

## The Pastor's Part



Brrr- the wind is blowing a gale this morning. My little Prius was dancing all over the road coming to work a while ago- gusts at times making me swerve to the side. It's not March yet but the lion is already roaring. And the forecast is for more snow this week. No thanks- I've had enough for this winter. But whatever we are facing in the next few weeks, spring is soon to come.

Spring- with its promise of new life: flowers popping up, leaves budding and another season past and a new one beginning. For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. I want this to be a new season of your growth in faith and in discipleship. Most of the time we do not set new goals to deepen our faith, increase our works, or show just how much we love Christ and celebration of our growing wonder at his love for us.



Most of us in our secular jobs would get regular reviews, performance evaluations. How would yours look if God set us down each year and went over our past year, our growth, how dutifully we go about our life of faith? If he did this, I doubt any of us would get a raise! For many of us, for all of us, the notation would be Needs to Show Improvement.

Life is complicated and complex and it is made of many components. One of those parts must be, for Christians, the part of working in the Kingdom of our heavenly Father. When you had a yearly evaluation at your 9-5 job, did you ever think it was ok to  
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## Congregational and Corporation Meetings

On Sunday, February 16, 2025, the congregation of Hebron Church held two important yearly meetings- the yearly Congregational Meeting a meeting of the Hebron Corporation. The congregational meeting had two important pieces of business:



- to accept the Annual Report for 2024
- to elect members to the Pastor Nominating Committee

Dr. Rev. Henry Scoggins served as moderator of the first meeting. After reviewing the annual report, the church accepted it by acclamation. The second order of business was to nominate from the floor one member of the congregation to join two members of Session, Larry Mayer and Randy Moyer, to form the Pastor Nominating Committee. M. Hannah Bush was nominated and accepted by acclamation to form the committee. This meeting was then adjourned.

Larry Mayer then called a meeting of the Hebron Corporation. The church is required to have a meeting of the corporation once a year. Larry will serve as moderator of the corporation with Robin Moyer as secretary, and M. Hannah Bush as treasurer. The Session will serve as trustees for the 2025 year. Those trustees are Robert Christian, Glenn Mader, Larry Mayer, Tracy Mayer, Randy Moyer, Robin Moyer, David Obenschain, Lina Smith, and Sandy Showalter

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## Gracie Makes a Return!

With the coming of Ash Wednesday and Lent just days away, **Gracie**, the fish bank, will make a return to children and adults alike to participate in the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering. This offering is designated to help people prepare and recover from natural disaster, and provide safety, sustenance and hope



to people who lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity to the poor and oppressed throughout the world. We can be like the lad who gave his five barley loaves and two small fishes to eventually feed the 5,000. (John 6:9-13) God will multiply our gifts!

The Christian Outreach Committee will be providing the banks, literature, and giving envelopes during the six Sundays of Lent. The *One Great Hour of Sharing* initiative bears witness to the fact that when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Please consider making a gift to share Christ's love and work. THE fish banks for OGHS will be received Easter Sunday, April 20, during the regular worship service. It is wonderful to know that as children of God that our coins and dollars will bring relief to people who are experiencing hunger and disaster in their lives.

(**Preecha** continued from page one column one) say you had too many other things to do to get your job done. Well why do we think it is ok to say we have so many other things going on that we have no time to do God's work?

God only asks for a small part of our time and he gives us the rest to do as we like. We need to get our priorities straight. Let us do that- let us put God first and he will bless our time and talents for all of life.

Peace and Blessings,

*Preecha*

Pastor/Preecha

## Transfiguration of the Lord

On Sunday, March 2, Hebron will commemorate the *Transfiguration of the Lord* by observing holy communion during the worship hour. The Sunday immediately prior to Ash Wednesday is an appropriate time to celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord, because this event marked a transition in Jesus' ministry in which he "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51), where he would die.



In the gospel account of this event, Jesus is flanked on the mountaintop by Moses, representing the law, and Elijah representing the prophets; Jesus is the hope of the ages who fulfilled the Law given through Moses and the one dreamed of by the prophets of whom Elijah is the greatest.

## Bach Around the Clock



Bach Around the Clock, a free 12-hour musical marathon celebrating the music of J. S. Bach, is coming on Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 2807 N Augusta St. In Staunton.

Hebron's organist, Sarah Grove-Humphries, will participate in a chamber group and the cantata choir. We will have some special music you won't want to miss at Hebron's services on March 2 and 16 for a sneak peek at the festival.

Make plans to attend this musical program some time during the day and hear some very talented musicians including Sarah!

## Readings For Lent



### Wednesday, March 5-Ash Wednesday

Hebrews 12:1-14 Luke 18:9-14

### Thursday, March 6

Titus 1:1-16 John 1:29-34

### Friday, March 7

Titus 2:1-15 John 1:35-42

### Saturday, March 8

Titus 3:1-15 John 1:43-51

### Sunday, March 9

1 Cor. 1:18-31 Mark 2:18-22

### Monday, March 10

Heb. 2:11-18 John 2:1-12

### Tuesday, March 11

Heb. 3:1-11 John 2:13-22

### Wednesday, March 12

Heb. 3:12-19 John 2:23-3:15

### Thursday, March 13

Heb. 4:1-10 John 3:16-21

### Friday, March 14

Heb. 4:11-16 John 3:22-36

### Saturday, March 15

Heb. 5:1-10 John 4:1-26

### Sunday, March 16-Second Sunday in Lent

1 Cor. 3:11-23 Mark 3:31-4:9

### Monday, March 17

Rom. 1:1-15 John 4:27-42

### Tuesday, March 18

1:16-25 John 4:43-54

### Wednesday, March 19

Rom. 1:26-2:11 John 5:1-18

### Thursday, March 20

Rom. 2:12-24 John 5:19-29

### Friday, March 21

Rom. 2:25-3:18 John 5:30-47

### Saturday, March 22

Rom. 3:19-31 John 7:1-13

### Sunday, March 23-Third Sunday in Lent

1 Cor. 6:12-20 Mark 5:1-20

### Monday, March 24

Rom. 4:1-12 John 7:14-36

### Tuesday, March 25

Rom. 4:13-25 John 7:37-52

### Wednesday, March 26

Rom. 5:1-11 John 8:12-20

### Thursday, March 27

Rom. 5:12-21 John 8:21-32

### Friday, March 28

Rom. 6:1-11 John 8:33-47

### Saturday, March 29

Rom. 6:12-23 John 8:47-59

### Sunday, March 30-Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gal. 4:21-5:1 Mark 8:11-21

### Monday, March 31

Rom. 7:1-12 John 6:1-15

## Spring Forward!



Daylight Savings Time resumes Sunday, March 9 until Sunday November 2. Don't forget to set your clock accordingly so that you don't miss the Sunday service on

the ninth!

## Address Update

Bill Sellers is now in assisted living care in Waynesboro. His address is :

Bill Sellers

Rivers Edge Nursing and Rehab  
#228B

Waynesboro, VA 22980

He would enjoy cards and notes from his Hebrew friends.



## It's Not Too Early To Think About Operation Christmas Child

Recently, Randy Moyer the Christian Outreach Committee chairperson, received information about the Samaritan Purse Shoebox initiative, **Operation Christmas Child**, from Kathy Morzark, the local coordinator for Augusta, Bath, Highland, and Rockbridge Counties. Worldwide, there was a record breaking total of shoeboxes collected in 2024. Here in the Shenandoah Valley, 12,579 shoeboxes were packed, which is a 9.8 % increase over the previous year's collection.

One method for increasing the number of shoeboxes for worldwide distribution is to focus on collecting certain items by the entire congregation on a monthly basis. **Operation Christmas Child** created a poster that can be seen on our Facebook page detailing monthly items that can be contributed. Then in November, the items collected throughout the year are sorted by age and gender appropriateness and packed in boxes for distribution.



Here are some suggestions:

- January-hats, gloves, scarves, socks
- February-accessories such as hair bows and bands, jewelry, sunglasses
- March-cloth tote bags, craft items, dry watercolor sets, play dough, clay
- April-stuffed animals, cuddly toys, dolls
- May-personal care items, combs, brushes, washcloths, toothbrushes, bath sponges, nail clippers and files
- June-other toys like balls, jump ropes, Legos, mini footballs, yoyos, jack rocks, cube games
- July-musical instruments like kazoos, harmonicas, whistles, tambourines, plastic flutes
- August-school supplies
- September-games, puzzles, card games, cube puzzles

## Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Noah Parker Turnage, Jr. and Anna Rose Cahill on their wedding held January 25, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of Hebron Presbyterian Church. Parker is the son of Noah P. Turnage, Sr. and the late Laura Quesenberry Turnage. Anna is the daughter of Stephen and Nicola Cahill.



Noah is a graduate of Old Dominion University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is an application engineer with Daikin Applied Americas. Anna, a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University holds a BS degree in psychology and a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health. She works with the Arrow Project. The couple resides in Harrisonburg.

May God's blessings be upon them as they enter this new era in their lives!

(**Operation Christmas Child** continued from column one)

- October-personal letter and photo
- November-money donation to send the box
- December-Prayer-"The most important thing you can send with a box is prayer." Franklin Graham

Randy would like to set up an **Operation Christmas Child** collection box in each vestibule so that members can drop off items that are requested and bought each month. Also, check out the bulletin board near the coffee table in the Educational Building for new information and lists of suggestions for different age levels.

Even though we are a little behind with this project for the year, we think we can easily catch up with the January and February items during the next several months. Let's see what we can collect for March as well as catch up with January and February. We hope you will support the committee's efforts for 2025!

## HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### STATED SESSION MEETING

January 26, 2025

12:00 PM

**Present:** Elders Robert Christian, Larry Mayer, Sandy Showalter, Tracy Mayer, LinaSmith, Anita Tuttle, Glenn Mader, Randy Moyer, David Obenschain, and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer

**Guests:** Hannah Bush

**Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins

The meeting was called to order at 12:09pm. A quorum was declared present, and the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

#### Clerk's Report:

- Session approved the agenda for this meeting.
- Session approved the minutes from the Stated Session Meeting of November 10, 2024
- Session approved by common consent the removal of James B. McGavock and Elton M. Hewitt, Jr. from the church roll following their deaths.
- Session approved by common consent the 2024 Church Statistical Report submitted by the Clerk.
- New officers for the Class of 2027 were examined by Session and installed on January 5, 2025, rescheduled from January 12, 2025.
- Communion was served on November 24 and December 24, 2024.
- Communion was canceled on January 12, 2025, due to inclement weather.
- Pastor Scoggins contract was approved by Presbytery and a background by Presbytery was completed and passed.
- Anna Cahill and Parker Turnage's wedding was held at Hebron on January 25, 2025.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Hannah Bush reported she has made our own thank you notes for memorial gifts.
- Financial reports and a proposed budget were emailed to Session members. Reports were accepted by Session. There was discussion on the budget, and it will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

**Presbytery Meeting:** No report-but minutes can be found at

#### Old Business:

- Robin will email members the list of open months to sign up for Elder of the Month from February 2025 through January 2026.
- A motion was made in honor of a request made by the family of Evelyn Sandy Whitmore to set up a Funeral Fund in memory of her to give \$100 to family members to use toward food during their time of grief. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Larry Mayer has agreed to moderate the new PNC and Randy Moyer will be a second member. There will be a third member from the Congregation.
- A motion was made to schedule the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 16, 2025, to distribute the Annual Report and elect the PNC. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### Committee Reports:

- **Christian Outreach Committee:** Randy Moyer- Have not received the amount collected for Ringing the Bells in December.
- All supplies are for the July 4th Parade and Celebration of Lights are stored in the Sunday School Building upstairs.

- **Congregational Life Committee:** Tracy Mayer-Committee has not met yet this year.
- **Property Committee:** Robert Christian-Committee has not met yet this year. The Committee will be reviewing the amount of rent on the Manse.
- **Communication Committee:** Session agreed the newsletter could be done quarterly instead of monthly.
- **Worship Committee:** Anita announced she will be stepping down from Session.

Mark Wilson will be in the pulpit April 27, and May 5, 2025, while Pastor is on vacation.

Session by common consent approved the following dates for Communion:

March 2-Transfiguration Sunday

April 13-Palm Sunday

June 15-Trinity Sunday

August 3-Quarterly Communion

October 5-World Communion Sunday

November 23-Christ the King Sunday

December 24-Christmas Eve-Wednesday

Also, by common consent, Session approved November 2-All Saints Sunday for Hebron Memorials

- **Administrative Committee:** Sandy Showalter-
- There was a recommendation from the Committee to disband the Administrative Committee and the three sub-committees, Communication, Finance, and Personnel be stand-alone committees. Session voted unanimously to pass the recommendation. The chairs of the committee are Joan Wright-Communication, Joyce Obenschain-Finance, and Ellen Desper-Personnel.
- Sandy also distributed a handout showing the interest of all Certificates of Deposits started in February 2023.
- A third team has been added to the Counting Teams for the offerings. Committee manual reports need to be submitted to Ellen Desper by February 10, 2025.

## **Moderator's Report:**

Pastor Scoggins will be on vacation the two weeks following Easter.

## **Executive Session**

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made to hire Wesley Bush as treasurer. Motion was passed unanimously by Session.

## **New Business:**

- Annual Corporation Meeting will be immediately after the Annual Congregational Meeting to elect the president, secretary, and treasurer.

## **Closing and Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer from the Moderator at 1:46pm.

Our next Stated Session Meeting will be February 23, 2025, at 12:15pm.

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Robin Moyer

Clerk of Session

## **SACRA and Valley Mission Report**

For the month of February, the Hebron congregation donated twenty-four food items to the SACRA pantry. Please consider donating a canned or boxed food item and place it in the SACRA box in the Educational Building. Just one item per family would make a difference in the lives of families struggling to feed their families.





The Valley Mission received six items this past month. The Mission is in need of personal hygiene items such as men's and women's toiletries and accessories, double blade razors for men, adult socks, underwear, flip-flops for adults, as well as cleaning supplies of all types. Cereal is also in great demand. Please place your donations in the box marked Valley Mission also in the Educational Building.



# March 2025

## Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 11:00 A.M. Transfiguration Sunday PNC Meeting 6:00 P.M.	3	4 Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	5 Ash Wednesday 	6	7	8
9 Worship 11:00 A.M. Daylight Savings Time begins	10	11 Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	12	13	14 Ides of March 	15
16 Worship 11:00 A.M.	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	19	20 Spring Begins 	21	22
23 Worship 11:00 A.M. <u>Session Mtg.</u> 30	24  31	25 Bible Study 11:00 A.M. Bach Around the Clock 9 A.M.-9 P.M.	26	27	28	29



# HEBRON HERALD

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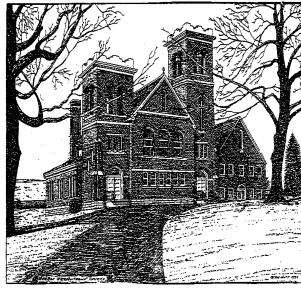
Ministries available to all ages

Sunday School 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor - Dr. Henry Scoggins

Editors of **Hebron Herald** for March- Joan Clemmer Wright  
and Joann Weikert



## From Shenandoah Presbytery

Dear Pastors,

We received this notice and want to pass it on to the churches. Please pass this on to your Men's Group, or if you do not have a men's groups, pass it to someone who may be interested. Attached is the flyer for the Conference held this summer at Massanetta Springs. Anyone who is interested in the Presbyterian Men or in the Conference, please contact Victor Samuel whose information is below. Thank you!

"I'm Elder Victor Samuel, Chairman of the Men's Council at Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC and Director of Public Relations for the **Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men**. I am trying to get the word out to the men in ALL Churches in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic to inform them of the upcoming 2-25 Men's Conference, 18-20 July 2025 at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center, 712 Massanetta Springs Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

I am asking for a Point of Contact in the form of an email and/or phone number for each of the Churches in your Presbytery. Preferably, they would represent the Men at their Church. However, I will be more than satisfied with being able to communicate with a representative at the Church if not a representative of their Men's organization.

Thank you in advance for your support! I look forward to hearing from you!

May you continue to be a blessing to God and all around you!"

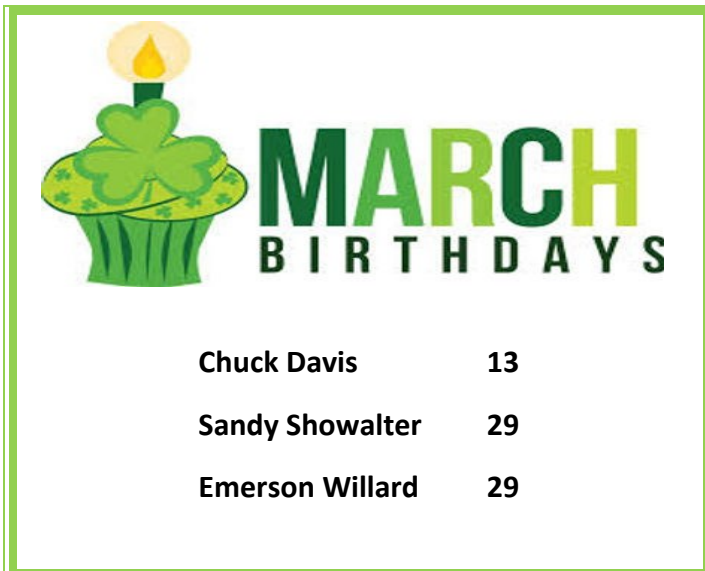
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## Hebron Church Directory

The Communications Committee is working to update our church directory. If you have not turned in a form that was included in the February newsletter, you can find forms in the vestibules on the tables holding the collection plates. We would like to complete this project by mid March.

## Elder of the Month For March

Lina Smith will serve as the Elder of the Month (EOM) for March. If you need assistance when the church office is closed, you may reach Lina at 540-480-0207. She will be happy to assist you.



We thank Larry Mayer for serving as the EOM for February.