

The Pastor's Part



Oh my!!! I got some fresh corn this week !! Right out of the field! For me, it is one of life's great pleasures.

There is nothing like something that is truly fresh and unless you have ever had something that is fresh from the field, you have never really had it.



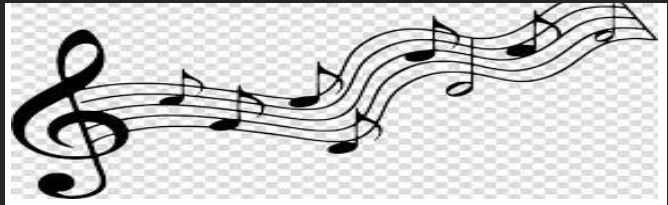
Last summer, I took my kids and grands to a restaurant that gets its seafood as soon as it comes in. I had a piece of flounder that sent me into rapturous praise. I had not had right out of the water flounder in decades. Most, or perhaps all, of you will have no idea about what I am talking about, but believe me

flounder is a delicate flavor that does not last more than a day or two after it is out of the water. It is still a good fish but has lost one of the most amazing taste experiences to me there is.

My uncle was a great flounder "gigger", and he would give us some just a few hours out of the water, and we knew to cook it that day. Some of my favorite memories of my teen years, as far as food is concerned, was that flounder and, of course, my grandmother's cooking in general. Many of the most important things in life can be the simplest.

What I hope and pray for us all is to recapture the newness of our faith- that simplicity of overpowering love; to once again know freshness of loving God and feeling his love for us. Often we simply take it for granted because it is no longer new and exciting; it has lost the savor it once had. I want us to find ways to reconnect to that time when our faith was young and energizing in a way we may have forgotten. I

¹(Preecha continued in column two)



Special Organ Concert and Potluck Luncheon Sunday, August 17

With guest organist Gary P. Garletts
conductor organist, and accompanist
on Taylor and Boody Opus 46

**Bring a dish or two to share with other members
of the congregation prior to the concert.**

**Fried chicken and beverages will be provided
by the Congregational Life Committee.**

The concert will begin at 2:00 P.M.

**A free will offering benefitting the
Thursday Morning Music Club Scholarship Fund
will be taken.**

(Preecha continued from column one)

want us to be overwhelmed anew by that amazing grace which is unlike any other. I want to never take that agape love for granted or lose the wonder of it all.

And also I want my first just picked, red and ripe tomato!! And to God be the glory!

Peace,

Preecha

July 20 Congregational Meeting

At the Congregational Meeting held July 20, four members were unanimously elected to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee. Robert Christian and Tracy Mayer were elected to represent the Session and Gail Mayer and Donna Kirtley were elected to represent the congregation. These four persons will have the duty of presenting three nominees to serve on the 2028 Session.



Operation Christmas Child for August

For the month of August, the emphasis for Operation Christmas Child is school supplies. Pencils, pens, crayons, composition books, post-it notes, markers, erasers, scissors, pencil sharpeners, zippered pouches, rulers, coloring books, and solar calculators are just some of the items students can use.

Excess paper and cardboard need to be removed from items as packaging may be a problem in some of the countries shoeboxes are received. Therefore, a zippered pouch comes in handy for packing many loose school supplies.



Items may be placed in a box near the coffee machine in the Educational Building. If you feel you are unable to shop, Randy Moyer is accepting donations

Elder of the Month of August

For the month of August, Sandy Showalter will serve as the Elder of the Month. You may reach Sandy at 540. 886.8045 when the church office is closed or in case of an emergency.



Thanks to Robin Moyer for serving as the EOM for July.

Quarterly Communion

Hebron will celebrate quarterly Communion on Sunday, August 3. Subsequent communion dates for the rest of the year are October 5, November 23, and December 24.



New Treasurer Position Filled

Marsha Elliott Sensabaugh has accepted the position as the treasurer of Hebron Church. She will begin her duties at Hebron in early August.

Marsha previously worked with M. Hannah Bush at the Augusta County School Board Office in the accounting division. She recently retired from teaching accounting at Waynesboro High School and has been an auditor for Hebron and the Shenandoah Presbytery in recent years. She also serves as the bookkeeper for several other churches in the area including Bethel and Redeemer Lutheran Church in McKinley.

SACRA and Valley Mission Updates

Since last month, donations to SACRA have amounted to thirty-eight items, and Valley Mission has received twenty-three items. Please continue to support these agencies as their impact on our community is great.

Valley Mission is working to improve laundry day for its residents. Carrying laundry in baskets or trash bags often leads to lost items and broken bags/baskets. The Mission is seeking donations of NEW buckets with LIDS to make the process easier and more efficient.



Donation boxes can be found in the lobby of the Educational Building.

News From Nathan

It has been nearly three weeks since Nathan Moyer reported to duty as a new Marine recruit. With a small bag of toiletries and his wallet, he boarded a bus with his next stop being Beckley, West Virginia, where he spent his first night. Then on Tuesday morning, he and his fellow soldiers traveled to Parris



Island, South Carolina, to begin official training. Late Tuesday night, July 15 at approximately 10:30 P.M., he was able to contact his parents in a very brief, twenty seconds or so,

phone call which appeared to be scripted, to let them know he had arrived safely on base.

After arriving on base, Nathan relinquished all personnel effects including his wallet, cell phone, driver's license, ID, Social Security number, and any clothing to the Marine Corps, which will be returned to him upon successful graduation on Friday, October 10. Randy and Donna have received a form letter from Nathan's drill instructor outlining what happens during his daily physical training. Nathan has also sent home a form letter as well, but at this writing, the Moyers have not heard directly from him since the phone call announcing his arrival to the base.

Nathan spends his time in academic classes and vigorous physical training from 4:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. On Sundays, the recruits have four hours of "leisure" time in which he and others are encouraged to attend church even if one is not a believer, go to the PX, clean their barracks and rifles, or eventually write letters back home. The young recruits just pace themselves, hour to hour, day to day, and week to week to get over thirteen weeks of intense training and discipline.



Please keep Nathan and his family in your prayers as this is a most difficult time in the life of this church family. We hope to update you often.

YES VIRGINIA, CHRISTIANITY IS GROWING WORLDWIDE

The following information includes comments about the growth of Christianity around the world from a letter from The Fellowship of St. James, the publisher of **Salvo** magazine, dated May 2025.

1. France this year saw an increase of 45% over the previous year of new converts baptized; young adults comprised the largest percentage of the converts — 42% were between 18-25 years old.
2. In Great Britain, the percentage of young churchgoers (18-24) quadrupled to 16% in the past six years. Most of the young adults newly drawn to the Christian faith are interested in not only being a part of a church, but also in prayer, reading the Bible and social activism based on faith.
3. "Society has been 'spiritual', not religious, for some time. Christianity, particularly in its ancient forms, is becoming a spiritual option" reported the Catholic News Agency. The CNA also said that "most of those coming to the Church have no religious background, or almost none. It is precisely the lack of purpose and truth in contemporary society that leads them to seek meaning."
4. Young people seeking to become Christians is also occurring in many parishes in the U.S. which are seeing record numbers of converts. Many podcasts, internet platforms and publications, including **Salvo**, are providing Christian answers and defenses of the Faith. "If there is any one individual who is driving conversions, it can only be Christ himself."

Submitted by Sandy Showalter

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STATED SESSION MEETING

(Draft)

June 22, 2025

12:15 PM

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

Excused: Lina Smith

Guests: Treasurer Hannah Bush and Ellen Desper-
Personnel Committee

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins

The meeting was called to order at 12:18pm. 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 May 18, 2025
- Communion was served on June 15, 2025, Trinity Sunday

Treasurer's Report:

- Hannah provided a Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual financial statement year to date, and a Transaction Detail by Account report for May 18 through June 17, 2025. After reviewing and discussion, Session accepted the reports.
- Hannah also handed out a letter from White, Withers, Masincup & Cannaday, P.C. The letter stated they chose a random sample of cash receipts and cash disbursements, and no exceptions were found.

Presbytery Meeting: Next meeting is August 23, 2025, 9:30am via zoom.

Old Business:

- Allen Turnbull has a bike event on October 20, 2025,

and will be touring the Boody and Taylor organ factory. He asked if Sarah could play the organ for them afterwards. Sarah has agreed and Session approved the request unanimously. David Obenschain volunteered to be the Session representative.

Committee Reports:

• **Christian Outreach Committee:** The committee recommended Nathan Moyer for the \$1000 Hebron Youth Scholarship, and Tara Cahill the Scott Hickey Scholarship for \$5000. Nathan will be entering the Marine Corps in July. Tara Cahill will be a senior at Eastern Mennonite University. A motion was made and seconded to adjust the Scott Hickey Scholarship amount to \$3000. The motion was defeated by a majority vote. The original recommendation from the committee was passed by a majority vote. Randy asked participants in the Independence Day parade to meet at 8:30am in the Food Lion parking lot on West Beverley St., Staunton.

• **Communication Committee:** Robert reported the live feed of the worship service on Sundays has had a few glitches but is working.

• **Congregational Life:** David reported he was working on a covered dish meal and will combine it with the organ concert in August if approved.

• **Finance Committee:** Joyce Obenschain submitted a report from the committee on the certificate of deposit from Edward Jones.

• **Personnel Committee:** Ellen Desper emailed to Session members a revised job description for the treasurer position. After reviewing, Session passed by common consent. Ellen also had a request to delete the position of bookkeeper and change the title of sexton to janitorial. Session approved the change by common consent.

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• **Property Committee:** The renters have paid the past due utility bills. Robert found the water pump at the Manse had been turned off which caused the water issue on Sunday morning. Larry reported that the Ralston family has been requesting family members ashes be buried in the cemetery. Several gravesite plots have been sold.

• **Worship Committee:** New welcome brochures have been made and posted in the pews and vestibules.

PNC: Larry asked Session to set a salary figure for a new minister so he can complete the Ministry Discernment Profile. After discussion, Session approved unanimously a minimum salary of \$52,000. More funds can be used from the CD investments if needed.

Moderator's Report: No report

New Business:

• Sarah Grove-Humphries requested an organ concert by her friend Gary Garletts in August. The Congregational Life Committee would like to combine the organ concert with a covered dish meal after worship on August 17, 2025. The covered dish will replace Lemonade on the Lawn. Meat will be provided. The organ concert will be at 2:00 P.M. Sarah will have a reception after the concert. Session approved the requests unanimously.

• Officer Nominating Committee will be led by Robert Christian. A Congregational meeting is scheduled July 20, 2025, to elect the members from the Congregation.

• Moving Forward-A draft of a Reaching Out Campaign was submitted by Sandy Showalter. There was discussion on bringing this before the congregation for ideas and feedback.

• Stewardship of Time, Talents, and Money Campaign, an idea brought to Session from Pastor Scoggins for future discussion.

Closing and Adjournment:

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

Our next Stated Session Meeting will be August 10, 2025, at 12:15pm.

Robin Moyer

Clerk of Session

Hebron Presbyterian Church, Inc.		
Budget vs Actual		
January 1, 2025-July 15, 2025		
INCOME	Received	Budgeted
6000 - GENERAL GIVING	68,078.31	138,250
7000 – BENEVOLENT GIVIN	1,173.30	11,250
Total Income	69,251.67	149,500
EXPENSES	Paid	Budgeted
1100 - CHURCH ADMIN	8,452.67	14,170
2100 - CHRIST. OUTREACH	12,251.25	15,100
2300 - CONGREG. LIFE	72.83	1,100
2500 - WORSHIP COM	1,531.39	2,480
3000 - MINISTER COMP	22,138.75	45,630
4000 – PERSONNEL	16,713.37	36,940
5100 - PROPERTY COM		
5100 - CHURCH	21,276.05	37,640
5200 - MANSE	422.05	440
5300 - SCOUT HUT	208.84	440
Total Expenses	83,067.20	153,940
Deficit	-13,815.83	-4 440

Note: When Session originally adopted the 2025 budget, there was an awareness that it was short \$4,440.

Later, they added \$3,000 to the Property-Equipment line and \$5,000 to Personnel-Treasurer line and spent \$1,500 to hire a CPA to audit the books. No additional revenues were added. Therefore, the deficit increased from the Original Budget.

M. Hannah Bush
Treasurer

August 2025

Hebron Presbyterian Church

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* On August 10, there will be a special Praise in the Park concert featuring North River Praise &</p>	<p>Worship, Saint James Gospel Choir, and Heavens Mountain Band from 4 to 7 P.M.</p>				1	<p>2</p> <p>National Clown Day</p> 
<p>3</p> <p>Worship 11:00 A.M. Communion Choir 10:00 A.M. LOL</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Stonewall Brigade Concert Hope and Praise 7:30 PM.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Praise in the Park 7:00 P.M. Nikki Headley Southern Hospitality</p>	<p>6</p> <p>School Begins</p> 	7	8	9
<p>10</p> <p>Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. LOL Session Mtg.*</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Stonewall Brigade Concert The Music of TV 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Praise in the Park 7:00 P.M. Ed Petterson Streets of Gold</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Left Handers Day</p> 	14	<p>15</p> <p>Tomatoes Galore Day</p> 	16
<p>17</p> <p>Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. Lunch 12:00 Noon Concert 2:00 P.M.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Stonewall Brigade Concert Ensemble Night 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Praise in the Park 7:00 P.M. Promised Land Quartet</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>Senior Citizens Day</p> 	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. LOL</p> <hr/> <p>31</p> <p>Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 LOL</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Stonewall Brigade Concert A Spooky, Spooktacular Evening 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Praise in the Park 7:00 P.M. Showcase of Praise</p>	27	28	29	30

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Date: _____

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Word Search



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PARABLES																				

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HEBRON HERALD

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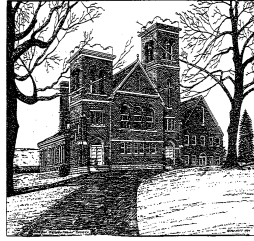
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Sunday School 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor - Dr. Henry Scoggins

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



Prayer of Lament after the Flood

By Teri McDowell Ott

O God,
The waters rose,
Swift and merciless, barreling past boundaries,
And sweeping away what one felt safe.

We are aching in the aftermath.

Be present now, O Refuge and Strength,
With first responders still searching through debris,
Still faring to hope for rescue.
Give them courage for the task ahead,
And gentleness for the heartbreak they carry.

Be near to the parents –
mothers and fathers groaning with grief –
who sent their daughters to summer camp
expecting laughter, not loss.
Hold them in the hollow, painful places
no words can reach.

For the camp community –
shaken, stunned, suspended in sorrow –
bind them together in love and lament.
Let their grief be met by your tenderness,
their questions received by your mercy.

We pray, too, for all who saw the waters rise
and lived through the nightmare.
For the ones who have lost homes,
lost livelihoods, lost loved ones,
may your mercy meet their needs.

And for every hand that will lift debris,
every neighbor who shows up with a shovel,
every weary heart bracing for the long work of rebuilding:
grant endurance, grant strength, grant solidarity.

God, in these days of devastation,
be what your Word promises:
a refuge, a help,
a very present Savior.
Amen.

Teri McDowell Ott is the editor and publisher of
Presbyterian Outlook and a member of Shenandoah
Presbytery.



August Birthdays

Gibby Crummett	3
Theresa Moore	4
Brantley Whitmore	7
Edna Stone	11
Lori Malcolm	18
Denise Lyle	31

Odds and Ends

The Pentecost Offering amounted to \$339.36. Of that amount, \$135.75 will go to New Directions locally, and \$203.61 will be sent to Special Offerings in Louisville, Kentucky.

If you wish to help with Presbyterian disaster Relief for Texas, make checks payable to Hebron, noting Texas Relief on the check. The treasurer will remit them.