



The Pastor's Part

Recreation- that is part of what I did on my vacation. Saw two couples in Wilmington - I have known the wives for almost 70 years!! Ouch! We always have such a great time together. Lifelong friends like them are more than special- they are life giving and live affirming.

I ate some great seafood. I miss that so much being away from the coast. I ate some great eastern NC BBQ- none better for my money. I stopped in Smithfield, NC, and went to the Ava Gardner museum. I had seen the signs for years and made the effort this time, and so glad I did. I spent time with my daughter and her fiancé. So all in all, it was a good time of recreation in both senses.



Recreation- having a good time of fun and fellowship and re-creation- making myself over a little bit. Both meanings have elements of refreshment, renewal and remembering - things we need to do on a regular basis as we get in touch with yesterday, grow stronger for today, and plan and look forward to tomorrow.



I hope you always take time for recreation and re-creation. You won't regret it.

Peace and blessings,

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Change in Pastor's Office Hours

The office hours for the pastor are now Tuesday and Wednesday-10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and home office hours Thursday 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

From the Pastor Nominating Committee

Larry Mayer, the chairman of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has provided an update for the congregation concerning the search for Hebron's next pastor. He reports that the committee is evaluating pastors who have been "matched" to our church through the PCUSA website. The committee has spoken with two candidates, but the committee does not think they have someone to pursue further. They are continually asking for more "matches" at this time.



Committee members are Larry Mayer and Randy Moyer from the Session, and M. Hannah Bush from the congregation. Please pray for this committee as they have a most important role in screening candidates to lead Hebron in the future.

Urgent: Poinsettia Reservations

Even though it is only September, Cros-B-Crest nursery has informed Gail Mayer, Hebron Flower Chairman, that reservations for their poinsettias must be made by **September 1!** Last year, many persons commented that they were impressed by the large size and quality of their poinsettias.



Forms for ordering can be found in the vestibules if you desire to order flowers from Cros-B-Crest. The price is \$18.00. Please fill out the form and remit your payment to Gail by the September 1 deadline. If you wish to buy your poinsettias elsewhere, still fill out a form and let Gail know your intentions as to who you are honoring/ memorializing. Contact Gail at 540-885-6984.

Operation Christmas Child All Year Long

The collection year for Operation Christmas Child is rapidly coming to the finish line. With September,



October, and November, yet to go, there is still much to collect and be done. For the month of September, the collection emphasis is on small games including card games, puzzles, coloring books, and small toys.

As a reminder to those of you who are packing your own shoeboxes or contributing to Hebron's collection campaign, there are some items that are not acceptable. Soap is no longer allowed because of the complications it causes in customs in some nations. Candy, toothpaste, gum used or damaged items, scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures are not allowed. Chocolate, food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins are prohibited as well. Do not pack breakable items such as snow globes, glass containers, or aerosol cans.

Thank you for your contributions. The month of August was the best collection month of the year. If you need help with ideas for donations, please check the bulletin board in the Educational Building for lists according to age groups. Or if you prefer, you may give Randy Moyer a monetary donation that he can use to shop for items.

Elder of the Month For September

Glenn Mader will be the Elder of the Month for September. You may contact Glen at 540-255-7869 when you need assistance from the church in case of an emergency or when the church office is closed.



Thanks to Sandy Showalter for serving as the EOM for the month of October.

Property and Cemetery News

Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky. Kahli Garan

Hebron's beauty has been enhanced over the years not only with the architectural composition of its building, but the surrounding landscape of its oak trees. For many years, the congregation celebrated various events "under the grove" of trees on the front lawn. But recently the grove has given way to the ax of the woodcutter due to age and disease.



In the spring of 2024, Emerson Willard planted five new oak trees on the Hebron property. In August, Betty Piner has gifted the church an *October Glory* maple tree which was planted on the church's front lawn to celebrate her upcoming 90th birthday on September 2.

In the midst of planting news, the Cemetery Committee is in the process of getting estimates to remove dead trees in the cemetery across the road.

Lemonade on the Linoleum Wrap

With August coming to a close, we want to thank those who contributed to **Lemonade on the Linoleum** for the summer. David and Theresa Moore, Robert and Dana Christian, Edna Stone, Linda Harvey, Anita Tuttle, David and Joyce Obenschain, Jim, Sylvia, and Bobby Crawford, Mike and Shirley Fallin, Greg and Lina Smith, Billie Banks, Betty Whitmore, Larry and Gail Mayer, Donna Kirtley, Carol Ratliff, E. Anne Willard, Joann Weikert, Karen Highlander, Katy Shaver, Hannah Bush, and the Congregational Life Committee did a wonderful job providing goodies each Sunday so that the congregation could enjoy food, fellowship, and fun!





September 2025

Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day 	2	3	4	5	6 Read a Book Day 
7 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M.	8	9 Grandparents Day 	10	11 Patriot Day 	12	13
14 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M.	15	16	17	18 National Cheeseburger Day 	19	20
21 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. Session 12:00	22 WELCOME FALL 	23 Make a New Friend Day 	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M.	29	30				

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor - Dr. Henry Scoggins

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

September Birthdays

Dana Christian	1
Betty Piner	2
John Puffenberger	4
Betty Whitmore	9
Maxine Carpenter	22
Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins	27

SACRA and Valley Mission Updates

For the month of August, Hebron supported SACRA with 26 items of food for its pantry, and Valley Mission received 14 food /hygiene goods. Both agencies are extremely grateful for the donations Hebron has made to them.

No Session Minutes

There are no Session minutes for the months of July and August as Session did not hold its monthly meetings. A brief meeting was called in August to change the pastor's office hours. The next meeting will be held September 21, 2025.

News From Nathan

Randy and Donna Moyer are keeping Hebron abreast of Nathan's training and progress as he continues basic Marine training at Parris Island.

August marked Phase 2 of training which began with "Swim Week". That included swimming 50 yards with a ruck and treading water for fifteen minutes in full combat uniform. Week 5 was "Team Week" with intense log drills and strength/endurance runs that became longer and tougher. Bayonet assault courses, pugil stick fighting, martial arts, and a written exam marked Week 6 activities. Week 7 was "Grass Week. This signaled the beginning of phase 3 training where recruits learned about rifle firing positions and practicing trigger pulls. August also included the first Physical Fitness Test and Combat Fitness Test.



Donna reported that the family has received three letters from Nathan at this writing. She has written two letters to him each week. Nathan sends his love to Hebron and misses everyone. He has been going to church there and has been excited about the opportunity. He mentions the heat and wonders if August will end up being hotter than July.



Continue to keep Nathan and his family in your prayers.