

The Pastor's Part



I love the fall. It is my favorite time of the year, and it seems to be the busiest time of the year. In some ways it starts with Labor Day- even if it is still hot- but school is back in, and summer is over.

Then, my birthday comes even if I don't want it to, and soon it is Halloween. I loved the costumes and the candy when I was young, but the best Halloweens for me were when my children were young, and I would go around the neighborhood with the dad of my daughter's best friend- and we lived in a neighborhood with a lot of children! - and have such fun seeing their excitement and all the costumes which were often so inventive.



I remember one memorable Halloween when I was giving out the treats, and I saw a dad and a strange form walking into the light from the porch. As they got closer, I erupted in laughter. His daughter was a table set for dinner- dishes, silverware, tablecloth and all, with her head sticking out of the middle of the table. She was about eight or so, had thought of the idea herself, and the two of them built it. It was the best costume I have ever seen.

Of course, it is not long before Thanksgiving rolls around, and although my fondest memories of them often center around my grandmother's table with all the great food she made. Now my daughter Elizabeth cooks such a sumptuous meal that is always a wonder. But it also saddens me that I cannot eat like I used to. Alas.



All Saints Sunday

Hebron will observe All Saints Sunday on November 2, to remember seven of our members who have passed away since the last service in November, 2024. During the service, we will light candles and offer special prayers in memory of Jon Harold Arneson, Helen Terry Breeden, Dennis Clay Hewitt, Elton Massie Hewitt, Jr. , James Bowman McGavock, William Franklin Sellers, and Charles Hunter Shomo.



Christ the King Sunday

November 23 is Christ the King Sunday which is traditionally the Sunday before Advent begins. It acknowledges that Jesus Christ as the "King of all kings". On this day, Hebron will observe the sacrament of holy communion .



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Soon comes Christmas, and family and new memories intertwined with cherished old ones, and the year is gone. It seems to pass so quickly. I hope you take time to cherish each event- to be with family if you can- to make church part of the season and to give thanks to a loving Father for the seasons, the memories, and the joy of Christmas Eve to which it is all leading.

Peace,
Preecha
Pastor

October Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, the congregation of Hebron met for the purpose of electing three elders to the Class of 2028. Rev. Dr. Henry Scoggins served as moderator and called the meeting to order with prayer. Elder Robert Christian presented the names of three nominees— Larry Mayer, Robin Moyer, and Mike Fallin. As there were no further nominees, these three were elected by acclamation.

As there was no further business, the moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Annual Meeting of

Hebron Presbyterian Church , Incorporated

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, the congregation of Hebron Presbyterian Church Incorporated held its yearly meeting. Larry Mayer, president of the corporation called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the upcoming year. Elder Robert Christian presented the following nominees:

President-Larry Mayer

Secretary-Robin Moyer

Treasurer-Marsha Sensabaugh

As there were no further nominees, the slate of officers was accepted by acclamation. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Henry Scoggins.

SACRA and Valley Mission Report

For the month of October, Hebron members donated 14 items to the SACRA food bank and 4 items to the Valley Mission. As the weather becomes colder, more people depend upon these agencies for food, supplies, shelter, and clothing.

Operation Christmas Child Deadline

Our year long collection for Operation Christmas child is coming to a close with the collection deadline scheduled for November 16th. Shoeboxes have been placed on side of the podium and completed shoeboxes will be placed on the opposite side. Suggestions for fillers have been placed on a bulletin board in the Educational Building according to the six age groups.



Please remove as much packing paper, plastic, and cardboard as possible from your gifts. Many of the countries where shoeboxes will be delivered do not have ways to dispose of excess packaging materials as we have in the United States.

If you prefer to give a monetary donation to help shop for items or have questions, please contact Randy Moyer at 540-649-3823.

Hanging of the Greens

The Worship Committee will commence Christmas activities by scheduling the traditional *Hanging of the Greens* on Sunday, November 24, immediately following the worship service. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the office for jobs that need to be done in order to have out beautiful sanctuary ready for Christmas, or just join in wherever you see a decorating opportunity. We need all kinds of volunteers-men, women, children-young and old.



A Message From the Society of St. Andrew

Greetings, Hebron Presbyterian Church!

I just wanted to share our gratitude for your mission partnership! At the Society of St. Andrew we bring people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities. Since you began partnering with us, you've shared more than 30,000 servings(!) of fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables with children, adults, seniors, and veterans facing hunger in VA. Thank you!

May God bless your faith and generosity this harvest season.

Until all are fed,

Pastor Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Director of Church Relations church@endhunger.org

PS--Here's a photo of a family gleanng a VA orchard with us last month!



Elder of the Month For November

Robert Christian will serve as Hebron's elder of the month during November. If you need to contact the church when the office is closed or in case of an emergency, please contact Robert at 540-290-5040.

We thank Randy Moyer for serving as the EOM during the month of October.



Save the Date!

Christmas Luncheon

December 7, 2025

In the Fellowship Hall

The church will provide chicken and beverages

The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and desserts!

Questions: Call David Obenschain at 540-887-1292

Celebration of Holiday Lights

For the 20th year in a row, beautiful Gypsy Hill Park's 214 acres will be aglow with holiday lights, from the Monday before Thanksgiving through the end of December, each evening from 5:00 P.M. until 11:00 P.M. The celebration runs from November 24, 2025 through January 1, 2026.

Each year there are more participants bringing colorful scenes that are all created uniquely by individuals, families, organizations, businesses, and churches from Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta County and surrounding areas. These displays are enjoyed by over 32,000 vehicles traveling through the park.



Again, the Christian Outreach Committee plans for Hebron to participate. The event is free to the public.

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STATED SESSION MEETING

September 21, 2025

(Draft)

12:15 PM

Present: Elders Robert Christian, Larry Mayer, Sandy Showalter, Glenn Mader, Randy Moyer, Lina Smith, David Obenschain, and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer

Excused: Tracy Mayer

Guests: Joel Smith, Personnel Committee Chair Ellen Desper, and Treasurer Marsha Sensabaugh

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins

The meeting was called to order at 12:14pm. A quorum was declared present, and the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Guest Joel Smith requested to join Hebron by reaffirmation of faith. He is transferring from Community Fellowship Church in Staunton. After speaking with Joel, a motion was made and seconded to receive Joel as a member. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report:

- Session approved agenda for the meeting.
- Session approved the minutes from the Stated Session Meeting June 22, 2025, Congregational Meeting July 20, 2025, and Called Session Meeting August 10, 2025
- Session approved the removal of Jon Arneson, deceased, and Charles Shomo, deceased from membership roll.
- An email poll was taken July 8, 2025, to approve request of the family of Charles Shomo to use the Hebron sanctuary and have Pastor Scott Duffy to perform memorial service. Majority of Session answered yes, and the request was approved.
- An email poll was taken August 8, 2025, to

approve Marsha Sensabaugh (new Hebron treasurer), to be added to sign checks, and remove Hannah Bush (outgoing treasurer) from signing of checks. Majority of Session answered yes, and the request was approved.

- Communion served August 3, 2025.
- Marsha Sensabaugh, hired as Hebron's treasurer, started in early August 2025.
- Allen Turnbull's bike event October 20, 2025, using parking lot and Sarah Grove-Humphries to play organ for riders at the end of the bike ride.

Treasurer's Report:

- Marsha Sensabaugh previously emailed Session members a Balance Sheet and a Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report. After reviewing Session accepted the reports.
- At the May 18, 2025, Stated meeting, Session approved to close the Giles Trimble Fidelity Account. Larry has been working on this and now that Hebron is Incorporated, the account needs to be closed and renamed. A motion was made and seconded to give Larry Mayer as Corporation President named on the form giving permission to have the account closed and renamed, and conduct any business needed to be done on this account. Session agreed by common consent.
- Session approved by common consent to have the interest be deposited annually into the Atlantic Union bank account from the CDs.

Marsha Sensabaugh and Sandy Showalter will be on all the CD accounts at Edward Jones.

Presbytery Meeting: Minutes from the last meeting in August 2025, be found at <https://shenpres.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2025/09/Minutes-August-2025.pdf>

Next meeting is 9:30am, Saturday, November 15, 2025, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton. Lina Smith plans to go to this meeting.

Old Business:

- Moving Forward Plan for Hebron – Sandy Showalter has worked up a plan called Moving

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Forward. The Plan includes a timeline and discussion groups that include the Congregation to participate. She previously emailed the plan to Session members. A called Session meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2025, for Session to discuss the details of the plan.

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Outreach Committee:** Randy reported in November we will begin collecting donations and fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Celebration of Lights will be set up in the park the week of Thanksgiving.
- **Communication Committee:** Robert reported we need 100 followers on Facebook for live streaming.
- **Congregational Life Committee:** David reported the committee will sponsor a covered dish meal with the church providing the meat, for observance of Heritage Sunday. The committee is also planning a meal in December and possibly Souper Bowl Sunday in January.
- **Finance Committee:** Sandy reported Joyce Obenschain has stepped down as chair, and Sandy will be taking over as chair of the Finance committee. Committee members are Gail Mayer, Hannah Bush, and Joyce Obenschain.
- **Personnel Committee:** Personnel Chair, Ellen Desper, presented a draft of the treasurer's contract for Session to review and approve at next Stated meeting. The treasurer is looking into new computer fiancé programs. The committee is looking to develop a checklist of duties and timeline for the cleaning staff.
- **Property Committee:** Emerson Willard is acquiring a replacement part for the condensate pump. All the batteries have been replaced in the emergency lights, and the emergency exit lights need to be replaced in the sanctuary. Gas shut off valve had been moved. The microphone at the pulpit has been repaired at no charge. 4H will again be using the Fellowship Hall for their monthly meetings. Mold on the wall in the Session Room is coming from a gutter overflow from the heavy rains this year. The mold will be killed and the wall painted. There also has been a leak in the vestibule from the tower. In the old cemetery, five trees will be removed and two trimmed by William Brothers. The cost will be \$3980.
- **Worship Committee:** Communion will be served on October 5, 2025.
- **PNC:** Committee has conducted phone interviews and is continuing the search for a pastor.

Moderator's Report: Pastor Scoggins will be at Massanetta this week for continuing education.

New Business:

- Sarah Grove-Humphries requested to have her friend and fellow organist, Nancy Novelly, hold an organ concert March 22, 2026, at 3:00pm. A motion was made and seconded, and the concert was approved. There was discussion on how to promote the concert into the community, and what other musical events we could have at Hebron.
- Interest made on Memorial Funds and Scholarships was discussed, and how to spend.
- Officer Nominating Committee (Executive Session) Committee has put into nomination for the Class of 2028, Mike Fallin, Larry Mayer, and Robin Moyer.

Closing and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:29pm.

Our next Stated Session Meeting will be October 26, 2025, at 12:15pm.

Robin Moyer

Clerk of Session

Church Committees and Chairmen

Cemetery-Greg Smith

Christian Outreach-Randy Moyer

Communications-Joan Wright

Congregational Life-David Obenschain

Finance-Sandy Showalter

Personnel-Ellen Desper

PNC-Larry Mayer

Property-Robert Christian

Worship-Hannah Bush

A Message From SACRA

Dear Members of Hebron Church,

On behalf of our clients, we would like to thank you for your tremendous outpouring of support of SACRA throughout the years. Your financial support and regular donations of food and other items truly make a difference in the lives of those in our community.

Our clients face financial struggles everyday to make ends meet. Many of them are living on fixed incomes, raising children, caring for elderly family members, and facing daily uncertainties regarding housing. Your support allows SACRA to assist when there is a possible eviction or utility disconnection. This assistance is truly a live line for those in need.

May God bless your church abundantly. You are a blessing to many.

SACRA Volunteers

Notes on Nathan

It was good to see Nathan Moyer back with us on Heritage Sunday. His reporting to Camp Geiger has been delayed a few weeks. After his 10-day leave



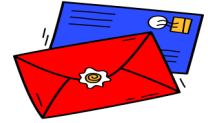
ends, he will be working as a Recruiter Assistant at the Staunton Recruiting Office.

He will be visiting area high schools and various events. His current orders are to report to Camp Geiger in November. Camp Geiger is located near Jacksonville, North Carolina, and is part of the Camp Lejeune complex.

At Camp Geiger, Nathan will be attending ITB (Infantry Training Battalion) school. ITB lasts for 14 weeks where newly-minted Marines will be instructed on modern Marine Corps infantry tactics in order to conduct expeditionary combat operations.

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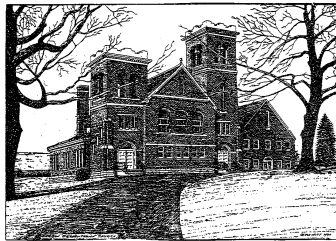
Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship All Saints Sunday 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M.	3	4 Bible Study 11:00 A.M. 	5	6	7	8 World Pianist Day 
9 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M.	10	11 Bible Study 11:00 A.M. 	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M.	17	18 Bible Study 11:00 A.M. 4-H Meeting	19	20	21 Gingerbread Cookie Day 	22
23 Worship Communion 11:00 A.M. Hanging of the Greens 30 First Sunday in Advent	24	25 Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	26	27 Thanksgiving 	28	29

HEBRON HERALD

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Sunday School 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor - Dr. Henry Scoggins

Editors of **Hebron Herald** for November— Joan Clemmer Wright
and Joann Weikert

Thoughts about the Red Kettle Drive

By Shirley Fallin

Soon it will be time to sign up to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. I have the greatest respect for what the Salvation Army does with this money.

I was an employee of the Richmond, Virginia Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center for twenty-four years, two months, and eleven days, and during that time, I held many different positions. One of them was assistant bookkeeper. So I knew where the money went, and it wasn't in a big salary for the people in charge.



It's been twenty-five years now, and some things have changed. But if you look it up on the internet, the highest salary is in the \$98,000 range for the top official— the General. There is only one. Ranks below the General's salary is based on specific role, experience, and training. Of course they have a house to live in, as long as they are assigned to that city, insurance, and other things paid for. But for salary, no millionaires. Your dollar donated goes on to provide shelter services, food rehabilitation, ministry, and other services.

So please, if you can, sign up for an hour at the pot. Someone in need will benefit from your service.

November Birthdays

Barbara Moyer	3
Nathan Moyer	6
Shirley Fallin	14
Robin Moyer	14
Sylvia Crawford	16
Joyce Obenschain	24

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Randy Moyer, Christian Outreach chairman, has indicated that the committee has plans for Hebron to participate in the Salvation Army's Christmas Bell Ringing project. As of this printing, the schedule has not been posted by the Salvation Army.

Randy is hoping that he can sign up for the first Saturday in December at the Kroger Shopping Center. Stay tuned for information about this project which Hebron has participated in for many years.

