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, study, relationships, and action. With that in mind we attempt to integrate our Christian Education program with our church life as a whole.

Discipleship Classes for Adults

These Sunday morning 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 DVDs 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 Tracy Connor.

Issues

This class explores historical and topical themes within scripture usually via DVD study. All are welcome. This class meets in M2 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. *Present Word*

This class uses the *Present* Word bible study curriculum. Scripture is studied in context and is applied to individual and community life. Each quarter we study a different piece of biblical literature and how it influences our everyday lives. This class meets in B2 and is led by Carol Pooser. *What's New, Harbor View?*

This semi-regular class looks at various parts of what it means to be church, do church, and live a life like Christ. This class asks us to share our life experiences and is good for new members, but open to everyone, and is led by our DEM, Adrian Williams.

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 in either the morning or evening and involve various ways to deepen our understanding of our faith.

Recent studies include: The Apostles' Creed, 7 Big Questions of Faith, History of the Bible, Evangelism, Prayer, and Spiritual gifts.

Creative Faith Series

We also hold many workshops on ways to mix our natural creative spirit and our lives of faith. These 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.

Recent classes have included: Prayer Journaling, Art and Advent, Lenten Images, and Grieving through Art.

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 may be a class on end of life planning, parenting, health care, or any number of subjects that are part of our everyday lives. Keep your eyes open for what's special events may be coming up next by watching the Education bulletin board, facebook, twitter, or getting on our email list!

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 "Reconciling Paul" by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty.

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 coming year's retreat will held March 20th—22nd.

Men's Breakfast

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

What I Do With Harbor View

Discipleship is not just about study and fellowship, it is also about doing. Throughout the year we all commit to discerning our personal calls to action through our Time and Talent process. Discipleship Fairs and worship inserts guide us as we seek to serve.

