

Harbor View Highlights

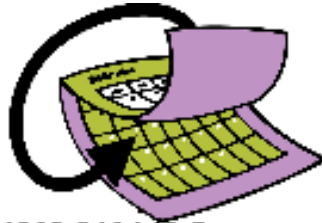


Gathered by God and Gifted by the Holy Spirit, we go into the world to make disciples for Jesus.

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Happening This Month

Tuesday, November 1 Lunch Bunch at *Pages Okra Grill* in Mt. Pleasant

Saturday, November 5 Ramp Team meets at church at 7:00 am
Set clocks back one hour before going to bed

Sunday, November 6 Mile Marker Sunday
Officer Training 3 – 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 13 Crop Walk – Hampton Park 2:00 pm
Officer Training 3 – 5:00 pm
Chili/Chowder Cook Off 6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 15 Vision Team meets with Stan Ott

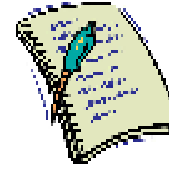
Thursday, November 17 Men's Breakfast at *SKiBO's*

Sunday, November 20 Officer Training 3 – 5:00 pm
Community Thanksgiving Service at St. James Christian Church 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25
ECEP & Church Office closed!

Monday, November 28 Session Meeting

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PASTORS CORNER:

Hospitality. In every book about developing a church's vitality, hospitality ranks at the top of the list. Hospitality is more than mere friendliness, but has the unique dynamic of openly inviting people into our lives. Think of every person who comes to the church as one of us – another pilgrim on the weary and perilous journey of life. They need something more than a cheerful greeting. They need to know there is a place for them in God's house. Every stranger at the door is a reminder that we are all strangers here. This is not OUR house, OUR table, OUR food; this is God's house and table and food. To paraphrase the way that the apostle Paul expressed it, we were once strangers, even enemies of God, but we were welcomed into this place. Or, as Jesus taught the disciples, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." (Matt. 18:5)

Whether we like to admit it or not, the reality is that welcoming people into God's house is first of all a matter of appearance and architecture. The building and grounds of a church can serve either as a barrier to newcomers in the community, or as a welcome mat. I would suggest that everyone take the time to approach HVPC as though for the first time. Although we all know where our church is, could you easily find its location just by driving by? Many folks in our community have told us otherwise. Some, who have been here for years, have only recently discovered that this church exists, even though they have driven by it hundreds of times. Why? When you drive by the church, make a note of what you can see. Then, make note of what you cannot see. There's an old saying, "out of sight, out of mind." What can we do to make our church more visible and welcoming from the road? Let's not hide our church "under a bushel" as Jesus said, "but let our light shine." Once you drive into the parking lot, continue to imagine you are a first-timer, and make notes of what you do and don't see. What is attractive? What looks well-maintained? What looks neglected? Do our grounds and facility feel welcoming to a first-time worshipper? Can you see where you can or should park? Is the entrance to the narthex/sanctuary obvious? What sorts of improvements/changes might you suggest to make the exterior of our building and grounds more open and welcoming? Then, I encourage you to go through the same series of questions regarding the interior of the church. As a first-timer, does the place offer a sense of welcome and hospitality? Are the different places/rooms easy to find? Or is it more like a maze whose secrets are known only to insiders? Does it look like the members of this church have been good stewards of the place God has given them? While the physical appearance and space is important and communicates to newcomers much about us, even more important is the attitude of the congregation toward those who are first-time worshippers. As Tom Long writes in his book, *Building Vital and Faithful Worship*, "If we really feel that the church is *our* church, or that this church is really only for folk like us and that other people have their own churches, then this attitude shows in the way we do or do not open up the life of the congregation to the outsider..."p. 36 On the other hand, when the congregation possesses a spirit of Christly love and willingly lets that love flow through them in warmth and joy, newcomers will feel that in powerful and magnetic ways. That is one reason

that our greeters at HVPC play such a significant role! When you serve in that work on Sunday mornings, you are giving expression to the love of Christ. We must recall that Christ welcomed all who came to Him with their wounds and with their sincere questions. Likewise, the people who come to God’s house for worship also come as seekers – no differently than they did in Jesus’ day. We still come to this place seeking healing for our wounds, seeking answers to the questions of life. Hospitality warmly welcomes every person who comes, to enter this place just as they are - into the house of God.

Hospitality is one of the key factors indicating the vitality of a church’s life. Without healthy hospitality, a church feels wilted and lifeless. Such a church will not grow. Churches that understand the significance of hospitality address this area and willingly make improvements and adjustments to nurture the ways in which they welcome those within their community. How can HVPC improve in this regard? Share your ideas with me!

Let the hospitality of the Lord grow and flow,
Philip

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HVPC 43rd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



What a wonderful celebration! Thanks to Carol Pooser for spear-heading the festivities and organizing all the details - lots of work on her part – and lots of fun for the rest of us. The skit written by Gary Hill was clever, poignant, and hilarious! The actors – Rhett and Deborah – did an outstanding job, and deserve some sort of award (Emmy or Academy?) The decorations were festive and colorful, and the food was delicious! Num, num, num...ummmm...good! The

worship was terrific, and we greatly appreciate everyone who worked in the background and foreground to make this event such a memorable one for us all.

FLASHBACK – JANUARY 2002 - Lynda McKay will hold an organizational meeting for the HVPC Bridge Club this month. No experience necessary-she will teach you everything that you need to know!

FAST FORWARD – JANUARY 2012 - Well, she did it! She taught us the mind-boggling “rules” of the game with her infectious enthusiasm. It took years of patience, love, and parmesan chex, but we are now ready to share this fun night with others. If you are curious about the game, if you are interested in learning the game, if you played years ago or if you play every week – plan to attend the 10th anniversary game on January 9, 2012. Call the church office, 795-4072, or email charlenealdrich@netscape.net to reserve a seat at a table.

Hope to see you there,
Charlene Aldrich, Robin Alexander, Frances Bath, Bobby McKay, Marg Mills, Brenda Parker, Eric Stewart, and June Thomas.



THE 3RD ANNUAL LARRY HAMBLIN MEMORIAL COOK-OFF

This year's cook-off is scheduled for November 13th at 6pm. Please plan to join us and support our youth and their Mission. We will of course have trophies for various “winners” and a Grand Champion, but we'll also have some things to kick off the Holiday Season. This year we are offering you a chance to win a gift and give a gift. You can win a gift by entering our dollar raffle. We'll have a number of gift baskets up for raffle and they're going to truly include something for everyone! But you can also give a gift through our Alternative Gift Fair. Give a tax deductible gift to our youth or to a ministry they support in honor of someone this Christmas instead of a pair of socks, we'll provide you with information on where your gift is going and a special Christmas card to recognize those who you want to honor. Please join us for great food, wonderful fellowship, and this entertaining way to support our youth and their ministry!



FROM THE DESK OF THE DEM:

“Which one of these was a neighbor to the man in need?” This question is the conclusion to Jesus' answer to another question “Who is my neighbor?” Note that Jesus doesn't answer the question asked; Jesus doesn't say “Those in need are your neighbor.” Jesus asks who acted as a neighbor; he really answers the question “Why be a neighbor?” with “Be a neighbor because you see ones in need.”

Everyone is our neighbor in this world; it honestly may be the best term we can use for others. The Greek term used here literally means “the one nearby” and has the implication of “a person I know of.” We all know people in need, either specific people who we know by name, or people who we know exist even if we don't happen to see them every day because of how our world is sometimes divided. We can all talk about places where there are struggles and people who are in need, and because of that we should call them neighbor.

One of the ministries we worked with this past summer was the Urban Ministry center in Charlotte. They call all who come to see them neighbors, and often over time by name. They care about the homeless who have need of medical care, food, clothing, shelter, help getting paperwork so that they can be employed, and just love from another person who has the ability to help. Our youth were touched by one of these neighbors, Gary. As Gary told his story, you could see the stories of others we had met over the week flood through the minds and hearts of our youth. They saw someone who they could help and could love, and made a decision that they weren't leaving without finding him again and giving him a gift. This wasn't because it was the right thing to do, but because he was a neighbor. One in need.

It doesn't matter who our neighbors are, we will know them when we see them, because the Spirit that lives within us sees others spirits and feels their needs. This is God at work in this world, caring for others and fighting for justice. But more than that it is building a relationship and being that neighbor, a neighbor who doesn't separate from others, whose concern, like the Samaritan in scripture is for the "other," the "neighbor." There are no walls, no rules, no laws, and no expectations that keep him from being a neighbor. Likewise we must question the things that divide us. Do they likewise keep us from seeing each other and our needs, from letting the Spirit of God act among us as it wishes, bringing all together in God's love? In *The Mending Wall* by Robert Frost we see a narrator who questions the walls that are built between neighbors, and a neighbor who seems to the narrator to walk in a sort of darkness, protecting self interest and not sharing love, even as he is unable to understand the need for such a divide and just clings to it because it's always been there. May we be ones who question the walls in our lives and in the world? Thus may we become the neighbors to all that we are called to be.

Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it,
And spills the upper boulders in the sun,
And makes gaps even two can pass abreast.
The work of hunters is another thing:
I have come after them and made repair
Where they have left not one stone on a stone,
But they would have the rabbit out of hiding,
To please the yelping dogs. The gaps I mean,
No one has seen them made or heard them made,
But at spring mending-time we find them there.
I let my neighbor know beyond the hill;
And on a day we meet to walk the line
And set the wall between us once again.
We keep the wall between us as we go.

To each the boulders that have fallen to each.
And some are loaves and some so nearly balls
We have to use a spell to make them balance:
'Stay where you are until our backs are turned!'
We wear our fingers rough with handling them.
Oh, just another kind of out-door game,
One on a side. It comes to little more:
There where it is we do not need the wall:
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
He only says, 'Good fences make good neighbors'.
Spring is the mischief in me, and I wonder
If I could put a notion in his head:
'Why do they make good neighbors? Isn't it
Where there are cows?
But here there are no cows.
Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offense.
Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That wants it down.' I could say 'Elves' to him,
But it's not elves exactly, and I'd rather
He said it for himself. I see him there
Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed.
He moves in darkness as it seems to me
Not of woods only and the shade of trees.
He will not go behind his father's saying,
And he likes having thought of it so well
He says again, "Good fences make good neighbors."





BE PART OF HARBOR VIEW'S THANKSGIVING MEAL OUTREACH

As part of our Thanksgiving celebration Harbor View Church provides a turkey dinner for needy families on James Island.

We include the following food items for each family's Thanksgiving meal:

- A turkey, canned green beans and corn, evaporated milk, canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, rice, cranberry sauce, a box of brown sugar and a boxed dessert mix.

You can contribute by donating Greenbax stamps to purchase turkeys, by bringing food items to place in the box in the narthex or by making a cash donation to buy needed food items.

We will collect the ingredients for the meal for four Sundays, October 30-November 20. On November 22 we invite church members to gather in the gym and assemble a meal for each family.



Turkeys for Greenbax
Harbor View Road Piggly Wiggly has created turkey coupons which we can include in our Thanksgiving Baskets. Families receiving baskets may pick up a turkey from Harbor View Piggly Wiggly using their coupon. We will purchase these coupons using Greenbax stamps that have been donated to Harbor View Church. There are two ways to donate stamps to Harborview.

If you have a computer you may go online at www.Greenbax.net. On that site you should select "donate books". Next enter your name and Greenbax number (from your Piggly Wiggly card). Click on "donate" and then select Harbor View Presbyterian Church and the number of books you would like to donate.

If you don't have a computer you may call the church office at 795-4072. If you leave your last name and Greenbax number (from your Piggly Wiggly card) and the number of books you would like to donate Linda Stottlemyre will process your donation.

Please call Anne John (762-5786) with any questions.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST
will meet Thursday, November 17 at 8:00 a.m. at SKiBO's on Harbor View Road. All men are invited!



THE BRIDGE GROUP will meet Monday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Damascus. Robin Alexander will be the hostess for November.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet Sunday, November 27 at 3:30 p.m. in Damascus. The selection for November is *Saving Cee Cee Honeycut* by Beth Hoffman with Carol Pooser as the discussion leader. New members and guests (male and female) are always welcome. For more info, call Anne John.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
Nov. 6 Bubba & Nancy Parnelle
Nov. 13 Chip & DeeDee white
Nov. 20 Missy Atwater
Nov. 27 Cliff & Frances Bath



NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

- Nov. 6 Marty & Rossie Webber
- Nov. 13 Craig & Penny Massey
- Nov. 20 Deborah Bobo
- Nov. 27 Rob & Daisy Welch



NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

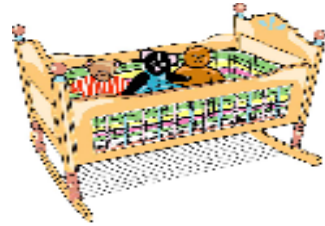
The Lunch Bunch will be going to Mt. Pleasant to *Pages Okra Grill*, 302 Coleman Blvd. on Tuesday, November 1 at 12:00 noon.

If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church by 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, call Sannie Cook. Come join us for good food, good fun and good fellowship. We hear that the food is great!

A huge thank you to Barbara Atwater for all her help coordinating the Lunch Bunch these past years, and a big hello to our new coordinators, Saradell Dantzler and Sannie Cook.



Articles are due for the December Newsletter at noon on Friday, November 18.



NURSERY SCHEDULE

9am

Nov. 2	Kathy Chessman
Nov. 13	Eric Stewart
Nov. 20	Jenni Roberson
Nov. 27	Sandra Bessent

11am

Nov. 2	Lois Amos
Nov. 13	Nancy Parnelle
Nov. 20	John Stewart
Nov. 27	Rossie Webber

If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a substitute in the Time and Talent directory. Fellow nursery workers can be found on page 19. **Unfortunately, only four people signed up to work the nursery for the 11am service, so those four people will have to work every month unless we have more help.**

Parents: If you have a child in the nursery, please consider signing up to assist for a Sunday. We can't keep this going without you! A sign-up sheet for December will be on the door of the nursery.

PARENTS PLEASE remember to label all diaper bags, sip cups, etc. that you bring with your child to the crib room.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A big thank you to all those who attended the September brunch and helped support Creations of Hope, Dottie Kelley's project to help the people of Haiti. Our Bible study for this year, "Confessing the Beatitudes," by Margaret Aymer got off to a spirited start in October. It is not too late to join us for Lesson Two, "Greatly Honored Are the Mourners!" Both circles will meet on Monday, November 21st at the church. Morning Circle meets at 10:00 a.m., and Night Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Nancy Andrews (795-5399) for more information or help with transportation.

WOMEN'S RETREAT UPDATE

We are really getting close to the deadline of December 10, 2011 to register for our wonderful Women's Retreat to be held on March 16 thru the 18th, 2012 at Bonnie Doone Plantation. The total cost of the retreat is \$140 and will be due on December 10th. If you have already registered, please remember that the final payment needs to be made by December 10th. Scholarships are available. For more information, please call or email Rossie Webber (762-7683) or Carol Pooser (762-6044). If you are hesitating, please talk with one of the women who have attended before.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Gloria Snipes
- 2nd Page Thomas
- 4th Anne Hart
- 5th Rhodine Floyd
- 5th Payton Matheson
- 6th Mickey Fennell
- 8th Lib Allen
- 10th Anne Hantske
- 10th Carol Pooser
- 11th Ryan Gamble
- 14th Eric Matheson
- 14th John Rodgers
- 14th Virginia Thomas
- 18th Randy Whilden
- 19th Marie Davison
- 20th Linda Whilden
- 22nd Caroline Hays
- 22nd Fisher Lingenfelter
- 22nd Lee Taylor
- 26th Ethel Chaplin
- 26th Hannah Chessman
- 26th David Bevon
- 27th Frances Bath
- 27th Ann Ronayne
- 28th David Cox
- 28th Warren Sloane

If your birthday is shown incorrectly or omitted, please notify the office.



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

9 A.M.

November 6
Henry Duke
Steve Connor
Chris Gilbert
Bill Hantske

November 13
Elinor Hamblin
Adam Webber
Marty Webber
Rossie Webber

November 20
Tom Lassiter
Eric Stewart
Jim Struble
Charles Truluck

November 27
Jay Wooley
Greg Rollins
Kathy Chessman
Larry Grant

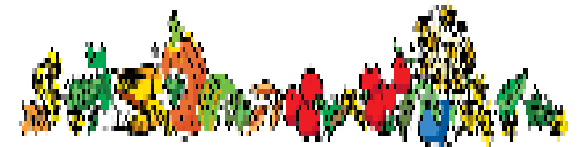
11 A.M.

Brad Wilson
Hugh Donnan
Roy Owens
John Rodgers

David Liao
Tommy Mathews
Harry Bishop
Tom Cook

Chad Atwater
John Stewart
John DeVane
Gary Gist

Marvin Jones
Tommy Mathews
Tom Cook
John DeVane





REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 5



MEPKIN ABBEY CRECHE FESTIVAL – December 3. We will meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. and carpool. The tour is at 11:00 with lunch to follow at Gilligans. We should be back at the church by 2:30. Questions – Call Sannie at 795-2055.



BUTTERFLY GARDEN WORK DAY
There will be a work day for all members of the Butterfly Garden Ministry on Saturday, November 5. All members are encouraged to come and help out, and any others who are interested are welcome to attend. Please arrive about 9 AM and bring garden gloves, clippers, and trowels and any other garden equipment you think you might need. We will be doing any weeding and cutting back that the garden needs.



The Prison Ministry Angel Tree will be up November 27 in the narthex. Please stop by on the 27th and December 4th to find your special Angel. If you want to help with the party in December, please contact Sannie Cook at 795-2055.



HVPC RAMP DAY

The next Ramp workday is November 5. We will meet that Saturday at 7:00 a.m. at the church. Any questions, please call Brian Dantzler at 795-9214.



IT'S TURKEY TIME

Stuffing Thornwell cardboard turkey coin holders with quarters has been a tradition for hundreds of churches for generations. Harbor View will continue that tradition again this year when your child is given a turkey on October 30 or November 5. Envelopes for giving will be included in the bulletin on Sunday, November 20, and we hope that you will give generously. Through Thornwell Home for Children, God has been working for 136 years with abused, abandoned, and neglected children. With your help, Thornwell will continue to provide home, hope, and healing to hurting children. Your gifts, your prayers, and your acts of kindness have truly given these boys and girls a hope and a future.



HISPANIC MINISTRY MISSION

You might recall from the last couple of years that our church has gathered gently used jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, and blankets for the Hispanic men staying at a camp on Johns Island. These men either work on the local golf courses or work outside in some capacity, so the need is

great. You have been generous in the past. The men were extremely appreciative of our efforts. We would like to offer the same service again this year.

For the next couple of weeks there will be a box in the narthex marked "Hispanic Ministries." Please bring in any men's clean, gently used jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, or blankets that you are no longer using and place them in the box.

After we have collected these items, they will be delivered to the camp. This is one of the many ways that Harbor View's outreach programs help those in need. After all the spirit of giving and sharing is an important part of our Christian faith.

SAVE THE DATE!
HVPC Oyster Roast
January 28, 2012





Church Members

Bob Geiger, home
Claudia Owens, home
Elaine Stanford, home
Audrey Geiger, home
Bob Lane, home
Helen Obermiller, Savannah House
Rosemarie DeGroot, home
Melrose Anderson, home

Friends and Relatives

Jo Roberson, step-mother of Anne Hart's son
David Wilson, cousin of Betty DeVane
Jane Williams, friend of Gail Truluck
Robbie Lingenfelter, friend of Jane Moring
Danny Shelton, friend of Steve Connor
Thea Frasier and Anna Lee Oliver, friends of Betty DeVane
The community and my sisters in Minot, North Dakota cleaning up flood damage, Linda Stottlemyre
Les O'Hara, Brad Truluck's father-in-law
Walt Linnville, brother of Anna Linnville
Frances Amend, aunt of Gail Truluck
Nan Hahn, friend of Betty DeVane
Sheldon Sime, brother of Linda Stottlemyre
Jerry Craig, friend of Charles Truluck
Edward Jenkins, friend of Steve Connor
Abigail Eshee, cousin of Alixanna Benson
Floyd Plummer, great grandfather of Anna Linnville

Debbie Clapp, cousin of Kathy Chessman
Jennifer Walker Weinstein, friend of Debbie Scholz
Cooper Hardy and his family, student of ECEP
Donna O'Quinn, friend of Betty DeVane
Judi Eubanks, friend of John & Betty DeVane
Lyal Stryker, Norma Stever's father
Mildred Tyler, David Tyler's mother
Karen Stansbury, Kathy Chessman's sister
Eula Acton, Nancy Grant's mother
Lewis Smoak, Deborah Bobo's dad
Hazel Smoak, Deborah Bobo's grandma
Dan Yurkowski, Susan Behrends' nephew
Barb & Ed Wirth, Ed Wirth's parents
George Green, 10-yr-old diagnosed with ALCL
Chuck Thompson, Cheri Warren's father
Judy Howard, friend of the Harts
Tom Ellenberger, Karen Lassiter's brother
Tony, Rosemary and Will Nichols, friends of David and Juli Bevon
Mike Oliver, friend of John DeVane

And Also Remember . . .

Martha Henderson, Dayspring Assisted Living, Hollywood, SC
Kennon Welch, Sunrise, Decatur, GA
Aylene Wright, Presbyterian Village

And Also Deployed . .

Matthew Wolf, brother of Anne Wirth
Curt Stewart, son of John and Arleen Stewart
Kenny Bath, son of Cliff and Frances Bath
Jason Gates, son-in-law of John and Beverly O'Brien

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

9:00 Worship
10:00 Fellowship
10:00 – 10:50 Christian Nurture
11:00 Worship

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Tuesday, November 1

Guests Welcome - Staffed Nursery Provided
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