

The Pastor's Part

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." I have used this passage in many funerals, sermons, and occasionally in newsletters, and it is fitting here. I imagine you all know that after over three and a half years, it is time for me to leave Hebron. When I came here, I never thought I would be here for more than a year or so, but I had no idea how much the process of seeking a new pastor had changed and become painfully difficult. It took over a year and a half for the PNC- thanks to Larry, Hannah, and Randy for their diligent efforts- to find your next pastor but by the grace of God it has happened. All the paperwork is not in yet, there is no reason to think all will not be in order and approved soon, so I cannot say a lot now but God has chosen the pastor for you. I kept telling the PNC and the Session that God was at work in the process and if it seems long, wait for it- for it will surely come. If all goes well, he will begin the first of October. I know you will welcome and embrace him and his family warmly and with open arms. I want to thank you for the time we have shared, the work we have accomplished, and the memories we will share together. My last Sunday will be August 30 but know that you will continue to be in my prayers as you continue to grow and serve your God.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor

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A New Chapter Begins!

With grateful hearts, we look forward to welcoming our new pastor and family to Hebron Presbyterian Church. We pray that God will bless them as they begin this new ministry and that together we will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Thank You • ♡

Rev. Dr. H.D. Scoggins

We give thanks to Rev. Dr. H.D. Scoggins for his faithful service, guidance, and caring leadership during his time with us. His wisdom, encouragement, and steady faith have been a true blessing to our church family. We wish him all the best in his future ministry and pray God's continued blessings upon him.

Let us continue to lift both our current pastor and our future pastor in prayer as God leads us into this exciting new season. ♡

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
June 28, 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: Sandy Showalter and Hannah Bush

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 May 31, 2026.
- Session approved to Remove Jean Nooe Miller from church rolls following her death on June 4, 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 May 2026. The balance in the General Fund is \$52,070.45 as of May 31, 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:

- Elder of the Month memo will be discussed at the next Session meeting.
- In the July 4th Parade, there will be banners on the noting our 280th year and inviting everyone to worship with us and join our spaghetti dinner on October 25, 2026.

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Education** – Glenn had a suggestion that everyone could submit stories individual experiences to put in the church newsletter.
- **Christian Outreach** – Randy had recommendation from the committee to approved Nathan Moyer's application for the Hebron Youth Scholarship for \$1000. Session approved unanimously.
- **Communication** – No report.
- **Congregational Life** – David reported American Revolutionary heroes' graves in the old cemetery will be marked for the 280th Celebration of Hebron.
- **Finance** – Sandy provided a handout of the status of the church's CD accounts. One CD of \$32,000 will be maturing on July 1, 2026. After discussing options and possible needs in the near future, Session voted by common consent to move the funds into a money market account.
- **Personnel** – No report.

- **Property** – Larry reported the following repairs completed or upcoming:
Central AC in the manse was repaired for a cost of \$1700, Water Works gave an estimate to fix water softener of \$1200, Property committee will purchase a new AC unit for the nursery for \$209 if none of the old units are useable, flashing will be repaired in the next month, Glenn is painting the buildings behind the church, new kitchen windows have been delivered, and sixteen broken headstones in the cemetery have been repaired by Hartman Memorials.
- **Worship** – Hannah reported Dr. Wilson will be in the pulpit on July 12 while Pastor Scoggins is on vacation. No one scheduled this time for July 19.
- **PNC** – Larry reported there have been a few self-referrals that may be interested in Hebron. They have had a couple of meetings with potential applicants. PNC will be working with the Finance committee to provide a compensation package. The committee requested a budget of \$1000 for expenditures. Session approved unanimously.

Moderator's Report: No report.

New Business:

- Sarah Grove-Humphries invited the Faithful Men to perform concert at Hebron on October 4, 2026, with a reception to follow. Session approved the concert by common consent.
- Hebron received a request from Elizabeth Madeline to use the Fellowship Hall on July 16, 2026, after the internment of her mother's ashes, Lois Pines, in Hebron Cemetery. Session approved request by common consent.
- Officer Nominating Committee – There was discussion if there is a need for elders and deacons. At this time, Session approved unanimously to move forward with only elders which the ONC will be looking for members for the Class of 2029.
- There was discussion on the challenges of getting pulpit supply ministers with the Pastor is on vacation.

Closing and Adjournment: The meeting adjourned with prayer at 1:25pm.

Our next Stated Session Meeting will be July 26, at 12:15

Robin Moyer

Clerk of Session

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Elder of the Month for **AUGUST** is

Mike Fallin

You can reach Mike at:



(H) 540-337-9277



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to Robin for being
Elder of the Month for *July*.



What is the Elder of the Month?

Each month, one of our church elders serves as the **Elder of the Month**, providing leadership, care, and support for our congregation. This elder is available to assist with the needs of our church family, offer encouragement, help coordinate ministry, and serve as a point of contact for members. Elders are called to shepherd God's people through prayer, service, and faithful leadership.

Our worship is enriched each week by the beautiful music and faithful leadership of **Sarah Grove-Humphries**, our Organist and Choir Director. We are grateful for the time, talent, and dedication she shares with our congregation. We wish Sarah a relaxing and well-deserved vacation and look forward to her return later in August.



Taking a Well-Deserved Break!

Sarah Grove-Humphries,

Organist/Choir Director

will be on vacation

THE FIRST THREE SUNDAYS OF AUGUST.

Filling in for

Sarah while she is away, we are blessed to have:



AUGUST 2 | *Florence Jowers*



AUGUST 9 | *Sheila Ambler*



AUGUST 16 | *Florence Jowers*



Thank you to each of you for sharing your gifts and ministry with our church family!

Quarterly Communion

Hebron will celebrate quarterly
Communion on Sunday, August 2, 2026



“Do this in remembrance of me.”

Luke 22:19



Pray for Students, Teachers & School Staff

As another school year begins, pray for students, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, and school staff. Ask God to grant wisdom, protection, patience, and opportunities for children to grow in knowledge and faith.

Prayer Focus: Back to School

As a new school year begins, let us remember in prayer all those returning to our classrooms and campuses.

Please pray for:

Students – That they will grow in knowledge, character, and faith while feeling safe, encouraged, and loved.

Teachers – That God will bless them with wisdom, patience, creativity, and strength as they educate and inspire the next generation.

School Staff & Bus Drivers – That they may serve with compassion and be protected as they care for our children each day.

Families – That parents and caregivers will be guided with wisdom as they support their children throughout the school year.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 - James (Gibby) Crummett

4 - Theresa Moore

7 - Brantley Whitmore

11 - Edna Stone

31 - Denise Lyle

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*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24

Free Summer Concerts in Gypsy Hill Park



Staunton, Va.

JAZZ IN THE PARK

SUMMER 2026

EVERY THURSDAY FROM: **7PM - 9PM**
STAUNTON'S HISTORIC GYPSY HILL PARK
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- AUG. 6** JOE BAIONE VIBRAPHONE EXPERIENCE
Vibraphonist, composer, bandleader whose music blends swing, groove, soul and storytelling.
- AUG. 13** LE HOTCLUB GYPSY JAZZ
Playing gypsy jazz & swing made famous by legendary French guitarist Django Reinhardt & Le Hotclub of France.
- AUG. 20** GOOTGENUG*
Jazz fusion quartet ... organically grown jazz ...
**German phrase for "good enough"
- AUG. 27** GREG MOODY QUARTET
Popular area quartet playing lots of familiar jazz tunes.
- SEPT. 3** SARA ZHU QUARTET
JMU alumni vocalist/bassist and her quartet featuring drummer Wes Crawford.

For more info: Lew or Lisa Morrison 540-280-4321
Jazz In The Park Concert Series on Facebook
Jazz in the Park is a 501c3 nonprofit

As of 2026, Jazz in the Park is celebrating its **38th season**. While the City of Staunton grants permission for the event to use public park space, it is not hosted or sponsored by the city itself. The series continues to attract both local and international jazz talent, cornerstone of Staunton's summer.

In short, Jazz in the Park has grown from a small 1988 community project into a nationally recognized free jazz festival, reflecting Staunton's commitment to arts and cultural exchange.



Monday Night Concerts in the Park!

The STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND presents:
2026 Summer Concert Series

- August 3, 2026 – Music of Movie Composers
- August 10, 2026 – SBB Ensembles
- August 17, 2026 – Into the Beyond (Space!)
- August 24, 2026 – Women in Music
- August 31, 2026 – Variety Night

Stonewall Brigade Bandstand
7:30–8:30
Gypsy Hill Park, Staunton VA

Praise in the Park CONCERT SERIES GYPSY HILL PARK

TUESDAYS 7:00PM

	AUGUST 4 St. James Baptist Church Gospel Choir & Southern Hospitality Shenandoah Valley Band		AUGUST 18 Streets of Gold Quartet from Wakefield, Ed Pettersen from Chesterfield
	AUGUST 11 6:00PM Kid's Ministry Show Presented by Chris Campbell previously with Coachman, Puppets, Ventriloquist, Music, Freebees 7:00PM Scott Peacock, Heaven's Mountain Band, & Ricky Hall		AUGUST 25 Just Us Country Band from Powhatan, One Voice Band from Augusta County

Bring a chair, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of great music in the park!

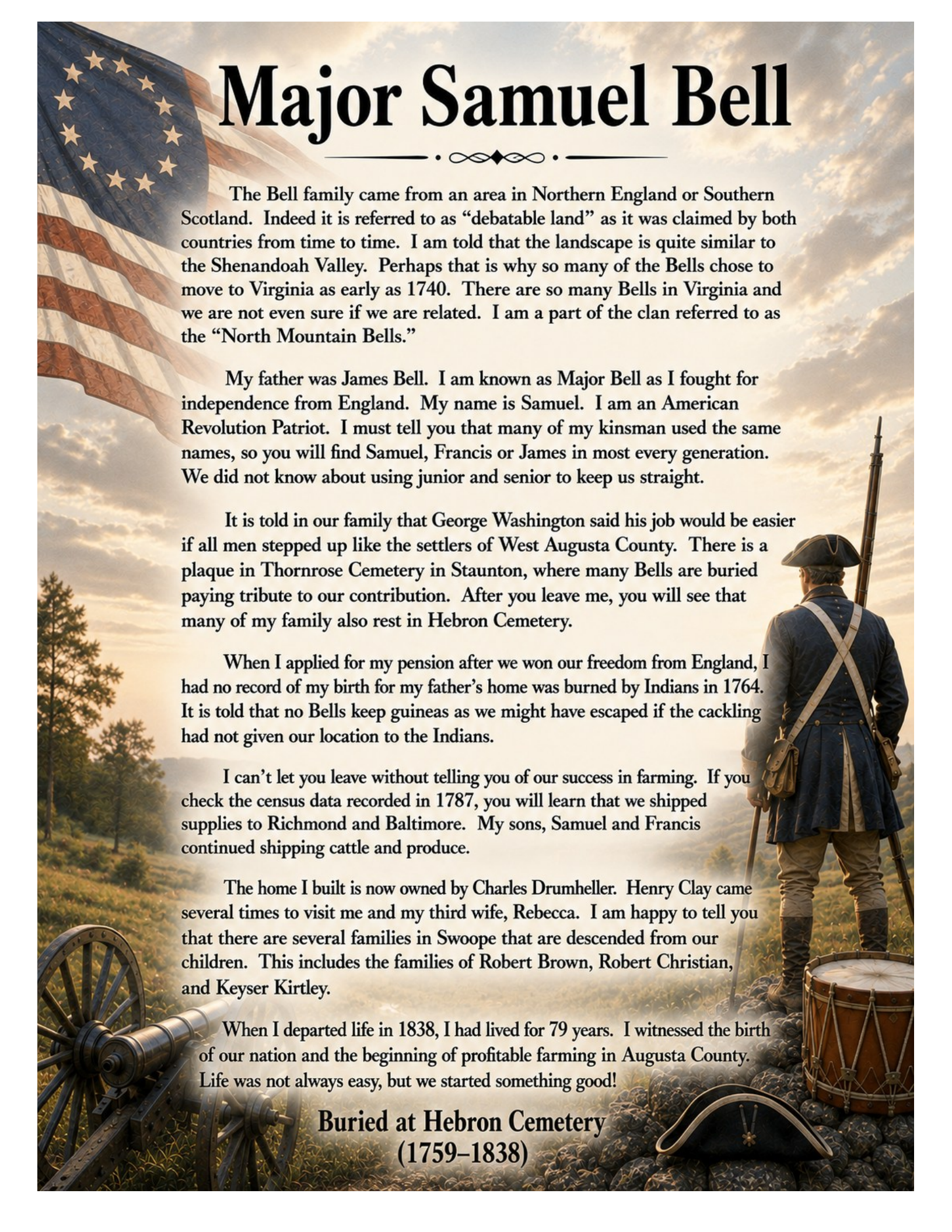
Sharing Christ in Our Community

Members of Hebron Presbyterian Church proudly participated in the Staunton Fourth of July Parade, celebrating both our nation's independence and our church's **280th Anniversary (1746–2026)**. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, represent our church, and share the joy of Christ with our community.

Participants proudly wore commemorative **280th Anniversary T-shirts**, specially designed for the occasion, helping showcase Hebron's rich history and enduring presence in Augusta County. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate, walk, ride, and represent Hebron with such enthusiasm and church spirit. Your participation made this year's parade a memorable celebration of faith, fellowship, and community.

As we continue celebrating 280 years of ministry, may we remain committed to **Growing in Faith, Serving God, and Loving Neighbors** for generations to come.





Major Samuel Bell

The Bell family came from an area in Northern England or Southern Scotland. Indeed it is referred to as “debatable land” as it was claimed by both countries from time to time. I am told that the landscape is quite similar to the Shenandoah Valley. Perhaps that is why so many of the Bells chose to move to Virginia as early as 1740. There are so many Bells in Virginia and we are not even sure if we are related. I am a part of the clan referred to as the “North Mountain Bells.”

My father was James Bell. I am known as Major Bell as I fought for independence from England. My name is Samuel. I am an American Revolution Patriot. I must tell you that many of my kinsman used the same names, so you will find Samuel, Francis or James in most every generation. We did not know about using junior and senior to keep us straight.

It is told in our family that George Washington said his job would be easier if all men stepped up like the settlers of West Augusta County. There is a plaque in Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton, where many Bells are buried paying tribute to our contribution. After you leave me, you will see that many of my family also rest in Hebron Cemetery.

When I applied for my pension after we won our freedom from England, I had no record of my birth for my father’s home was burned by Indians in 1764. It is told that no Bells keep guineas as we might have escaped if the cackling had not given our location to the Indians.

I can’t let you leave without telling you of our success in farming. If you check the census data recorded in 1787, you will learn that we shipped supplies to Richmond and Baltimore. My sons, Samuel and Francis continued shipping cattle and produce.

The home I built is now owned by Charles Drumheller. Henry Clay came several times to visit me and my third wife, Rebecca. I am happy to tell you that there are several families in Swoope that are descended from our children. This includes the families of Robert Brown, Robert Christian, and Keyser Kirtley.

When I departed life in 1838, I had lived for 79 years. I witnessed the birth of our nation and the beginning of profitable farming in Augusta County. Life was not always easy, but we started something good!

**Buried at Hebron Cemetery
(1759–1838)**



Kids' Corner Word Search

Find these words: JESUS • LOVE • TREE • SHEEP • FAITH • PRAY • BIBLE • CHURCH •
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Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for loving me and knowing my name.
Help me to follow You every day,
be kind to others,
and share Your love with everyone I meet. Amen.



August 2026
Hebron Presbyterian
Church
Worship 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Lemonade on the Linoleum  COMMUNION	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Lemonade on the Linoleum	10	11	12  First Day of School Staunton Waynesboro Augusta Co.	13	14	15
16 Lemonade on the Linoleum	17	18	19	20	21  Senior Citizen Day	22
23 Lemonade on the Linoleum	24	25	26  National Dog Day	27	28	29
30 Lemonade on the Linoleum	31					

HEBRON HERALD

Hebron Presbyterian Church

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor: Dr. Henry Scoggins

Hebron Herald Editor for August: Karen Hildebrand