

## *Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter*

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Dear HVPC Family,

As the rate of incidence of COVID-19 has risen to high incidence throughout our state, the Session has listened to urgent pleas from those who are in the frontlines caring for the sick and dying and are very concerned about in person gatherings. We have also listened to those who feel that times like these draw us closer to God and make us want and need to be together. In an effort to be responsive to heartfelt differing opinions, the Session has passed the following motion:

The Session strongly encourages people to worship online. If a person(s) feel a strong need to be on the Church campus for worship, then up to 20 congregants will be allowed in the sanctuary on a first come first serve basis (no sign up necessary). Any additional congregants will be asked to view worship in rooms provided with television access to the worship service. Groups using the gym and Fellowship Hall will be limited to 20 persons. Everyone on the Church campus is asked to wear a mask and safely distance.

We are asking everyone to worship virtually out of love and care for one another. We will continue to monitor the incidence of COVID-19 levels in Charleston County biweekly according to SCDHEC and will remove these restrictions when the level of incidence goes down to moderate levels.

Please continue to reach out to one another reflecting God's love for each and every person. In this way we are following the teaching of Jesus to love and care for each other. Thank you for your prayers, care, and support as we move through this difficult and challenging time. Let us always continue to pray and work for the goodness of our Lord in the grace that we have been given.

God bless,

Nancy Andrews, Clerk of Session  
and Pastor Rusty Benton

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## FROM THE UPPER ROOM

### GOD'S ENDURING LOVE

Read Psalm 103:7-18

*The Lord's faithful love is from forever ago to forever from now for those who honor him.*

*Psalm 103:17*

I love the beach. Whether the sun is shining or it's cloudy and rainy, the smell of the salt water, the endless

view, and the sound of breaking waves sooth my soul. The breaking of the waves and the vastness of the ocean are assurances for me of God's steadfastness and presence.

Over the years, I've collected boxes of seashells. Now I allow myself one shell per visit. On my last visit, while I was walking along the beach, a shiny shell caught my eye. But when I picked it up and looked closer, I saw that it had a hole in it and was scarred by tiny stones embedded in it. I tossed it aside but felt a little nudge I couldn't explain. I picked up the shell again and brushed off all the sand. It occurred to me how much my life was like that shell -- certainly far from perfect. But despite my imperfections, God has never cast me aside. That shell now sits on my desk next to my Bible as a daily reminder that God loves me just as I am.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for the assurance that you will never toss us aside. Thank you for loving us just as we are. Amen.

Phyllis J. Brockwell (Virginia, USA)

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Lillian Sophie Chapman was born on September 6, 2021. She is the daughter of Ryan and Sarah Chapman, the granddaughter of Lisa Chapman Sterrett, and the great granddaughter of **Jim and Carol Pooser**. Four generations - Wow!



Carolyn Bondarenka (9/18)  
Ally Benton (9/18)  
Bubba Bazemore (9/21)  
Eva Benson (9/21)  
Karen Rollins (9/22)  
Anne Cofer (9/27)  
Greg Hays (9/30)

**REMINDER: Men's Breakfast Thursday, September 23rd  
at 8 AM at Black Magic on Folly Road**



**Please be in prayer for:**

**Cathy Chihocky and family**, Jim and Pat Hodnett, Anita Sloane, Marg Mills, Kitty and Cam DeVane, Wilma Deddish, Paul Rumble, Tommy & Sue Mathews, John DeVane, Dennis Mottin Sr., Ronnie Hill, Lois Amos, Bob & Audrey Geiger, Peggy George, Tom & Beth Gibbs, Gabbie Pasela, Betty and Dan Mizzell, Franklin Foster, Charles Truluck, Brittany Baker, Tom Ellenberger, Roy Evans, Jane Murphy, Tammy Powles and Richard, Tyler Thompson, Mariah Buttler, The Chavis', Timothy Ellenberger, Suzanne Deddish Taylor, Rosemarie

DeGroot, John & Page Thomas, Jim Hampton, Virginia Thomas, The Woods Family, Paul Bauersfeld, Dwanda & Bob Millege, Rich Lane, Alyssa Marie Brown, Laura Deddish Burton, Liz Lasicki.

“Sharing God’s Love with All”

- Mark 12:31

Mission Statement: Harbor View Presbyterian is a *neighborhood church that fosters relationships through worship and fellowship, spreads love through outreach, and seeks to create a spiritual environment for lifelong learning.*

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