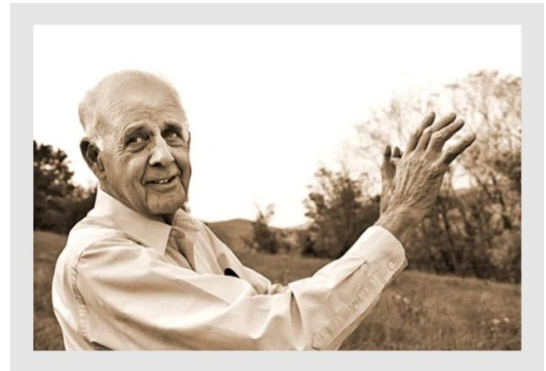


Words to Inspire: The Poetry of Wendell Berry

Some of you know the works and words of Wendell Berry. Wendell Berry is a beloved American poet, author, farmer, and thoughtful voice on faith, community, and our connection to God's creation. His inspiring words encourage us to slow down, live gratefully, and recognize the sacredness in the world around us. Let these be comfort for you always.



When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time, I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Sit and be still until in the time of no rain you hear beneath the dry wind's commotion in the trees the sound of flowing water among the rocks, a stream unheard before, and you are where breathing is prayer.

From the Session

As we enter the month of September, we find ourselves in a unique season in the life of Hebron Presbyterian Church. While we have said goodbye to Rev. Dr. H.D. Scoggins and are grateful for the faithful leadership and friendship he has shared with us over the past three and a half years, we now look ahead with anticipation to the beginning of a new chapter.

Although our new pastor will not begin his ministry until October 1, we know that God continues to guide and sustain His church through every season. This brief time of transition gives us an opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness, to pray for our congregation, and to prepare our hearts for the ministry that lies ahead.

We ask that you join us in praying for our new pastor and his family as they prepare for this move and the exciting work that awaits them at Hebron. Please also remember our church leaders, staff, volunteers, and committees who will continue to faithfully serve during this interim period. The ministry of the church does not pause during times of transition. Through worship, fellowship, outreach, and service, we continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Transitions often bring both excitement and uncertainty, but they also remind us that our hope is firmly rooted in Christ. We are grateful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our church throughout its long history, and we trust that He has wonderful things in store for the future of our congregation.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness, encouragement, and support of Hebron Presbyterian Church. We invite you to join us in worship each Sunday as together we seek to glorify God, grow in faith, and warmly prepare to welcome our new pastor and his family in October.

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." — Psalm 126:3



HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
July 26, 2026
12:15 PM (Draft)

Present: Elders Tracy Mayer, Lina Smith, Glenn Mader, Randy Moyer, David Obenschain, Larry Mayer, Mike Fallin, and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer.

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins

Guests: Hannah Bush and Sandy Showalter

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

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes were approved from the Stated Meeting of June 28, 2026.
- A donation of \$100 was accepted from the family of Lois Pines for the use of the Fellowship Hall following her internment on July 16, 2026.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marsha Sensabaugh previously emailed a Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report, and a Transaction List by Date report for the end of June 2026. The balance in the General Fund is \$48,426.29 as of June 30, 2026. After reviewing, Session accepted reports as presented.

Presbytery report: The next meeting is Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 9:30am via zoom.

Moving Forward: No report.

Old Business:

- Homecoming - David passed around a flyer that will be made for Session members to distribute to invite the community to help us celebrate Hebron's 280th Anniversary on October 25, 2026.
- Officer Nominating Committee will meet in September.

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Education** – Glenn passed out samples of devotions he would like handout with the bulletins to the congregation. He also suggested members share their testimonies during worship service.
- **Christian Outreach** – No report.
- **Communication** – No report.
- **Congregational Life** – No report.
- **Finance** – Sandy reported that she and Marsha met at Atlantic Union Bank and put the CDs maturing in March and July with interest into a money market account. The amount was \$33,950 and the interest rate at that time was 2.5%.
- **Personnel** – No report.
- **Property** – Larry reported the central air condition in the manse has been repaired at a cost of \$3000 and a window air condition unit has been installed in the nursery. The Scout Hut has been inspected and was found the electric sub panel needs to be replaced.
- **Worship** – Next communion August 2, 2026.
- **PNC** – Larry reported the committee had found someone for the Session to consider for the pastor position.

Executive Session

During the executive session, there was discussion on the applicant for the new pastor presented by the PNC. Session approved unanimously the recommendation made by the PNC. The new pastor will begin on October 1, 2026, pending Presbytery approval. Pastor Scoggins submitted a 30 day notice to end his contract with Hebron. A motion was made and seconded to accept his notice and was unanimously approved.

Moderator's Report: No report.

New Business: None

Closing and Adjournment: The meeting adjourned with prayer at 1:10pm.

Our next Stated Session Meeting will be September 27, 2026, at 12:00pm

Robin Moyer
Clerk of Session

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with all your heart
and lean not on your
own understanding.*

PROVERBS 3:5



WELCOMING *Rev. Dr. R. Jacob Hofmeister*

We joyfully look forward to welcoming Rev. Dr. R. Jacob Hofmeister and his family to our church family!

The Presbytery committee will meet on September 10 to receive and approve the recommendation and his contract.

Following that approval, Rev. Hofmeister will be officially cleared to begin his ministry with us.

He is excited about joining Hebron and can't wait to get started!





Please join us in praying for Rev. Hofmeister, his family, and our congregation as we prepare for this new chapter of ministry together.

We are excited to see what God will do in and through Hebron in the days ahead!

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Elder of the Month for **SEPTEMBER** is

Glenn Mader

You can reach Glenn at:

 | (C) 540-255-7869

 *Thanks* to Mike for being
Elder of the Month for *August*.



Here for You This Month

Each month, one of our church elders takes a special role in caring for and supporting our congregation. The Elder of the Month serves as a helpful point of contact for members who may have a question, concern, prayer request, or other need.

Through prayer, encouragement, service, and leadership, our elders help care for the life and ministry of our church. Please know that your Elder of the Month is here for you and ready to help whenever needed.



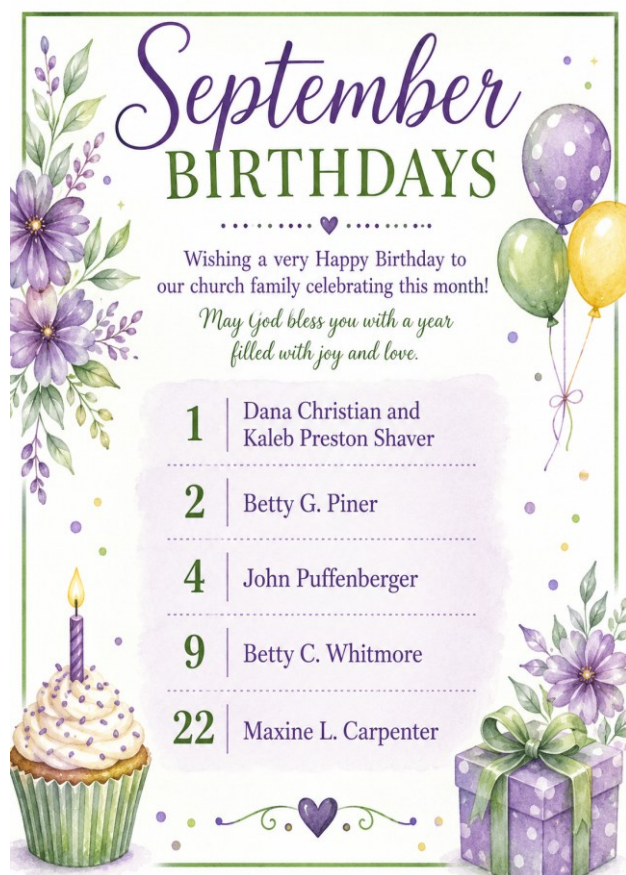
LEMONADE on the Linoleum (LOL)

A Sweet Summer of Fellowship!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make **Lemonade on the Linoleum** such a special part of our summer! Your generosity, time, and kindness provided refreshing drinks, delicious treats, and wonderful fellowship each Sunday. We are grateful for all who served and made LOL possible!

June 7	David and Theresa Moore	July 26	Donna Kirtley and Carol Ratliff
June 14	Jim and Sylvia Crawford	August 2	Emerson and E. Anne Willard
June 21	Mike and Shirley Fallin	August 9	Glenn Mader
June 28	Robert and Dana Christian	August 16	Greg and Lina Smith, Billie Jean Banks and Betty Whitmore
July 5	Linda Harvey and Anita Tuttle	August 23	Leann Denlinger and Alex Moore
July 12	Joel Smith	August 30	David and Joyce Obenschain and Edna Stone
July 19	Gail and Larry Mayer		

Thanks for Sharing Your Time and Talents!



September BIRTHDAYS

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to our church family celebrating this month!
May God bless you with a year filled with joy and love.

1	Dana Christian and Kaleb Preston Shaver
2	Betty G. Piner
4	John Puffenberger
9	Betty C. Whitmore
22	Maxine L. Carpenter

What's Happening AT HEBRON

Fellowship • Music • Serving Together



FAITHFUL MEN — IN CONCERT —

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
5:00 P.M.**

at Hebron Presbyterian Church

*Join us for an uplifting evening of
music and fellowship!*

Bring a friend and enjoy an evening with
Faithful Men at Hebron!



2026 POINSETTIA ORDERS

It's time to place your Christmas poinsettia orders
with **Cros-B-Crest Farm**.

Choose from beautiful red or white poinsettias to brighten
your home or share someone special this Christmas season.

6" red or white
\$10.00

8" red or white
\$18.00

Deadline for these orders is October 30th.

Please give your orders to Gail Mayer and if you have questions,
she can be contacted at (540) 885-6984.



COMING IN DECEMBER SILENT AUCTION! SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Soup • Sandwiches • Silent Auction

We need your help!

Start thinking now about something you could contribute to our auction.
It doesn't have to be fancy or expensive—something made, baked, created,
or simply something nice you already have and would like to donate.

Thank you in advance for helping make our Silent Auction a success!

Questions? Contact Donna Kirtley • 540-997-2114

There's always something happening at Hebron

Around Our Community

Mark your calendars for these fun local events!

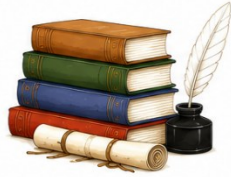


Art in the Park

September 5 & 6

Gypsy Hill Park • Staunton

Enjoy Labor Day weekend with more than 90 artists and makers, food, art activities, and fun for the whole family. Admission and parking are free.



Fall Homeschool Days at the Frontier Culture Museum

September 9–11

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Hands-on history comes to life! Students can experience activities like carding wool, writing with a quill pen, and more.

frontiermuseum.org



Fall Movie Night at Natural Chimneys

September 12

Natural Chimneys Park

Bring the family and a lawn chair for an evening under the stars! Activities run from 5:00–9:00 p.m. and include food trucks, lawn games, a mobile gaming truck, and a showing of *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*. Rain date: September 26.



Staunton Farmers Market

Every Saturday in September

7:00 a.m.–noon

Gypsy Hill Park • Staunton

Shop local and support our community! Enjoy fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, meats, artisan items, and more. Everyone is welcome!

Let's support our community and enjoy all that makes our area so special!

AUGUSTA EXPO 277 Expo Road FISHERSVILLE, VA SEPTEMBER FLEA MARKET

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**



ADMISSION \$1 CASH | CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE | PARKING FREE

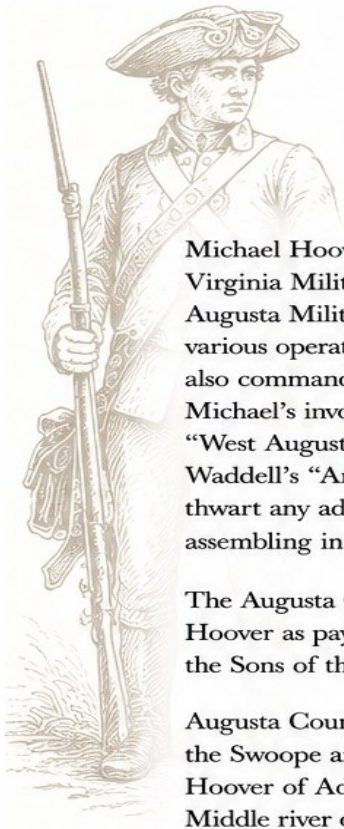
AUGUSTA EXPO 277 Expo Road FISHERSVILLE, VA 58TH ANNUAL SHENANDOAH VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SHOW

SEPTEMBER 18–20, 2026



- Main Hall, Addition Hall & Annex
- Vendors from near and far
- Club displays
- Indoor children's activities
- Popular gem sluice

Fun for the whole family!



Michael Hoover

Michael Hoover's participation in the Revolutionary War is documented on page 28 of the Virginia Militia. In 1779, Michael's name is among the privates who served in the 2nd Battalion, Augusta Militia commanded by Captain Peter Hull. At this time Virginia's militia was involved in various operations, including defense efforts and support for the Continental Army. Captain Hull also commanded a troop of Cavalry in the Yorktown Campaign in 1781, documentation of Michael's involvement in this campaign has not been confirmed. At this same time period the "West Augusta Boys" rallied together following the capture of a British spy. Documentation in Waddell's "Annals of Augusta County" provides details of men lining up at Rock Fish Gap to thwart any advances of Cornwallis. Protection of Staunton was crucial as the Legislature was assembling in Staunton.

The Augusta County Tax Records of 1783 (which was the final year of British Rule) list Michael Hoover as paying land taxes to the new government, this qualified him as a patriot according to the Sons of the American Revolution's member Thomas J. Quigley.

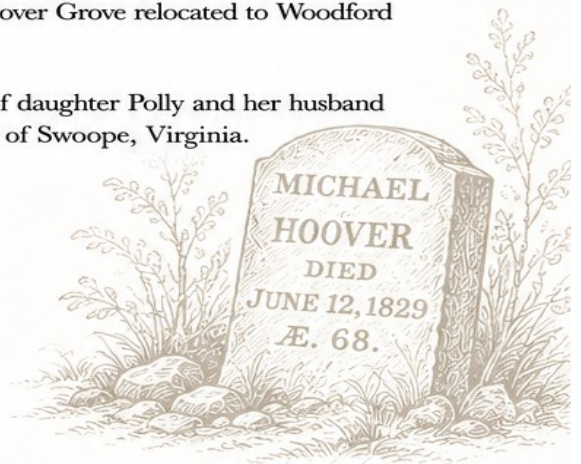
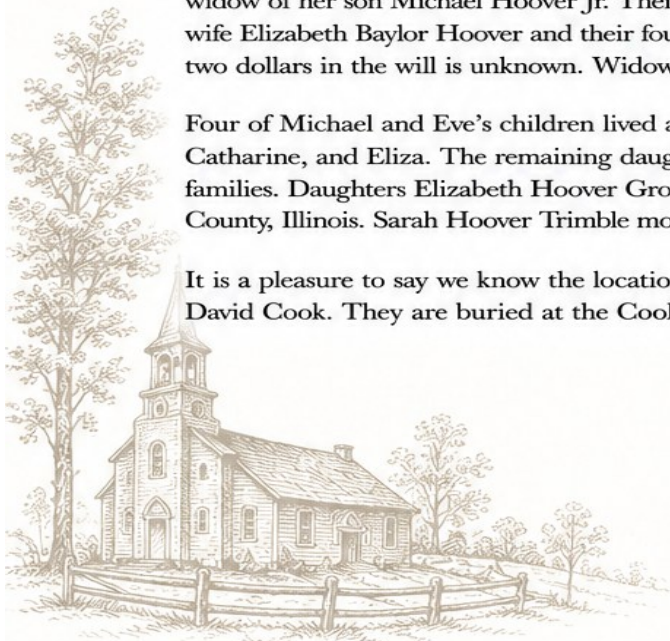
Augusta County Court House Records confirm Michael purchased at least two plots of land in the Swoope area of Augusta County. In these records two sections were purchased from Ulrich Hoover of Adams County, Pennsylvania. One section of land was located at the "waters of Middle river of Shanandoe," and a second parcel of 100 acres in the Meadow Run branch of Middle River in Beverley Manor.

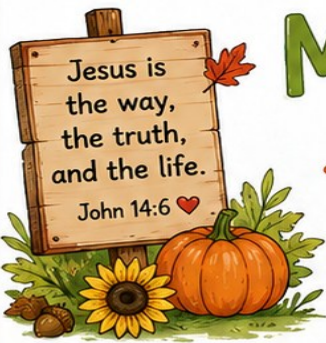
Further research is needed to determine whether Michael's birthplace was Pennsylvania or Virginia. Where he married his wife Eve is also yet to be confirmed. Her grave is believed to be on Michael's right, but no marker is visible today and was not there in the 1960s when the Old Hebron Cemetery was cataloged. It is possible no marker was placed on the grave, not uncommon for the wife during this time period, according the Augusta County Historical Society.

Michael's burial plot at Hebron records his death at age 68, the 12th of June 1829. He leaves behind his wife Eve, who survived her husband for about 12 years, one son and six daughters. Eve's will, dated April 1842, is recorded in Will Book 33 of Augusta County, Virginia. Her estate is divided between six living daughters, Catharine, Polly, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Eliza, as well as the widow of her son Michael Hoover Jr. Their only son Michael Jr. passed away in 1834 leaving his wife Elizabeth Baylor Hoover and their four children. Why Elizabeth and her heirs received only two dollars in the will is unknown. Widowed Elizabeth never remarried.

Four of Michael and Eve's children lived and died in Augusta County, Michael Jr., Polly, Catharine, and Eliza. The remaining daughters married and made their way west to raise their families. Daughters Elizabeth Hoover Grove and Margaret Hoover Grove relocated to Woodford County, Illinois. Sarah Hoover Trimble moved to Missouri.

It is a pleasure to say we know the location of the burial site of daughter Polly and her husband David Cook. They are buried at the Cook Teaford Cemetery of Swoope, Virginia.





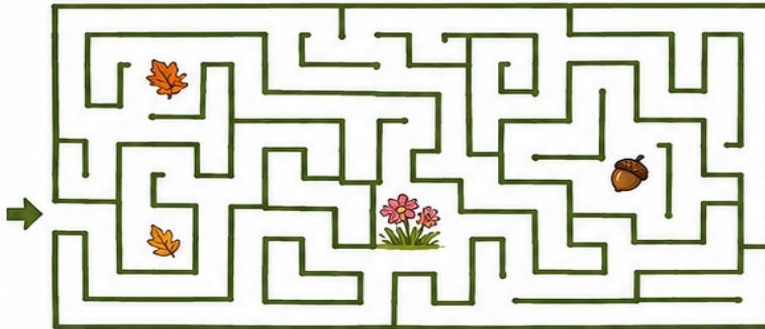
MAZE YOUR WAY with JESUS!

Help each friend find their way to the church!



MAZE 1

Help Emma find her way to Sunday School!



YOU CAN DO IT!

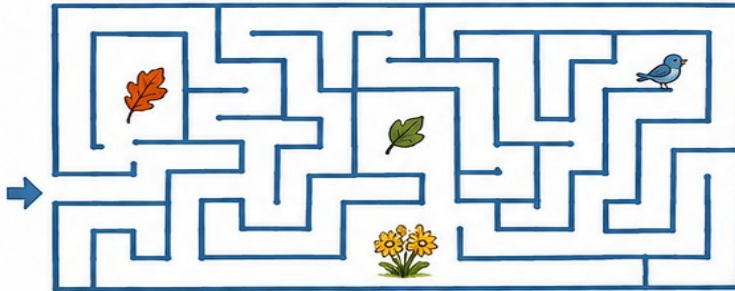
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



MAZE 2

Help Liam find his way to Worship!



BONUS MAZE!

Find your way through the cross to the heart.



MAZE 3

Help Noah find his way to Bible Study!



GROW IN FAITH!

Every day is a new day to follow Jesus!



I CAN FOLLOW JESUS BY...



Praying

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Being Kind

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Reading His Word

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Helping Others

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Going to Church

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Thanking Him

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Prayer

Dear God, Thank You for a brand-new month, for school days, friends, and fun. Help me to be kind, to do my best, and to help others when I can. Stay with me wherever I go and help me share Your love. Amen.



September

2026

Hebron Presbyterian Church
Worship 11:00 AM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 National Wildlife Day 	5
6 Worship 11:00 AM Read a Book Day 	7 Labor Day Church office closed 	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day 	12
13 Worship 11:00 AM Grandparent's Day 	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Worship 11:00 AM	21 International Day of Peace 	22 First Day of Fall 	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 11:00 AM Session Meeting 12:00 PM	28 Good Neighbor Day 	29	30			

HEBRON HERALD

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

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