

HARRODSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH, P. O. BOX 96,  
305 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HARRODSBURG, KY 40330

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Interim Senior Minister: Rev. Gaye Haralu  
(859) 325-6484 - cell  
gaye@harrodsburgchristian.org

Youth & Family: Bry Carkin  
(859) 325-3500  
bry@harrodsburgchristian.org

Administrative Assistant: ROXANN LEO  
(859) 227-7875 - cell  
roxann@harrodsburgchristian.org

Music Director: SHAUNTINA PHILLIPS  
(859) 209-0551- cell  
shauntina@harrodsburgchristian.org

Pianist/Organist: JARED YOUNG  
(859) 492-7222 - cell  
jared@harrodsburgchristian.org

www.harrodsburgchristian.org  
info@harrodsburgchristian.org  
Phone: 859-734-3224  
Fax: 859-734-9684

NON-PROFIT ORG.

US POSTAGE PAID

PERMIT #19

HARRODSBURG, KY

Return service requested.

**Friendship Circle** will meet on Monday, Jan. 2nd at 7 p.m. in the church kitchen.

**Community Meal** is Monday, Jan. 16th with the doors opening at 4:45 p.m. If you are interested in helping please contact Leslie Hardman.

**Thomas Graves Men's Group** will meet Saturday, Jan. 7th at 8.30 a.m. at Cloud's Country Cooking.

Remember spring is just around the corner and we need to plan for the Valentine's Day dinner and also for the spaghetti dinner and pie/cake auction.

All men are urged to attend. Hope to see you at CCC on Jan. 7th. Take care and we need your support.

Gene Lawson and  
Bill Brinkley

**Pew Chatter Cont'd**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

God's blessings to you all in the new year,

Gaye



Disciples of Christ



# The Church Messenger

HARRODSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 305 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HARRODSBURG, KY, 40330  
To be Christ-Centered by living, sharing, proclaiming, and celebrating God's Word.

## Pew Chatter

I believe God knew that we needed new beginnings! January 1st is all about the new; a chance to start over, to make a new goal, pursue a new dream. The new often requires some reflection on the old. Both the new and the old remind me of how much our lives change. CS Lewis calls it "the law of undulation."

"Humans are amphibians-- half spirit and half animal...As spirits they belong to the eternal world, but as animals they inhabit time. This means that while their spirit can be directed to an eternal object, their bodies, passions, and imaginations are in continual change, for as to be in time means to change. Their nearest approach to constancy, therefore, is undulation-- the repeated return to a level from which they repeatedly fall back, a series of troughs and peaks."

This was really helpful for me to "name." It also helps me to appreciate the gift of rhythm and seasons and routines and traditions. During all of this change, I need these things to keep me grounded and pull me back to the constancy which is our God. In times of change and the unknown we can hold fast to the unchanging, constant faithful character and nature of our God.

As we look toward the new year may we give thanks for the gift that life is. May we look forward to the invitation of our gracious God to be involved in God's mission to make His love known in new and fresh ways in our community and beyond. May we take joy in the journey and wonder of doing life together as we continue to become more like Jesus. This beloved hymn comes to mind as a foundation for starting 2017:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

(cont'd on page 6)

### SERVING IN JANUARY

#### ELDERS

Doug Greenburg  
Tupper Hardman  
Dan Chilton  
Linda Whalen  
Phil Williams  
Larry Cotton

#### DEACONS

Jennifer Baxter  
Bo Baxter  
Patty Sabo  
Leah Royalty

*Church Office  
will be closed  
Monday, Jan. 2  
and  
Monday, Jan. 16*

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Will be  
Served on  
Sunday,  
Jan. 8th



### IN THIS ISSUE

Pew Chatter	1
Elders & Deacons	1
Birthdays/Anniversaries	2
Acknowledgements	2
Nursery Schedule	2
The Story Information	2
Music Notes	3
Calendar	4
Chairperson's Thoughts	5
Other Highlights	6

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
2	Mike Ellis	23	Cari Perkins
4	Lindsay Haralu Margot Perkins	25	Judy Major Kevin Perkins
6	Mego Haralu	30	Kourtney Shewmaker
9	Nancy Dean Jesseca Mays Camden Moseley	31	Omar Santander
12	Ellen Campbell		
13	Pam Ellis		
16	Norah Martin	26	Jim & Jan Ingram
17	Beverly Royalty	27	Robert & Barbara Shewmaker
19	Chandler Royalty	27	Martin Thomas & Christina E. Martin
21	Bill Brinkley		
22	Alyssa Holly		



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Dear Church Members,

On behalf of those of us that reside at McDowell Place I want to express our appreciation and say THANK YOU for sharing the Christmas music.

Sincerely,  
Tom Cox

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

	Sunday School (9:30 a.m.)	Church Service (10:30 a.m.)
Jan. 1	Martha Gentry	Martha Gentry
Jan. 8	Martha Gentry	Martha Gentry

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day please contact someone to switch or call Martha Gentry at (859) 734-0354.

**THE STORY**

There is so much in each chapter of THE STORY! Please take advantage of these other opportunities to connect with people and further explore THE STORY.

Growing in Grace Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Small Group at The Haralu's home (212 E. Lexington St.) on Thursday evenings (beginning Jan. 12th) 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bring some food to share for dinner and talk about this week's chapter!

Our Church faced some big challenges this past year.

Personnel changes –

Hye Jin and Pyoung, our pianist and choir director left for a new calling in China early in the year. Erin Milburn lead a search team to find us a new pianist and choir director. Shauntina Phillips and Jared Young were hired to fill these jobs for us.

Tim & Katie Founds, our youth minister and wife, were called to Colorado to a new job later in the spring of 2016. Leah Royalty lead a search team to help find our church a new youth minister. Bry Carkin was hired in September to fill this job for Harrodsburg Christian Church.

In early May we were told that our Senior Minister, Mego Haralu, had accepted a job offer from Campbellsville University as their new Dean of International Education. The HCC Personnel Committee was expanded to include 4 to 5 Elders of our Church. From this team and with the help of Greg Alexander of the KY Disciples of Christ Office, we hired Gaye Haralu as our Interim Senior Minister. We were without a senior minister for one week.

In October of this year our church lost our longtime tenant, Comp Care, that had rented/leased our building since 1998. Our Administrative Ministry Team and Board of Directors decided to hire the Gibson Company to try and find us a new tenant for our building. We are still looking for this tenant but we feel certain that this too, will work out.

I have served on the Administrative Ministry Team and Board of Directors of Harrodsburg Christian Church for the last 3 years and I have come away from these jobs certain of 3 things:

- God's time is just that, God's time. God' time is not our time.
- God's plan for our church is just that, God's plan for our church. We may think we have everything planned but it rarely work's out that way unless our plan is God's plan.
- God's love for us is immeasurable and infinite. He loved us so much that he sent Jesus Christ to save us and give us the opportunity for eternal life.

Our Christmas Cantata and Christmas Sharing Offering were both very successful. It has been both a very humbling and extremely rewarding experience to watch our congregation share their many talents, time and treasures with our church these past three years. I wish to thank each and everyone one of you for your gifts to our church. It is my hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Christmas Sharing** for 2016 was \$15,165.00

Jim "Bo" Baxter, Chairperson  
Board of Directors

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  7 pm Friend-ship Circle	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 am TicToc  12 pm Rotary  6 pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Small Group at Haralu's 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>7</b> 8:30 am Thomas Graves Men's Group 10 am Take Down Christmas Decorations
<b>8</b> Homebound Communion	<b>9</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6 pm Administ. Min. Team Mtg.	<b>11</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary  6 pm Choir Practice	<b>12</b> 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Small Group at Haralu's	<b>13</b> 8:30 am TicToc  6 pm Church Wide Family Game Night	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 6 pm Worship Min. Team Mtg. 6 pm Outreach Min. Team Mtg. 7 pm Executive Board Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  5 pm Commu-nity Meal	<b>17</b> 6 pm Girl Scouts Leaders Mtg. 6 pm CWF	<b>18</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary  6 pm Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Small Group at Haralu's 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>24</b>  5:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>25</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary  6 pm Choir Practice	<b>26</b> 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Small Group at Haralu's	<b>27</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>31</b>				

**Sunday Worship Schedule**  
**9:30 am Sunday School**  
**10:15 am Fellowship Time**  
**10:30 am Family Worship**

**A look at 2016**

The beginning of January will mark 7 months that I have been serving as music director at Harrodsburg Christian Church, and it has passed in a flash! Since I accepted the position as music director in June 2016, our music program has been very busy! We hired a new pianist, Jared Young from David Lipscomb University, to play for weekly services, and Jared has done a marvelous job! In July the church was filled with many wonderful guest singers and musicians including David and Connor Young, Margaret Clark, Nancy and David Robertson and their Bluegrass Band, Blind Carbon Copy from Frankfort, and Cole Curtsinger. We thank them for sharing their time and gifts with us!

In the Fall, the choir received brand new professional grade choir folders because of the generosity of many of our congregation members and friends in the community-and even out of state! They have made a huge difference for our choir members, and we are truly touched and grateful, as you have shown the choir that their music is important to you and to the church ministry.

We grew in number a bit as we welcomed back some returning members of the choir as well as some new ones. New church member Margaret Clark joined us in the soprano section and Kenneth Tubaugh joined the tenors. High school student Britney Hughes also joins us in the soprano section. In the praise team, Omar Santander stepped up to play guitar, and Kenneth Tubaugh will be joining us in the new year as well. Our own choir members showed off their instrumental talents as well with Kourtney Shewmaker and Patty Sabo playing flute for some of our anthems, and Jennifer Baxter blessed us with her organ skills for Christmas Cantata Sunday.

The choir stepped out of the church and into the streets as we went Christmas caroling to some of our members' houses! It was a blessed, rewarding, and fun evening for all of us! The youth also went caroling at some of the local nursing homes and delighted residents with their youthful energy!

Our Christmas Cantata was a great success thanks to the hard work and dedication of our choir and praise team members. We thank our "extra" voices, Simon Louallen and Judy Major, for helping us out, and we also thank our EKV trumpet players Sarah Palmer and Jared Davis for making our hymns extra exciting! Thank you also to our captivating readers: Everice Shewmaker, Phil Williams, Jerry Sampson, Blake Shewmaker, and Joy Stevens. I felt that the cantata told the beautiful story of Christmas in a very touching and meaningful way. The choir never ceases to amaze me with their ability, and I cannot wait to see what the future brings for the coming year!

While members of the choir and praise team love what we do, we are always in need of singers and instrumentalists. The music can't happen unless someone steps up to help! If you are interested in participating in the music at Harrodsburg Christian, please let me know. It's a new year, and a great resolution to start if you have thought about taking part in the music program.

As always, thank you for your support, encouragement, and love shown to our music program. And, thank you for trusting me and allowing me to serve as your director. Onward and upward!

Blessings for the New Year,

Shauntina Phillips, Director of Music

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  7 pm Friendship Circle	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 am TicToc  12 pm Rotary  6 pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Small Group at Haralu's 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>7</b> 8:30 am Thomas Graves Men's Group 10 am Take Down Christmas Decorations
<b>8</b> Homebound Communion	<b>9</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6 pm Administ. Min. Team Mtg.	<b>11</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary  6 pm Choir Practice	<b>12</b> 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Small Group at Haralu's	<b>13</b> 8:30 am TicToc  6 pm Church Wide Family Game Night	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 6 pm Worship Min. Team Mtg. 6 pm Outreach Min. Team Mtg. 7 pm Executive Board Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  5 pm Community Meal	<b>17</b> 6 pm Girl Scouts Leaders Mtg. 6 pm CWF	<b>18</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary  6 pm Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Small Group at Haralu's 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>24</b>  5:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>25</b> 8:30 am TicToc 12 pm Rotary  6 pm Choir Practice	<b>26</b> 5 pm TOPS 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Small Group at Haralu's	<b>27</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:30 am TicToc	<b>31</b>				

**Sunday Worship Schedule**  
**9:30 am Sunday School**  
**10:15 am Fellowship Time**  
**10:30 am Family Worship**

**A look at 2016**

The beginning of January will mark 7 months that I have been serving as music director at Harrodsburg Christian Church, and it has passed in a flash! Since I accepted the position as music director in June 2016, our music program has been very busy! We hired a new pianist, Jared Young from David Lipscomb University, to play for weekly services, and Jared has done a marvelous job! In July the church was filled with many wonderful guest singers and musicians including David and Connor Young, Margaret Clark, Nancy and David Robertson and their Bluegrass Band, Blind Carbon Copy from Frankfort, and Cole Curtsinger. We thank them for sharing their time and gifts with us!

In the Fall, the choir received brand new professional grade choir folders because of the generosity of many of our congregation members and friends in the community-and even out of state! They have made a huge difference for our choir members, and we are truly touched and grateful, as you have shown the choir that their music is important to you and to the church ministry.

We grew in number a bit as we welcomed back some returning members of the choir as well as some new ones. New church member Margaret Clark joined us in the soprano section and Kenneth Tubaugh joined the tenors. High school student Britney Hughes also joins us in the soprano section. In the praise team, Omar Santander stepped up to play guitar, and Kenneth Tubaugh will be joining us in the new year as well. Our own choir members showed off their instrumental talents as well with Kourtney Shewmaker and Patty Sabo playing flute for some of our anthems, and Jennifer Baxter blessed us with her organ skills for Christmas Cantata Sunday.

The choir stepped out of the church and into the streets as we went Christmas caroling to some of our members' houses! It was a blessed, rewarding, and fun evening for all of us! The youth also went caroling at some of the local nursing homes and delighted residents with their youthful energy!

Our Christmas Cantata was a great success thanks to the hard work and dedication of our choir and praise team members. We thank our "extra" voices, Simon Louallen and Judy Major, for helping us out, and we also thank our EKV trumpet players Sarah Palmer and Jared Davis for making our hymns extra exciting! Thank you also to our captivating readers: Everice Shewmaker, Phil Williams, Jerry Sampson, Blake Shewmaker, and Joy Stevens. I felt that the cantata told the beautiful story of Christmas in a very touching and meaningful way. The choir never ceases to amaze me with their ability, and I cannot wait to see what the future brings for the coming year!

While members of the choir and praise team love what we do, we are always in need of singers and instrumentalists. The music can't happen unless someone steps up to help! If you are interested in participating in the music at Harrodsburg Christian, please let me know. It's a new year, and a great resolution to start if you have thought about taking part in the music program.

As always, thank you for your support, encouragement, and love shown to our music program. And, thank you for trusting me and allowing me to serve as your director. Onward and upward!

Blessings for the New Year,

Shauntina Phillips, Director of Music