

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

Congregational Meeting for Budget Presentation and Change in Pastor's Terms of Call –
Sunday, February 3, 10:45 a.m.

Youth Super Bowl Party – Sunday, February 5, 6:00 pm at Elinor Hamblin's

Art and Poetry During Lent Series Wednesday, February 13, 20, 27 begins at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Retreat Friday – Saturday, February 15 & 16

Presbytery Meeting in Beaufort Saturday, February 16

Congregational Fellowship Vision Event, Sunday, February 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Ministry Coordinating Team, Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Fund Raiser for Guatemala Mission Trip, Sunday, February 24, 6:00 p.m.

Session Meeting – Monday, February 25 at 7:00 pm

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If only our foresight was as clear as our hindsight, what a difference it would make! I've been thinking about a lot lately. While I can make no claims to see what God has set before us on the horizon, I can join with you in looking back over our collective shoulder and see what God has done, and mark some of the accomplishments toward which we can point and rejoice.

2012 was a very full year! From my vantage point, I can see worship services during which the Spirit of Christ was at work, stirring hearts and drawing us into His presence. We saw the chancel choir and music team growing as new voices joined in song to honor God. Sunday school classes (discipleship groups) met, in which small group interaction gave those who attended deeper roots into God's Word. A new adult class was added so that the choir members might have a chance to do some spiritual work and be nurtured in faith. Overall attendance during Sunday school was proportionally greater than in previous years. The youth group made a major decision - to plan a mission trip to Guatemala, and to work together to fund that outreach. The exterior of the building was painted, as well as some of the interior hallways, and the kitchen in fellowship hall. A bathroom was overhauled, updated, and is now accessible to anyone; new signs placed around the front of the church; a new hot water heater was installed in the kitchen; new banners were added to the sanctuary to aid in worship; and our first stained glass window was installed. Reflect and consider all the years during which those windows were discussed, money given, and ideas shared. Today they are finally a reality! New members have come to join the church family, and more are on the way. The congregation gathered to add their insights and ideas into the development of a new vision statement. It was truly wonderful to see so many come together with an enthusiasm to share their thoughts and give prayerful consideration to the future of Harbor View. Out of that event, the vision team fashioned and the session adopted the new vision statement. Members of the church participated in a new Habitat for Humanity project with members of other churches. The Ramp Team was given new materials for the work on wheelchair ramps – aluminum premade sections, making them a bit easier and less time-consuming to install. The ECEP added new classes, more children, and more teachers to an already robust program, increasing the opportunity to touch families with the care of Christ. During a year that was very hard on many families, HVPC was able to assist an unprecedented number of people in financial distress through the loose offerings collected at communion services. A car was donated and members of the church made that gift possible to a member in need. We have beloved members who were diagnosed with life-threatening and life-altering conditions more than a year ago, who, by the grace of Christ, remain among us. In these ways and more, the goodness of the Lord has been poured out upon us and continues to overflow to our hearts with thanksgiving.



No doubt, as you review 2012, you will have additions to make to that list! We truly have much to celebrate, as we move into this year together. 2013 will be “The Year of Living the Vision: Focus on Fellowship and Outreach.” Those two dimensions of church life reflect the first two clauses of the Vision Statement: “Harbor View Presbyterian Church is a community of faith, seeking to transform the world....” Not only this, but these two aspects of congregational life must be held in constant balance. Too much emphasis on one will lead to a distortion of the other. Too much fellowship and not enough outreach leads to a narcissistic church that cares about itself to the neglect of the Great Commission. Too much outreach and not enough fellowship deplete the congregation of its spiritual strength and may lead us to lose sight of the reason/basis for why we reach out. On a biblical level, these two foundational purposes of church life are reflected in the New Testament words disciple and apostle. A disciple gathers with other disciples and with the master to learn and develop understanding. Linguistically, a disciple is literally a “learner.” An apostle is the person who has learned and is ready to go out and share what he/she has learned. The literal translation of apostle is “sent-out-one.” Thus, discipleship and apostleship share much in common with the understanding of fellowship and outreach. We gather in fellowship – not for fellowship’s sake alone – but to grow and develop as disciples of Jesus Christ. And then, like the disciples of Scripture, having learned, we are sent out as apostles into the world.

Disciples and apostles - - we are called to be both! That’s part of our Christian identity. They describe and reflect the essentials of fellowship and outreach. Let us grow and develop these integral areas of our congregational life! We want everyone to join us in that process as we gather on **Sunday Feb. 17 at 4pm** for another **Vision Event**. This event will be focused on fellowship. We will begin in the gym, with some fun activities to engage us all in some interactive fellowship. There will be a nursery for all who need to make use of that service. Food will be available for all who would like to partake of some afternoon snacks and refreshments. From the gym, we will break into small groups for some more interaction and discussion. Please call the church office to sign up (so we can assure proper nursery care and enough food) 795 – 4027, and let us know how many you will be bringing for this event. I hope to see you there,

Philip



A BIBLICAL STUDY OF MARRIAGE

(in a continuing series)

Jeremiah 3:1-14 and several other texts of the Old Testament evoke at a strong parallel between the commandments forbidding idolatry and those prohibiting adultery. Promiscuity goes hand in hand with a religious laxity that is willing to worship any number of false gods. In other words, infidelity to God is referenced in the Hebrew Scriptures in terms of marital infidelity. On the other hand, monogamy goes with monotheism. Exclusive devotion to the one true God is correlated to exclusive fidelity to one’s spouse. God’s covenant with Israel is like a monogamous marriage. The zealous, jealous love of the human relationship finds its match in the zealous, jealous love of the divine. This metaphor is the lens through which traditional Jewish interpreters saw the Song of Solomon. In a poetic image of intercourse, the bride says of her bridegroom:

“My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to pasture his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies. I am my beloveds and my beloved is mine; he pastures his flock among the lilies.” (Song of Solomon 6:2-3)

The poet praises this “love [that] is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave” (8:6). The immediate reference is

to the overwhelming passion between a bride and bridegroom. Figuratively, however, later Jewish and Christian interpreters saw a portrayal of the all-consuming love between God and his people. The metaphor comes to life in the prophecy of Hosea. God asks the prophet to “take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution” as a living illustration of how “the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the LORD” (Hosea 1:2). Hosea’s wife, Gomer, goes after other lovers; however, God (and Hosea, too) persists: “Therefore, I will now allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her” (2:14). In a moving act of determined love, Hosea buys Gomer back out of prostitution, as God will redeem Israel from its infidelity. The promise in both cases is that “I will take you for my wife forever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy” (2:19).

It is hard to imagine a more vivid depiction of God’s unconditional, enduring love for Israel. The implication, too, is that human marital love should have similar qualities, always ready to seek forgiveness and reconciliation with the spouse to whom one has pledged, whenever possible.

FROM THE DEM:

Guatemala Mission Team - We are now only 5 months from our time in Guatemala and things are becoming very real; passports are in process, airline tickets are being finalized, our schedule while in Guatemala is being put together. While all of this is exciting, we're also putting in a lot of effort to prepare ourselves for the experience. We are meeting regularly to work on our skills as a team to prepare ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually for this experience. We are also continuing to work at fundraising for this trip and at finding ways to include all of the church as part of this experience. If you would like to know more,

feel free to ask a team member. The Mission Team is: Maggie Wirth, Miranda Carter, Alex Gilbert, Devon Scholz, Holly Petersen-Overton, Jonas Baranoski, Brooke Bazemore, Emily Kucklick, Kenneth Sloane, Katherine Atkins, Paul Scholz, and Adrian Williams.

Crock Pot Cook Off and Family Face Off - We interviewed 100 HVPC Members and asked them what they loved about this church, the top 5 answers are on the board! Come join us as we fellowship together, raise funds for youth mission, and share some great cooking. If you would like to submit a crock pot dish for this event, please sign up on the Education bulletin board. If you'd like to be a judge, please see Adrian. If you just want to come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship, save the date - February 24



Yard Sale - The HVPC youth are planning to do a Yard Sale here at the church in the late spring. As you consider a spring cleaning please keep us in mind for donations. As storage space at the church is limited, please contact Adrian if you have something you'd like to donate at this time.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On February 3 the HVPC Youth will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. This nationwide event aims at collecting money and goods for use in feeding the hungry and homeless of our nation. We will be collecting for James Island Outreach in between services and hope that you will give to support this great ministry.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Feb. 3	Chip & DeeDee White
Feb. 10	Brad & Jennifer Wilson
Feb. 17	Tracy Conner
Feb. 24	Tom & Sannie Cook



THE BOOK

CLUB will meet
Sunday, February 17
at 3:30 p.m. to discuss
*The Elephant
Whisperer* by

Lawrence Anthony & Graham Spence.
Sannie Cook will be the moderator.
New members and guests (male and female)
are always welcome. For more info call
Anne John at 762-5786.

HVPC Book Club 2013 Book List

February 17 *The Elephant Whisperer*,
Lawrence Anthony & Graham Spence

March 17 *Death Comes to Pemberly*, P.D.
James

April 21 *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter &
Sweet*, Jamie Ford

May 19, *90 Minutes in Heaven*, Don Piper

June 23, *Flabbergasted*, Don Piper

July 21, *Case Histories A Novel*, Kate
Atkinson

August 18, *The Book Thief*, Markus Zasad

September 22, *The Hare with the Amber
Eyes*, Edmund de Waal

October 20, *Wonder*, R. J. Palacio &
*Making the Rounds with Oscar: The
Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat*,
David Dosa

November 17, *Light Between Oceans*, M. L.
Stedmen

December 15, *A Red Bird Christmas: A
Novel*, Fannie Flagg & *Last Noel*, Michael
Malone



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet Thursday, February 21st at 8:00 am at *The Mustard Seed* on Maybank Highway. All men are invited!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women Circles got off to a great start in January. We want to thank Sue for leading our Bible study so well and also providing the treats for Morning Circle (even with Tommy out of town!). Thanks, too, to Rossie Webber for preparing delicious desserts for Night Circle. In February, we are pushing back our meeting date to the fourth Tuesday. Both Circles will meet on Tuesday, February 26th. Morning Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the church and Joan Loy will be our hostess. Night Circle will be traveling to Carol and Jimmy Pooser's new home at 7:30 p.m. Both Circles will be exploring the roles of women today and in the time of Peter. Our lesson is chapter 4, "The Ties That Bind." Visitors are always welcome at either Circle. Please contact Nancy Andrews or one of our hostesses for more information and/or help with transportation.



FEBRUARY FLOWERS

Feb. 3	Communion
Feb. 10	**OPEN**
Feb. 17	Tommy & Sue Mathews
Feb. 24	John & Arleen Stewart

If you can provide flowers for the open Sunday, please add your name to the flower list on the door in the main hallway.



THE BRIDGE GROUP

will meet Monday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Room M2. Eric Stewart will be the host.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

February 3	Ann Ronayne
February 10	Adrian Williams
February 17	Kathy Chessman
February 24	Philip West



FEBRUARY USHERS

9:00

February 3

Henry Duke
Alex Gilbert
Frank Gilbert
Chris Gilbert

February 10

Elinor Hamblin
Adam Webber
Marty Webber
Rossie Webber

February 17

Tom Lassiter
Eric Stewart
Jim Struble
Charles Truluck

February 24

Greg Rollins
Chad Atwater
Kathy Chessman
Larry Grant

11:00

Hugh Donnan
John Rogers
Brad Wilson
Roy Owens

Harry Bishop
Tommy Mathews
Tom Cook
David Liao

Bob McKay
John Stewart
Gary Gist
John DeVane

Tony Lavender
Tommy Mathews
Tom Cook
John DeVane



FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet this

month at LaTabella in the Piggly Wiggly Shopping center on Tuesday, February 5 at noon. We have heard that the food is delicious. As always we will meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool. Call our team leaders Saradell Dantzler 795-9214 or Sannie Cook 795-2055 for further information. We look forward to exploring new places and revisiting old favorites. If you have a place you would like to visit, give us a call.



COMMUNION SERVERS FEBRUARY 3RD

9:00 AM

Deborah Bobo
Steve Connor
Greg Rollins
Marty Webber

11:00 AM

Brian Dantzler
John DeVane
Ann Ronayne
Jennifer Wilson
One Spot TBD

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

All articles for the March newsletter will be due in the church office by noon on Friday, February 22.



LUNCH BUNCH

The MUSC lunch bunch meets every other month for fellowship over lunch. This month, the group will meet on Wednesday, February 13 at The Wickliffe House (178 Ashley Avenue – right across from the Basic Science Building) at 1130 a.m. The MUSC lunch bunch isn't just for those that work at MUSC – if you work anywhere within walking distance we'd love to have you join us! We'll always try to have lunch within walking distance of campus – ever mindful of the fact that getting to our cars may not always be the easiest and having to get back to the office (or studying) within an hour. If you have any questions, please e-mail Ann Ronayne (Ronayne@musc.edu). See you on February 13th!

WORSHIP WELCOME FEBRUARY

9:00 AM

Feb. 3	Jan Kucklick
Feb. 10	Anne Hantske
Feb. 17	Deborah Bobo
Feb. 24	Kathy Chessman

11:00 AM

Feb. 3	Brian Dantzler
Feb. 10	Gwen Wright
Feb. 17	Sue Mathews
Feb. 24	John Stewart



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Richard Hart, Sr.
1 st	Becky Linnville
2 nd	Lennie Woods
2 nd	Tracy Connor
4 th	Alex Hyams
5 th	Pattie Rivers
5 th	Doris Rollins
5 th	Andrew Hyams
6 th	Jennifer Wilson
7 th	Charles Truluck
8 th	Elaine Earl
9 th	Barbara Atwater
9 th	Edna Ann Schwertfeger
9 th	Cheri Warren
9 th	Spence Cox
10 th	Jean Simmons
10 th	Beverly O'Brien
10 th	Daisy Welch
11 th	Chip White
12 th	Rebecca Wooley
14 th	Jackson Bazemore
14 th	Kyle Marsteller
16 th	Lydia Cox
16 th	Anna Linnville
18 th	Dan Mills
21 st	Larry Grant
21 st	Anna Sofia Benson
26 th	Jessica Whilden
26 th	Alyene Wright
28 th	Rob Welch
28 th	Betty DeVane

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



NURSERY SCHEDULE-9:00

Feb. 3	Anne Hantske
Feb. 10	Cathy Chihocky
Feb. 17	Amy Bonnett
Feb. 24	Jennie Roberson

NURSERY SCHEDULE-11:00

Feb. 3	Jan Kucklick
Feb. 10	Gail Truluck
Feb. 17	Bess Burkhardt
Feb. 24	Lucille Royall

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



GREETER SCHEDULE-9:00

Feb. 3	Carol Pooser
Feb. 10	Steve Connor
Feb. 17	Cathy & Emily Chihocky
Feb. 24	Jeff & Buffie Copeland

GREETER SCHEDULE-11:00

Feb. 3	John Stewart
Feb. 10	Dannie Manning
Feb. 17	Bubba & Nancy Parnelle
Feb. 24	Phoebe Williams



GREETING CARD MINISTRY

In 2012 Edna Grant sent out a total of 553 cards to members and friends of Harbor View. Those included cards for birthdays, thinking of you, get well, sympathy, Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Do you have any greeting cards lying around that you are not using. Bring them to the office and Linda will get them to Edna, who will surely put them to good use.



Welcome
Our New
Members

Shannon Looney

Frank & Joby Meade

Lib Hostutler



*A Note of Thanks from the Staff,
Thank you for the many Christmas Gifts and
for your support and encouragement all
year long. Thank to the Personnel
Committee for the wonderful lunch on
January 16. It is truly a joy to minister
together with all of you.*

*God's richest blessings in 2013,
Philip West, Adrian Williams, Gary Hill,
Loretta Haskell, Linda Stottlemire, Janice
Blum, Devon Scholz & Maggie Wirth*

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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Church Members

Forney Lowe, home
Arleen Stewart, home
Sannie Cook, home
Daisy Welch, home
Charlie & Ruth Hiers, home
Audrey Geiger, home
Bill Hantske, home
Rosemarie DeGroot, home

Friends and Relatives

Bonnie Walker, friend of Debbie Scholz
(1/30)
Esther Ferraro, mother of Meg Case
(01/27)
Catherine Anne Thomas, sister-in-law of
Ann Ronayne
Eula Acton, mother of Nancy Grant (01/20)
Debbie Workman Buchanan, niece of
Sara Tyler (12/2)
Nancy Mundo, friend of Dannie Manning
(11/25)
Christian Moravek, step-grandson of Edna
Grant (4/15)

And Also Remember . . .

Doris Rollins, Bishop Gadsden
Aylene Wright, Presbyterian Village
Helen Obermiller, Summit Place on Daniel
Island
Roy Ellenberger, Horizon Bay

And Also Deployed . .

Adam Small, cousin of Gail Gilbert

THE SESSION

Class of 2013

Nancy Andrews, Personnel
Deborah Bobo, Nominating
Saradell Dantzler, Fellowship
Greg Rollins, Finance
Ann Ronayne, Worship

Nancy Andrews, Moderator,
Presbyterian Women

Class of 2014

Kathy Chessman, Worship
Steve Connor, Personnel
Wilma Deddish, ECEP
Cookie Rodgers, Fellowship
Ed Wirth, Building & Grounds

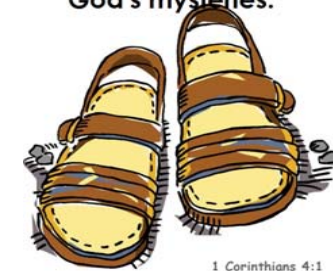
John Stewart, Treasurer

Class of 2015

Cathy Chihocky, Worship
Bud Marsteller, Member Care
Debbie Scholz, Administration
Marty Webber, Outreach
Jennifer Wilson, Christian Ed

Dara Wilber, Clerk of Session

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1

THE STAFF

Dr. Philip West
Adrian Williams
Dr. Gary Hill
Loretta Haskell
Linda Stottlemire
Janice Blum
Devon Scholz
Maggie Wirth

Minister
Director of Educational Ministries
Director of Music Team, Handbell Choir
Director of Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and Organist
Administrative Assistant
Director of Early Care and Education
Nursery Attendant
Nursery Attendant



SIGN-UP
Fellowship Vision Event

Church-wide event
Sunday, February 17
4:00 – 6:00 pm
(Snacks and Child-Care included)

Please come and join us as we unite our efforts in discussing the future of HVPC. We invite everyone (from middle school through adults) to share his/her own thoughts about God's vision for the church. We will begin together in the gym at 4:00 pm. Food will be available for those that would like an afternoon snack. Please call the church office to sign up (so we can assure proper nursery care and enough food) 795-4072 or fill in the form below, drop it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

Name: _____

Number of people: _____

Need Nursery: _____ (check if needed) for how many? _____

Ages of the children in the nursery _____

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9:00 & 11:00 am Worship
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am Christian Nurture
6:00 pm Youth


Ash
Wednesday
February 13

Guests Welcome - Staffed Nursery Provided
Visit our website at www.harborviewpc.org