



## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

As was announced on Sunday, January 10, 2021, a Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2021, following the worship service. Due to Covid-19, it will be a virtual meeting that will include receiving the 2021 budget approved by the Session, any changes in the Call of the Minister, approving the salary of the Pastor, and finalization of the vote on the proposed slate of elders. Information about this will be sent out by email. Members will be able to indicate their approval of the slate of elders, propose a nomination from the floor, and ask questions about the budget. A paper ballot will be available upon request.

This is very different from our traditional Congregational Meeting where we can all gather in person and requires us to be creative in holding this meeting in a different way. Normally the proposed new elders would be introduced during a preceding worship service, and everyone would be able to see them and talk with them. To help our members who have not had the pleasure of meeting them, each one has provided a brief biography to help get to know them. Here is the proposed slate of elders for the Class of 2023:

**Alixanna Benson:** "A lifelong Presbyterian, I have been a member of HVPC since 2008, along with my husband, Chris, and our three daughters: Anna Sofia (16), Lula Kate (15), and Eva Elizabeth (13). Through the years I have had the privilege of teaching children's Sunday school classes, serving on the Education Committee, and most recently the Pastoral Nominating Committee. I am a physical therapist at Roper Hospital and am also part of a community that strives to educate others to be the healthiest version of themselves."

**Sannie Cook:** "I worked as a registered nurse in Virginia and Florida. After marrying my husband, Tom, we volunteered to work for Project Concern in VietNam for six months during the VietNam War. We then worked with the Navajo Indians in New Mexico for six months. We have lived in Charleston for 45 years and have been

members of HVPC most of those years. This included fundraising events and travel to Russia, Spain, and China. I have found myself mostly in the Fellowship Hall for 30 years working with anything to do with food and people. I also take lots of pictures. My Church Family is truly the most important thing in my life outside of my immediate family. I am excited and terrified of being official but look forward to new adventure.”

**Anna Linnville:** “In 2009 I came back to my childhood church so my son would know the wonderful church members I grew up knowing and loving. I have been an employee of the Early Childhood Education Program since November 2004. I have a love for theater, children, and family.”

**Mary Stoll:** “I am a wife, mother, and happy child of God. I love spending time with my family in the beautiful lowcountry we call home and spend most of my time homeschooling my two boys. I am an industrial engineer and graduated from Clemson University in 2001.”

**Lennie Woods:** “I have served on Session in the past and really enjoyed working on the Building and Grounds team. I have lived on James Island my whole life, and most of my family is here. I am a local Realtor and the executive director of a non profit organization that funds pediatric cancer research. My husband is Denny, and we have two awesome college girls, Sara and Jackie, who are also HVPC childcare alumni. We feel like HVPC is our extended family, and I am honored to serve again.”

Watch for more details and information about the Congregation Meeting in coming newsletters.

### A PRAYER FOR ALL

**"...O Lord, as the events of the world cause my strength to waiver,  
remind me that you are my strength.**

**O Lord as the daily worries of life raise my anxieties,  
remind me that in you I find my peace.**

**O Lord when voices try to convince me otherwise,  
may you remind me that I am your child, fearfully and wonderfully made.**

**Gracious God bring clarity and light to me on this day. Remind me that in  
you I may seek refuge. Remind me that your steadfast presence means  
that I have all that I need. Remind me again that I am yours! Amen."**

*by Jerrod Lowry, general presbyter  
and stated clerk of Presbytery of Coastal Carolina*

Dear Harbor View Family,

This has been a difficult time for everyone. I miss seeing all of you, my church family, in person each week and in fellowship. I do feel that we have risen to the occasion and continued to worship and serve the community in creative ways.

Unfortunately, not being together has had some side effects. In recent weeks, giving to the church has dipped and our pledges have not met the needs of the 2021 budget. Many of our expenses are set and cannot be reduced. We continue to maintain our building (adding new AC and outdoor lights just recently), pay the utilities, which are fairly constant due to our child care program, and pay the salaries of our beloved staff.

We also are using resources to provide Christian Education and Fellowship activities that are not the norm. Outreach continues to be a huge focus as well. We would like

to continue to support the many missions of the church financially as well as through donations.

Since we are not back in person, some of us have set up our giving by having our bank regularly send a check to the church. This can be done utilizing online banking and can be set up weekly, monthly, or even quarterly. Please consider doing this. I have been doing this for years and it makes my life so much simpler. I can stop it anytime I need to or even change the amount. Another option is to give through Abundant. This is very simple (see the directions in the newsletter), but, if possible, please consider adding the extra few dollars for processing as this is another expense for the church.

I look forward to a time when we can all be together again in Worship and Fellowship. Now that the vaccine is getting out there (if you're over 70, you can get yours now) we can see an end in sight. In the meantime, we want to continue to do God's work in the many ways that we are able. Please continue to support our church and the work that we are doing so that we may continue to Share God's Love with All.

Peace and Blessings,

Deborah Bobo  
Operations Committee Chair



#### STEPS FOR ONLINE GIVING:

1. To give online, please visit the church website at [www.harborviewpc.org](http://www.harborviewpc.org).
2. Click on the GIVING tab at the top of the homepage.
3. Create an Abundant account, if you haven't already
4. Choose the payment details that work for you.
5. Select the amount, fund (from a drop down menu of options) and frequency in which you'd like to give.

*Please consider paying the online processing fees when possible.*



#### HAPPY NEW YEAR AND BLESSINGS TO ALL!

As we look forward to 2021 and all of the amazing things that the God of love and light has for us and the faith community, we also celebrate the blessings that we build upon. The foundation of the church is always and forever the power and love of our God. That power and love are very real, wonderfully good and by God's design impact our world every day in so many ways. One of the most visible and relational ways is through the work and

service of the church! That's us!

Over the next several weeks, we have the chance to look back, reflect on and celebrate so many of the blessings that we have received and partnered with

God in at Harbor View Pres, in our community and in our world! In Hollywood terms, they'd call this the after party! In the Christian life, we call it the before, during and after party of getting to hang out with God!! A huge thank you to God, to God's church and to every single person in that church as we celebrate the real life of love, hope and power of goodness that is taking place, through God, in our very lives!!! Thanks be to God for all that our Lord has done and for all that lies ahead for us as we serve and celebrate together.  
~ Min. Rusty Benton



There's a lot happening in **Sunday School classes** this month!  
Please click [here](#) for details.

*Due to Covid, HVPC has suspended all in-person activities until further notice.*

*Please join us for worship online Sundays at 9:30. The services are shared on the church Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Harborviewpc](http://www.facebook.com/Harborviewpc).*

*If you'd like to reach Pastor Rusty, please contact him at (864) 399-2288. The church staff is working remotely when possible. Please reach them by phone or email.*

*Stay safe and hope to see you soon.*



**Please be in prayer for:**

Cam DeVane, Nelson Springer, Wynde & Dale Sloan, The Keffinger Family, Gloria Purcell, Bob & Audrey Geiger, William West, Bob Whipple, Peggy George, Jean Maguire, Tom & Beth Gibbs, Kristin McKenzie, Dewees, Becky Linnville's sister, Tracy Conner, Terry Spence, Gabbie Pasela, Betty and Dan Mizzell, Franklin Foster, Pam Pickenpaugh, Charles Truluck, Stacey Sweeney's Family, The Struble Family, Kristen Prioleau, The Rodgers Family, Brittany Baker, Theresa Ward and Family, The Loy Family, Hal Singletary, The Chihocky Family, Tom Ellenberger, The Stewart Family, John Lisi, Emily Jones, The Copeland Family, The Sloane Family, Valerie Gist, Harold Arnold, The Ben Story Family, Roy Evans, Jane Murphy, Tammy Powles and Richard, Tyler Thompson, The Schaffer Family, Mariah Buttler, The Chavis', Timothy Ellenberger, Suzanne Deddish Taylor, Rosemarie DeGroot, Lori Lindfors, Page Thomas, Jim Hampton, Virginia Thomas, Tommy & Sue Mathews, The Woods Family, Paul Bauersfeld, Dwanda & Bob Millege, Rich Lane, Alyssa Marie Brown, Laura Deddish Burton, Michael Kohler, Liz Lasicki.



**Happy birthday to:** Dara Wilber (1/16), Greg Rollins (1/17), Alex Gilbert (1/18), Deborah Bobo (1/19), Rusty Benton (1/19), Bubba Parnelle (1/24), Charlene Aldrich (1/28), Cherie Warren (1/29), Kathy Chessman (1/30) & Theresa Ward (1/30).

