

# Making a Difference

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April 2024

Our faith makes a great deal about light. “Let your light shine”, we are taught at an early age, implying, inherently, that we must keep our “darkness” at bay. In John 1, we are taught that, in Jesus, “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” Our tendency to pit light and darkness against each another is not unique to Christianity. Darkness, in many religions, is associated with fear and uncertainty. Light, in contrast, is commended as revelatory and uplifting. As a result, our world has spent a great deal of time celebrating the light and an equally impactful amount of time warding off “darkness”.



All of this has come to my mind given the cosmic event in store for us on next Monday’s solar eclipse. Before astronomical understanding could “shed light” on why the sky was suddenly going dark, many cultures viewed a solar eclipse as a sign of impending doom. In ancient China, it was commonly thought that a celestial dragon had attacked and devoured the Sun. In Mesopotamia, eclipses were regarded as omens of bad things to come. In the Aymara tradition, eclipses meant that the sun was sick or near death.

But other traditions have viewed eclipses as opportunities. In Islam, eclipses encourage a chance to offer praise to the one who created both the sun and the moon. In Judaism, eclipses are viewed as a particularly good time for introspection and prayer. And despite Christianity’s seeming proclivity to discount the darkness, the eclipse offers us a chance to remember that all of our experience – even those binaries so often unjustly pitted against one another – it all belongs to God.

The impact of setting light against darkness has been profound. It has contributed to justification for racism, colonialism and “manifest destiny”. Our preference for “light” over “darkness” has created a false dichotomy between happiness and sadness, celebration and grief, thriving and suffering, *as if God is present in one and not in the other.*

This could not be further from how we, as Presbyterians, understand our God. “In life and in death, we belong to God”, we affirm each week. In all of who we are and all of what we experience, God is present. So this Monday, let us remember that. When we hear the crickets suddenly chirping as the sky goes dark. When the air gets cooler and the birds start to sing, again, their morning song. Let us give thanks to God for being right there with us, through it all.

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# April Birthdays!

Kathleen Anderson	Laura Dausman	Justin Harrison	Emily Sedgwick
Susan Anderson	Becky Evans	Linda Hester	Elizabeth Seewer
Lucas Bobbitt	Mae Fohr	Dan Hofstetter	Sharon Spurrier
Jane Bumpas	Kathy Gardner	Charlotte Hunt	Virginia Strahl
Larissa Cargal	Linda Garrett	Henry Hunt	Juergen Tossmann
Felix Clardy	Chandra Gordon	Mimi Lewis	Steve Whitehouse
Will Clardy	Maddie Gordon	Peggy Luttmann	Andy Will
Jim Cunagin	Bob Graas	Woody Mull	Pam Wood
Marty Cundiff	Mary Alice Grover	Sam Pernicano	
Darrell Darby	Jim Harpe	Benjamin Pumpelly	

## Sunday Worship

**Ushers:**

**April 7**  
 Kelly Burke\*  
 Joni Burke  
 Diane Osborne  
 Tom Osborne

**April 14**  
 Sarah Sutphin\*  
 Bob Brown  
 Meg Buckner  
 Sarah Bumpas

**April 21**  
 Leight Wilson\*  
 Margaret Wilson  
 Lynn Cole  
 Marisue Coy

**\* Head Usher**

**April 28**  
 Bill Bliven\*  
 Pam Bliven  
 George Creznic  
 Sandy Creznic

**Lay Readers:**

**April 7**  
 Rob Fohr

**April 14**  
 Tom Frentz

**April 21**  
 Youth Group

**April 28**  
 Angie Schulte

## HB Prayer List

**PRAYER LIST:**  
 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; Lois Allen; 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

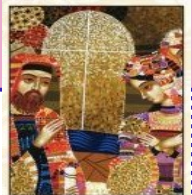
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 Betsey & Eric Moe, Tyler, Rochelle & Mphatso Holm, Jeff & Christie Boyd, Dr. Larry and Inge Sthresley

**PRESBYTERIAN CHAPLAINS:**  
 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



## P.W. Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 9** - Join with women of Harvey Browne for friendship and Bible study. This month's lesson looks at Jesus' Encounter with Lydia. (Acts 16:11-15) We are guided to see how this encounter inspired Lydia to dedicate her life, time, and leadership talents to further God's kingdom. If you are not yet meeting with a circle, choose a time/location and just come. 10:30am Circles A (Eline) & Ruth (Living Rm.), 11:30am Circle Miriam (209) and 6:00pm Circle Hope (Living Rm.).



Lesson Eight  
 Lydia Encounters Jesus  
 in Worship  
 Scripture: Acts 16:11-15

## P.W. Birthday Luncheon - You're Invited!

Join our Presbyterian Women as we come together for our annual birthday luncheon on Tuesday **May 14** in Eline Hall. The program will start at 10:30am with lunch at 12:00pm. The cost of lunch is \$10.00 and reservations are required no later than **May 9**. Call for reservations to Diane Osborne at 502-220-3900, if no answer please leave a message. Make checks payable to Harvey Browne Presbyterian Women. All circles will be attending the luncheon and there will be no evening dinner program. Circles will meet at 10am prior to the program. Circle A will meet in room 209, Circle Hope in the Library, Circle Miriam in the Living Room and Circle Ruth in Room 208.

## Kids, Youth & Family Activities

### HBYouth & HBTweens

- HBYouth will meet April 14 and 28 for fellowship at 4pm
- HBTweens will meet in the gym for fellowship April 7 and 21 at 4pm

### Sunday School—Children & Youth Classes

Sunday Breakfast is offered each week in Eline Hall from 9:00—9:30 followed by classes

- 0-3 in Nursery
  - 4's-2nd in Room 212
  - Grades 3-5 in Room 206
  - Youth Class (6th—12th grade) Meet in the Loft.
- \*Please initial the clipboards and ensure we have your contact information when you drop your child off for Sunday School\*

### Youth at PYOCA & more

The youth traveled to Camp Pyoca March 8-10 for a retreat. They got a little muddy, but enjoyed playing and learning about God together in a beautiful place.

Youth who would like to join in the spring field trip to Jefferson Memorial Forest will meet at Harvey Browne at 2:00 on Saturday, **April 13** and will return to the church at 6:00. Be dressed to spend time outdoors, and consider bringing bug spray!

**Youth Sunday** is coming up! Harvey Browne's youth group is in charge of the 10:30 worship service on **April 21**. Please join us for this fun celebration of God and our young people.



### Family Camp Out

Join us for a family camp out the weekend of **April 12-14**. We are camping out at Jefferson Memorial Forest! Choose your own adventure - come for the whole weekend or drop in when you can. Friday, April 12th arrive at the camp site around 6:00 for campfire, hot dogs, and s'mores. Set up your tent and stay the night or not. On Saturday, April 13th we'll plan to fellowship in the morning and over a bring-your-own bag lunch then hike together at 3:00 with songs around the campfire at 4:30. Bring the supplies you will need for however long you plan to be there. No matter how long you plan to stay, bring a water bottle and a camp chair. If you at all think you might come out at any point in the weekend and especially if you would like to camp, please indicate your interest on this form: <https://tinyurl.com/4957uhzz>

Questions about supplies, Jefferson Memorial Forest, or schedule of events, contact Doug Grogg. Other questions, contact Katherine.



### FRIENDS Night Out

Folks of the FRIENDS tv show generation (Gen X, Xennials, Millennials...) are invited for a night out at Mojito in Havana (3939 Shelbyville Rd) on Saturday, **April 20** from 6:00-8:00pm. Childcare will be available at the church, and we will have pizza for the kids. RSVP by filling out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/66t2ua9u> by Wednesday, April 17.

# 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).

**April 3: No Wednesday Dinner**

Salad and Various Desserts. vegetarian: fajita veggies

**April 10:** taco bar: hard and soft taco shells, ground beef and chicken, Spanish rice, black beans, Green

**April 17:** Salisbury steak, macaroni and cheese, green beans, Green Salad and Various Desserts. vegetarian: stuffed peppers



**April 24:** Sesame chicken, fried rice, stir fried vegetables, Green Salad and Various Desserts.

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

## Thank You Harvey Browne

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Thanks so much to the many church members for their cards and prayers during Marty's illness and hospital stays. Each helps add a little smile to his day.

Thank you all for your visits, cards, calls, kind words and most of all your prayers. They mean more than you'll ever know.

Thanks also to the staff for the hospital visits and calls and for ashes on ash Wednesday.

Peggy Mastropaolo

We appreciate all of your prayers and concerns.

God Bless you all - Dawn and Marty

### Blood Drive Thank you

Many thanks for a great blood drive as we collected 23 good units with 3 first time donors and 8 people were new donors to our Community blood drive. We also had some donors eat dinner to which they were very impressed. I really appreciate us hosting the blood drive and the Wednesday night dinners are amazing with the help of Pam, Joni, Linda, Joyce, Anne, Kelly, Scott, Ben, and Portia helping make it a huge success. And many thanks to Tim who had Eline Hall arranged perfectly twice for the blood drive!!



# Instant Church Directory

Harvey Browne Presbyterian utilizes an app/website called Instant Church Directory to create an online directory. From the convenience of your computer or phone, you can look up church members' contact information, address, and other basic information. You never have to wait until the church office is open or wonder how old the directory you have is or if it still has the correct information. If you have not already sign-up and would like instructions, contact the church office today and they can send you easy to follow instructions.

Did you know that you can update your own information? You can also update your picture in the directory. Once you make an edit, it contacts Cheryl Granger to approve the edit. This also lets her know that your information needs to be updated in the church database.

Members log in at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>.  
Members will click "Edit My Family" in the menu bar.



Members will complete their updates on-screen.

Members then click the "Submit Edits" button.

Please note- If you need to edit your email address, contact the church office.

## Notes from Session

The Session of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church held a stated meeting on March 5. Becky Evans led the Session in prayer after which the following business was conducted:

- Prior to this meeting Session approved, via email, the purchase of a Labyrinth for Harvey Browne.
- Heard annual reports from Julie Rousseau, Director of Parents' Day Out and Amy Squires, Director of Harvey Browne Preschool.
- Rev. Christine Coy Fohr, Katherine Kupar, and Renata DeWees gave their staff reports.
- Approved moving Meg Buckner from Inquire stage to Candidate in preparation for ordination.
- Approved upfronting funds, up to \$2000.00, from the Jeremiah 29 funds to secure a bus for the Beloved Community's bus tour event in May. The Presbytery has agreed to reimburse HB.
- Heard reports from committees.
- Approved having a Mission Sunday on June 2 in lieu of regular worship.
- Harvey Browne will purchase six emergency "go-bags" for each Sunday School classroom. The Jeremiah 29 fund will cover the cost of the bags, \$600.00.

Anne Hughes, Clerk of Session

## Fellowship

### Wellness Program

Our next Wellness Program will be on **April 24** at 6:15. We will meet in Eline Hall. This month's topic is Hesperus. Please join us as we learn more about how this organization provides care during the end of life. Abbie Trowbridge will be leading the discussion. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

### Sharing Our Journey

In April, the Journey Class will study forgiveness. The PCUSA's *Follow Me* curriculum, *Forgive*, breaks this challenging and complex practice into four sessions: 1) Name the Sin 2) Receive Forgiveness, 3) Forgive Others 4) Build a Bridge. Come. Join the discussions in the Living Room on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM.

## Grocery Cart

April Grocery Cart is for Wayside Christian Mission. Their most needed items are listed below.

- Paper products - any kind! Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and Kleenex.
- Diapers, wipes, formula of any size and any brand.
- Any clothing for men, women and children new or used.

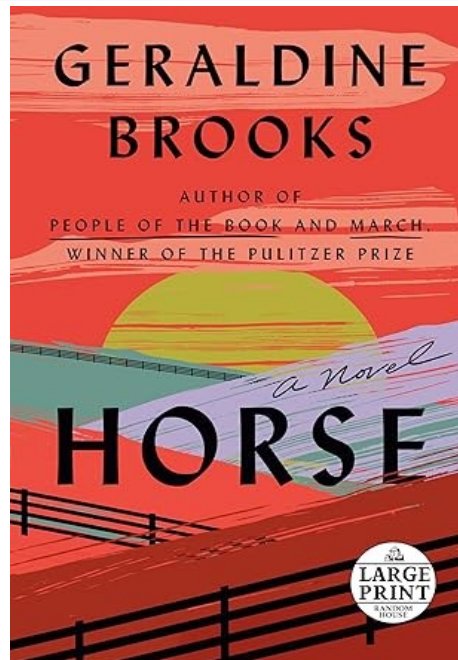


## Harvey Browne Book Clubs

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 on Tuesday, **April 30** at 11:30 on Zoom and in the Living Room will discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. This novel is really two stories in one with the first one about a fabulous race horse in the mid 1800s. The second modern story takes us into the dusty storage areas of the Smithsonian to find out more about the horse. This is a fascinating book to read just in time for the Derby. Enjoy and grab a sandwich and a drink and join us for a lively discussion .



### Bookanalia

Join Bookanalia on **April 17**, in the Session Room or on Zoom to discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.

This work of historical fiction by a Pulitzer-Prize winning author is focused on Lexington, a horse racing legend. Marisue Coy will lead our discussion.

Note our May meeting has been moved to May 22.

## Spring is in the air at Harvey Browne Preschool!

As we ease into spring, we are looking forward to Spring Break the first week in April! We are getting outside to play as much as possible and delighting in the wonderful playground. Children are enjoying birds singing, flowers blooming, and the “warmish” sunshine...plus the fresh air does wonders for everyone. You may notice classes taking nature walks and exploring the property as it warms up.

Chapel with Rev. Katherine has been especially meaningful as we lead up to Easter. This very special time every other Wednesday morning provides our children an opportunity to experience a developmentally appropriate chapel which includes a story, songs, and prayer. We all look forward to Chapel time in the sanctuary!

Our Carmichael’s Book Fair in March was a success! We are lucky to partner with such a wonderful, independent bookstore and have enjoyed making the Book Fair an annual fundraiser for the preschool.



We are still registering for the 2024/2025 school year! While some age groups are full, we have limited openings in our 3’s and kindergarten. Our kindergarten can be used as a true kindergarten, where children will go on to 1st grade the following year, or as a transitional kindergarten where children will go on to complete another year of kindergarten at their “big school”. If you know of anyone looking for a wonderful kindergarten option, please send them our way! Our registration information can also be found on our website [www.harveybrownepreschool.org](http://www.harveybrownepreschool.org) . We hope that you are enjoying all the wonder that spring brings!

# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* - Via Zoom/Online + - In person AND via Zoom</p> <p>Contact the church office for links to Zoom.</p>	<p>1 <b>Harvey Browne Church Building Closed</b> 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline) 8:15-Mens Group (Buckner's)</p>	<p>2 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session)</p>	<p>3 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00-Prayers Mtg* <b>No Wes Night Dinner or programming</b></p>	<p>4 9:00-HBQuilters (209)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)</p>
<p>7 ^<b>Sunday Morning</b> (Sanctuary) <b>Pickleball- Cancelled</b> 11:40-Issues Forum (Emory Hall) 4:00-HBTweens (Emory Hall)</p>	<p>8 9:00-Harvey's Helpers <b>No Tai Chi</b></p>	<p>9 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 10:30- Circle A (Eline) Circle Ruth (Living Rm) 11:30- Circle Miriam (209) 6:00- Circle Hope (Living) 6:00- Louisville Philharmonia Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30- Personnel Committee Meeting+ (208) 6:30- Girl Scouts (Eline)</p>	<p>10 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00-Prayers Mtg* ◇<b>Wednesday Night</b> 6:15- VBS Prep(209)</p>	<p>11 6:30-Board of Deacons Meeting (Session)</p>	<p>12 Family Camp Out Jefferson Memorial Forest</p>	<p>13 Family Camp Out Jefferson Memorial Forest 9:00- Men's Prayer Breakfast (209) 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall) 2:00-Youth Spring Field Trip Jefferson Memorial</p>
<p>14 Family Camp Out Jefferson Memorial Forest ^<b>Sunday Morning</b> (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>15 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline) 11:00-Property Committee Meeting (Session) 7:00-Outreach Committee* 8:15-Mens Group (Session)</p>	<p>16 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 11:00- Writing Our Story (Eline) 2:00-Congregational Life Meeting (Living Rm) 6:30- Trustee Meeting (Session)</p>	<p>17 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* ◇<b>Wednesday Night</b> 6:15- Bookanalia (Session) 6:15- VBS Prep(209)</p>	<p>18 9:00-HBQuilters (209) 7:00-Christian Education Committee Meeting(209)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:00- Session Retreat(Session) 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall) 6:00- FRIENDS Night Out (Mojito) 6:30- HBYouth Lock-In</p>
<p>21 10:30- HBYouth Lock-In and Youth Sunday ^<b>Sunday Morning</b> 11:45-Caring Visitors Meeting (Living Rm.) 4:00-HBTweens (Emory Hall)</p>	<p>22 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline)</p>	<p>23 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 6:30- Girl Scouts (Eline) 7:00- Welcome Committee Meeting (Session)</p>	<p>24 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* 4:00-PW Coord. Meeting (Session) ◇<b>Wednesday Night</b> 6:15- Wellness Program (Eline Hall) 6:15- VBS Planning Meeting (Living Rm) 6:15- VBS Prep Meeting (209)</p>	<p>25 10:30- Mid-KY Coordinating Team Meeting (Session)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:00- Mission Committee Planning Meeting (Session+) 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)</p>
<p>28 ^<b>Sunday Morning</b> (Sanctuary) 3:00- Louisville Chorus Concert (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>29 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline) 8:15-Mens Group (Session)</p>	<p>30 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 11:30- Booktalk+ (Living Rm) 2:00- Finance Committee Meeting (Living Room)</p>	<p>◇<b>Every Wednesday Night</b> 5:15 - Dinner 6:00 - Children &amp; 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><b>^Every Sunday Morning</b> 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 - HBYouth Group(Loft)</p>		

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