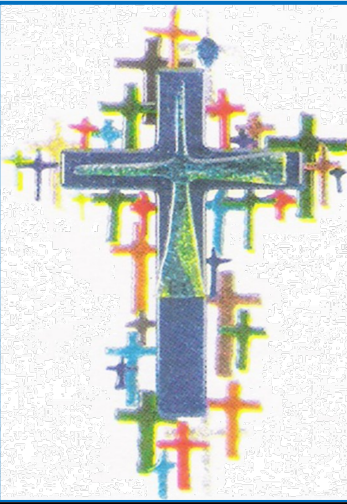


Making a Difference

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter
May 2025



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We hope that April showers bring May flowers. This May, we will celebrate the “flowering” of seven of our young people as they join the church through confirmation. Our church community has nurtured them, loved them, tended them, and planted in them the seeds of faith, curiosity, concern and care that are now blossoming into active church lives.

Our confirmation meetings have been a joy to me this school year. The young people in Harvey Browne’s 2025 confirmation class are bright and caring, brave in the face of hard questions, and are ready and able to take ownership of their own lives of faith and places in their church community. We aren’t done nurturing these youth, but we may now look at them a little differently, recognizing that young people old enough to stand before the congregation to make their own professions of faith are also old enough to enrich our community in more adult ways—that they will walk alongside us as fellow caretakers of our church.



Each member of our confirmation class wrote a statement of faith to share with the Session. With their permission, I will share some excerpts from their statements.

- **Amelia Esterle** believes that God’s love is so strong that God loves “everybody, no matter what.”
- **Sophie Esterle** sees God through “the kindness of a stranger, when I practice my music, the warmth of the sun on a cold morning, and in the way everything seems to work out even when I thought it wouldn’t.”
- **Evelyn Yu** sees God “in my best friends’ laughter, in the lyrics of a song, in the wind blowing the leaves through the sky on a cool fall day.”
- **Sally Yu** plans to keep her faith growing by “praying to God when I am concerned, grateful, doubting, or happy.”
- **Mary Grogg** is excited to be confirmed because she wants to be able to “vote on decisions for the church and to give more of my time to the church.” She is “excited to take on leadership opportunities and to be an example for all the kids.”
- **Owen Zuber** wants to spread the word of God and to show all people that God loves them. He writes that he would love to help his community or even anywhere, “because everywhere is my community.”

It is a privilege for us to watch these young people grow and flower. I hope their words and the joy of welcoming them as adults into our church community will help you remember that the spring rains and tender care of our church and God are nourishing your perennial blooms as well.

- Renata

May Birthdays!

Bill Bliven
Kitty Boswell
Portia Brittain
Zach Budd
Ann Burge
Kelly Burke
Scott Casson
Jane Curneal
Kathy Darby
April Davenport
Mary Davenport
Barb Davis
Henry Drake
James Durham
Jane Dyer
Gary Faltin
Adam Faris
Jack Ganzer
Kevin Gilman
Pam Glaze
Barb Graas
David Green
Annabel Grogg

Kim Harrod
Bill Harrod
Linda Henderson
India Hoddy
Rachel Hunt
Allison Jarvi
JoJo Kepler
Graham Koenig
Aaron Krausen
Hayden Krausen
Allison Lockhart
Peggy Mastropaolo
Kathleen Mayfield
Tim McCallister
Ann Norwood
Al Pollock
Aidan Ritchie
Sara Ritchie
Sandy Smith
Bob Smith
Taylor Stewart
Shirley Sullivan
Run Thang

Bruce White
Jennifer Widmayer
Jean Wolph



Sunday Worship

Ushers:

May 4

Lynn Overstreet*
JoAnna Overstreet
Dee Pregliasco
Mike Rodgers

May 11

Kelly Burke*
Joni Burke
Jane Thomas
Steve Buckner

May 18

Brian Pollock*
Molly Pollock
Nancy Pollock
Pollock Family

May 25

Sara Sutphin *
Angie Schulte
Steve Schulte
Kathy Williams

Lay Readers:

May 4

Sara Sutphin

May 11

Jim Bowell

May 18

Doug Mann

May 25

Marisue Coy

* Head Usher

HB Prayer List

PRAYER LIST:

Myra Earley; Rob Klouw, husband of former HB Staff Katherine Randall; Anna Ahern (HB preschool parent); Marybelle Duff; Suzanne Ellis; Nancy Rissler; Robin Scott, daughter of Bob Roberts; Mike Sutphin; Judi Jones, wife of Bob Brown; Lucy Rapp; Martha Scott; Natilea Boyd, cousin of Ramona and Rhonda Woodcock; 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; Pat Lewis, mother of Kathy Williams; Cyndi Lee Johnson, daughter of Marilee Phillips; Max Schuester, friend of Eric Hilyerd; Diana, daughter of Skip & Edith Light.



Summer Programming will begin May 25

At Harvey Browne our programming year runs September through May. During the summer months many groups and programs of the church take a break or work on special projects. Watch for information about these coming soon!

Sunday School and Wednesday Night programming will be on summer break from May 25 until September 7.

The last Sunday with breakfast and Sunday School will be May 18.

The last Wednesday Night programming will be May 21.



Sunday School

Sunday Breakfast is served at 9:00am in Eline Hall. All are welcome!

Children & Youth

- 0-3 in Nursery
- 4's- K & 1st in Room 212
- Grades 2-3 in Room 212

- Grades 4-5 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

Youth Group Donation Request

The youth group is in search of cast-off “dress up” clothes to use in some games. Do you have old clothing or accessories to send our way? Adult-sized hats, scarves, belts, ties, fascinators, dresses, formals, skirts, blouses, men’s dress tops, vests, or suits would be perfect. We will use the items for our games and then will pass them all along to charity when we are done. Dress clothing that is very dated or old or has flaws that you have worried no one would want would be perfect for our use! Items can be left in Renata’s office. We will need all the items by **June 15**.

4th-5th LIFT

This spring in 4th-5th Lift we will be learning all about the Bible. Our meetings include time for play, study, and snack. We meet from 4:00-5:30pm. Drop off and pick up at the church office entrance. The last Lift meeting of the season is May 18.

Youth Group Schedule

May 4 - Youth Group
May 10 - Bowling
May 11 - Confirmation Sunday, no evening youth group
May 18 - Youth Group
May 25 - Youth Group

Confirmation Class

On May 6 the confirmands will go before the Session in the Session Room at 7:00. Join us on May 11 as our confirmands are confirmed during Sunday morning worship.

FRIENDS Derby Party

A family friendly, drop-in event on May 3, 2025 - 4:30-9:00pm at the Buckners' House. Celebrate the Derby! Drop-in in your Derby attire (optional) and bring a potluck side to share. All are welcome! So that we can get an estimate on attendance, let us know you may drop-in [here](#). A big thank you to the Buckners for hosting!



Pancakes, Bikes, and Trikes

Saturday, May 10 - 9:00-11:00am. Come enjoy a pancake breakfast! Children may bring their bike, trike, or scooter and cruise in the HB parking lot with friends. If there's rain, we'll be in the gym. Drop-in or stay the whole time. All ages are welcome.



Youth Bowling Party

We have rented all four lanes of the private bowling alley at American Turners-Louisville (3125 River Road) from 2-4 on May 10. To get to the bowling alley, youth may enter Turners through the ground-level doors on the left side of the building and take the stairs or elevator to the top floor. They can also walk up the outdoor stairs to the lounge to enter through those doors and then take the stairs or elevator up. Parents may drop off, hang out with us in the bowling alley, or take advantage of the river views from the Turners Lounge, which is open to the public. There is no cost for this event, but Renata will need RSVPs by May 3. They will need at least one chaperone to commit to staying with our group. Light snacks will be provided.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will lead music in worship on May 18. Join us as we worship the Lord together.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Dinners will be catered by Kingsley Meats & Catering. Kingsley will provide an entree, two sides, and a vegetarian entree. 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. Please do not let cost keep you from attending! We will also have the option of paying electronically.

May 7

Breakfast for Dinner

Pancakes, Eggs, Fruit Salad, Cinnamon Rolls

May 14

Bill's Italian Night

Green Salad, Assorted Desserts

May 21

Last Dinner before Summer Break

Taco Bar

Ground Beef, Queso, Black Beans, Rice, Chips, Taco Shells, Guacamole, Lettuce, Pico, Assorted Desserts.

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

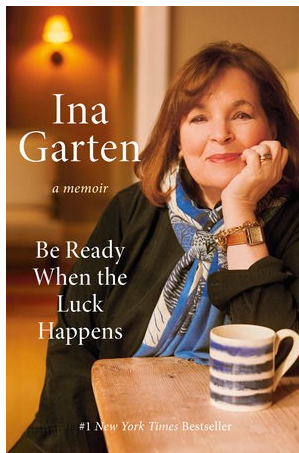
Wednesday Night Dinner Survey

Our Wednesday Night dinners will wind down on May 21st as the school year ends. We encourage those of you who dined with us this year, to complete our Dinner Survey. We are anxious to know what you enjoyed most and how we can keep improving our dinners. We have enjoyed great participation this year, with many dinners that had more than 100 people eating together. Surveys forms are available at the upcoming dinners and also there are links in the weekly Highlights to complete online by May 31. A big thank you to our great volunteers who go above and beyond to make our dinners special!

Harvey Browne Book Clubs

BookTalk

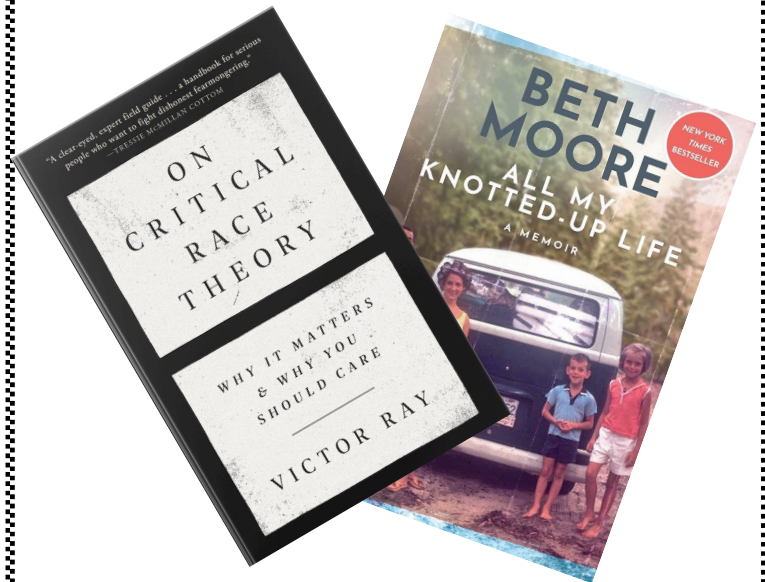
Booktalk for Tuesday, May 27th at 11:30 on Zoom and in the Living Room will be *Ina Garten, a memoir. Be Ready When the Luck Happens* by Ina Garten. Ina shares her life story and the secret of her success, which is advice she received to do what you love because if you love it, you'll be really good at it. Grab a sandwich and a drink and join us as we discuss this enjoyable life journey. All are welcome whether you have read the book or not. If you buy the book at Camichael's, mention Book-talk at Harvey Browne and receive 20% off.



Pastor's Book Group

Pastor's Book Group will meet on May 4 at 4:00pm to discuss *On Critical Race Theory*, Victor Ray. Join us for a time of discussion and sharing.

- Summer Read – *All My Knotted-Up Life*, Beth Moore



Bookanalia



Our final meeting of this season will be: Wednesday May 21, 2025 to discuss the timely *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora. We will meet in the Session Room following Wednesday night dinner, or a Zoom link is also available. Poet Javier Zamora tells the story of his journey as a 9 year old boy from El Salvador to the United States. The trip was supposed to take two weeks, but lasted for two months. *Solito* was a Today Show “Read With Jenna” book club pick, and a New York Times bestseller. A review in NPR summarized, “*Solito* is a gripping memoir that doesn't shy away from the bad while shining a light on the good. It is also a moving narrative that belongs solely to Zamora but that also offers yet another look at what millions of others go through in pursuit of a better life.” Rob Fohr will facilitate our conversation.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters, Coming in May

The 2025 Offering of Letters focuses on the WIC program (April Newsletter) and [International Nutrition/USAid](#). DOGE has reduced USAid staff from 10,000 employees to 15 statutorily-required positions, effectively eliminating the agency. USAid is the “soft diplomacy” of the U.S., supporting global health, disaster relief, socioeconomic development, environmental protection, democratic governance and education. Already medical clinics in the developing world are beginning to close. We are called to walk alongside those who are in need. Please participate in this year's Offering of Letters by writing personalized letters to Congress on the above issues related to hunger in the U.S. and around the world. The Hunger-Justice-Earth Care Ministry Team will be available to assist. Thank you. Join us in the Foyer on May 4, 11 & 18 to write your letter. Florence French Fagan, Senior Regional Organizer for Bread for the World Southeast, will present our Moment for Mission on May 4.

Prime Time Afternoon at the Ballpark

Calling all Prime Time baseball fans! Enjoy fellowship and fresh air at the Louisville Bats game on Wednesday, May 21. Harvey Browne has a block of seats reserved behind home plate. First pitch is at 12:05pm. Tickets are \$15 each. To reserve your ticket, contact the church office.



May Grocery Cart

The Grocery Cart for May is for Bellwood & Brooklawn.

The mission of Bellwood and Brooklawn is:

At Bellewood & Brooklawn, our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where Kentucky's children and families can heal and thrive. We achieve this through a continuum of care that includes in-home services, outpatient care, residential treatment, and therapeutic foster care. Every service we offer is designed to reduce disruption in children's lives, help them recover from trauma, and promote the wellbeing of families across the Commonwealth.

The supplies they are asking for this year are:

- Laundry Baskets
- Blankets
- Towels
- Stuffed Animals
- Small Totes
- Weighted Blankets
- Fidget Toys
- Coloring Books
- Photo Albums
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Body Wash



VBS Volunteers Needed

We need **Vacation Bible School** volunteers. This vital program of our congregation not only teaches faith to our children and serves the community, but is a lot of fun! Volunteer for the whole week or just one day. Volunteers are needed 8:30-12:15 June 23-27. Sign-up with Katherine by May 23.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		◇Every Wednesday Night 5:15 - Dinner 6:00 - Children & Youth Activities 6:00 - Handbells in Sanctuary 6:00—Compassion in Action 6:15 - Adult Bible Study 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal		1	2	3 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)
4 PW Birthday Luncheon Sign-ups and Offering of Letters before and after worship Sunday Schedule 11:30– Called Session Meeting (Session) 4:00- Pastor's Book Club (208)	5 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 10:00-Tai Chi (Eline) 8:15– Men's Group (209)	6 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 7:00- Session Meeting (Session)	7 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* 4:00- Hunger Justice, Earth Care (Session) ◇Wednesday Night	8 10:00- Prime Time Deeper Connections Group (Session)	9 10:30- Mid-KY Presbytery Group (Living Rm,)	10 9:00– Men's Breakfast (Session) 9:00– Bikes, Trikes and Pancakes (Emory Hall) 5,000 Steps Cancelled
11 Offering of Letters before and after worship Sunday Schedule Confirmation Day	12 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 11:00-Writing Your Story (Eline Hall) 11:00-Tai Chi (Eline) 6:00- Louisville Philharmonia Rehearsal in Sanctuary	13 9:45-Staff Mtg (208) 10:30– PW Birthday Luncheon (Eline Hall). Most Circles will meet before the luncheon at 10.	14 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* 1:00- Red Cross Blood Drive (Eline Hall) ◇Wednesday Night	15	16	17 9:30- Beloved Community (Living Rm) 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)
18 Offering of Letters before and after worship Sunday Schedule Last day of Breakfast & Sunday School	19 9:00-Harvey's Helpers 10:00-Tai Chi (Eline) 11:00-Property Committee Meeting (Session) 8:15– Men's Group	20 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 1:30– Congregational Life Meeting (Living Rm) 7:00- Outreach Committee Meeting (Zoom)	21 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Eline Hall) 12:05– Prime Time at Louisville Bats 1:00- Prayers Mtg* ◇Wednesday Night 6:00- Bookanalia (Session+) 6:00- VBS Planning Meeting (Living Rm) Last Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs	22 10:00- Prime Time Deeper Connections Group (Session)	23 3:00– Church Office Closes.	24 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)
25 10:30 - Worship+ 1:00 - Pickle Ball (Emory) 3:30 - HBYouth Group (Loft) 4:00 - Yoga at HB (Session)	26 Harvey Browne Church Building and Office Closed for Memorial Day	27 9:45-Staff Mtg (Session) 11:30-Booktalk (Living Rm+) 7:00- Welcome Committee Meeting (Session)	28 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall) 11:30– PW Coordinating Team (Session) 1:00- Prayers Mtg* 6:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29 ~Sunday Schedule 9:00 - Breakfast 9:30 - Choir Rehearsal 9:30 - Sunday School ALL Ages+ 10:30 - Worship+ 1:00 - Pickle Ball (Emory) 3:30 - HBYouth Group (Loft) 4:00 - Yoga at HB (Session)	30	31 10:00– 5,000 Steps (Emory Hall)
Contact the church office for links to Zoom.						

Shawnee Presbyterian

Thanks to all who have made Shawnee's first two fundraising Sunday Dinners a success. Not only have they served at least 25 dinners to Harvey Browne members, but several members have sent down donations. The tables there have been full of folks from other churches as well as their own. No dinner will be served in May because of Memorial Day weekend, but dinners will start up the fourth Sunday in June. It's a fun time with friends, old and new.

Director of Parents' Day Out Program



Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church is searching for a Director of our Parents' Day Out Program (PDO). Our PDO is a fun, nurturing, and well-established program for children 9 months -2.5 years old. The program meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the school year. The position will be 20 hours/week during the program year and will include a summer schedule. The Director will be responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operation of PDO including hiring and supervision of PDO staff. We are looking for a person with experience in childcare. If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to Anne Hughes, Chair of Personnel Committee-Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church, at hughestaaj@gmail.com, by May 5, 2025.



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