

The Pastor's Part



Yesterday in my sermon, I started out by asking from the pulpit, "Are you committing idolatry? Scripture says God is One not Three."

I got it from a billboard, and today I went there to see who put it up. (The bill board is portable, and it was being moved to go to another location, I guess.) It was posted by WLC.org, which I looked up as soon as I got to the office. It is a strange 'religion' that says it can disprove most of Christianity- that we all are wrong, and they have the "right" based on scripture. I guess I should send them a copy of my sermon where I listed Scriptural proof for the Trinity. I won't go into all that here- if you weren't here go to the streaming platform and take notes!!

It is not just a sign of our age- false prophets have been around as long as there has been faith. But today these apostates can reach wider and wider audiences with the internet, podcasts, and yes, even portable billboards. We must always be vigilant about what we hear and what we believe. We must continually arm ourselves with the truth.



If you are not sure what is the truth, go to a trusted source, not some nameless, faceless "source" whose sole purpose is their own warped agenda. If you are not sure if what you are reading or hearing is true, look to the source. Who is saying what you are hearing and why are they saying it? Is the Bible being twisted? Read for yourself, and then ask your pastor, read a commentary that is recommended by (Preecha continued on page two column one)



Happy Birthday America Parade

Come and support Hebron's entry of Preecha's red truck and our many members showing their patriotic spirit on July 4 Gypsy Hill Park 10:00 A.M.

Pastor Nominating Committee News

Larry Mayer, chairman of the Pastor Nominating Committee has reported progress of the PNC to date. He writes,

"The PNC is completing the Ministry Discernment Profile (formerly known as the Church Information Form). We (Session) will be dealing with the salary figure we can offer before the PNC can submit the form and get it posted on the PCUSA web site. Hopefully, we can have all this done before the end of June. Once our form is on the PCUSA web site, we will be "matched" with pastors seeking a new church. As you will recall, Nancy Yao came here and spoke to the congregation about how all this works."



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Union Presbyterian Seminary and its professors, and use your common sense. If what you are reading and hearing says 2000 years of church history and Biblical study is wrong, and that this person or group has the real truth - as Elmer Fudd used to say, " Be careful, be vewy, vewy careful."



Peace,

Preecha

Pastor

Beware of Phishing Emails!!

Shenandoah Presbytery has been informed that a few of our members have received emails asking for them to send gift cards for our staff. Please believe that we would NEVER send an email of that sort, asking for money or gift cards.

If you receive an email of this sort, DO NOT click on it. Delete it! If you have any question about the legitimacy of the email, please contact the office at 540 433 2556, or email shenpres@shenpres.org. Thank you!

Lemonade on the Linoleum Schedule

July 6—Mike and Shirley Fallin

July 13—Greg and Lina Smith, Billie Banks,
and Betty Whitmore

July 20—Larry, and Gail Mayer

July 27—Donna Kirtley, Carol Ratliff, and E. Anne Willard



Thanks to David, and Theresa Moore, Robert and Dana Christian, Linda Harvey, Edna Stone, and Anita Tuttle, David and Joyce Obenschain, and Jim and Sylvia Crawford for providing refreshments during the month of June.

Staunton's Cooling Shelter

Staunton will have a new cooling shelter for individuals who are unhoused at Augusta Street United Methodist Church in Staunton. Initial plans called for the shelter to begin operation beginning July 1, Monday-Friday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on days when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. But, with temperatures rising in the latter part of June, the shelter began usage a little earlier than planned.

The shelter is a collaborative effort by Staunton area churches to make better use of their buildings and minister to the community. Several of the churches are involved with the Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM) as a cold weather shelter. Thus the thought of serving the same communities during the summer became a natural extension of that work;

Refreshments including bottle water will be available for those who use the shelter as well as online resources, and planned entertainment.

Volunteers in groups of four are needed to staff the shelter and can contact Won Un at Central United Methodist Church at wonun@vaumc.org.

On June 9, Guy Wright and three of his golfing buddies, Jim Donnelly, Jay Messenger, and Jim Eicher, participated in the *2025 Drive Out Homelessness Golf Tournament* for the WARM shelter at The Club at Ironwood. That activity, after expenses, cleared about \$37,000 for the shelter with twenty-two golfing teams engaging in the tournament.



Left to right: Jim Eicher, Jay Messenger, Jim Donnelly (sponsor), and Guy Wright

Special Organ Concert

Hebron Presbyterian Church will present a concert on the Taylor and Boody Opus 46 organ featuring guest organist **Gary Garletts** on Sunday, August 17. The 11:00 morning service will be followed by a potluck lunch and the organ concert at 2:00 P.M. with a reception to follow. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Thursday Morning Music Club which provides scholarship funds for local music students who plan to study music in college.

For over four decades, **Gary P. Garletts** has enjoyed professional endeavors as a conductor, organist, and accompanist. He recently began his 27th year as Director of Music and Organist at Ardmore Presbyterian Church and as Artistic Director and Conductor of Chester County Choral Society in suburban Philadelphia.

At Ardmore Presbyterian, Gary directs a five-choir program, provides music for all services, and conducts special events. He has guided the Chester County



Choral Society through transformative growth in membership, musicianship, and repertoire. The Society presents choral-orchestral works, seasonal concerts, and thematic programs; and its

Chamber Ensemble performs advanced *a cappella* repertoire.

Gary earned music degrees at Oberlin College and Duquesne University, studying organ with Haskell Thomson and Ann Labounsky, piano with Frances Walker, and conducting with Sandra Willetts and Daniel Moe. An *Associate* of the American Guild of Organists, he has served in various capacities via its Pittsburgh, Lancaster, and Philadelphia chapters.

Congregational Meeting Scheduled

The Session has scheduled a Congregational Meeting for July 20, immediately following worship to select an Officer Nominating Committee. The purpose of this committee is to find candidates to serve as elders for the next term.

Notes From the June Session Meeting

With the last Session meeting being held on Sunday, June 22, it was difficult for Robin Moyer, Clerk of Session, to fully transcribe her notes to meet the deadline of the July newsletter. Therefore, she forwarded to the *Hebron Herald* important information that needed to be shared with the congregation. A complete accounting of the June meeting will be published in the August newsletter.



Session approved the following:

- Tara Cahill was awarded the Scott Hickey Endowment Fund in the amount of \$5,000.
- Nathan Moyer was awarded the Hebron Presbyterian Church Youth Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.
- On Sunday, July 6, the Elders will pray for Nathan who will enter the United States Marine Corp later in July. The Rev. Dr. Scoggins will present Nathan with a Bible that he has used during his ministry, and Randy Moyer, Nathan's father, will present the scholarship check to him that day.
- A request from Sarah-Grove Humphries to have an organ concert on Sunday August 17, was approved. A pot-luck luncheon prior to the concert will be held, and a goodwill offering to benefit the Thursday Morning Music Club scholarship fund will be taken at the concert.

Why Go to Church?

Many times I've heard people ask the question, "Why go to church?" Usually that is a rhetorical question, and they do not wait for an answer but go on to state that they can worship God just as well at the seashore or walking a park or garden. Others argue that most people go to church to be seen; because it is the social thing to do. Many also are critical of the rituals (liturgy) of denominations like Episcopalian, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic.

Rather than attempt to tell others why they should go to church, I will discuss the reasons why I go to church. Some of my reasons are likely applicable to many, if not most people. This is not formal theology, but Ted's thinking. Here are mine:

1. To make a significant step each week toward putting God first.

The most important thing I can do on the first day of the week is to subordinate my own wants to my worship of God. Now some may raise the issue of what God is like if he wants and expects his creatures to worship him. Having a concept of what God is like by virtue of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, I do not for a minute think God basks in our worship. I believe God desires us to worship him because he knows we are by nature, going to worship something (wealth, social status, our self image) and what we worship will control and direct our lives. I worship God to keep from worshipping myself, and it is easier for me to do that in a reverent, formal church atmosphere, and even getting down on my knees to pray and confess.

2. To recharge my spiritual batteries.

Unless I regularly and frequently get reminded of the life and teachings of Jesus, I will drift away from attempting to follow him. Theoretically I could do that by personal, private reading and prayer. However, I know myself. In theory I could also study geology (has been on my To Do list for many years, but no

progress), psychology, Shakespeare, or economics by getting a text book and studying on my own. I know myself and I would fail to do so regularly. Now some Sundays my batteries get a bigger charge than others. That may be because the sermon was inspiring, or because the hymns were sophisticated music that I could not relate to, or because I failed to concentrate on the lessons, prayers, etc. My entering prayer is to ask God to recharge my spiritual battery, and refocus me, and realign me, and retune me to Jesus Christ. In Stephen Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*,¹ the 7th Habit is "Sharpen the Saw." A saw that is frequently sharpened works much better.

3. To set an example; to show my family and friends that Christian worship is very important to me.

Not to earn their respect or praise but to be an example.

4. The experience can be uplifting, at least now and then.

Hearing the congregation reciting together aloud the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds, or especially, the General Confession has always had a positive effect on me. Even more uplifting can be joining the congregation singing my favorite hymns of praise like: All Things Bright and Beautiful, and Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.

"Worshipping" God:

6/24/2001

Often I've wondered about the desire of God to be worshiped by his people. That theme runs throughout the Old Testament. God is even quoted as being a "jealous God." It seems a little out of character for God to want to be worshiped.

This morning, during my devotions, the following thought dawned on me – *people are going to*

1 Covey, Stephen R., *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, Simon & Shuster

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worship something (some god; some concept; something). We get absorbed by and enslaved to what we worship. It may be money, power, physical fitness, golf, gambling, self, whatever; most likely self in some form. If we worship God, we will focus on him and his teachings, as revealed in Jesus Christ, and that will protect us from worshipping something that will only destroy us.

Something new about this has dawned on me in recent weeks. We are God's family. Those of us who participate in active families want our family to participate with us and visit us regularly. Certainly God feels like that. One of the primary reasons for us to go to his church is to let God be visited by all of us and have his family participate with each other and with Him. That should help God feel really good and give him opportunities to inspire us and feel good about his family.

By Ted Bush

Ted grew up in Swoope and was an active member of Hebron Church. He went into the Army after his commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant at VA Tech, where he majored in Forestry. A professional forester, he served on the advisory committee of VA Tech's Board of the School of Forestry. After a religious renewal experience at age 43, he began to read and study the Bible and Christian theology enthusiastically. He joined the Episcopal Church and completed their Education for Ministry program, a four-year extension program of the School of Theology at the University of the South. He authored a book, "Saved" Is Not Home Free in 2010. He died in August 2013 from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, aka Lou Gehrig's disease. Permission to print this article for the Hebron Herald was granted by his daughter Frost Bush Osborne and submitted by his sister, M. Hannah Bush.

Hebron Presbyterian Church Inc.

Profit & Loss —Budget vs. Actual

January through June 15,2025

GENERAL OPERATING FUND	Actual	Budget
6000 - GENERAL GIVING	56,334.10	138,250.00
7000 - BENEVOLENT GIVING	<u>1,074.00</u>	<u>11,250.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	57,408.10	149,500.00
1100 - CHURCH ADMINISTRATION		
1101 - CHURCH OFFICE	7,277.90	10,470.00
2140 - COMMUNICATIONS	840.05	3,700.00
Total 1100 - CHURCH ADMINI	8,117.95	14,170.00
2100 - CHRISTIAN OUTREACH	2,911.89	15,100.00
2300 - CONGREGATIONAL LIFE	72.83	1,100.00
2500 - WORSHIP COMMITTEE	678.03	2,480.00
3000 - MINISTER COMPENSATION	17,904.80	45,630.00
4000 - PERSONNEL	13,446.98	36,940.00
5100 - PROPERTY COMMITTEE		
5100 - CHURCH	20,304.69	37,640.00
5200 - MANSE	231.58	440.00
5300 - SCOUT HUT	193.16	440.00
Total 5100 - PROPERTY COMMITTEE	<u>20,729.43</u>	<u>8,520.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>63,861.91</u>	<u>153,940.00</u>
NET OPERATING LOSS	-6,453.81	-4,440.00

M. Hannah Bush

Treasurer

SACRA and Valley Mission Report

This month, the number of donations have slowed considerably for the SACRA and Valley Mission boxes that are in the Educational Building. Five items were given to SACRA, and the collection for Valley Mission numbered seven.

Let's see if we can up those numbers for the month of July. If every family contributed one can or one box of food each week, our contributions would multiply greatly. Both agencies use about the same type of canned and boxed foods with the Valley Mission also needing cleaning supplies since they constantly house people.










July 2025

Hebron Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 9:55 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 .	2	3	4 Happy Birthday America Parade 10:00 A.M. 	5
6 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. LOL	7 Stonewall Brigade Concert 7:30-8:30 P.M. John Williams selections	8 Praise in the Park 7:00 P.M. Brian Buchanan Blue Mt. Sunrise	9	10	11	12 Different Colored Eye Day 
13 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. LOL	14 Stonewall Brigade Concert 7:30-8:30 P.M. Latin Flare	15 Praise in the Park 7:00 P.M. Alabaster Grace Just Us Country	16 Hot Dog Day 	17	18	19
20 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. Congregational Mtg. and LOL	21 Stonewall Brigade Concert 7:30-8:30 P.M. Christmas in July	22 Praise in the Park 7:00 P.M. Calvary Baptist One Voice Band	23	24 Cousin's Day 	25	26
27 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. LOL	28 Stonewall Brigade Concert 7:30-8:30 P.M. Animal Night	29 Praise in the Park 7:00 P.M. Bridge Church Bands Youth Night	30 Friendship Day 	31		

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Date: _____

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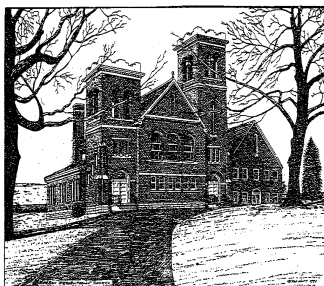


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and Joann Weklert



July Birthdays

Larry Mayer	12
Mark Buchanan	14
Helen Breeden	24
Karen Highlander	25
Gail Mayer	26
Fred Smiley	28
Jan Kitts-Cook	30
Greg Smith	31

Elder of the Month of July

For the month of July, Robin Moyer will serve as the Elder of the Month. You may reach Robin at 540. 487.6358 when the church office is closed or in case of an emergency.

Thanks to David Obenschain for serving as the EOM for June.

Operation Christmas Child For July

For the month of July, the Christian Outreach Committee is seeking musical instruments for the **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. Items that would be useful are whistles, harmonicas, kazoos, and maracas. Items may be placed in a special box near the coffee machine in the Educational Building.

Collections are ongoing for all kinds of toys such as cars, trucks, various types of balls, dolls, jump ropes, card games, marbles, pick-up sticks, and the like that were listed in the June newsletter. We still need cuddly stuffed animals.



There are lists available on the hall bulletin board above the collection box with suggestions for boys and girls in the various age groups— ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14. Feel free to take a list to help you choose items for boxes. Remember that items need to be in new condition. Thanks for your continuing help.

Finally, for one minute of inspiration about the ministry of Operation Christmas Child, view this link. <https://video.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-2025-promo/>