

More Discipleship

Discipleship is about more than just learning as an adult. It is a lifetime commitment of discernment and active faithfulness. Below you will find some brief information on other parts of discipleship here at HVPC and ways to find out more about them.

Children's Discipleship

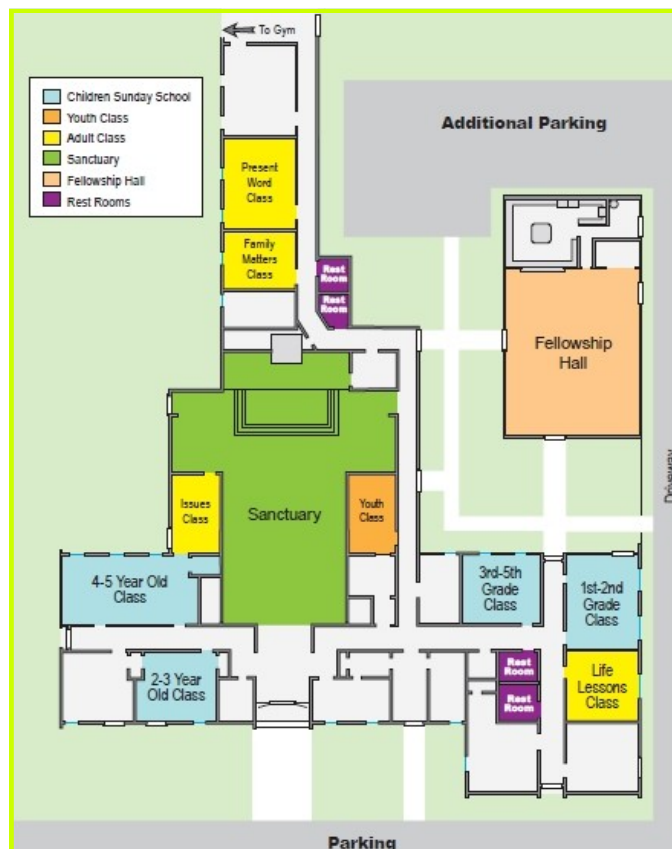
We have a number of ways where we help children in their discipleship journey, these include Sunday morning classes, worship opportunities, special mile marker celebrations and much more. For more information please see the children's opportunities brochure and our special mile marker brochure.

Youth Discipleship

Likewise we believe that during children's tween and teen years they truly begin to form their own ideas about faith and how it applies to their lives. For this reason we have a youth program which meets weekly with a number of special events as well as a confirmation class to help these youth as they seek out answers for themselves. Please see our youth brochure for more information.

Outreach and Member Care

We are not being disciples if we only can speak about what we believe. Our faith is proven out in our actions. For that reason we believe that a truly missional focus is essential if we are to be the church. We have many opportunities to get involved in our community, both here at HVPC and in the larger communities of Charleston, South Carolina, the PC(USA), and the World. For more information about specific opportunities please contact our Outreach or Member Care chairs.



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Discipleship and Discovery

Opportunities for Growth at Harbor View



Discipleship at Harbor View

Here at Harbor View we believe that it is important for all of us to participate in Christian growth and nurture. Our call to be disciples is one built around growing and developing our faith, through worship, through study, through relationships, and through action. With that in mind we attempt to integrate our Christian Education program with our church life as a whole.

Discipleship Classes for Adults

Our adult classes mostly meet on Sunday mornings and provide excellent opportunities to learn more about our place in the Family of God, nourish our spirits, and connect with each other. All classes are informal and encourage thoughtful discussion and loving support. There are no prerequisites for attendance; drop-ins are always welcome. Visit several to find the class that is right for you!

Faith Matters

This class utilizes a variety of discussion, Bible study, group interaction, and occasionally DVD series' to explore matters of the Christian faith and life. This class is for adults of all ages, single, and married, and meets in B1 facilitated by Philip West.

Issues

This fall we will be continuing the video series, entitled "*The Acts of the Apostles*," by Dr. Mickey Efrid. All are welcome. This class meets in S1 and is led by Tom Cook and Tommy Mathews.

Life Lessons

This class explores a variety of issues affecting Christians today. This year we will be studying books that help us continue to grow in our faith. This class meets in E3 and is convened by Sue Mathews and Karen Rollins.

Present Word

This class uses the *Present Word* bible study curriculum. Scripture is studied in context and is applied to individual and community life. This quarter's study examines Old Testament Wisdom literature and the way Jesus taught wisdom in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. This class meets in B2 and is led by Carol Poser.

Adult Weekday Studies

Throughout the year we often hold four to six week studies on scripture, faith, tradition, or heritage related subjects. These classes are typically facilitated by the pastor or the educator and involve various ways to deepen our understanding of our faith.

This fall we will be holding a study of the Apostles Creed and what it means. We will discuss the parts of this creed and look at what it means to be a Creedal People, called out and into a covenant with God in this world.

Creative Faith Series

We also hold many one time workshops on ways to mix our natural creative spirit and our lives of faith. These classes look at how we can connect spirituality with our everyday lives and with our life stories. Various leaders from the church facilitate these classes and they are often excellent places to relax and come together as a community of faith.

Guest Speakers and Presbytery Events

We here at Harbor View have some wonderful resources both on staff and within our community, but sometimes the best voices come from those outside our community. For this reason we are active participants in presbytery wide events such as the STEPS education event each summer, and will bring in guest speakers for topics which we think will be meaningful for our community as a whole.

This winter we will have a special guest speaker here at HVPC, Laura Pendleton Davis, who will be speaking on "Faithful Parenting and Creating a Home for Faith." This special weekend event is a great chance for us to learn more and connect with our community.

Presbyterian Women

HVPC has two women's circles. One meeting in the morning, and one in the evening, each once a month for fellowship and study. This year's study is "Confessing the Beatitudes" by Margaret Aymer.

Women's Retreat

Our women also take a yearly retreat to Bonnie Doone Plantation. This retreat provides a special time of fellowship, relaxation, and spiritual sharing among all the women of HVPC. This year's retreat is being held March 16th—18th.

Men's Breakfast

The third Thursday of every month a group of men gather at SKiBOs just down the road for breakfast and fellowship. This is a great time to share what's going on together with a group of men while enjoying conversation and comradery.

Time and Talent Stewardship

Discipleship is not just about study and fellowship, it is also about doing. Once a year we all commit to discerning our personal calls to action through our Time and Talent process. There are varied classes and activities all leading up to Commitment Sunday.

