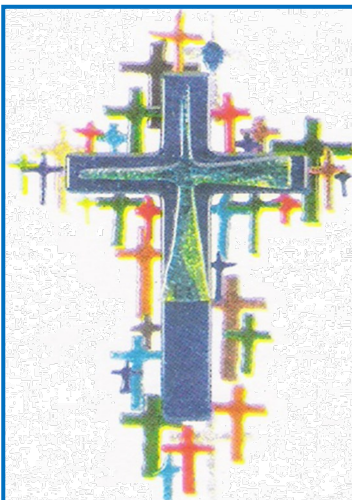


Making a Difference

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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A few years ago I participated in a day long retreat at the Earth and Spirit Center here in Louisville. Despite it being toward the end of July, the entire day was spent outside under their pavilion and on the trails around the Center. During the introduction to the day, the facilitator framed the opportunity for retreat, especially outside, as a reprieve from our modern way of living our lives going from one box to another box to another box.

At first, I was confused. I haven't been in any boxes lately. But as she explained, I appreciated that visualization for how we go from home to the car to another building then back in the car to another building - she was describing buildings and cars as boxes. By living that way, we are largely cut off from creation, from fresh air and sunshine hitting our face, and leaves blowing in the wind- cut off from the natural rhythms of the earth.

Throughout the day at the retreat, one of the main themes was to connect with creation. We spent time exploring the trails and really noticing plants, animals, insects; we spent time digging in the dirt. By the end of the day, I felt so connected to the earth!

Summer has a way of insisting we notice the earth and its rhythms. Whether it's through the yummy summer foods we get to eat, or the crashing of thunderstorms or intense heat, or the summer rhythms of school, work, or church - it feels like this time of year insists we take notice. For humans who mostly go from box to box to box, what a gift it is to be shaken up and encouraged to engage with the world in a different rhythm.

I think God delights in this. Afterall, God spent so much time and energy on making all of creation, great and small. God set a weekly rhythm for humans, including times to work and times to rest. The natural world follows rhythms of the seasons - migrating birds, leaves growing and later falling, the sun rising and setting. And God even instructed a rhythm every 50 years with the Year of Jubilee, where the soil got rest from being worked, debts were forgiven, and land was restored.

God made us, creatures, as part of the masterpiece that is creation. We have our own internal rhythms and needs that ebb and flow with the rising or setting of the sun, the moon, the various seasons. God made us soft creatures who need rest and experience pain and are lifted in joy and laughter. Creation helps us to be reminded that we are a part of the living and breathing and moving manifestation of God's mind and heart. We are not machines - sterile and box-bound, toiling endlessly without feeling or need.

One of my favorite poets, Lyndsay Rush, has a poem that starts "You are not a Roomba, or Rosey from the Jetsons, or Pacman, or Inspector Gadget" - it's reminder in poem form that being human means living in the soft places.

The rhythms of our lives help us to be reminded of that too. There are seasons when we get to bite into a backyard grown ripe red tomato and there are seasons where we thank God for that afternoon thunderstorm because (haven't we all muttered this at some point or other) "we really needed that rain." There are seasons in the life of the church where we engage in worship in a different way, or gather for fellowship in a new way, or wear ourselves out trying to keep up with the children at Vacation Bible School.

Thanks be to God for these reminders that shake us from our boxes or the ways in which we are tempted to live like machines. Thanks be to God for seasons of rhythm shifting, invitations to connect in different ways. May God enrich our common life together in this summer season.

Grace and peace, Katherine

HB Prayer List



Goldie Rodriguez, Mary Hatcher and family on the death of her sister, Joyce Ibendahl'; Jane Curneal; Lois Allen; Linda

Henderson; Kathy Williams; Emily Brown; Jean Wolph; 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; Dorothy Buchanan; Lise Deschenes, friend of Jim & Nancy Rissler; Mary Curnutte, daughter of Doug & Karen Curnutte; Adam Keighley, friend of the Koenig family; 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; 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



June Birthdays

Scott Blake
Paulette Brown
Rebecca Brown
Charlotte Cunagin
Gail DeMarsh
Sandy Dempsey
Bill Dobbs
Dave Doehnert
Micah Drake
Juliet Duverge
Charlotte Effinger
Katie Faris
Emilia Farrell
Donna Frentz
Matthew Frentz
Jenny Garcia
Kelly Graybeal
Carol Grigg
Mary Kay Hatcher
Tim Healy
Dan Herrinton
Cynthia Hilyerd
Jennifer Howard
John Johnson
Carolina Kepler
Paul Kepler
Frank Kosnik
Maggie Kupar
Edith Light
Erin Lloyd Denny
Lynn Overstreet
Marilee Phillips

Dee Pregliasco
Abby Price
Aiden Price
Javier Rodriguez
Leslie Rodriguez
Roger Ward
Leslie Whitehouse
Ann Whittle
Chuck Worley
Adam Zuber



Sunday Worship



June 7
Meg Buckner*
Steve Buckner
Molly Pollock
India Hoddy

June 14
Anne Hughes*
Gail Hudson
Dee Pregliasco
Mike Rodgers

* **Head Usher**

June 21
Sara Sutphin*
Alex Bumpas
Sarah Bumpas
Nancy Pollock

June 28
Lynn Overstreet*
JoAnna Overstreet
Jane Thomas
Kathy Williams

Lay Readers:

June 7
Bob Smith

June 14
Marisue Coy

June 21
Youth

June 28
Bill Percival



June Worship Series

In June, we will begin our *Big, Bold Stories* series in worship, exploring stories that speak to the messiness of being human. Through stories of the Flood, Shiphrah and Puah, David and Goliath, and Joshua's declaration "as for me and my house", we will explore how the very flawed characters in the Bible can teach us about God's abundant grace. Worship in June will be marked by more of a "camp" feel, complete with skits and singing favorite old-time hymns.



Big, Bold Stories and The Messiness of Being Human

- **June 7** – *The Flood* (Genesis 6–9)
- **June 14** – *Shiphrah & Puah* (Exodus 1:8–21)
- **June 21** – “*As For Me and My House*” (Joshua 24:14-18)
- **June 28** – *David & Goliath* (1 Samuel 17)

Building Closed on Fridays

As we wind down the program year, the Session would like to thank the staff for all their hard work to make this such a successful year. As an acknowledgement of this, the Session approved closing the building on Fridays from **June 5-August 7**. We hope the staff will take this time to rest and enjoy time with their families.



Session Minutes

The Session of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church held a stated meeting on May 5, 2026. Linda Garrett led the Session in prayer after which the following business was conducted:

- Welcomed new members Sandra Weldy-Cook and Ruth Farrell and joining as Minister Affiliates Rev. Gary Cook and Rev. Will Farrell.
- Jonathan Sutphin will be attending Louisville Seminary this fall. Jonathan is ready to enter the inquiry phase in his preparation to become a minister of Word and Sacrament and needs to be sponsored by this congregation and endorsed by the Session. Session voted to endorse Jonathan as an inquirer.
- Heard reports from Christine & Katherine.
- Reviewed financials as of March 31, 2026.
- Voted to hire Megan Durham as Director of Worship Arts and Ben Durham as Chancel Choir Director.
- Robert Rennie and Tom Hughes will be commissioners to the May 18 Presbytery meeting.
- Voted to close the building on Fridays during the summer, June 5-August 7.
- Heard reports from committees.

Anne Hughes, Clerk of Session

Ice Cream Crawl

In June we are going on a Harvey Browne ice cream crawl! Each Wednesday, we'll meet up at a different ice cream spot for a sweet treat and fellowship.



June 3 - 7:00pm - Louisville Cream (632 E Market St #101)

June 10 - 6:00pm - Graeter's St. Matthews (140 Breckenridge Ln)

June 17 - 7:00pm - Pearl Street Treats (301 Pearl St, Jeffersonville, IN)

June 24 - 7:00pm - Dairy Del (1516 S Shelby St)

Food Truck Friday

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 12 from 5:30-8:00 for Food Truck Friday.

Come out and enjoy the musical stylings of Mundo Brew, enjoy food from WW Cousins food truck (vegetarian and gluten free options available), an assortment of beverage options, plus lawn games and fellowship. No need to RSVP, just bring a friend and enjoy!

Worship Arts Team Newsletter

Introducing *The Sounding Board*, a monthly newsletter from the Worship Arts Team. Each edition will keep you connected to upcoming events, rehearsals, and opportunities in our creative arts ministries, while also exploring engaging insights into singing, movement, creativity, and the ways the arts shape worship and community. We hope this space will inform, inspire, and invite you more deeply into the life and vision of worship arts at our church.

Here is the link to it: <https://tinyurl.com/yps5z4w6>



Summer Recital

This summer, Harvey Browne will be completing several important improvement and repair projects for both the sanctuary piano and pipe organ as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting music and worship at the church.



The grand piano will receive detailed maintenance work to improve its touch, tone, responsiveness, and overall sound quality, while the pipe organ will undergo repairs and restoration work to help preserve the instrument and keep it functioning reliably for years to come. To celebrate the completion of this work, Harvey Browne will host a solo piano recital presented by Chris Harbeson-Borgelt on Sunday, June 28 at 3:00 PM, offering an opportunity to

hear the updated capabilities of the piano. Donations collected during the recital will benefit Sweet Evening Breeze, a local organization that supports LGBTQ+ young adults experiencing homelessness

Summer Choir

If you love to sing and build community, come join us for summer choir! Beginning on June 7, we will rehearse each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary to prepare that morning's anthem. No weekly commitment is required—come when you can! Together we'll make music, share laughter, and deepen our worship through creativity and connection.

Protecting Yourself From Frauds and Scams Discussion

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 7:00pm in Eline Hall. Frauds and scams continue to rise in our community and around the world. Please join us for an informative session with Jacqueline Baker from AARP as she shares valuable insights on how to recognize, prevent and protect yourself, your family and your money from frauds and scams. All ages are encouraged to attend!

VBS Volunteer Meeting

If you are coming during VBS to serve as a volunteer, we will have an orientation meeting on Sunday, June 14 directly following worship in the Session Room. This will be a brief yet important meeting, so please plan to attend!

VBS Work Day

On Saturday, June 20 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.

Youth at Montreat Youth Conference

Please keep our high school youth in your prayers as they attend the Montreat Youth Conference June 14–20. Montreat is a meaningful time of worship, learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth, and we pray this experience will encourage and deepen their faith. The group will be accompanied by adults Renata DeWees, Jonathan Sutphin, Paul Kepler, and Megan Durham. We ask for prayers for safe travels, meaningful connections, and a week filled with God's presence.

Harvey Browne Book Groups

If you buy the book at Carmichael's, mention Harvey Browne book clubs and receive a 20% discount.

Bookanalia

Bookanalia is meeting on Weds. June 3rd to select the reading list for next programming year. The new slate of books will be announced in the July newsletter, so stay tuned! And mark your calendars for our first meeting in the fall - Weds Sept. 16.

Memories of Booktalk

In 2004, Rev, Lul Hming Liani (Hmingi) and five women gathered in her home, drank red tea, shared a pot luck salad luncheon, and began reading light, fun books. The first five books were from the *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series by Alexander McCall Smith. Many of the books came from kits from LFPL.

As the group grew, it moved from Hmingi's home into a series of restaurants until with about 25 members it outgrew the private dining room at the Masonic Homes cafeteria. They moved to the church with each person bringing their own lunch.

With Hmingi, everyone just talked together about the book. When she left and Mary Faltin became leader, she did an amazing job of introducing the book and then leading the discussion. When Mary got sick in 2017, Sarah Grant agreed to be the coordinator, not so much a leader, and the group returned to everyone coming prepared to discuss the book. Each session began with socializing while sharing a meal. After everyone checked in, the meeting opened with a prayer and singing the Doxology, then discussion about the book. When COVID struck, the group went on Zoom where it continued to be available.

As members aged and their lives changed, Booktalk became smaller until the decision was made that after 22 years it had run its course. With from nine to twelve books a year, the group has read lots of fun books, as well as serious books, mysteries, adventure, biography, fact and fiction - all kinds of books. Booktalk has left many memories over the years.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



Adult Work Trip

The Rolling Fork tornado was a violent EF4 tornado that struck Rolling Fork, Mississippi, on March 24, 2023, one of the strongest and deadliest U.S. tornadoes of that year with 17 fatalities. It caused catastrophic destruction across multiple Delta communities including nearly total destruction for sections of Rolling Fork and became one of the most studied tornadoes in recent history. Participate in the ongoing recovery by joining us on a work trip October 10 - 17, 2026. We will stay at Leland Pres. Church, a PDA housing location and have meals prepared by our chef. We look forward to having you join us as everyone has a role to fill on the trip. Please direct questions to the church office.

From We to Me

From We to Me is a support group for widows that meets every third Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Living Room. All widows are welcome to join for fellowship, sharing and support. The next meeting is June 25th.

Beloved Community

Beloved Community Meeting at Shawnee Presbyterian Church on June 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Thank You from Kristy Hubert

It was early summer, just four years ago, when my husband Jim and I first came to visit at Harvey Browne Pres. We were seeking a new place of worship and expanded community. We certainly found these here, and so much more.

What a gift it has been for me professionally to help coordinate and provide pastoral care at HBPC over the last 3 ½ years. So many of you have welcomed me into your lives at times that were often tender, challenging and simply painful and hard. There were moments of sacred goodbyes that I will remember always. We have laughed and celebrated wonderful victories and joys too! You have filled my heart to overflowing.

I have loved working closely with Christine, Katherine, Renata, Tim, Cheryl, Grace and now Megan, Chris and Ben. This church is so incredibly fortunate to have these compassionate, courageous, creative, skilled and wise servant leaders. You know its good thing when you look forward to weekly staff meetings!

Now it is time for me to begin another new chapter. I am sad to let go of my work here as Co-Coordinator of Pastoral Care, yet at the same time so very grateful to allow a healthier balance in caring for my family near and far – and myself too.

Jim will continue in our pastoral care work, serving in his brilliant and loving ways (I am biased, of course). I will stay around too in new ways, with plans to officially join the church membership soon.

I have been blessed beyond measure by your stories, your wisdom, your faith-filled confidences – and love. Thank you! May God bless and keep you this day and always.



Thank You Harvey Browne

The family of Bill Bliven would like to thank you for your love and kindness over the past several weeks. We have been surrounded by such a supportive community, and we are deeply grateful to the entire congregation. Your prayers, cards, food, and thoughts made a very challenging time easier for our entire family.

We are incredibly grateful to each of you for helping us celebrate the life and legacy of Bill. This church meant so much to him, and the kindness demonstrated throughout this time shows just how much he meant to this church community as well.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 10:00- Tai Chi (Emory)	2 9:45- Staff Mtg (Session) 7:00- Session Meeting (Session)	3 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* 7:00- Ice Cream Crawl (Louisville Cream)	4 12:30- Mid-KY Presbytery Co-ordinating Commission (Session)	5 Harvey Browne Church Building and Office Closed	6 9:30- New Deacon Welcome and Training (Eline) 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory) 2:00- Jennie George Celebration of Life (Eline)	
7 Sunday Schedule	8 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 11:00- Tai Chi (Emory)	9 9:45- Staff Mtg (Session) 6:30- Personnel Committee (Living Rm)	10 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Eline) 1:00- Prayer Mtg* 6:00- Ice Cream Crawl (Graeters) 7:00- Protecting Yourself from Frauds & Scams Discussion (Eline)	11 10:00- Prime Time Deeper Connections (Session)	12 Harvey Browne Church Building and Office Closed	13 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory)	
14 Sunday Schedule	15 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 11:00- Tai Chi (Emory) 11:00- Property Committee Meeting (Session)	16 9:45- Staff Mtg (Session) 1:30- Congregational Life (Living Rm)	17 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory) 1:00- Prayer Mtg* 7:00- Ice Cream Crawl (Pearl Street Treats)	18 9:00- Outreach Committee Meeting* 10:00- Beloved Community (Shawnee) 1:30- From We to Me Widows Group (Living Rm)	19 Harvey Browne Church Building and Office Closed for Juneteenth	20 9:00- Vacation Bible School Workday (Eline)	
Montreat Youth Conference							
21 Sunday Schedule	22 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 11:00- Tai Chi (Session Rm.)	23 9:45- Staff Mtg (Session) 7:00- Welcome Committee Meeting (Session)	24 1:00- Prayer Mtg* 7:00- Ice Cream Crawl (Dairy Del)	25 10:00- Prime Time Deeper Connections (Session) 12:00- HBYouth After VBS Playtime (Loft)	26 Harvey Browne Church Office Closed	27 10:00- 5,000 Steps (Emory)	
Vacation Bible School							
28 Sunday Schedule 1:00- Shawnee Sunday Dinner (Shawnee Pres.)	29 9:00- Harvey's Helpers 11:00- Tai Chi (Eline)	30 9:45- Staff Mtg (Session) 2:00- Finance Committee (Living Rm.)	Contact the church office for links to Zoom. * - Via Zoom/Online + - In person AND via Zoom				
Sunday Schedule 9:30 - Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:30 - Worship+ (Sanctuary) 1:00 - Pickle Ball (Emory) 4:00 - Yoga at HB (Session)							

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 provides a home and compassionate care for individuals at the end of life who have no home or loved ones to care for them so they may die with dignity.



Hildegard House
dignity has a home

The supplies Hildegard House is asking for this year are as follows.

Paper Towels
Bottled Water
Nitril Gloves (Small-XL)
Rinse Free Shampoo Caps

Unscented Lip Balm
Travel Size Hairbrushes
Individual Bags of Chips

House of Ruth provides housing and support services for people with HIV/AIDS 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.**



Shampoo
(No conditioner; all in one products are great)
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Household cleaning spray or powder
(Lysol, Clorox, Comet, etc.)

Men's Deodorant
Women's Deodorant
Dish Soap (5-6oz bottles are best)
Bar Soap

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