

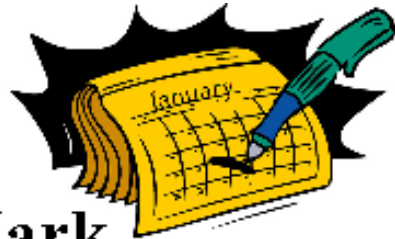
# Harbor View Highlights



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

*A Publication of Harbor View Presbyterian Church, Charleston, South Carolina  
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## Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, January 1 Worship Service – 10:30 am

Sunday, January 8 Worship Services 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
New Elder Examination at 10:10 am in Fellowship Hall  
Elder Installation/Ordination at the 11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, January 9 The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bridge Club party at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 10 Vision Team Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday and Saturday, January 13 & 14 Session Retreat and Meeting at Truluck Island

Sunday, January 22 Vision Team Meeting 3:00 pm

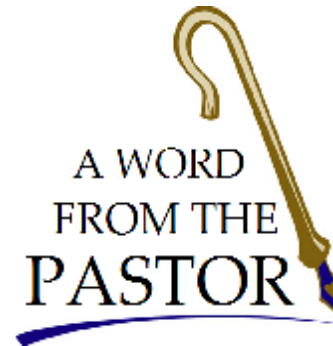
Saturday, January 28 Oyster Roast at Truluck Island 6:00 pm

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY**

Sunday, February 12 Congregation Wide Visioning Groups followed by supper

Saturday and Sunday, February 24 & 25 Parenting Faithfully Weekend

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A New Year has arrived! And along with a New Year, come new opportunities, new starts, and new resolutions. Here at HVPC we are calling this our “Year of Seeking God’s Vision.” A biblical analogy for this comes from Jesus. In some of His parables he mentions seeds. Seeds are only the beginning. Every farmer plants a seed, knowing that this is the start of a whole new crop. In other words, the farmer plants the seeds with a vision in mind. He never planted any seeds without first having in mind exactly what he wanted to grow. In his mind’s eye, he sees within every seed, the full stalk of corn that will develop one day. A farmer would not plant a seed without a view toward its eventual growth.

The same is true of the church. This church was planted years ago. At that time, there were those who had an idea – a vision of what it would one day become. No one person who was a planter of HVPC ever expected it to simply stay the same...just a seed. No, there were hopes, expectations, and faith that it would be watered, fed, cultivated. Like a seed, it would begin to sprout and grow, mature and develop. Such things should never stay the same! Growth means life. The only other option for the seed would be to remain inside its shell, its hull, and never become all it was meant to be - -remaining dormant and lifeless.

Like a farmer cultivating, fertilizing, and watering that seed with a vision of its full potential, the people of HVPC certainly have done likewise. There has been a vision – a God-given view of all that this seed was planted to be. Can you and I see that vision?

However, let’s try on a different perspective for a moment. Switch from the farmer to the seed. What if, along the way of their growth, the seeds on that row of corn ever started up a conversation from their view of it all? What might that sound like? I wonder. Would one seed ever comment to another, “Well, I sure do miss the good old days? Here we are, sprouting out into the hot summer sun. I think I liked it better in the good old days when we were nice and safe, and tucked into the shell of the seed.” “Yeah, responds another corn sprout, “that was great being under that nice, cool, blanket of soil. Good times. “The first corn sprout gets an idea, “Hey, I don’t know about you, but I am going to have a talk with that farmer and see if he can do that. “ “Yes, that’s a great idea. Maybe there are more sprouts who feel like we do. We can get together and make that farmer get us back to the way things used to be. This whole growing thing is NOT what we thought it would be. It’s downright uncomfortable – all this stretching and moving up and out into the world. I like it much better before.”

That all sounds rather silly, I know. A sprout of corn can no more go back to seed than a church can go back in time. Yet, through my years in churches over the last 25 years, I have heard that

same sentiment expressed in different ways by people who feel very strongly that we ought to be able to keep things “the way they are“ or “go back to the way they used to be.”

Just as a seed must continue to fulfill the farmer’s vision and its God-given purpose in the world –to live and grow so must the Church of Jesus Christ. In this sense, God is our great Farmer. He has been here all along, planting us (giving the gift of faith), watering us (baptism), cultivating our relationships (fellowship), and fertilizing our faith (education, worship, ministry, and mission). Like seeds under the farmer’s care, we must either grow and mature, or wither and die. As the farmer has a vision of the seeds becoming a great crop, so God has a vision for us! God intends for us to flourish! As a seed flourishes, it changes – from seed to seedling, putting down roots, shooting up above ground; it becomes a spout and develops leaves and branches; it grows taller and broader, stronger. It finally begins to bear fruit and vegetation. It can then begin to feed others. Can you see the comparison with the church?

Alongside the great Farmer, you and I need to be able to visualize what the seed can become. As the church, we need more than a mere personal view – we need God’s view – a God-given vision for the church. In part, that will mean letting go of all our own ideas and agendas about what WE think HVPC ought to be and do. That will be hard. But we must, otherwise we’ll be no better off than those conversant seeds who would rather go backward than forward. The question is do we desire more what WE want, or what our great Farmer wants. To identify what our Farmer (God) envisions for this congregation will require that we be humble enough to openly give up ourselves to His will. Seeking God’s vision will be demanding of us. It demands that we personally and corporately make the commitment to develop the heart and mind of Christ (read Philippians.) You cannot know God’s will until you know God. That means spending time with Him: in prayer, in daily fellowship with Christ, reading and absorbing His Word into our minds, worshipping together, and worshipping alone, serving Him together, and serving Him alone. In the end, it requires that we learn to love God more than we love self.

In short, this “Year of Seeking God’s Vision” is a tall order, and no small task. It will be an ongoing process for us as a church. Like the growing of a fine field of corn, it cannot be rushed. It can only happen in due season, within God’s time frame. And we must trust that our Farmer will bring us to full growth as He cultivates us.

What does God see as He looks at us –at this church? What vision does He see as He gazes upon this field?

Let us seek God’s vision together,

Philip



## Parenting Faithfully:

### Putting together the puzzle of family life.

February 24 & 25, 2012

Come join speaker, mother, and Christian coach Laura Davis as she leads a workshop on the joys and challenges of being a parent. This workshop will look at the practical pieces of parenting from the perspective of a Christian. If you ever wonder about how your experiences relate to those of others, or just want to know more about what it means to faithfully parent this is the workshop for you.

The workshop kicks off at 7pm on Friday, February 24 and continues on Saturday, February 25th at 9am and continuing into the afternoon with lunch included. Cost is \$10 for HVPC Members and Child Care Parents and \$20 for all others. Childcare for participants will be available for a small additional fee.

Laura Davis is the Developmentally Disabled Ministry Coordinator for Hope Tree Family Services in Bybee, Virginia. She is also certified as both a Christian coach and in Preschool and Children’s Ministry. Laura is a graduate of the Divinity program at Campbell University and Sociology program at Mary Washington College. Her passion for speaking and helping others walk with God on a practical and intimate level has led her to speaking and leading workshops that aspire to help people reach a fulfilling place in their lives. She joins us for this workshop sharing her experience as the wife of Kenny Davis and the mother of 3 wonderful children ages 11, 9, and 6.



**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEM:**



As we start this new year, many of us will make resolutions to “better” ourselves. In addition we’re entering a year of discovering God’s vision here at HVPC. These are good things, but make sure that we remember God’s purposes for us as we look forward. This poem by B.V. Cornwall speaks to our purposes in this world and what we should aspire to be like:

The Master was searching for a vessel to use;  
On the shelf there were many - which one would He choose?

“Take me,” cried the gold one, “I’m shiny and bright, I’m of great value and I do things just right. My beauty and luster will outshine the rest and for someone like You, Master, gold would be the best!”

The Master passed on with no word at all;  
He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall;  
“I’ll serve You, dear Master, I’ll pour out Your wine  
And I’ll be at Your table whenever You dine,  
My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,  
And my silver will always compliment You.”

Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass,  
it was wide mouthed and shallow, and polished like glass.  
“Here! Here! cried the vessel, I know I will do,  
Place me on Your table for all men to view.”

“Look at me,” called the goblet of crystal so clear,  
“My transparency shows my contents so dear,  
Though fragile am I, I will serve You with pride,  
And I’m sure I’ll be happy in Your house to abide.”

The Master came next to a vessel of wood,  
Polished and carved, it solidly stood.  
“You may use me, dear Master, the wooden bowl said,  
But I’d rather You used me for fruit, not for bread!”

Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay.  
Empty and broken it helplessly lay.  
No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose,  
To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use.  
“Ah! This is the vessel I’ve been hoping to find,  
I will mend and use it and make it all Mine.  
I need not the vessel with pride of its self;  
Nor the one who is narrow to sit on the shelf;  
Nor the one who is big mouthed and shallow and loud;  
Nor one who displays his contents so proud;  
Not the one who thinks he can do all things just right;  
But this plain earthy vessel filled with My power and might.”

Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay.  
Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day.  
Spoke to it kindly. “There’s work you must do,  
Just pour out to others as I pour into you.”

May this be a reminder to us all, that while we have many great ideas about how we can show God to others, what God asks is that we be willing to just be what we are, broken earthly vessels waiting to be humbly filled with God’s love and then used to pour it out to others just as it’s poured into us. For it is not anything of us that brings God glory, but God shining through us, flowing through us, as we hear the voice that gives us purpose and makes us whole.



**There’s Montreat for Everyone!**

For College Students – We will be there January 2-5

For Adults – We will be going to the signature conference May 25-28

For Youth – June 9-16 – Montreat and Asheville Youth Mission

Make plans to join us for one of these events or to go have your own Mountain Retreat at Montreat!



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**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 17-21, 2012**  
Watch for more information coming over the next few months.

If you are interested in being a helper please contact Adrian or sign up in the Main Hallway!

Registration will begin in February.

[VBS.HarborviewPC.org](http://VBS.HarborviewPC.org)

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Coming in January: A new Thursday evening study on the subject of gaining God's vision for the church. We will begin late in January, so keep your ears open and yours eyes peeled for more information about signing up. The class will be led by Philip West.

**FEBRUARY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 AT NOON!**

### PLANNED PRAYER

One new dimension that has developed through our Vision Team is to be more intentional in our prayers for one another. So, to accomplish this, our Wednesday morning prayer group will be praying for you in an organized way. In addition to our spontaneous listing of prayer requests as we come together for prayer, we will go through our church directory and pray for four households each week. We will simply follow the alphabetical listing of each family (household) as we join for prayer. As a part of this endeavor, we will send a letter out the week prior to the week you will be on our prayer list. The letter will ask if you have specific prayer requests that you would like for us to include when we meet the next week. In this way, we will pray for the entire congregation throughout the calendar year. Please keep in mind that the prayer group is always an open-door gathering - - anyone can feel free to drop in and pray as you have the opportunity. We meet Wednesday mornings at 9am in the library of the church.

### CONGREGATION WIDE Vision-Seeking Groups

On Sunday, Feb. 12, the Vision Team will be leading the entire congregation in an event designed to bring us together, as we discuss what God wants us to do as a church. We will begin at 4pm by meeting in the sanctuary, followed by break-out groups

where the discussions will take place. Afterward, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for closing and supper for all. Child-care will be provided! So make your plans now to join us for this important event. More information to come!

### CHANGES

You will be noticing some changes along the New Year in regard to our bulletin and newsletter. We are trying to update the appearance, do some streamlining, and give an overall better and user-friendly appearance to these items. One very notable difference is in the prayer list for each Sunday. With a New Year, we are beginning anew! In a sense, we are establishing something of a "Tabula Rasa" - a blank slate with which to begin the prayer list in 2012. Unless we have heard from you recently about the person(s) you have asked to be placed on the prayer list, those names have been removed. Don't panic! Any names that you would like placed there can be - just call or email the church office and let us know. As we were looking through the list, we began to notice some names that have been there for quite some time, even years, without any updates on their condition or circumstances. The idea behind this is simply to maintain an accurate and timely prayer list. It will be refreshed each month. If, after approximately a month's time, we have received no further information or requests for prayer for that person, the name will be removed. In this way, we can better keep track of the active needs of those within our community.



## MANY VOICES, ONE SONG

This month we will again participate in the PC USA's "Many Voices, One Song" series. In anticipation of the 2013 publication of **Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal**, churches throughout the country are singing the same hymn at various times throughout the year. On January 8 we are singing "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me." This stirring gospel-style hymn by Paul A. Vasile is based on the Glori Patri. Upcoming Sundays in this series will include a variety of traditional and new hymns that will be part of the new hymnal. Watch for updates!



Dear Harbor View Presbyterian Church,  
This summer I am looking into a mission trip that is in Los Angeles, Peru. I would be in Peru doing mission work from June 4 to

August 3; a total of two months. During this time I would be leading Bible studies, teaching important life skills and vocational skills to the people there. I would also be able to disciple future leaders, play, and teach the children and have the chance to get to know the people and understand their culture more than I do now. I have to go through an application process and an

interview before I know if I am able to go. To be able to go on the mission trip I am going to have to raise at least \$2500. I am coming to you as a congregation and asking for your help in raising the funds for this mission trip. I know that I will have the support of the whole congregation in one form or another and I want to thank you for that.

Peace and Love,  
Aubrey Plum

If you would like to make a donation for Aubrey's mission trip, please make your check out to Aubrey and give it directly to her!



Dear HVPC Family,  
Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, food and kind words you have all provided me when my mom passed away. We are very thankful for all of the support and it has really helped during this tough time.  
Sincerely,  
Missy Atwater and family

## CROP WALK REPORT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2011 CROP Walk. Harbor View had three walkers participate and also raised \$845.00.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Johnson  
CROP Coordinator

## THE MEN'S BREAKFAST

will meet Thursday, January 19 at 8:00 a.m. at SKiBO's on Harbor View Road. All men are invited!



Calling all Bridge players or "Wanna-be" Bridge players. Join the HVPC Bridge Club as they celebrate 10 years of card playing. Contact the church office or

[charlenealdrich@netscape.net](mailto:charlenealdrich@netscape.net)

et to save a place at the table on January 9 at 7:00 pm. We won't know what room we are in until we know how many tables we will have. We look forward to an evening of fun, food, and friends. Charlene, Robin, Frances, Bobby, Marg, Brenda, Eric, and June.

## THE BOOK CLUB

will meet on January 22 to discuss *Hiding in the Spotlight: A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival, 1941-1946* by Greg Dawson.



We will discuss the book and also decide on the books that we'll read in the coming year. We invite anyone who has an interest in reading and discussing books to join us and bring a book they'd like us to read. New members and guests (male and female) are always welcome. For more info, call Anne John.



## JANUARY FLOWERS

Jan. 1	Communion
Jan. 8	Tommy & Sue Mathews
Jan. 15	Dave & Nancy Andrews
Jan. 22	John & Cookie Rodgers
Jan. 29	**OPEN**

The 2012 flower chart is posted on the door across from the big bulletin board in the main hallway. Please sign your name by a date that you would like to provide flowers for the communion table. There is currently one Sunday still open in January.



## JANUARY GREETERS

9:00 AM

Jan. 1	Tom & Karen Lassiter
Jan. 8	Jeff & Buffie Copeland
Jan. 15	Dannie Manning
Jan. 22	Charles & Kay Truluck
Jan. 29	Barbara Spence

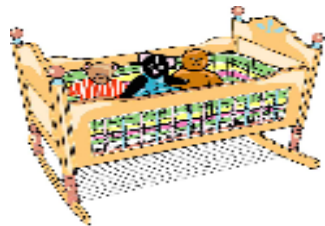
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Jan. 1	John Stewart
Jan. 8	Bud & Anne Cofer
Jan. 15	John DeVane
Jan. 22	Bob McKay
Jan. 29	Chad & Missy Atwater



### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

- Jan. 1 Eric Stewart
- Jan. 8 Wilma & Mike Deddish
- Jan. 15 OPEN
- Jan. 22 Tom & Sannie Cook
- Jan. 29 Bud & Anne Cofer



### NURSERY SCHEDULE

- Jan. 1 (Single Service) Jan Kucklick  
**9:00am**
- Jan. 8 Sara Tyler
- Jan. 15 Kathy Chessman
- Jan. 22 Eric Stewart
- Jan. 29 Jenni Roberson
- 11am**
- Jan. 8 Nancy Parnelle
- Jan. 15 John Stewart
- Jan. 22 Bess Burkhardt
- Jan. 29 Lois Amos

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.

**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!**



### JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will be going to the *Charleston Crab House*, 145 Wappoo Creek Drive, James Island, on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church at 11:30 am. If you have any questions or need transportation, please call Barbara Atwater at 795-1419. Everyone is welcome to come join us for the food, fun, and great fellowship. See you there!



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thanks to all those who helped make our December circle so merry, especially our hostesses, Anne Cofer, Rossie Webber, and Jane Moring. January Circles will meet on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at the church. Morning Circle will meet at 10:00 am, and Night Circle will meet at 7:30 pm. Both Circles will be studying Lesson 4, "Greatly Honored Are Those Who Are Famished and Parched for Justice!" Please contact either hostess, Anne Hart (795-2779) or Nancy Andrews (795-5399) for more information and/or help with transportation. We are still collecting new or gently used dish towels and dishcloths for our freshly painted (Wow!) Theresa's Kitchen.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Althea Buehler
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mark Whilden
- 6<sup>th</sup> Tracie Geiger
- 9<sup>th</sup> Karen Lassiter
- 9<sup>th</sup> Wick Bouton
- 9<sup>th</sup> Drake Roberson
- 10<sup>th</sup> Rosemarie DeGroot
- 11<sup>th</sup> Lauren Jones
- 12<sup>th</sup> Saradell Dantzler
- 13<sup>th</sup> Reenie McClure
- 17<sup>th</sup> Greg Rollins
- 17<sup>th</sup> Melrose Anderson
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jim Struble
- 18<sup>th</sup> Alexandra Gilbert
- 19<sup>th</sup> Deborah BoBo
- 19<sup>th</sup> John Stewart
- 19<sup>th</sup> Kendal Jones
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Rhett Chaplin
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ashley West
- 24<sup>th</sup> Bubba Parnelle
- 24<sup>th</sup> Caroline Warren
- 25<sup>th</sup> Ruth Hiers
- 28<sup>th</sup> Charlene Aldrich
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bessie Chassereau-Player
- 29<sup>th</sup> Chris Whilden
- 29<sup>th</sup> Cherie Loewen
- 30<sup>th</sup> Kathy Chessman

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



**The January usher schedule is posted on the door across from the bulletin board in the main hallway.**



### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Church Members

- Brian Dantzler, home**
- Claire Connor, home**
- Lois Amos, home**
- Marty Webber, home**
- Willis Gurney, home**
- Bob Geiger, home**
- Claudia Owens, home**
- Audrey Geiger, home**
- Bob Lane, home**
- Helen Obermiller, Savannah House**
- Rosemarie DeGroot, home**
- Melrose Anderson, home**

#### And Also Remember . . .

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

#### And Our Deployed . . .

- Matthew Wolf, Anne Wirth's brother**
- 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**
- Joe Ellenberger, nephew of Karen Lassiter**
- Robert Workman, nephew of Sara Tyler**

## 2012 HVPC OYSTER ROAST

January 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM  
On beautiful Truluck Island



Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall  
beginning Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and  
ending Sunday, January 22.

You may also purchase tickets from Linda  
in the church office during the week.

\$15 for Oysters, Jambalaya, Brats, Hot Dogs and Chili  
(Plus all the goodies that Charles and the gang fix)

\$10 Everything BUT Oysters

Children 3 and under free

Don't forget to bring your favorite desserts to share!

**SEE YOU AT THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR!**

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9:00   Worship  
10:00   Fellowship  
10:00 – 10:50 Discipleship Classes  
11:00   Worship



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