

Making a Difference

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter
February 2026

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By the time February rolls around, we typically find ourselves in a familiar place, with the resolutions of the New Year faded, crumpled up, or “snoozed” for another month, season, or year. Star Words often step in where New Years resolutions have failed, replacing the harsh impositions to “organize!” “exercise!” and “eat healthier!” with more faith-rooted intentions like “generosity”, “gratitude” and “joy.” And yet, by February, even those Star Words may have gotten lost in the mix. And so, just one month into the year, we approach a new month, our footing unsure and our direction wide open.



Enter: the Season of Lent. While oftentimes we think of Lent as a sorrowful season, in its original form, it was quite the opposite. Lent was a kind of orientation for Christian living. It was a season where those who were new to the faith would learn and prepare for their baptisms on Easter. Think: a season of confirmation, but for the entire church. Unlike those hyper-personal New Year’s resolutions, Lent was intended to equip the community for faithful living in Christ’s name. And so, this year, that will be our focus.

Using the theme, “Tell Me Something Good” from *A Sanctified Art*, we will ground ourselves in the Good News. Studying Jesus’ life and ministry, we will cultivate that firm foundation so necessary for living the life of faith right now. We will consider what was central to Jesus’ life and ministry: themes like radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, and nonviolence in the face of injustice.

A Sanctified Art reminds us that the Latin word for “radical” comes from the word “radicalis,” which means “root” or “ground.” This Lent, through worship, devotion, education and conversation, we will remember that following the radical way of Jesus can bring us back to our roots and help us offer “good news” in a world so overburdened by the bad.

We hope you will read through this month’s newsletter, finding ways to connect with one another throughout the week. Through it all, may we seek to be people shaped and led by the good news!

- Christine

February Birthdays

Wilma Bennett	Ellis Denny	Carly Rae Lyle	Barbara Welch
Karen Blinn	Indi Denny	Sidney Marcum	Noah Whittle
Beth Brandenburg	Sterling Denny	Laura McMinn	Gabe Wood
Larry Brandenburg	Worth Dewees	Ramona Meester	Mark Wood
Bob Brown	Hope Doelling	True Newlon	Andrew Yu
Joey Budd	Scott Doelling	Bob Pumelly	Brad Zuber
Sarah Bumpas	Holden Gaughan	Robert Rennie	
Steve Coy	Jennifer Hoert	Joan Spratt	
Karen Curnutte	Robbie Krausen	Sara Tuttle	



Sunday Worship

Ushers:	February 22	Lay Readers:
February 1	Bob Smith*	
Lynn Overstreet*	Steve Buckner	February 1
JoAnna Overstreet	Meg Buckner	Jim Rissler
Dee Pregliasco	Sarah Bumpas	
Mike Rodgers		February 8
February 8		Youth
Sara Sutphin*		February 15
Jane Thomas		Robert Rennie
Kathy Williams		February 22
Bob Brown		Sara Sutphin
February 15		
Brian Pollock*		
Molly Pollock		
Nancy Pollock		
Pollock Family		

HB Prayer List

Linda & Mitch Garrett on the death of Mitch's brother, Don Garrett; Lori Allen-Kelly on the birth of her son, Asher; Jim Bale & family on the death of Nancy Bale; Jennie George; India Hoddy; Lois Allen; Brad, son of Pam Greenwell; Jen McClain, daughter of Veda Pendleton; Marilee Phillips; John Paul Austin, brother-in-law of Judy Laning; Janet & John Winfrey, sister & brother-in-law of Mark Wood; Greta Marcum; Joyce Ibendahl, Sister of Mary Hatcher; Karen Gordon; Janet Redford; Steve Schulte; Maggie Doehnert, Sister-in-law of Dave Doehnert; Rob Klouw, husband of former HB Staff Katherine Randall; Peggy & Woody Mull; John Buchanan, son of Dorothy Buchanan; Bobbie Hutchison, niece of Mary Esch; Marsha Howard, mother of Renata DeWees; 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

Wednesday Night Dinners

Dinners will be catered by Kingsley Meats & Catering, one of Louisville's most popular catering companies (unless otherwise noted). Meals are served from 5:15-6:00 pm. Meals include a salad bar, assorted desserts, and beverages that include iced tea, lemonade, water, and coffee. There is also a "children's table" with milk, chocolate syrup, bread, and peanut butter. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, with a family cap at \$25. But as with last year—please do not let cost keep you from attending! We will also have the option of paying electronically.

February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Baked Chicken	Jambalaya with Chicken	Ash Wednesday	Lasagna
Green Beans	and Sausage	Vegetable Soup	Garlic Bread
Potatoes Au Gratin	Peas and Carrots	Broccoli Salad	Buttered Broccoli
Fried Apples	Fruit Salad	Fruit Salad	Green Salad
Green Salad	Green Salad	Macaroni and Cheese	Assorted Desserts
Valentines Dessert	King Cakes	for the kids	Vegetarian - Veg Lasagna
Vegetarian- Eggplant Parm	Vegetarian -	Rolls	
	Veg Jambalaya		

Sunday School

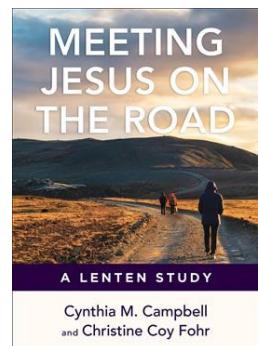
- **HBUniversity** - Jeff Cover will continue his class teaching from his book *Going Public* through February 15 (the class has been extended by a week to make up for the week it was cancelled due to snow). Starting February 22, Christine Coy Fohr, Cynthia Campbell, and Ben Blake will lead on the book *Meeting Jesus on the Road* written by Christine and Cynthia, forward by Ben. HBU meets in the Session Room.
- **FRIENDS** - The FRIENDS class will wrap up their study of *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg in February and study *Meeting Jesus on the Road* during Lent, beginning February 22. The FRIENDS class meets in room 209.
- **Sharing Our Journey** - We will continue to meet with HBU for the duration of Jeff Cover's class, and for Lent we will study *Meeting Jesus on the Road*.

Meeting Jesus on the Road

We are delighted to celebrate the release of *Meeting Jesus on the Road*, a new Lenten study co-authored by our own Christine Coy Fohr, with Cynthia Campbell, plus a forward written by Ben Blake. This thoughtfully written book invites readers to walk with Jesus through the Gospel stories that shape his ministry, and our discipleship, calling us to follow, listen, question, and grow.

Designed as a journey from the First Sunday in Lent through Easter, *Meeting Jesus on the Road* blends Scripture, reflection, and meditative walking to deepen spiritual attentiveness and open our hearts to God's transforming presence in daily life.

Copies of the book are available at the church for \$10. All adult Sunday School classes will be studying *Meeting Jesus on the Road* during Lent. Get a copy and congratulate Christine, Ben, and Cynthia on this wonderful addition to our bookshelves and lives of faith!



Children & Youth Classes

Curriculum: Our children will continue with the new curriculum from Dwell started last fall. Each session they will explore a Bible story and complete an activity together.

- 0-3 in Nursery
- 4's- K & 1st in Room 212 with Katie Williams
- Grades 2-3 in Room 216 with Beverly Hampton
- Grades 4-5 in Room 206 with Alison Lockhart
- 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 at Sunday School

Sunday Breakfast is offered each week in Eline Hall from 9:00—9:30.

Youth Sunday

The youth will be leading us in Worship on Sunday, February 8. Be sure to come out for this fun and joyful service.



From We to Me

From We to Me 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. Our next gathering is February 19th.

Prime Time Deeper Connections

Deeper Connections is a group that meets to discuss and connect around the joys and challenges of being in the “third-thirty” of life. We meet on the second and forth Thursdays of the month at 10:00 in the Session Room. Each meeting is structured more like a retreat or small group, rather than a meeting. We have been making our way through the book *Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life* by Jane Marie Thibault. We are so excited to share that, thanks to Louise McKinney, author Jane Marie Thibault will be at our Deeper Connections meeting on February 12 to lead the discussion on the chapter “Savoring Your Life.” All are welcome to attend! For questions about this event or Deeper Connections, reach out to Kit Tossmann or Debbie Cover.

All Church

All Church Game Night

Come on out Saturday, February 21 from 5:30-7:30pm for game night! Bring your favorite card or board game, and we will enjoy pizza and play games together in Eline Hall. Pizza provided, you bring a fruit, veg, or dessert to share. Sign up at hbpres.net/sign-up by Wednesday, February 18.

Community Dinner and Music with Matthew Black

An evening of fellowship and songs with singer-songwriter and friend of HBP Matthew Black! We will gather in Eline Hall on Saturday, February 7th 5:00-7:00pm. Please bring a potluck side dish to share. The church will provide the main dish. We will share in food and fellowship from 5:00-6:00 and enjoy music from 6:00-7:00. All ages are welcome! Sign up by Wednesday, February 4 at hbpres.net/sign-up



Blood Drive

The Red Cross will host a blood drive February 4 from 1-6 in Eline Hall. All blood types needed and all donors will receive a t-shirt. You can make an appointment at redcrossblood.org or contact Bill.Bliven@gmail.com. Thanks for all your support.

Mission Trip Opportunity

Work with PDA on rebuilding after Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, May 16-24. The work continues even after 8 years have passed. There is much to do, and many hands make light work. Contact Allan Pollock, al@computerconcepts.net / 502-298-2283.

The Faith Stories Project: A 20 Year Guatemala/US Partnership

On Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00pm Jennifer Thalman Kepler will share about *The Faith Stories Project*, which grew out of Jennifer's year as a PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer in Guatemala. This unique ministry uses theatre and sharing of personal stories to build community, explore faith and unpack community issues. We'll meet in the Session Rm.

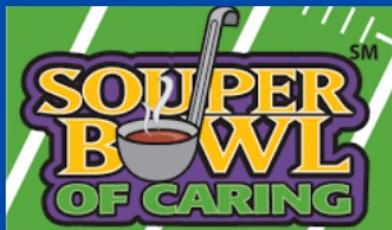


Outreach and Mission

Kentucky Refugee Ministries Haitian Clients

KRM is collecting donations for their Haitian clients, who will lose their legal status on Feb. 3. Visit <https://bit.ly/3NDe0Be> to purchase items from their Amazon Wishlist and items will be automatically shipped to KRM.

partner with us!



Turn Super Bowl Sunday into a win for our community!

Join us in tackling hunger by asking your Super Bowl party guests to bring essential items for the St. MAM Food Pantry.

Every donation makes a difference.

Not hosting or attending a party? You can still make an impact today!

Scan the QR code or visit www.stmam.com to donate.

Together, we can fight food insecurity and support our neighbors in need.



Drop off donations at St. MAM
319 Browns Lane

The week of February 9, 2026

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Chunky Soups
Gluten-Free Soups
Chili/Broth
Carrots/Collard Greens
Spinach/Sauerkraut
Shampoo
Deodorant
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste

La Casita Center

La Casita Center is a non-profit that is building a Hispanic community of safety and solidarity. La Casita is in need of rice, dried beans, diapers (sizes 4-6) and pull-ups (any size). Please leave in the bin under the coat racks just past the nursery. Thanks for all your support thus far.



WaterStep

WaterStep is a Louisville-based nonprofit that provides global safe water and sanitation using portable technologies funded by donated shoes. When donating to the drop box at Harvey Browne, please tie laces together or use a rubber band to keep pairs joined. This simple step makes sorting significantly easier for volunteers at the facility. Shoes can be placed in one of the two bins outside of the living room. Thank you!

February Grocery Cart

The Grocery Cart for February is for St MAM Food Pantry. Harvey Browne was one of the founding churches of St MAM. They will be celebrating their anniversary in February.

The supplies they are asking for this year are: toothbrushes and toothpaste, laundry pods, shampoo, toilet paper, deodorant (men and women), liquid dish soap, feminine products, spray cleaners and cleaning wipes, chunky soups, gluten free soups, chili, and broth. **Please note that non-food items are currently their most needed items.**

Thank you, Mark & Pam Wood

Session Minutes

The Session of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church held a stated meeting on January 6, 2026. Mike Hunter led the Session in prayer after which the following business was conducted:

- Heard reports from Christine & Katherine.
- Approved \$3000.00 (\$1862.00 from the Eva Bailey Fund and remainder from Jeremiah 29 Fund) to update the music office in the basement, which is used by Maggie Chilton, Mark Wood, Beth Brandenburg and Chris Harbeson-Borgelt.
- Review of a preliminary 2026 Operating Budget. Session will approve the 2026 Operating Budget at our February meeting.
- Reviewed current staff compensation.
- Approved a 3% cost of living increase for staff. Heard reports from the committees.

Through email vote in December:

- Session voted to endorse Rev. Christine Coy Fohr for the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.
- Approved closing of the church building on January 2, 2026.

- Anne Hughes, Clerk of Session

Harvey Browne Book Groups

Bookanalia

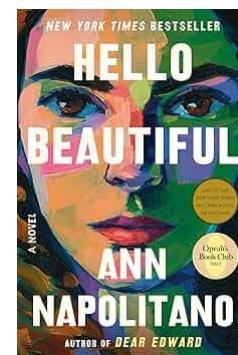
The Bookanalia selection for February is: *Hello, Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. Debbie will lead our discussion on Feb. 25, following Weds night supper at 6pm-7pm. We will meet in the Session Room, and a Zoom link will be available in the Highlights email. If you purchase your copy from Carmichaels remember to mention we are a registered book club to receive a discount.

Bookanalia Schedule:

March 18, 2026: *Troublesome Rising* anthology

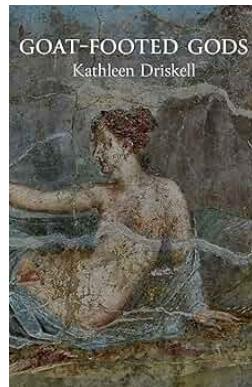
May 13, 2026: *An Immense World* by Ed Yong (please note: this is a week earlier)

April 15, 2026: *Search* by Michelle Huneven



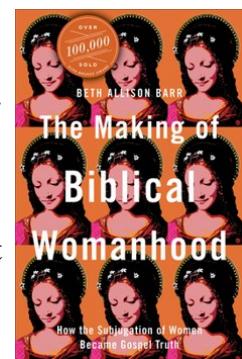
Booktalk

Booktalk will meet on Tuesday, February 24th at 11:30 on Zoom and in the Living Room. We will meet the poet laureate of Kentucky, Kathleen Driskell through her books of poetry featuring her most recent, *Goat Footed Gods*. Grab a sandwich and a drink and join us for fellowship and a lively discussion. All are welcome whether you have read any of her books or not. If you buy your book at Carmichael's, mention Booktalk at Harvey Browne and receive a 20 % discount.



Pastor's Book Group

Pastor's Book Group will meet on Sunday, February 8 at 4:00 to discuss *The Making of Biblical Womanhood: How the Subjugation of Women Became Gospel Truth* by Beth Allison Barr. Whether you have finished the book or just picked it up, we hope you will join us!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Sunday Schedule</i>	2 9:00 - Harvey's Helpers 11:00 -Tai Chi (Eline) 7:00 - Worship and Music Meeting*	3 9:45 -Staff Mtg (Session) 7:00 - Session Meeting (Session)	4 10:00 - 5,000 Steps (Eline) 1:00 - Blood Drive (Eline) 1:00 - Prayer Mtg* 6:00 - The Faith Stories Project (Session) 6:00 - VBS Planning Meeting (Living Rm) <i>Wednesday Night</i> ♦	5	6	7 10:00 - 5,000 Steps (Emory) 5:00 - Matt Black Concert and All Church Meal (Eline) 6:00 - Youth Wor- ship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8 <i>Sunday Schedule</i> 9:30 - Harvey Browne Hello (208) 4:00 - Pastor's Book Group (Living Rm)	9 9:00 - Harvey's Helpers 11:00 -Tai Chi (Eline) 8:15 -Men's Group (209)	10 9:45 -Staff Mtg (208) 10:30 - Grace Circle (Session) - Ruth Circle (Living Rm) 11:30 - Miriam Circle (Eline) 2:00 - Hope Circle (Living Rm) 6:30 - Personnel Com- mittee (Living Rm)	11 10:00 - 5,000 Steps (Eline) 1:00 - Prayer Mtg* <i>Wednesday Night</i> ♦	12 10:00 - Prime Time Deeper Connections (Session)	13	14 9:00 -HB Men's Breakfast (Session) 10:00 - 5,000 Steps (Emory)
15 <i>Sunday Schedule</i> 4th-5th LIFT (Emory)	16 9:00 - Harvey's Helpers 11:00 -Tai Chi(Eline) 11:00 - Property Committee Meeting (Session)	17 9:45 -Staff Mtg (Session) 1:30 - Congregational Life Meeting (Living Rm)	18 10:00 - 5,000 Steps (Eline) 1:00 - Prayer Mtg* 5:15 - Dinner (Gym) 6:00 - Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	19 9:00 - Outreach Committee Meeting* 1:30 - From We to Me Wid- ows Group (Living Rm)	20	21 10:00 - 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall) 5:30 - Game Night (Eline Hall)
22 <i>Sunday Schedule</i> 11:30 -Annual Con- gregational Meeting (Sanctuary) 1:00 - Shawnee Sun- day Dinner (Shawnee Pres.)	23 9:00 - Harvey's Helpers 11:00 -Tai Chi (Eline) 8:15 -Men's Group (209)	24 9:45 -Staff Mtg (Session) 11:30 -Booktalk+ (Living Rm) 7:00 - Welcome Com- mittee Meeting (Session)	25 10:00 - 5,000 Steps (Eline) 1:00 - Prayer Mtg* 3:30 - PW Coordinat- ing Team Meeting (Session) <i>Wednesday Night</i> ♦ 6:00 - Bookanalia (Session+)	26 10:00 - Prime Time Deeper Connections (Session)	27	28 10:00 - 5,000 Steps (Emory)

Sunday Morning

9:00 - Breakfast
9:30 - Choir Rehearsal
9:30 - Sunday School
for ALL Ages+
10:30 - Worship+
1:00 - Pickle Ball (Emory)
4:00 - Yoga at HB (Session)
4:00 - HBYouth Group (Loft)

Every Wednesday Night

5:15 - Dinner
6:00 - Children & Youth
Activities
6:00 - Handbells in Sanctuary
6:15 - Youth Game Night
6:15 - Adult Bible Study
7:00 - Chancel Choir
Rehearsal

* - Via Zoom/Online

+ - In person AND via Zoom

Contact the church office for
links to Zoom.



Seeking Volunteers with Livestream, Audio, or Sound Experience

Our church is blessed to gather each week in worship, both in person and online. As our ministry continues to grow, we are looking to expand our Audio/Visual Team—and we need your help! We are specifically seeking individuals who have experience with livestream production, audio mixing, or sound equipment. Whether you've helped run services before, worked with tech in a professional capacity, or simply have a passion for media and a willingness to learn, we would love to hear from you. Our livestream and audio team plays a vital role in reaching people beyond our church walls—shut-ins, traveling members, and anyone seeking hope and encouragement. Your skills can help ensure that worship is accessible, uplifting, and high-quality for everyone. To learn more or volunteer, please contact the church office 896-1791.



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