Harbor View Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter



World Communion Sunday will be celebrated outside in the HVPC Church Yard on <u>October 3rd at 9:30 AM</u>. The service will also be live streamed and available on Facebook and Boxcast. Please bring your own communion elements or you may use the pre-packaged elements provided. On this day, we celebrate our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world.

COVID Relief Fund Updates

The COVID Relief Fund continues to support people in need as a result of the pandemic. Below are two examples of recent fund disbursements:

The COVID Relief Fund assisted a woman and her 47 year old special needs son with rent assistance. Due to reduced work hours during COVID, she was unable to pay her rent in full and accumulated a hefty amount of unpaid rent. Since gaining

employment earlier this summer, she has paid rent in full as well as extra toward back rent; however, she was still short and was facing eviction proceedings if not paid by October 3rd. We assisted her with a \$1,000 payment, made directly to the apartment complex. She was most grateful and tremendously relieved.

The COVID Relief Fund also provided two nights in a hotel for a couple from out of town. They came to Charleston for a job interview for the husband who had lost his job due to COVID. During the interview he was asked to return two days later for a second interview. The couple didn't have the funds to stay in a hotel and without this assistance they would have stayed in their car.

CAN GOD STILL DO MIRACLES?

Ok, let's not get lost in the "magic power" or "wonder" of God on this. Instead, let's look at a few real deal actual facts about God, Christianity and what miraculous things are possible for you and me as Christians!

There are approximately 2.5 billion Christians in the world today: Imagine if all of us actually got together on some things! What could we accomplish? Let's just look at the

basics!

FOOD

So, God is all about food, right?

- 1). The Last Supper: Food!
- 2). Feeding of the 5,000: Food!
- 3). Dinner at Zacchaeus' house: Food!
- 4). Manna in the wilderness: Food!
- 5). Jesus forgave Peter for betraying him by inviting him to breakfast: Food!

Approximately 9 million people die each year from hunger (around 3 million are children). According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the world produces more than 1.5 times enough food to feed everyone on the planet. The World Bank's poverty line is approximately \$1.25 per day.

THAT MEANS....If each Christian could spend .25 cents a day on food for someone else, that would provide around \$70 a day to feed just one person. We could actually end world hunger! (It's a bit more complicated than this, but WOW. What if we ended world hunger in God's name)?

WATER

God is famous for a lot of things. One of those great things is what God does with water!

- 1). God invented it.
- 2). God divided a sea of it for Moses and the Israelites.
- 3). God caused it to come out of a rock for thirsty people.
- 4). Jesus got Baptized and used it as the symbol for the beginning of His ministry.
- 5). God uses it as the symbol for what it means to be forgiven, washed clean.

So did you know there is a shortage of clean drinking water? Can you imagine not having clean water? No "safe to use" water means:

-NO shower, bath or clean clothes! This means we'll likely get sick pretty quick. In lots of cases where folks don't have clean water they get sick because they get parasites and worms in their system...ugh!

-NO water to drink!

-NO cooking or drinking at home either.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Please consider giving to local organizations that provide food and water: James Island Outreach (<u>www.jioutreach.org</u>) and/or Water Mission (<u>www.watermission.org</u>).



CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE. Due to COVID concerns, the church staff will be working primarily from home for the next few weeks. Rusty and Natalie are available by phone and email.

Rusty cell: #(864) 399-2288; pastor@harborviewpc.org Natalie cell: #(843) 324-3053; office@harborviewpc.org The HVPC 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.

Let us always continue to pray and work for the goodness of our Lord in the grace that we have been given.



Anne Cofer (9/27), Greg Hays (9/30), Brian Dantzler (10/2), Nancy Parnelle (10/3), Eric Stewart (10/3), Maggie Wirth (10/3)



Please be in prayer for:

Cathy Chihocky and family, Jim and Pat Hodnett, Anita Sloane, Marg Mills, Kitty and Cam DeVane, Wilma Deddish, Paul Rumple, 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.

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<u>Mission Statement</u>: 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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