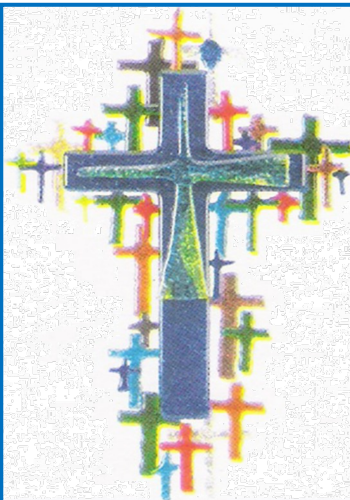


# Making a Difference

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter  
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I recently read a book that totally changed my mind. Or maybe it's more accurate to say the book challenged the way I had been thinking about a particular area of my life. One that I held convictions about but had never really examined.

The book is *How to Keep House While Drowning* by KC Davis. On its surface, it looks like a guide to cleaning and organizing—a self-help book about keeping your life in order. But it turned out to be so much more. Davis doesn't just offer practical help for completing “care tasks” (her name for the daily chores of life—cooking, laundry, dishes, hygiene, etc.). She invites readers to examine the beliefs they carry about these tasks: beliefs about how and when they should be done, what it means when we fall short, and how our worth can become entangled in our productivity.

In our culture, there's often an unspoken belief that there is one “right” way to do things, especially when it comes to the seemingly small but essential acts of everyday care. We can easily turn tasks like doing the dishes or folding laundry into measures of character. A messy home becomes a moral failing; falling behind on chores starts to feel like laziness rather than the result of exhaustion, illness, or simply the fullness of life. We've absorbed a lot of shame around things that are, at their core, just part of being human.



What I loved about the book was that I unexpectedly encountered grace time and again. Grace that says our worth is not determined by how tidy our homes are or how well we keep up with our to-do lists. Grace that frees us from shame and invites us into compassion. Grace that reminds us it's okay to be human.

That experience reminded me of something deeply theological. As Christians, we are called to ongoing transformation. The Greek word for repentance, *metanoia*, means a change of mind, a turning. And part of our spiritual journey is recognizing when long-held beliefs no longer reflect the truth of God's love and mercy. Sometimes, even the smallest rethinking (a new approach to housework, for example) can open us up to a deeper understanding of who God is and who we are.

Romans 12:2 says, “Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” I wonder what “renewing your mind” looks like for you these days. Have you encountered a moment of holy rethinking? A book that helped you see things differently? A shift in perspective that led to greater compassion?

Sometimes God surprises us. Sometimes grace comes disguised as a book about chores.

- Katherine

## June Birthdays!

Scott Blake	Paul Kepler
Paulette Brown	Frank Kosnik
Rebecca Brown	Maggie Kuper
Charlotte Cunagin	Edith Light
Sandy Dempsey	Lynn Overstreet
Bill Dobbs	Marilee Phillips
Dave Doehnert	Dee Pregliasco
Micah Drake	Abby Price
Charlotte Effinger	Aiden Price
Katie Faris	Javier Rodriguez
Donna Frentz	Leslie Rodriguez
Matthew Frentz	Will Seewer
Jenny Garcia	Lianna Spurrier
Terri Giesel	Roger Ward
Kelly Graybeal	Leslie Whitehouse
Carol Grigg	Ann Whittle
Mary Kay Hatcher	Chuck Worley
Tim Healy	Adam Zuber
Dan Herrinton	
Cynthia Hilyerd	
Jennifer Howard	
John Johnson	
Carolina Kepler	



## June Worship Series

In June we will explore Old Testament stories that tell of people living into who God calls them to be in big ways. It's a series we're calling: **Big, Bold Stories: Serving God with Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love.** In hearing these stories in scripture, we can reflect on how our lives can also be big, bold stories in service to God and neighbor.

## Sunday Worship

### Ushers:

#### June 1

Bob Smith\*  
Bob Brown  
Becky Evans  
Sarah Bumpas

#### June 8

Leight Wilson\*  
Margaret Wilson  
Ann Burge  
Lynn Cole

#### June 15

Bill Bliven\*  
Pam Bliven  
Mary Esch  
Jane Doehnert

#### June 22

George Creznic\*  
Sandy Creznic  
Marisue Coy  
Becky Evans

### June 29

Tom Frentz\*  
Sue Garrett  
India Huddy  
Gail Hudson

### Lay Readers:

#### June 1

Bill Bliven

#### June 8

Dawn Cundiff

#### June 15

John McClure

#### June 22

Annie McClure

#### June 29

Ben Durham

\* Head Usher

**big BOLD STORIES**  
SERVING GOD WITH ENERGY,  
INTELLIGENCE, IMAGINATION, & LOVE

**JUNE 1**

**JOSEPH**

Genesis 45: 1-15, 25-28

**JUNE 8**

**TOWER OF BABEL**

Genesis 11: 1-9

**JUNE 15**

**DANIEL**

Daniel 6: 10-23

**JUNE 22**

**ESTHER**

Esther 4: 14

**JUNE 29**

**ISRAELITES' EXODUS**

Exodus 13:17-22



## HB Prayer List

**PRAYER LIST:** Carol Christell; Julie Hood, friend of Rhonda and Ramona Woodcock; Kathy Williams on the death of her mother Pat Lewis; Marsha Howard, Renata DeWees' mom; The family and friends of John Gant, son of Lynn Gant March on his death; Mery, mother of Javier Rodriguez; Myra Earley; Rob Klouw, husband of former HB Staff Katherine Randall; Anna Ahern (HB preschool parent); Marybelle Duff; Suzanne Ellis; Nancy Rissler; Mike Sutphin; Judi Jones, wife of Bob Brown; Lucy Rapp; Martha Scott; Greta Marcum; Barb and Tom Benkert, relatives of Lynn Cole; John Reeker, Sr.; LaToshia Woods, friend of Veda Pendleton; Kenton Smith, friend of Dan & Judy Askins; Lois & Peter Laning, Sister-in-law & brother of Judy Laning; Cyndi Lee Johnson, daughter of Marilee Phillips; Max Schuester, friend of Eric Hilyerd; Diana, daughter of Skip & Edith Light.



## Notes from Session

The Session of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church held a stated meeting on May 6. Alex Bumpas led the Session in prayer after which the following business was conducted:

- Renata Dewees, Director of Youth Ministries, introduced this year's confirmands to Session and explained the confirmation process. Each confirmand wrote wonderful Statements of Faith and spoke to the Session on their statements. Session voted to receive the following confirmands into membership of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church: Amelia Esterle, Sophie Esterle, Mary Grogg, Evelyn Yu, Sally Yu, and Annie Welch. Confirmation Sunday was May 11.
- Approved the baptism of Sally Yu, daughter of Ming & Chelesa Yu, on May 11.
- Newly elected Ruling Elders, Ben Durham, Tom Hughes and Jean Wolph shared their journeys of faith with the Session. Session approved receiving Ben, Tom and Jean as new Session members. The service of ordination and installation was May 25.
- Session heard staff reports from Christine and Katherine.
- Elected Tom Hughes as HB's Treasurer and Anne Hughes as Clerk of Session.
- Dr. David Willey, and his father before him, have rented HB's former manse as their dental office for the past 55 years. Dr. Willey is planning retirement and would like to sell his business. In order to sell the business, the new buyer will need to be guaranteed at least a five-year lease on the building. This is a requirement a bank will have for the new owner to receive a loan. Session approved granting a new dentist purchasing the practice of Dr. David Willey a five-year lease.
- Received a report from the Chapel Task Force updating their work.
- With a growth in new group activities, such as Prime Time, Session realizes the need for additional meeting spaces that will be convenient to all members. The Session will study usable space within the church that could accommodate this need.
- Discussion of hosting "summer workdays" to clear clutter throughout the building. A group of Session members will go through the building and make plans to organize the workdays. Members of the congregation will be encouraged to help on the workdays.
- We have a number of never used bed pillows that have been stored in B-3 for a few years. Since HB no longer hosts mission groups, Session approved donating those pillows to Wayside Christian Mission.
- Property and Welcome Committees will mark entrances either by number or lettering. This will ease access to the building for visitors.
- Approved recommendation from Personnel Committee to close the building on Fridays from May 30-August 8. This is a small way to say thank you for working so hard on making this past program year so successful. We hope the staff will take this as a day of rest and rejuvenation.
- Heard reports from the committees.

Anne Hughes, Clerk of Session

## VBS Work Day

On Saturday, June 21 at 9:00, we will get everything set up and ready for a fun filled week of VBS! All hands on deck will make this work day smooth and quick. We would especially welcome anyone who is unable to volunteer during the week of VBS to volunteer for the work day.

### Pentecost Picnic and Fire Drill

After worship on Pentecost, June 8th, 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. Food will be served in the gym with the option to picnic outside on the front lawn. We'll have games on the front lawn - parachute, an egg-and-spoon obstacle course, and a wheelbarrow race. Please RSVP to the church office.



### Youth at Montreat

Pray for our high schoolers as they attend the Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, June 8-14.



### Food Truck Friday

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 27 from 5:30-8:00 for Food Truck Friday. Come out and enjoy food from Fistful of Tacos food truck, an assortment of beverage options including Mile Wide Brewing, plus lawn games, music and fellowship. No need to RSVP, just bring a friend and enjoy!

## Harvey Browne Summer Run/Walk Club

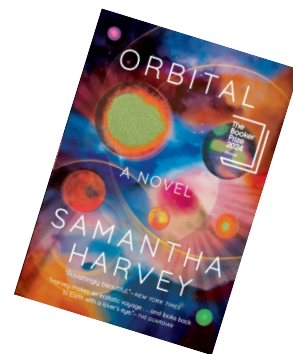
We had such fun meeting up at last year's Iroquois Hill Runner's Ice Cream 5k and walking/running in our matching shirts that we will do it again! This year's Ice Cream Run will be July 22 at 6:30 at Iroquois Park, but we hope some HB runners/walkers may meet up for moving together before then as well. If you'd like to stay in the loop, please join the Running/Walking Club group on Facebook or ask Renata to add you to her email list.

## Insights into Horizons Bible Study 2025-26

Come join us for Insights into Horizons Bible Study 2025-26 "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*" Presented by Rev. Rhashell D. Hunter, author of the study. Saturday, July 19, 2025 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration and Coffee starting at 9:30 a.m and the program will begin at 10 a.m. at Second Presbyterian Church 3701 Old Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY 40207. This day will be beneficial to Presbyterian Women preparing for Circle Bible Study leadership. Also, it will provide a wonderful opportunity FOR ALL who enjoy good Bible Study with a dynamic leader and welcoming fellowship within our Presbyterian Women! Remember to bring your Bible and Horizons Bible Study Book. Books can be ordered and purchased at the Conference and are \$14 for regular print and \$20 for large print. Registration fee (including lunch) is \$25. Make checks payable to PW Mid-KY Presbytery and send them to JoAnna Overstreet. For questions, contact: Amy Parker call (502) 897-5076, call or text (502) 641-9204 or email [amyparker158@hotmail.com](mailto:amyparker158@hotmail.com).

## Booktalk

Booktalk for Tuesday, June 24th at 11:30 on Zoom and in the Living Room will be *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. The winner of both the 2024 Booker Prize and the Hawthornden Prize follows six astronauts for 24 hours as they orbit the earth sixteen times in the International Space Station. Grab a sandwich and a drink and join us as we travel through space. You are welcome whether you have read the book or not. If you buy the book from Carmichael's and mention Booktalk at Harvey Browne you will receive a 20% discount.



## Caring Visitors Thank You!

Many, many thanks to our Caring Visitors!

Barbara Barnes – retired from service in 2024

Mark Barnes – retired from service in 2024

Scott Blake

Bill Bliven

Pam Bliven

Meg Buckner

Lynn Cole

Tom Frentz

Linda Garrett

Anne Hughes

Michelle Niehaus

Nancy Pollock

Angie Schulte

Beth Sedgwick

Nancy Troy

Our Caring Visitors are a wonderful group of people! These folks have been called to visit members of our church who are now rarely able to leave their homes. Our list of these folks mostly at home currently is 23, with an additional 7 who prefer connection by calls, emails and notes.

The Caring Visitor ministry is quiet and behind the scenes in many ways. Yet the impact of their work is beyond words. Those they visit have amazing life stories. The foundation and depth of their faith and gratitude is truly inspiring. We hold the challenges and grief shared as sacred. As eyes meet, hands are held, smiles and laughter erupt, and tears fall, there is a unique intimacy, and we know we are in the presence of God. In those moments isolation is broken, and love has been fueled - the family of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church is alive and well!

We thank God for these Caring Visitors and for the gifts that come in the precious relationships shared.

Jim and Kristy Hubert

Co-Coordinators of Pastoral Care

## Hygiene Kit Assembly Day for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Hygiene Kit assembly day for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) will take place in September. The kit items needed have changed. If you travel this summer these items can be used. They can be placed in a box marked "Hygiene Kits" in the drop closet. They are very specific about sizes because of postage.

Thank you for any assistance for these:

1. Travel-size stick deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
2. Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
3. Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
4. Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of at least 1 year)

## Harvey Browne Preschool

We made it! In May, we happily wrapped up another successful school year at Harvey Browne Preschool!

A few highlights of 2024/2025 - we started the school year in beautifully updated classrooms! Welcoming children to the “new to us” classrooms was especially exciting as the school year kicked off. This year, we added a wonderful new music educator to our staff, Ms. Mesa has been a fantastic addition to the preschool. We celebrated our 70th anniversary with Family Fun Night in April which was meticulously planned and organized by the board and had a successful Carmichael’s book store fundraiser.

HBPS served over 150 children this year, working diligently to meet each and every child’s needs in a developmentally appropriate environment. We laughed, played, read, sang, encouraged, loved, and taught every moment of the day. It was a successful year by all accounts.

We are celebrating...while simultaneously shedding a few tears...the retirement of three incredible Harvey Browne Preschool teachers. Mary Dugan, Teresa Oetken, and Ellen Zuber are retiring this year! They are amazing educators, friends, and women who have been a part of Harvey Browne Preschool for many years.

Ellen Zuber, longtime Harvey Browne church member, has been an integral part of the preschool. She has served as an educator at the preschool for 37 years, the vast majority of which was spent as a Kindergarten Kangaroos teacher. Ellen has had many roles at Harvey Browne Preschool - Early Birds teacher, Lunch Bunch Coordinator, unofficial go-to emergency staff member, mentor to many, and friend. I had the pleasure of teaching alongside Ellen for 11 years in the kindergarten class.

Thank you, Ellen, for your dedication to Harvey Browne Preschool. You will be missed! Harvey Browne Preschool is a better place because of each of our retirees.

This summer the halls at Harvey Browne will be little quieter Monday - Friday! While we, as a staff, are looking forward to a summer break...once August rolls around, we’ll be antsy to get back!

Many thanks for wrapping your hearts around Harvey Browne Preschool. It is such a special place.

With love and gratitude,

Amy Squires, Director

## Songs for Community and Justice: A Concert with Matt Black

Songs for Community and Justice: A Concert with Matt Black – Come out for an inclusive and interactive singalong concert on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Central Presbyterian Church! We'll learn and sing together songs and hymns from around the world that lift up themes of justice.

Matthew Black (he/him) is a worship leader and singer-songwriter with deep roots in the Presbyterian Church. He has led music at conferences across the country and is particularly known to the Young Adult Volunteer Program and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. He has also shared songs in worship at Harvey Browne. The literal son of a preacher man, Matthew left his job as a mild-mannered IT manager in 2022 to make music full-time. His sophomore album was released in May 2024, and is available wherever you listen to music and at <https://matthewblackmusic.com>.







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Sunday Schedule</b>	2 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 10:00-Tai Chi (Eline) 6:30- Caring Visitors (Living Rm.)	3 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 7:00- Session Meeting (Session)	4 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg*	5	6 <b>Harvey Browne Church Building Closed</b>	7 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Eline)
8 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> 11:30- Pentecost Picnic (Emory Hall) <b>No Pickleball Today</b>	9 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Writing Your Story (Eline Hall) 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline)	10 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session)	11 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* 6:00- Bookanalia Planning Meeting*	12 10:00- Prime Time (Session)	13 <b>Harvey Browne Church Building Closed</b>	14 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)

## Montreat Youth Conference

15 <b>Sunday Schedule</b>	16 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 9:00-Looking for Lillith Camp (Eline) 10:00-Tai Chi (Emory Hall) 11:00-Property Committee Meeting (Session)	17 9:00-Looking for Lillith Camp (Eline) 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 1:30- Congregational Life Meeting (Living Rm) 7:00- Outreach Committee Meeting (Zoom)	18 9:00-Looking for Lillith Camp (Eline) 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg*	19 9:00-Looking for Lillith Camp (Eline) <b>Harvey Browne Church Office Closed for Juneteenth</b>	20 9:00-Looking for Lillith Camp (Eline) <b>Harvey Browne Church Building Closed</b>	21 9:00-VBS Work-day 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)
22 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> 1:00 - Shawnee Sunday Dinner at Shawnee Pres.	23 9:00-Harvey's Helpers	24 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 11:30-Booktalk (Living Rm+) 7:00- Welcome Committee(Session)	25 1:00- Prayers Mtg*	26 10:00- Prime Time (Session)	27 <b>Harvey Browne Church Building Closed</b> 5:30- Food Truck Friday	28 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>						

29 <i>Sunday Schedule</i>	30 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline)							<b><u>^Every Sunday Morning</u></b> 9:30 - Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:30 - Worship+ (Sanctuary) 1:00 - Pickle Ball (Emory) 4:00 - Yoga at HB (Session) * Zoom
Contact the church office for links to Zoom.								

## June Grocery Cart for Hildegard House and House of Ruth

The Grocery Cart for June is for Hildegard House and House of Ruth. Hildegard House is Kentucky's first and only comfort care home. Through the support of our community and with the help of many volunteers, we provide a home and compassionate care for individuals at the end of life who have no home or loved ones to care for them so that they may die with dignity. **The supplies Hildegard House is asking for this year are as follows.**

### Individual sizes of:

Regular Flavor Applesauce (Not Cinnamon or Sugar Free)  
Jello (Not Sugar Free)  
Pudding (Not Chocolate)  
Fruit Cups  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Packets of Stevia  
Wrapped Peppermint Candies

Paper Towels  
Bottled Water  
AA Batteries  
Baby Wipes  
Gallon Ziploc Freezer Bags  
Sandwich and Snack Bags

The mission of House of Ruth is to provide housing and support services for people living with HIV and their families who are homeless, at risk of losing their homes, or need financial help. **The supplies House of Ruth is asking for this year are as follows.** (70% of their clients are men, so please consider that for scented products)

Shampoo  
Body Wash or Bar Soap (masculine or neutral scent)  
Toilet Paper  
Deodorant  
Razors  
Toothbrush (Individually Packaged)

Toothpaste  
Tampons and pads (individually wrapped)  
Dish soap (smaller bottles, 3-8 oz)  
Laundry Pods

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