome it in, revel in it when we sense its presence? Easier said than done.

With world events and personal challenges it can be difficult to allow ourselves a celebration when there is so much anxiety and suffering swirling in our cultural and personal consciousness. And yet, celebration and joy can act as a buoy that gets us from one hard moment to the next. If we never allow ourselves a bit of celebration or joy, where does our hope come from? In the season of Easter, our Christian faith does just this: declare with joy and amazement God's saving power and triumph over death. It can be an act of resistance to proclaim and celebrate this in our world, and it can be an act of hope to fully embrace that message.

Even if you can only find the smallest moments of joy and celebration in this season, I hope you do find them. Even in the midst of our hardest days, our darkest moments, God's light and Easter hope still surround us. May you celebrate and embrace joy in those moments where you sense that spark igniting within you. After all, joy isn't meant to be a crumb.

With Easter hope,
Katherine



May Birthdays!

Dale Allison	Mary Davenport	Annabel Grogg	Peggy Mastropaolo	Run Thang
Bill Bliven	Barb Davis	Kim Harrod	Kathleen Mayfield	Bruce White
Kitty Boswell	Henry Drake	Bill Harrod	Tim McCallister	Jennifer Widmayer
Portia Brittain	James Durham	Linda Henderson	Al Pollock	Jean Wolph
Zach Budd	Jane Dyer	India Hoddy	Aidan Ritchie	Jean Young
Ann Burge	Gary Faltn	Rachel Hunt	Sara Ritchie	
Kelly Burke	Adam Faris	Allison Jarvi	Scott Scheynost	
Scott Casson	Jack Ganzer	JoJo Kepler	Emily Smith	
Carol Clarke	Kevin Gilman	Graham Koenig	Sandy Smith	
Jane Curneal	Pam Glaze	Aaron Krausen	Bob Smith	
Kathy Darby	Barb Graas	Hayden Krausen	Taylor Stewart	
April Davenport	David Green	Allison Lockhart	Shirley Sullivan	



Sunday Worship

Ushers:

May 5
Mary Esch*
Jane Doehnert
Becky Evans
Tom Frentz

May 12

Anne Hughes*
Sue Garrett
India Hoddy
Gail Hudson

May 19

Peggy Campbell*
Ann Burge
Jeanne Luhr
Dee Pregliasco

May 26

Lynn Overstreet*

Joann Overstreet
Angie Schulte
Steve Schulte

Lay Readers:

May 5

Veda Pendleton

May 12

Tim Healey

May 19

Kathy Williams

May 26

Allison Lockhart

* Head Usher

HB Prayer List

PRAYER LIST:

Lois Allen; Teresa Reker on the death of her mother, Nellie Sidebottom; Kit Tossmann on the death of her mother; The family and friends of Claudia Beck on her death; Gary Luhr; Bob Roberts; Jennie George; Kim Harrod and family on the death of her mother Anna Jones; Laura Witt; Timothy Healy; Virginia Strahl; Kenton Smith, friend of Dan & Judy Askins; Jessica Gibo; Donna Jones; Jay Shearrow; Marty Cundiff; Anne and Ronald Wade; Joan Spratt; Lois & Peter Laning, Sister-in-law and brother of Judy Laning; Ray Grant; Katherine Pregliasco Quigley, daughter of Dee Pregliasco; Pat Lewis, mother of Kathy Williams; Jim Boswell; Cyndi Lee Johnson, daughter of Marilee Phillips; Max Schuester, friend of Eric Hilyerd; Michael Smith, friends of Robert Rennie & Katie Kleinkopf; Diana, daughter of Skip & Edith Light

MISSION CO-WORKERS:

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

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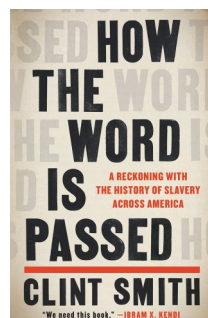
Jenny Edlin, Marie Ellis, Annica Gage, Jennifer Gingerich, Amy Helwig, Robin Hogle, Jim Martin, Donna Melloan, Gina Meester, Cynthia Miske, Kate Pyle, Caroline Wood, Jessica Gibo, and Erin Veliquette

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.

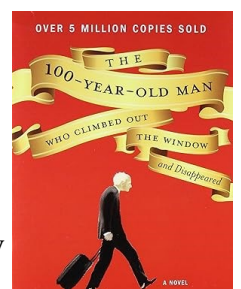
Booktalk

Join Bookanalia in the Session Room or on Zoom on Weds, May 22 after the final Weds night dinner of the season to discuss *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith. Carolyn Diener will facilitate our discussion.



Bookanalia

Booktalk for Tuesday, May 28th at 11:30 on Zoom and in the Living Room is *The Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. This zany novel covering the 20th century with unexpected twists and turns worthy of Forrest Gump, Zelig and the Keystone



Kids, Youth & Family Activities

Holiday World

Group tickets to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari are available for all Harvey Browne friends and family on 6/26/24! Enjoy the park and waterpark in the company of your church friends with a discounted group-rate ticket of \$40 (a \$20 savings)! You will provide your own transportation and food. The park will be open from 10-8, and the water park from 11-6. Group rate tickets must be ordered and paid for by June 19, 2024 to reserve your spot. You must arrive at the park entrance by 11:00 a.m. on June 26 to get your physical ticket from Renata. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Fr9EQh9XSI7Rsvij6> or contact Renata for more information!

Youth Group

VBS Service Week for Youth

The youth will meet during VBS week, June 17-21, from 9:00-12:15 daily for a week of local service. We will sort shoes for WaterStep, assist with World Refugee Day, do projects on site at Bellewood and Brooklawn, and get some first aid training right here at the church. Youth do not need to attend every day if they have other commitments. Please RSVP to Renata by May 26. The youth group will be visiting WaterStep during their June Service Week to help sort donated shoes. WaterStep sells gently-used shoes to an exporter and uses the funds to bring clean water to those in need all over the world. Harvey Browne keeps a collection bin for WaterStep in the lobby. Our youth are asking the congregation to fill it up during the month of May! The youth will take all the shoes to WaterStep for sorting during VBS week.

Last Regular Youth Group

The youth group will have their last regular meeting on May 19 from 4-5:30 at the church. Current fifth graders are invited to this final meeting! We will get to know our incoming youth and say goodbye to our senior at this special, final meeting of the school year.

Youth Group Spring Farewell

The youth group will meet at Joe Creason Park on Sunday, May 26 during the regular youth group time of 4-5:30 to enjoy a little more fellowship as summer kicks off. Families are welcome but not required to attend with their youth. We will have snacks, games, and outdoor "underground church."



Donuts, Bikes and Trikes

Saturday, May 11 from 9:00-11:00am bring your appetite and your bike, scooter, trike, side walk chalk, jump rope, etc. for a fun morning of donuts, cruising, and play. We'll meet in the HB Pres parking lot or in the gym if it's raining.

Sunday School

The last Sunday for Sunday School will be May 19th. There will not be breakfast that day, but plan to stay after worship for the Pentecost Picnic!

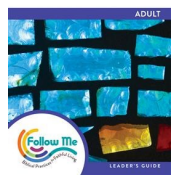
HBU

The HBU Sunday school class will be led by Robert Rennie May 5, 12, 19 on mindfulness and Christian spirituality. The class will explore what mindfulness is, how it can help reflect on key aspects of Christian thinking, and help Christians live out the faith.

Sharing the Journey

In May, the Journey Class will study Sabbath. *Honoring Sabbath* recognizes this rhythm of work and rest and places the Sabbath at the center of our faith practice." Come. Join the discussions in the Living Room on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM. May 5 - *Celebrate Sabbath*, May 12 - *Rest With God*, May 19 - *Live in Holy Rhythm* May 26 - *Return With Gladness*.

Honor Sabbath



Pentecost Picnic and Fire Drill



After worship on Pentecost, May 19th we will continue to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit with a fire drill and a picnic! Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and fruit will be served. The cost is free, but there will be a basket for donations. Please RSVP to the church office or using this [form](#). Or visit <https://tinyurl.com/3n588fcx>

Wednesday Nights @ Harvey Browne!

Wednesday Night Dinners

Join us for dinner & programs most Wednesday's from now through May. Dinner is catered by Kingsley Meats & Catering, one of Louisville's most popular catering companies. Kingsley provides an entree, two sides, and a vegetarian entree. HB volunteers provide salad, desserts, and drinks.

We are asking for a suggested donation of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, with a family cap at \$25. But as with last year—please do not let the cost keep you from attending! We accept payments via cash, check or through Zelle (Wednesday@hbpres.net).

May 1: Chopped BBQ on Buns, Potato Salad, Beans, Green Salad and Assorted Desserts.

May 15: Bill's Chicken, Potatoes, Green Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream Treats

May 8: Breakfast for Dinner; Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Fruit Salad, Cinnamon Rolls

May 22 (Last Dinner): Pizza Night, Green Salad, Assorted Desserts

Wednesday Night Dinner Feedback Survey

Please help us improve dinners for the 2024/2025 year by filling out the dinner survey by clicking the [link](https://tinyurl.com/yvd9hkk4) to answer the questions or pick up a paper copy during Wednesday Night Dinner and return the completed form to the church office, the offering plate, or the check in table at the Wednesday Night dinners before May 31, 2024. Form- <https://tinyurl.com/yvd9hkk4>



The Nursery is provided for children preschool and under from 6:00—7:00 on Wednesday nights.

The Endowment's 2024 Pledge

In April, the Trustees of the Harvey Browne Foundation approved the distribution of its 2024 contribution. This year, \$110,234.61 will be distributed from twelve individual funds to missions of our church: General Operations and Property, Music and Worship, Christian Education, Deacons, Pastor's Benevolence, and Outreach and Mission. As requested by Session, this amount is 5% of the available assets in the endowment as of June 30, 2023, and represents 9% of Harvey Browne's 2024 budget. The distribution is calculated based on the balance at the end of the prior June so that the Session can include it when preparing the budget for the following year.

Since 2020, the endowment has contributed more than \$500,000 to our church from these annual distributions and has consistently covered 9% of our annual needs. The monies held by the Harvey Browne Foundation come from past and present members who wanted to make a gift to the future of our church. These donations have taken many forms: bequests, 401K/IRA, stock, life insurance proceeds, real property, cash, and matching gifts from an employer. Each donor can designate the gift to support a particular mission. Through the Harvey Browne Foundation, the missions that you support can continue for years to come. Because of these prior gifts, Harvey Browne can have a broader mission than the church and its members alone could support.

In addition to overseeing the endowment, the Trustees seek to share information with the congregation about the workings of the funds and encourage future contributions to grow our continued mission. Please contact a Trustee if you have questions (and it might just provide us with the topic for next month . . . or quarter).

George Creznic	Lance Christell	Brian Pollock
Sara Sutphin	Dee Pregliasco	Leslie Whitehouse

Service Worship Sunday

Get Ready! Service Worship Sunday is almost here. Last October, 118 Harvey Browner's served at 10 locations. Be on the lookout for a signup link to choose your service activity. We will meet for a brief commissioning at 10:30 before being sent in service. There will be something for everyone!



Grocery Cart

The Grocery Cart for May is for Hildegard House and House of Ruth.

Hildegard House Needs

- Paper Towels
- Travel Size Alcohol Free Mouthwash
- Fingernail & toenail clippers, emery boards & nail files
- Individual size minute rice, mashed potatoes, mac-n-cheese
- K-cups
- Hormel 7 oz. "thick & easy" meals
- 2 cup/1 quart Pyrex type glass storage containers with lids
- Fine tip dry erase markers

House of Ruth Needs

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Laundry Pods

PW Birthday Offering - May 14

The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian women began in 1922 when the first Secretary of Women's Work of the PCUS, encouraged women to offer "a penny for every year you have lived, and if that is a secret, bring a dollar". Over the last century, grants from these annual donations have funded more than 200 major projects that continue to provide medical care, education, shelter, food and support for people most in need at home and abroad. Harvey Browne continues this tradition with a Birthday Offering Program and Lunch on May 14. The program will start at 10:30 AM. Lunch will be served at noon.



Dianne White, our guest speaker from Shawnee Presbyterian Church, will share the story of Café Ginkgo, a recent recipient of a generous Birthday Offering Grant. Shawnee Presbyterian is located in an economically disadvantaged area of Louisville, where finding adequate nutrition is a challenge. In August 2019, the small congregation began serving free dine-in meals to the community. The café doors closed due to the pandemic. But now, with the *much-prayed-for funding*, the café will reopen with a more efficient, renovated kitchen. The funding also allows for improvements to the fellowship hall where the church will offer enriching activities: tutoring for elementary ages, Ginkgo Play Zone, financial literacy classes and Mama-to-Mama parenting workshops.

Blood Drive

Blood drive is May 15th, 1-6pm in Eline Hall. Please sign up at redcrossblood.org or let Bill Bliven know at 609-7001. All blood types needed.

Save the Date: May 7, 2024 KY Gives Day!

We're thrilled to announce that KY Gives Day is just around the corner on May 7, 2024! This is a special opportunity for us to come together and make a lasting impact on our local community through St. Matthews Area Ministries.

By saving the date and visiting our page at: <https://www.kygives.org/organ.../st-matthews-area-ministries> You and your friends will have the chance to be a part of something truly meaningful. Your support will directly benefit families right here in the 40207 and part of the 40220 zip codes.

Harvey Browne Preschool - A Year in Review

It is hard to believe that the 2023/2024 school year at Harvey Browne Preschool is coming to an end this month! This school year Harvey Browne Preschool served over 160 children ranging from 2.5 years old through kindergarten. We played, created, explored, sang, danced, read, told stories, laughed, and made new friends.

In August we kicked off our school year with Meet and Greets, in September we learned more about each other as we made new friends in our classrooms, in October we welcomed families in for Open House, in November – we feasted! December celebrations included a wonderful Christmas Chapel and sing along – inviting all our families to join us! The sanctuary was packed! In January we snuggled down and hibernated and welcomed Stage One Storytellers to the school, February gave us a chance to celebrate LOVE, Friendships, and Diversity, in March we READ for National Reading Month and partnered with Carmichael's Bookstore for our annual Book Fair, in April we danced in some rain showers and enjoyed the flowers, and now it's MAY! We will welcome families to the school for the Kindergarten's Very Hungry Caterpillar Play and Promotion ceremony AND will show off our art masterpieces at the school wide Annual Art Fair on the last day of school!

This summer, Harvey Browne Preschool is excited to undertake classroom makeovers! The classrooms will receive new flooring, new paint, new countertops, and updated cabinetry. We will share before and after pictures this fall upon our return!

Thank you, Harvey Browne Church community, for welcoming our preschool families with open arms. A huge thank you to the continued leadership of the Harvey Browne Preschool Board and church members, Becky Evans, Board Chair, Kathleen Gilman, and Audra Grogg who have given their time and talents to serve on the board. Carol Tinkle served on the preschool board for 14 years, we miss her dearly.

The 2023/2024 school year has been full of joyful learning, and I am reminded daily that Harvey Browne Preschool is a magical place – a place of acceptance and unconditional love for our children and families. We have much to be grateful for.

With gratitude,
Amy Squires, Director

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* - Via Zoom/Online + - In person AND via Zoom Contact the church office for links to Zoom.</p>	<p>^Every Sunday Morning 9:00 - Breakfast 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal 9:30 - Sunday School ALL Ages+ 10:30 - Worship+ 1:00 - Pickle Ball (Emory) 4:00 - Yoga at HB (Session) 4:00 - Bible in 90 Days(Living Rm) 4:00 - HB Youth Group(Loft)</p>		<p>1 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00-Prayers Mtg* ◇Wednesday Night 6:15– VBS Planning (209)</p>	<p>2 9:00- HBQuilters (209)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)</p>
<p>5 ^Sunday Morning (Sanctuary) 9:00-PW Birthday Luncheon Sign-Up (Foyer) 11:30-Food Truck Friday Meeting (Session) 4:00-Baby Kupar Baby Shower(Eline Hall)</p>	<p>6 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline)</p>	<p>7 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 7:00– Session Meeting (Session+)</p>	<p>8 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00-Prayers Mtg* ◇Wednesday Night 6:15– VBS Planning (209)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Family Camp Out Jefferson Memorial Forest</p>	<p>11 9:00- Men's Prayer Breakfast (209) 9:00- Donuts, Bikes, and Trikes 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall)</p>
<p>12 ^Sunday Morning (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>13 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline) 8:15-Mens Group (Session)</p>	<p>14 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 10:00– Circle Grace (209) Circle Ruth (208) Circle Miriam (Living Rm.) Circle Hope (Library) 10:30– PW Birthday Lunch (Eline Hall) 6:30– Personnel Committee Meeting+ (208) 6:30– Girl Scouts (Eline)</p>	<p>15 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* 1:00- Blood Drive (Eline Hall) ◇Wednesday Night 6:15– VBS Planning(209)</p>	<p>16 9:00- HBQuilters (209) 7:00- Christian Education Committee Meeting(209)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)</p>
<p>19 ^Sunday Morning (NO Breakfast) 11:30-Pentecost Party</p>	<p>20 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline) 11:00-Property Committee Meeting (Session) 7:00-Outreach Committee*</p>	<p>21 9:45– Staff Meeting (Session) 2:00-Congregational Life Meeting (Living Rm)</p>	<p>22 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* ◇Wednesday Night 4:00-PW Coord. Meeting (Session) 6:15– Bookanalia (Session) 6:15– VBS Planning (209)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)</p>
<p>26 9:30-Summer Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) ^Sunday Morning (Sanctuary) 4:00-End of School Year Youth Celebration (Joe Creason Park)</p>	<p>27 Harvey Browne Church Building Closed for Memorial Day 8:15-Mens Group (Session)</p>	<p>28 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 11:30– Booktalk+ (Living Rm) 6:30– Girl Scouts (Eline) 7:00– Welcome Committee Meeting (Session)</p>	<p>29 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* 6:30- Boy Scouts (Youth Loft)</p>	<p>30 9:00- HBQuilters (209)</p>	<p>31 ◇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>	

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