

The Pastor's Part



What a clap of thunder!!! When that big storm came through earlier this week, one bolt of lightning hit my house, and I thought there must be some major damage. After a thorough inspection, I determined that I had lost power to two rooms. I checked the circuit breakers— all ok. Checked the GFIs that are in those rooms- did not need a reset. So all I could do then was to call an electrician and get on his waiting list.



This brings up two problems. The first is how hard it is to get an electrician, plumber, carpenter, welder, or HVAC technician when you need them. Few people want to "get their hands dirty" anymore with honest labor. Better to get a useless degree from Whatsa-Matter U even if it won't help anyone earn a living. My son got a degree in Psychology; my nieces and nephew got degrees in International Studies, Women's Studies, and Sociology. And none of them ever got a job in those fields. I get tired of people saying that everyone needs a college degree!

I am not against education. I have three degrees, but we do not need colleges. Are there any left? Now, they are all universities!!! They are no more than diploma factories. And we do not need piles of student debt for a degree that will not help the graduate in life. We need to put an emphasis on our community colleges and trade schools simply to train people to keep society working. Have you ever tried to hire a painter? They are a treasure when you can!

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Welcome the Rev. Nancy Mechan Yao

On Sunday, June 1, the Rev. Nancy Mechan Yao, the Associate Presbyterian of Shenandoah Presbytery, will visit the congregation of Hebron Church for morning worship and then interact with members during *Lemonade on the Linoleum* about our search for a new pastor.

Please plan to attend this special occasion.

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Now to my second point: I showed the trained electrician where the GFIs were, telling him I had tried them all. And having been on many similar calls, he immediately reset the one that was tripped. Do you remember those old cartoons when a character had done something stupid, and the image immediately showed him with a dunce cap on his head? Mine was not seen, but it was resting right on my dumb head. I just had not pressed the reset hard enough. It took much more than I thought it would.



And from that embarrassing experience, I learned two things- press harder!! The other thing I learned or relearned for the uncounted time was I'm human. I make mistakes—laugh and forgive myself and move on. Sometimes that is the hardest part. Oh, and I also remembered why I am not an electrician.

Peace and blessings,

Preecha

Pastor

Pentecost

June 8 is Pentecost Sunday which is considered the birthday of the church. It is more than a day of celebration. It is observed on the 50th day after East-



er on which the church focuses on God and the Holy Spirit. It is a chance to recommit to Christ's continuing ministry in a world that is desperate for justice, love, and peace.

On the Day of Pentecost, the sound of a violent wind and tongues of fire came to rest upon the disciples, and the mission of the church began. This day is marked by dressing in red, and draping the altar of the church with red cloths and paraments.

This year, the Pentecost offering will focus on three areas: educating children to transform the world, support the faith of youth in our church, and nurture young adults who serve as volunteers nationally and internationally. With our offerings, we do our best to instill a heart for Christian action in our youth and young adults.

Forty percent of the Pentecost offering that Hebron collects stays in our congregation. The Outreach Committee, chaired by Randy Moyer, determined at their meeting on May 25, that the local money will be going to New Directions Center, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support and advocacy to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Please give generously and trust that the Holy Spirit takes and uses our gifts for the good of God's reign in our neighborhood.

Trinity Sunday

On June 15, Hebron will observe Trinity Sunday by celebrating Holy communion. On this day, we celebrate the Christiana doctrines of the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the



Holy Spirit. The triune God is the basis of who we are and all we do as Christians. We pray to God the Father *through* Jesus Christ *by* the Holy Spirit.

Praise in the Park

Praise in the Park is a privately sponsored, annual summer concert series that is free and hosted by Linden Heights Baptist Church in Staunton. Performances begin at 7 P.M. on Tuesdays at the Gypsy Hill Park bandstand with concessions available.

The summer schedule is as follows:

July 1- Praise Celebrates America

6:00 P.M. Crawford Brothers

7:00 P.M. Saint James Gospel Choir

8:00 P.M. Heavens Mountain Band

July 8-7 P.M.

Brian Buchanan

Blue Mountain Sunrise

August 5-7 P.M.

Nikkie Headley

Southern Hospitality

July 15-7 P.M.

Alabaster Grace

Just Us Country Band

August 12-7 P.M.

Ed Petterson

Streets of Gold

July 22- 7 P.M.

Calvary Baptist

One Voice Band

August 19-7 P.M.

Promised Land Quartet

July 29- 7 P.M.

Bridge Church Bands

Youth Night

August 26-7 P.M.

Showcase of Praise

Laurel Hill Band &

Heather Snow

One Family Band

SACRA and Valley Mission Reports

For the month of May, Hebron contributed — items to the SACRA Food Pantry and ____ items to Valley Mission.

Both agencies have various needs in common such as canned and packaged food for distribution or in the case of Valley Mission, to serve meals to clients on site. Donations of cleaning supplies such as floor cleaners, dish soap, all-purpose cleaners, Lysol spray, and bleach are greatly appreciated by both organizations as well.

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STATED SESSION MEETING

(Draft)

May 18, 2025

12:00 P.M.

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

Excused: David Obenschain

Guests: Treasurer Hannah Bush

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins

The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm. A quorum was declared present, and the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk's Report:

- Session approved the agenda for this meeting.
- Session approved the minutes from the Stated Session Meeting of March 30, 2025, and on April 5, 2025, and were found to have no exceptions.
- Communion was served on Palm Sunday April 13, 2025.
- Session approved by common consent, the transfer requests from Lorrie Dean, Scott Cline, and Jennifer Sieck.
- Session approved by common consent, with a qualifying letter, to endorse Tara Cahill for a Shenandoah Presbytery Scholarship.

Treasurer's Report:

- Hannah provided a Balance Sheet and a Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual financial statement year to date. She stated expenses still exceed income. After reviewing the financial statement, a motion was made to move the \$2,421.25 interest from the Fidelity investment to the General Operating Fund. The motion was seconded and passed by Session.

- There was also discussion concerning the renters in the Manse being behind on paying utility bills. Larry and Robert will meet with the renters.

Presbytery Meeting: Next meeting is 9:30 A.M. on May 20, 2025, at Woodstock Presbyterian Church.

Old Business:

- Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao will visit Hebron Sunday June 1, 2025, to talk with the congregation after *Lemonade on the Linoleum* on searching for a new pastor.
- Larry, chair of the PNC, spoke on the process and forms needed to be submitted to search for a new pastor and the salary requirements.

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Outreach Committee:** Committee will meet next on May 25, 2025. Next event will be the 4th of July Parade.
- **Communication Committee:** No report
- **Congregational Life Committee:** No report
- **Finance Committee:** Sandy handed out a statement updating the CD investment amounts to date. After reviewing the investments, a motion was made to take the \$30,000 CD and reinvest \$15,000 and move \$15,000 to a money market to be available for expenses, and upon maturity of the CDs, the interest will be placed in the General Operating Fund. The principals will be reinvested. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by Session.
- **Personnel Committee:** Sandy handed out a job description written by Ellen Desper for the treasurer position. Session was asked to review and the job description will be discussed at the next meeting.

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- **Property Committee:** The property committee has a prospective renter for the Scout Hut. After discussion on the needs of the renter and needs of the Scout Hut, Session voted unanimously to rent the Scout Hut for \$750/month, plus fuel oil and electric bills. Thanks to Mr. Brubeck who picked up all the branches and twigs, a clean up day is not needed. Due to the plumbing problems in the Men's restroom, Session passed unanimously for the urinal to be removed.
- **Worship Committee:** Hannah previously emailed to Session members a committee report. The committee sponsored an Organ Recital by Sarah Grove-Humphries on April 13, 2025, and an Easter Breakfast on April 20, 2025. Brantley Whitmore was baptized on Easter Sunday and became a member of Hebron along with his grandmother Karen Highlander reaffirming her faith to become an active member. The cross used in the sanctuary at Easter has become cumbersome and will be replaced with a cross made by Gene Mader. The old cross has been given to the Christian Outreach Committee. Hannah has been updating the Welcome Cards in the pews.

Moderator's Report: Pastor Scoggins will be on vacation the weeks of July 13, August 17, August 24, September 28, November 23, and December 28, 2025.

New Business:

- Session was asked for ideas to mark Sarah's first year as choir director/organist.

Closing and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:22 P.M. Our next Stated Session Meeting will be June 22, 2025, at 12:15 P.M.

Robin Moyer

Clerk of Session

Lemonade on the Linoleum Schedule

June 1	Moore Family
June 8	Robert and Dana Christian
June 15	Edna Stone, Linda Harvey, and Anita Tuttle
June 22	David and Joyce Obenschain
June 29	_____



Finalizing July 4 Parade Plans

Randy Moyer, chairman of the Christian Outreach Committee is finalizing plans for Hebron's entry to the ***Happy Birthday America*** parade on July 4, in Gypsy Hill Park.

Hebron's riders and walkers will convene early on the 4th at the Food Lion on West Beverley Street to decorate Dr. Rev. Scoggins' bright, red truck. Keyser Kirtley is providing hay bales for the riders to use for seating in the truck bed. The time for the decorating has not been determined as of yet since the completed parade information packet won't be delivered until June 28. Participants should dress for warm weather and show off their patriotic colors of red, white, and blue.



As Randy receives the final details, he will inform all participants. There is still time to sign up on the sheet in the hallway of the Educational Building if you would like to be a part of the parade!











June 2025

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. Choir 10:00 A.M.	2 Stonewall Brigade Concert Disney Songs 7:30 P.M.	3 .	4	5	6 D Day 	7
8 Pentecost Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M.	9 Stonewall Brigade Concert WWII and Songs from Ireland 7:30 P.M.	10	11	12 Peanut Butter Cookie Day 	13	14 Flag Day 
15 Trinity Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. Father's Day	16 Stonewall Brigade Concert The 1950's 7:30 P.M.	17 .	18	19 Juneteenth 	20 Summer begins! 	21 World Day of Music 
22 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. Session Mtg.	23 Stonewall Brigade Concert The 1970's 7:30 P.M.	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M.	30 Stonewall Brigade Concert The 80's and 90's 7:30 P.M.					

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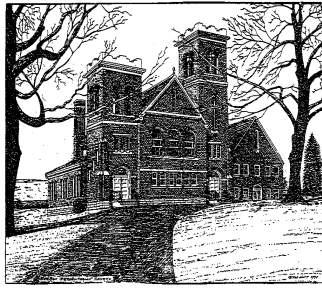
Ministries available to all ages

Sunday School 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor - Dr. Henry Scoggins

Editors of **Hebron Herald** for June— Joan Clemmer Wright and Joann Weklert



Operation Christmas Child For June

For the month of June, the Christian Outreach Committee is seeking toys for the **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. Items that would be useful are matchbox cars/trucks, baseball/tennis balls, card games, jump ropes, Rubic's cubes, slinkies, yoyos, marbles, small Frisbees, finger puppets, small etch-a-sketches, plastic toys and figures, dolls, and stuffed animals.

Items may be placed in a special box near the coffee machine in the Educational Building. Thanks for your contributions.



Elder of the Month of June

For the month of June, David Obenschain will serve as the Elder of the Month. You may reach David at 540. 887.1292 when the church office is closed or in case of an emergency.

Thanks to Randy Moyer for serving as the EOM for the month of May

