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The Pastor's Part

From Texas to Washington, D. C. - they walk. Through the rain, the wind, the cold, the sun -they walk. After one of them was hit and had to have his leg amputated- they walk. After their faithful 4 legged companion Aloka had to have an operation - he got it free in Charleston and has rejoined them - they walk. They walk for Peace. In a written statement, Bhikkhu Pannakara, spiritual leader of the Walk for Peace, said, "We walk not to protest, but to awaken the peace that already lives within each of us." They walk for you and me, for the United States and the world. They walk so that our children and their children might know peace in their homes, in their lives. They walk to show in their patient way that the biggest journeys begin with the smallest step. They walk in a land that often claims to be Christian, but they are showing more about the Prince of Peace and how he calls us to live than most who claim to be Christian. The walk to remind us of the words from a great Christian hymn- "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. " And to God be the Glory.

Peace.
Pastor

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Hebron Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
November 30, 2025
12:00 PM
(Draft)

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

Guest: Elder Elect Mike Fallin and Hannah Bush

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins
The meeting was called to order at 12:11pm. A quorum was declared present. The Moderator welcomed the guest and opened the meeting with prayer and reading from the book of Isaiah.

Clerk's Report:

- Session approved agenda for the meeting.
- Session approved the minutes from the Stated Session Meeting October 26, 2025.
- Communion was served on World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2025, and Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025.
- Email request from Claire Wilson, Overstory Community School, asking to clean up the forest near the Scout Hut and clear pathways for use by the

school was approved by a majority vote in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Marsha Sensabaugh previously emailed Session members financial reports; Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, and Transaction List by Date, as October 31, 2025. After reviewing, Session accepted reports as presented.

Budget items for 2026: Session approved by common consent, \$.36/hour wage increase for church office secretary, and \$100/month salary increase for organist/music director.

Session approved by common consent \$4100 for the 2026 Church Pledge to Presbytery.

Presbytery Report: Pastor emailed summary of minutes to all members for the November 15, 2025 meeting, Highlights from the meeting can be found at <https://shenpres.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2025/11/Highlights-Nov-2025.pdf>. Next meeting is Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 9:30am via zoom.

Old Business:

Overstory is waiting in inspection from the county. The water will be turned on, and the fuel oil will be filled. There are a few items to be upgraded in the Scout Hut such as the fire extinguishers, emergency and exit lights, and the main electrical panel will need to be replaced. Overstory sent an email requesting to build fence behind the Scout Hut and additional fence along the road. Session approved by common consent.

Moving Forward Campaign Table Talk Luncheon will be January 11, 2026, after worship. There will be four tables for

discussions Outreach, Under Utilized Facilities, Communications, and First Impression.

Tracy Mayer has made door hangers to be distributed in the community.

Committee Reports:

Christian Outreach Committee: Display for the Celebration of Lights in Gypsy Hill Park is set up.

Communication Committee: No report.

Congregational Life Committee:

Committee will be providing food for the luncheon on January 11, 2026.

Finance Committee: Sandy provided several recommendations from the committee for what to do with the interest from the CDs. Discussion ensued regarding the recommendations. A motion was made to move the \$15,000 in the money market account to a CD. Motion was seconded and approved by common consent. After further discussion, a motion was made for all interest on CDs in 2026, to be reinvested when CDs hit maturity. Motion was approved by common consent. Sandy is working with Marsha on the budget. Proposed budget for 2026 will be emailed to Session. Sandy requested committee chairs send committee updates to her. Sandy also handed out articles Data Reveals Decline in Church Attendance and Children's Health.

Personnel Committee: Ellen Desper is no longer the chair of the committee.

Property Committee: Pastor's computer cannot be updated, so a new one will need to be purchased. Manse rent is currently \$1200 plus utilities. After discussion on the cost of utilities, it was suggested to raise the rent to \$1700, and this would include utilities. Following discussion, a motion was made for the

lease beginning January 1, 2026, to include Manse rent \$1700 to include utilities, \$100 late fee after five days, and if late over 30 days, they will be up for eviction. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. There was discussion on selling the gas stove and it was deferred to the committee.

Worship Committee: The committee submitted a communion schedule for 2026. Session approved the schedule by common consent. Communion dates are January 11, Baptism of the Lord Sunday; February 15, Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday; March 29, Palm Sunday; May 31, Trinity Sunday; August 2, Quarterly Communion; October 4, World Communion Sunday; November 22, Christ the King Sunday; December 24, Christmas Eve; and January 10, 2027, Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

PNC: Search continues.

Christian Education: It was brought up this committee should be reactivated. Committee will need a committee chair.

Moderator's Report: Pastor Scoggins will be on vacation the week of December 28, 2025.

New Business

New officers for the Class of 2028 were examined. Officers are Mike Fallin, Larry Mayer, and Robin Moyer. A date was set for installation on January 4, 2026. Robin Moyer was elected Clerk of Session for 2026.

Executive Session: Session went to an executive session to discuss Pastor Scoggins contract which will expire January 31, 2026. After coming out of closed session, A contract for Pastor

Scoggins was unanimously approved for February 1 through July 31, 2026, with a cost-of-living adjustment.

After informing Pastor Scoggins of the approval, Session went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Closing and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:06pm.

Our next Stated Session Meeting will be January 25, 2026, at 12:00 pm.

Robin Moyer
Clerk of Session

February Birthdays

Tom Cook	2
Martie Sieck	4
George Gilmer	5
Donna Kirtley	11
Lina Smith	11
Ruth Rathburn	12
David Obenschain	24
Philip Sieck	25
Tracy Mayer	26
Glenn Mader	28

In Case of Snow or Bad Weather...

If winter weather is ever severe enough that we think it necessary to cancel church, we will notify television WHSV-TV3 in Harrisonburg to announce the cancellation.

Also, if church is canceled because of severe winter weather, we will put a message on the church's answering machine so you can call the church office at 540-885-1648. A decision to cancel church will be made by 9:00 A.M. Therefore, check after 9 o'clock to be sure.

In any case, please use your common sense when we have severe weather even if you don't see an announcement on Channel 3.

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Sunday School 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor – Dr. Henry Scoggins



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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship 11:00 A.M.	2 Groundhog Day	3 Bible Study 11:00 AM	4	5	6	7
8 Worship 11:00 A.M.	9	10 Bible Study 11:00 AM	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Worship 11:00 A.M. Communion Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday	16 Presidents' Day	17 Bible Study 11:00 AM	18	19	20	21
22 Worship 11:00 A.M.	23	24 Bible Study 11:00 AM	25	26	27	28

