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The Pastor's Part

What a magnificent hour!!! Thank you, Sarah, for arranging the great concert with a visiting organist, her daughter with an amazing voice that really showed off the wonderful acoustics of our sanctuary, a flautist [that's a flute player] at times all of them singing and accompanied by our own Sarah. It ranged from a song about coffee- yes, I said coffee- to Irish love songs blended with Bach and others including a few moments of the opening of Star Wars which brought chuckles to all. We had many visitors and I heard a lot of comments about the beauty of the sanctuary. All of this with the amazing sound of our world class organ. Afterward a super reception and a special thank you to Sarah, David and all who cooked and brought food. Once again Hebron was shown as a welcoming church with an amazing organ- and we get to experience both every Sunday. We are blessed.

Last year we began a fundraiser to add the last voice, also called stop, to our organ. It would add the deeper- not louder- notes to our organ and complete its intended design. The fundraiser did not do well but it has come up for discussion again. If you would like to participate in this and perhaps complete the organ voices, please let an Elder know.

Once again, what a great afternoon.

Blessings and Peace.

Pastor

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Happy Easter

**Join us for our Easter Festivities on
Easter Sunday April 5th**

Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM



Why Do We Hunt for Easter Eggs? The Easter Egg Hunt Origin

The practice of hiding Easter eggs began with early Christian missionaries as a way to teach children about the Easter story. Missionaries would paint eggs with scenes from the Gospels and hide them for children to find. When a child found an egg, they would retell the story depicted on it. Early Easter egg hunts were, in essence, interactive Bible lessons.

One of the earliest Easter egg hunts that most resembles the modern tradition is traced to Martin Luther, the key leader of the **Protestant Reformation**. In Luther's tradition, men would hide eggs for women and children to discover. The joy and excitement the women and children felt when finding the eggs was intentionally meant to mirror the joy the women at the tomb experienced on the first Easter morning when they first discovered that Jesus had risen.

"He is not here; he has risen!" — Luke 24:6

Today's Easter egg hunts carry that same spirit. When children crack open a plastic egg to find a sweet treat inside, they're participating in a tradition that reflects the surprise and delight of the empty tomb—and the Good News that Jesus is alive.

Credit: Jennifer Rogers, Chase Oaks Church

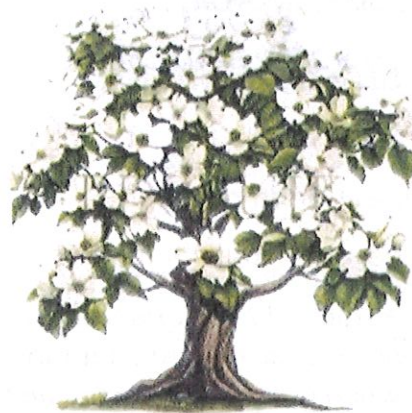


The Legend of the Dogwood Tree

Poet: Unknown

When Christ was on earth, the
dogwood grew
To a towering size with a lovely
hue.
Its branches were strong and
interwoven
And for Christ's cross its timbers
were chosen

Being distressed at the use of the
wood
Christ made a promise which still
holds good:
"Not ever again shall the dogwood
grow
To be large enough for a tree", and
so



Slender and twisted it shall always
be
With cross-shaped blossoms for all
to see.
The petals shall have bloodstains
marked brown
And in the blossom's center a
thorny crown.

"All who see it will think of Me,
Nailed to a cross from a dogwood
tree.
Protected and cherished this tree
shall be
A reflection to all of My agony."

**CELEBRATING
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S
250TH BIRTHDAY
&
HEBRON'S 280TH BIRTHDAY**

Let's take a "quick" look at what was happening at Hebron in 1776.

In the beginning our church was not named Hebron in 1776. It was called Brown's Meeting House named after John Brown who owned the land where the first log church was built in 1746.

Our people split off from North Mountain Meeting House located on Middlebrook Road wanting a more convenient location. The term meeting house was used to deal with England's requirement to have only Anglican churches for the places of worship. The Anglican Church was the established church of England. The people left at North Mountain Meeting House in time moved southeast and established today's Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Brown's Meeting House continued to grow as Scotch Irish and German people moved to the area seeking good and cheap farmland. By 1766 they called the Reverend Charles Cummings.

"He was of middle stature about five feet ten inches high, well set and formed, possessing great personal firmness and dignity of character. He would not tolerate any merriment among the congregation after preaching commenced."

After a pastorate of six years, he resigned. Brown's Meeting House could not support him.

Six years later Brown's Meeting House and North Mountain Meeting House called the Reverend Archibald Scott. Scott was destined to lead the meeting house during a most difficult time, the American Revolution. A time that challenged men's effort to gain independence.

Reverend Scott will be featured in the next issue of the Hebron Herald.



Sources of information:

- The 1946 Bicentennial History of Hebron Presbyterian Church.
- The 1996 edition of Hebron's history which includes much of R.P. Brown III (Robbie) Research.

*The Few, The Proud,
The Marines*

Nathan Moyer graduated from Infantry Training Battalion (ITB) on March 4, 2026. He excels at the challenges put before him. When and if he has free time, he loves to go fishing. He is based at Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Elder of the Month

Elder of the Month for is April is Tracy Mayer. You may reach Tracy at 540-480-7513. Thanks to Lina for being Elder of the Month for March.



April Birthdays

Mildred Ruleman	3
Jean Miller	17
Brandon Cohen	19
Jim Crawford	24
Nicola Cahill	26
Anita Tuttle	29

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Sunday School 9:55 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Supply Pastor – Dr. Henry Scoggins
Editor for Hebron Herald for April-Robin Moyer

April

April 2026
 Hebron Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School 9:55 A.M.
 Worship 11:00 A.M.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Passover ----- April Fool's Day	2 Maundy Thursday	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter Breakfast 9:00am Egg Hunt 10:00am	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Bible Study 11:00am ----- Special Election	22	23	24	25
26 Session 12:00pm	27	28 Bible Study 11:00am	29	30		