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The Pastor's Part

One of the most amazing things about life is just how much there is of it!! I have been a reader all of my life and thought I knew most of the best-selling authors and then I am introduced to one and then I ask myself- "Where have you been all my life?" That is the case of Wendell Berry. Alex and Leann introduced me to him and then Rob and Claire let me know how much they appreciated his work also. I read some of his poems, thanks Rob for lending it to me and have already ordered two of his books for myself. Berry is an agrarian writer/poet in the same vein as Walt Whitman with an emphasis on a simple life. This simplicity allows us to understand how much we all are part of the symphony of living and that when we forget the myriad of instruments that bring meaning to it all, under the baton of the Great Conductor, we lose much of the beauty and even more of our interconnection in all living things. Here is one of his poems that we can all learn from. It is entitled

The Peace of Wild Things

"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."

Peace,
Pastor

Preecha

*"He leads me beside the still waters; he
restores my soul."*

Happy Retirement!

Congratulations to Theresa Moore
on her retirement after over 40
years teaching. Enjoy your
retirement and this new part of your
life.



Save the Date. More Music!

October 4, 2026, at 5:00pm come see
the Faithful Men perform a concert at
Hebron.

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
May 31, 2026
12:00 PM

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

Guest: Hannah Bush

The meeting was called to order at 12:17pm. A quorum was declared present. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk's Report:

- Minutes were approved from the Stated Meeting of April 26, 2026, and the Annual Congregational Meeting of May 17, 2026.
- Communion was served Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026.
- Two new members, Robert Wilford, Jr, and Claire Wilson Cocke, joined by reaffirmation on May 10, 2026. Their children Cyrus Abrahm, Irene Lewis, and Robert McFetridge, previously being baptized, were added to the baptized roll.
- Officer Nominating Committee was elected by the Congregation on May 17, 2026. Session representative is Tracy Mayer, and Congregation representatives are Robert Christian and Donna Kirtley.

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 April 2026. The balance in the General Fund is \$61,041.29 as of April 30,

2026. After reviewing, Session accepted reports as presented.

Presbytery report: You can watch a video of the meeting of May 19, 2026, on the Shenandoah Presbytery website. The next meeting is Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 9:30am via zoom.

Moving Forward: Hebron is now a part of the narrative on the Virginia Scenic Railway excursion as it passes by the church.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Education** – No report.
- **Christian Outreach** – No report.
- **Communication** – No report.
- **Congregational Life** – No report.
- **Finance** – No report.
- **Personnel** – No report.
- **Property** – Tankless water heater repair has been completed. Cemetery committee is getting a quote from Hartman Memorials to fix broken headstones in the old cemetery. Hartman Memorials is proposing a new program for churches that have their own cemeteries. For every headstone bought at Hartman's, 10% will be put in a fund to help with damaged stones.
- **Worship** – Outdoor worship May 24, 2026, was moved inside to the Fellowship Hall due to weather concerns. Next communion is August 2, 2026.
- **PNC:** - Two people interviewed and will be followed up with a second interview.

Moderator's Report: Pastor Scoggins will be out of the pulpit July 12 and 19, 2026 on vacation.

New Business:

- Pastor Scoggins sent a memo to Session members on new duties for the Elder of the Month. After some discussion, the memo will be reviewed and discussed more at the next meeting.
- Hebron's 280th anniversary and Homecoming will be celebrated on October 25, 2026. On that Sunday, we will also recognize All Saints Day and Reformation Day. After worship we will have a spaghetti dinner.
- A letter from Staunton Braves Baseball Club asked if Hebron would be interested in donating a meal for the players and staff after a game this summer. After discussion, Session decided not to pursue this venture.

Executive Session: Pastor Scoggins' contract expires on July 31, 2026. In Executive Session, it was discussed whether to renew it for another six months. A motion was made to renew the contract with no changes. The motion was seconded and approved by common consent.

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

Our next Stated Session Meeting will be June 28, at 12:15

Robin Moyer, Clerk of Session

Elder of the Month

Elder of the Month for July is Robin Moyer. Robin can be reached at 540-487-6358. Thanks to David Obenschain for being Elder of the Month for June.

July Birthdays

Ridge Cocke	7
Larry Mayer	12
Mark Buchanan	14
Karen Highlander	25
Gail Mayer	26
Fred Smiley	28
Jan Cook	30
Greg Smith	31



ATTENTION: All Men, Women and Children

In early December 2026 on a Saturday afternoon, we are going to hold a silent auction with soup and sandwiches. I am asking in advance for your help. We are going to need something you make so we can sell it at the silent auction. Can be baked goods, a picture you draw, a vase you no longer use, an early Christmas ornament or decoration, etc. Thank you in advance, Donna Kirtley. 540-886-2653

AMERICAN PATRIOT

JOHN CRAWFORD

Waddell's Annals of Augusta County and other sources contain a lot of information on John Crawford. This information was condensed into a first-person narrative by Jean Miller for the Cemetery Tour done at Hebron in 2007. The narrative was performed by Bobby Crawford who was in period dress. Printed below is what the audience heard about this Pioneer and Revolutionary War Soldier.

“There can be no more exciting or historic time than the almost century between 1741 and 1832 when I was privileged to live in what would become the Commonwealth of Virginia, a part of the United States of America. My parents, Alexander and Mary McPheeters Crawford, moved west and established a farm on the frontier. There, with my eight brothers and sisters, we worked the land. When we were threatened with an Indian uprising, I think it was in 1764, we gathered with neighbors at a home that we felt we could defend. After remaining virtual prisoners of our fears for several weeks, my mother and father decided to return to our home to gather provisions and care for our animals. My brother, William and I went with them. While we were in the woods, tending to our livestock, we looked toward our home. There are no words to describe our horror when we saw a pillar of smoke rising. There was nothing we could do to save our parents from death at the hands of the rogue Indians.

William and I had the responsibility of caring for our siblings. I was determined not only to care for the land my parents had patented but to gain land for myself. It is not without pride that I tell you that I

became the owner of a lot of land in Augusta County. I was lucky to be married three times and to have sired a dozen children. I fought with the frontiersmen in wars to rid the area from the threat of the Indians. I fought with General Morgan against the British, including Cornwallis and the despicable Tarleton. As a man of considerable wealth and pride, I never applied for a pension or established my record for service. When my third wife and mother of six of my children needed help, it was difficult for them to establish a record of my service. The Reverend Calhoun helped my family establish the claim.

As I worked to establish myself as a landowner, I once rode the hundred miles to Richmond to establish a claim on a hundred acres that my neighbor, Francie Garner (Francis Gardiner) also wanted. When I heard that he had left ahead of me, I rode through the night, and I was coming out of the capital as Francie came into view. It must be noted that my fine mare died. She was probably worth more than the land, but I had bested my rival, Francie Garner.

As I look back at my life, I witnessed the taming of the frontier. I participated in defeating the British. I witnessed the loose confederation become the United States of America and saw the establishment of the Commonwealth of Virginia. What an exciting time to have lived!”

July

July 2026
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 Independence Day
5 Lemonade on the Linoleum	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Lemonade on the Linoleum	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Lemonade on the Linoleum	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Lemonade on the Linoleum	27	28	29	30	31	

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor – Dr. Henry Scoggins

Editor for Hebron Herald for July-Robin Moyer