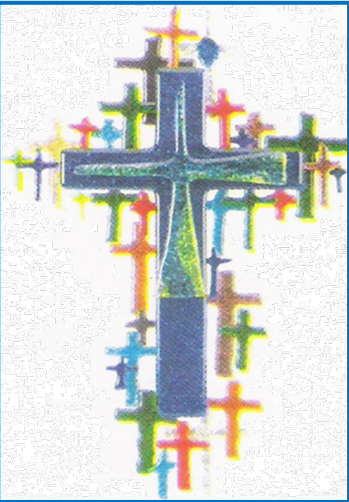


Making a Difference

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter

August 2026



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It's a sunny June evening in the mountains of Montreat. We've just finished eating ice cream from "The Huck" and our youth group gathers on the large hill overlooking Lake Susan. A gentle breeze moves through the grass, and I say out loud, "This would be a great hill to roll down." My six-year-old son, Henry, looks at me curiously and I realize that he has never experienced the delight of rolling down a hill. "Go for it!" I tell him. "No way!" he says. "I'm scared."

I glance around at our youth, smiling and making exaggerated eye contact, hoping someone will volunteer. No one takes the hint. As the Mint Chip ice cream hits my bloodstream, I realize three things simultaneously: my kids are afraid to roll down this hill; if I don't do it, this probably isn't going to happen; and somewhere beyond what my brain can fully process in this moment, I can hear Molly Pollock's voice whispering in my ear: "That'll preach."

Sigh...here goes nothing. I lower my 41-year-old self onto the grass, take a deep breath, and push off. Thunk. Thunk. Thunk-thunk-thunk-thunk-thunk... THUD. Wow. That was itchier and more nauseating than I anticipated. But... I did it! Within seconds, my kids were barreling down the hill, followed by several of our youth. Laughter echoed across the hillside. #WorthIt.

Just as I was congratulating myself for helping create long-lasting memories, an adult from another church (who, for reasons I'll gladly accept, mistook me for one of the youth) shouted, "GET OFF THE HILL! DO NOT ROLL DOWN THIS HILL!" Party pooper. Later on, Renata and I agreed that if the worst thing we'd done all week was roll down a hill, we are probably doing OK.

As summer winds down, I've found myself returning to this moment. What stayed with me is how quickly hesitation gave way to joy. One act of permission became a shared experience. Author Prentis Hemphill writes:

When we are courageous, we can do the unexpected and start to mold the world around a vision bigger than one produced by fear. Every inch of progress, every ounce of love, every truly meaningful action from here on out will happen through courage, not comfort.

Of course, courage doesn't guarantee everyone will understand. Sometimes the very things that bring life to a community also challenge our instinct to play it safe. But perhaps that's part of living—and worshiping—together. Communities don't become vibrant because everyone feels fearless. They become vibrant because people make room for one another to risk vulnerability.

For me, the gift of Worship Arts—music, visual art, drama, movement, prayer, and congregational responses—often invite us to practice showing up before we feel completely ready. Perfection is not the goal, but rather, participation. When someone joins the choir for the first time, picks up a paintbrush, learns a handbell part, helps with children's music, writes a prayer, or raises their voice in song, they're really saying, *Here I am*. They are trusting that what they bring—often spontaneously and without preparation—matters. Each act of participation makes it a little easier for someone else to roll down the hill.

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another. Hebrews 10:24–25

Megan Durham

HB Prayer List



Dr. Sally Wiedmann, friend of Robert Rennie; Joe Loudon, stepfather of Dawn Cundiff; Connie Hunt, friend of Ramona and Rhonda Woodcock; Aaron Krausen; Ramona Woodcock; Richard Bills, Son of former members Phyllis & Phil Bills; Jack Carter; The family of Rev. Gretchen Lynn Micka on her death; Wilma Bennett; Allan & Virginia Mears, parents of Cynthia Hilyerd; Kathy Williams; Tricia Martin, friend of Jim & Nancy Rissler; Joyce Elmore, sister of Mark Wood; Janet & John Winfrey, sister & brother-in-law of Mark Wood; Jerry Scott; Barbara Blaine; Mary Curnutte, Daughter of Doug & Karen Curnutte; Dorothy Buchanan; Lise Deschenes, friend of Jim & Nancy Rissler; Jen McClain, daughter of Veda Pendleton; Marilee Phillips; John Paul Austin, brother-in-law of Judy Laning; Greta Marcum; Janet Redford; Peggy & Woody Mull; John Buchanan, son of Dorothy Buchanan; Mery, mother of Javier Rodriguez; Barb and Tom Benkert, relatives of Lynn Cole; Lois & Peter Laning, Sister-in-law & brother of Judy Laning; Diana, daughter of Skip & Edith Light



August Birthdays

Cassie Allison
Jim Arnette
Emily Brown
Joni Burke
Dawn Cundiff
Jackie Cusick
Tallulah Denny
Earl Duff
Phyllis Dunham
Henry Durham
Ben Durham
Megan Durham
Marie Ellis
Maddy Fohr
Tom Frentz
Eloise Garcia
Sue Garrett
Emmalynn Gilfert
Grant Gilman
Logan Gilman
Pam Greenwell
Shirley Gurley
Dudley Haines
Beverly Hampton
Elaine Hanna
Debbie Havner
Will Hilyerd
Jim Hubert
Anne Hughes
Sarah Jane Hunter
Donna Jones
Judy Laning

Brian Lenz
Jeanne Luhr
Doug Mann
Shelby Massey-Adams
Debbie McCallister
Rick McClain
Andrea McClure
Gia McClure
Jackson McClure
Peggy Mull
Sandi Percival
Zenet Schissler
Beth Sedgwick
Jane Smith
Scott Smith
Jeanne Ward
Lora Welch
Sandy Weldy-Cook
Rodney Will
Rick Winters



Sunday Worship



August 2

Tom Frentz*
Sue Garrett
India Hoddy
Gail Hudson

August 9

Anne Hughes*
Jeanne Luhr
Diane Osborne
Tom Osborne

* Head Usher

August 16

Lynn Overstreet*
JoAnna Overstreet
Dee Pregliasco
Mike Rodgers

August 23

Bob Smith*
Angie Schulte
Steve Schulte
Jane Thomas

August 30

Brian Pollock*
Molly Pollock
Nancy Pollock
Pollock Family

Lay Readers:

August 2

Susan Garrett

August 9

Angie Schulte

August 16

Youth

August 23

Doug Mann

August 30

Annie McClure



Welcome Meg Buckner on Staff

The Session is pleased to welcome Meg Buckner to the Harvey Browne church staff. Beginning **August 1**, Meg will serve as the church's Communications and Connections Minister, a part-time position aimed both at strengthening the church's communications channels while developing strong connections through churchwide programming, volunteer engagement, and community partner development. She will also assist in worship leadership and pastoral care. We are thrilled that Meg's background in communications alongside her Master of Divinity degree – not to mention her deep roots here at Harvey Browne – set her up to accompany our church in powerful ways. To read more and the job description view the weekly highlights email.

August Preachers

Harvey Browne is fortunate to have a number of ministers and preachers who participate in the life of our community. This August we will again have a chance to hear from several of them. On **August 2**, Meg Buckner will consider the ways we tell of our faith in story and song. On **August 9**, John McClure will explore how confession can lead us to shocking good news. On **August 16**, one of our newest clergy friends, Edie Lenz, will lead us in considering mercy and perseverance. On **August 23**, Roger Durham will lead us in exploring identity and how what we believe shapes the way we live in the world. Finally, on **August 30**, Hunter Farrell will preach before leading us in a mission discernment workshop following worship (see page 5). We are grateful to have these preachers lead us in worship in the coming month.

Session Minutes

The Session of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church held a stated meeting on July 7, 2026. Ben Blake led the Session in prayer after which the following business was conducted:

- Heard reports from Christine & Katherine.
- Approved the following preachers for the month of August
August 2 – Meg Buckner August 9 – John McClure
August 16- Edie Lenz August 23 – Ben Durham
- Session agreed with the Chapel Task Force, now called Building Committee, to keep the Chapel part of the building intact and make renovations. The Finance Committee proposed an initial \$50K budget to hire a consultant, architect and engineer to start the building renovation. This allows the Building Committee to work within a budget and not have to continually ask for Session approval. Funds will come from the Masonry Repair account which will be reimbursed by the future capital campaign.
- Approved hiring Meg Buckner as HB's Communication & Connections Minister beginning August 1. Meg's duties will include but are not limited to managing church communications including newsletters, social media, website updates, and printed materials; building relationships with local nonprofits, schools, neighborhood organizations, and community partners; recruit, organize and support volunteers for internal ministries and community events. This is a new staff position.
- Heard reports from committees.
- Prior to this meeting, Session approved via electronic vote to give the Manse Task Group the authority to take actions and approve expenses that will be needed for the sale of the manse. Session further approved listing the property with CBRE, Inc for \$499,000.00. Members of the Manse Task Group are Doug Curnutte, Maggie Chilton, Mary Esch, Becky Evans, Anne Hughes, Jim Mackel and Rev. Christine Coy Fohr.

Anne Hughes, Clerk of Session

From We to Me

From We to Me , a support group for widows, will continue on the third Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Living Room. All widows are welcome to join us for fellowship, sharing and support. The next meeting is August 20th.

PW Prayer Service/Fall Gathering

PW Friends, Mark your calendars for Saturday September 12, Prayer Service & Fall Gathering meeting at Hebron Pres Church. We will start at 11:00 with lunch to follow. Please let your congregations know so they can mark their calendar. More information will be forthcoming.

Thanks & Blessings,
Lynn Cole

Craft Group

Our next craft meeting is moved to Sunday, August 23 in the Craft Room. We cannot meet on August 16th due to a 55th high school reunion conflict. See you on the 23rd after worship!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
— of Mid-Kentucky —

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE

— to —
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WE REMEMBER. WE PRAY. WE HOPE.



SEPTEMBER 12, 2026



11:00 A.M.



HEBRON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4765 N. PRESTON HWY
SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY 40165



PW Welcome - September 8 Program and Lunch

It's the time of year when PW (Presbyterian Women) at Harvey Browne begin another exciting year. PW has a long and vibrant history. When women were not allowed to hold positions of leadership in the Presbyterian Church, they met in small groups, and they worked to be heard and support the mission of the church. Today, PW continues to honor that tradition. At Harvey Browne, four PW Circles meet regularly, usually, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. These faith-based, mission-connected, small groups build lasting friendships, strive to grow in faith, and support the mission of the church; they care for each other, for our church community, and for our worldwide community.

On Tuesday, September 8th, we will celebrate with a program that features Dr. Veda Pendleton as guest speaker. Dr. Pendleton is an educator, a writer, a member of Harvey Browne, a catalyst, and author of the recently published Bible Study: *"Love Is Equity in the Body of Christ: How Christian Love Creates Justice, Inclusion, and Belonging."* All are invited; we hope you will join us in Eline Hall at 10:30 a.m. and be inspired by Veda's presentation. The event ends with a catered buffet lunch. Watch the Good News to Go for registration information. A \$12 charge is requested to help cover costs.

You can get your copy of Veda's Bible Study on Wednesday, August 5 at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church. The event is scheduled for 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the foyer. Light refreshments will be served. Stop by and get your copy of the lesson study. All are welcome.

Love Is Equity in the Body of Christ: How Christian Love Creates Justice, Inclusion, and Belonging



Blind them on Your Hands



The Good Samaritan



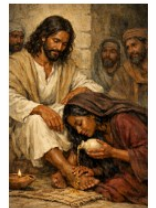
Jesus Comforts the Canaanite Woman



Matthew 25 at Work



Walking Humbly



The Woman with the Oil



Jesus Calls His Followers



Meeting Jesus at the Well



The Parable of the Sower

Bookanalia

Bookanalia is excited for our new year of reading! Put your library hold requests in and fill up your pool bag, and get ready to join us. If you purchase your book through Carmichaels, mention Bookanalia to receive a discount! Happy Reading!

Our 2026-2027 list is:

Sept. 16, 2026: *The Great Reckoning (Inspector Gamache #12)* by Louise Penny (discussion to be led by Judy Laning)

Oct. 21, 2026: *We the Women* by Norah O'Donnell (discussion to be led by Sarah Grant)

Nov. 18, 2026 : *Song for Another Home* by Bora Lee Reed (Will be published in July!) (discussion to be led by Molly Pollock - with special guest!)

Dec. 16, 2026: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi (discussion to be led by Marisue Coy)

Jan. 20, 2027: *Lady Tremaine* by Rachel Hochhauser (discussion to be led by Nancy Pollock)

Feb. 17, 2027: *Kin* by Tayari Jones (discussion to be led by Veda Pendleton)

March 17, 2027: *Perish in Paradise* by Christian Wright (discussion to be led by Lynn Cole - with possible special guest!)

April 21, 2027: *The Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel (discussion to be led by Alex Bumpas)

May 12, 2027: *Signal Fires* by Dani Shapiro (discussion to be led by Debbie Cover)



Harvey Browne Hello!

Are you new to Harvey Browne or considering membership? Join us for Harvey Browne Hello on Sunday, **August 16** at 9:30am. This is a relaxed gathering to help you get connected and feel more at home at HB. Together, we'll share introductions, talk about groups, programs and events, and run down how to best stay up to date and plugged in. At Harvey Browne, we seek to be a compassionate community where everyone can find their place. We hope you'll come say hello! We'll meet in Room 208.

Blessing of the Backpacks

We will have our annual blessing of the backpacks during worship on Sunday, August 2. For all of our students, teachers, and administrators, bring your backpack for a blessing and a backpack tag as we anticipate the start of school in August.

Finding Our Mission Focus

Come out after worship on August 30 for a lunch and conversation about finding our congregation's mission focus. Led by Hunter Farrell, friend of the church and author of "*Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility and Co-Development*", we will spend time celebrating Harvey Browne's history of mission involvement while discerning our way forward. A light lunch will be provided by the Congregational Life Committee. All are encouraged to attend! To RSVP for lunch or for childcare, visit the Sign-Up page on our church website at hbpres.net/sign-up.

Children & Youth Grown-Ups Meeting

August 23, After Worship or Wednesday, August 26 at 7:15pm on zoom - As we begin a new church programming year, we're calling on all grown-ups of children and youth to meet together. We'll review key expectations and policies, fill out necessary forms, and highlight some of the exciting activities and programs planned for the year. Whether you're a long-time participant or brand new, this is a great opportunity to get connected and informed. Attendance is highly recommended. If you're unable to attend, please reach out to Katherine, Megan, or Renata.

Thank you for your generosity Harvey Browne!

With our Cabbage Patch Christmas mission we were able to send 55 backpacks to the Cabbage Patch for their July back to school program. Doug Holm at the Patch responded like this. "WOW! What a blessing. We appreciate HB Pres thinking about our families this summer."

HB Challenge - All Church Mission Project/Grocery Cart

This August, we will be working together to stock our grocery cart with essential hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Mid-KY Presbytery mission. These kits provide critical relief to neighbors near and far. We have set an ambitious goal to collect 100 kits.

HOW TO ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE:

We invite every household to assemble at least one complete kit or more. It is a simple way to have a massive impact, just fill a 1-gallon resealable bag with the following items and **bring it to the grocery cart in August**. Let's show the strength of our community and hit that 100-kit mark! Each week in August we will post the number received.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is very specific in numbers, sizes and items for shipping purposes so please adhere to their requests. Thanks for joining this project.

HYGIENE KIT ITEMS

- 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
- 1 washcloth
- 1 Toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 1 Fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)
- 1 Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)
- 1 Travel-size stick deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
- 1 Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
- 1 Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
- 1 Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of at least 1 year)
- 1 Sturdy wide-tooth comb (remove from package; 6" minimum teeth; pocket combs or picks not accepted; rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable).

All items need to fit inside a 1-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air.



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OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Thank you for participating! Questions - contact Linda Garrett ldgarrett0447@gmail.com



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory)
2 <i>Summer Schedule</i>	3 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Emory)	4 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session)	5 10:00– Love is Equity PW Lesson Study Launch (Foyer) 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory) 1:00- Prayer Mtg* 6:00– Joyful Noise Workshop (Choir Rm)	6 12:30- Mid-KY Pres. Coordinating Commission (Session)	7 Harvey Browne Church Building and Office Closed	8 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory) 12:00-Visitation for Rev. Gretchen Micka (Foyer) 1:00- Funeral for Rev. Gretchen Micka (Sanctuary) 2:00- Reception for Rev. Gretchen Micka (Foyer)
9 <i>Summer Schedule</i>	10 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Emory)	11 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 6:30– Personnel Committee (Living Rm)	12 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory) 1:00- Prayer Mtg* 6:00– Joyful Noise Workshop (Choir Rm)	13 10:00- Prime Time Deeper Connections (Session)	14	15 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory) 10:00– Session Retreat (Session Rm)
16 9:30- Harvey Browne Hello (208) <i>Summer Schedule</i>	17 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Session Rm.) 11:00- Property Committee Meeting (Session)	18 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 1:30- Congregational Life (Living Rm) 7:00- Christian Education Meeting (Living Rm)	19 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory) 1:00- Prayer Mtg* 6:00– Joyful Noise Workshop (Choir Rm)	20 9:00- Outreach Committee Meeting* 1:30- From We to Me Widows Group (Living Rm)	21	22 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory)
23 <i>Summer Schedule</i> 11:30 - Children and Youth Grown-Up Meeting (Session Rm) 11:30 - Craft Group (Craft Rm) 1:00– Shawnee Sunday Dinner (Shawnee Pres.)	24 9:00– First Day of Preschool 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline)	25 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 2:00– Finance Committee Meeting (Living Rm.)	26 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline) 1:00- Prayer Mtg* 1:00- PW Coordinating Team Meeting (Session) 6:00– Joyful Noise Workshop (Choir Rm) 7:15 - Children and Youth Grown-Up Meeting*	27 10:00- Prime Time Deeper Connections (Session)	28	29 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory)
30 <i>Summer Schedule</i>	31 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline)	Sunday Schedule 9:30 - Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:30 - Worship+ (Sanctuary) 1:00 - Pickle Ball (Emory) 4:00 - Yoga at HB (Session) Contact the church office for links to Zoom.			* - Via Zoom/Online + - In person AND via Zoom	

Habitat Presbyterian Coalition - 2026 Build

Raise the Roof is coming for the Presbyterian Coalition. This year we will be working on a house located at 1828 Lytle Street (a return to the Portland neighborhood). This home is just down the block from Habitat's construction center. The Raise the Roof is scheduled for September 24, 25, and 26. We are partnering this year with Jason Hill. Prior to the build, there will be opportunities to prepare the walls which will frame this home. More information about the volunteer opportunities to come.

On Sunday, August 23, the special offering for Habitat will be collected. With the additional costs of building materials, the amount to sponsor a home has also increased. The Habitat Special Offering has always been well supported by Harvey Browne. Please join me in making the special offering a part of helping Habitat build affordable homes in our community.

Brian Pollock, a longtime volunteer with Habitat, is always happy to spread the word about the mission and share the multitude of volunteer opportunities that can fit your talents and abilities. You may contact Brian at 298-5250 or bpmoving@yahoo.com.

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Summer Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Closed Friday Aug. 7)

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