



The Pastor's Part

"He is Risen!!!!" "He is Risen indeed!!!!"

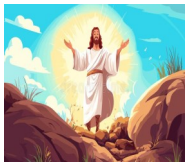
Many years ago I had a Greek friend, and I especially enjoyed being with her and her family on Easter Sunday. Every family member that came to Elaine's parents house were greeted and responded with that great news in Greek.

And then each held a hard boiled egg and hit them together. I guess it was symbolic of the "cracking" of the tomb and the defeat of death. It was a practice that was so old that none of them could tell me when it started. I guess hiding Easter eggs is part of that ancient tradition.



But with or without the eggs– the message is the same- He is Risen!!! Notice the use of the present tense- **is-** and not a past tense– **was**. Ancient Greek had a verb tense which told of a past action whose effects are still happening- He **IS** Risen.

The Christ event reached its pinnacle of meaning and purpose in the resurrection. The Christ event



was not something that happened 2000 years ago, but it is an ongoing wonder and mystery that affects the past, the present and the future until

the close of the age. It has special meaning in the life of each Christian when the Risen Lord arises in each one of us to show us a better way, a way of faith, hope, and love.

Let the Crucified, Risen God be renewed in us this Lent and especially Easter Sunday. Let us greet

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Organ Concert on April 13

Sarah Grove-Humphries, Hebron's organist and music director, has planned an organ concert to be held Palm Sunday, April 13, in the church sanctuary. She will be playing the Taylor-Boody Opus 46 which was installed in 2006.



Sarah is a native of Philadelphia. Her father is a retired Lutheran minister and her mother taught deaf education in Philadelphia schools. She has two brothers who are musical and are Lutheran ministers as well. One lives in Spokane, Washington, and the other resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have plans to meet sometime this summer in Colorado for a family reunion. Sarah reports that her parents watch Hebron's weekly service on YouTube.

Playing a Taylor-Boody organ is not a new experience for Sarah. She studied organ at Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and continued her education at the North German Organ Academy, the New England Conservatory of Music, and Shenandoah University. She came to Staunton in 1983 and became associated with our neighboring organ factory through a professor who knew one of the founders, George Taylor. She soon began working for the organ company and has traveled the United States and to Japan five times to complete installation of their organs.

Prior to becoming the organist at Hebron, she played at Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church for two years and Emmanuel Episcopal Church in **(Concert continued on page two)**

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each brother and sister in Christ with the most amazing good news there has ever been- **HE IS RISEN!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!**

And to God be the Glory.

Peace,

Preecha

Preecha

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Staunton for twenty-one years. Sarah met her husband Bryon Humphries while attending a contra dance class held at Emmanuel. Sarah says Bryon is a “jack of all trades” having taught math in various schools, headed the math support services at JMU, taught engineering and led the electric vehicle program at the Governor’s School. He is now retired, tinkers, plays guitar, bikes, surfs, snow and skate boards.

Not only is Sarah a full time organist, pianist , and music director at Hebron, but she is a licensed teacher of Musikgarten since 2005, teaching five classes each week in the Hebron’s social hall. She has won the Musikgarten Exemplary Program award several times. She also serves as cantor at the Temple House of Israel in Staunton. In her spare time, she enjoys singing in local choirs, spending time in her back yard watching birds, growing vegetables, and riding her bike.



Sarah will be playing selections from her favorite composer, Johann Sebastian Bach as well as sharing two of her very own organ compositions. She has invited a guest singer, Nancy Dennis, who will sing two hymns while Sarah accompanies. The congregation will also participate in the concert by singing two hymns.

Please plan to attend this special concert on April 13, at 3:00 P.M. Bring your family and friends as well. There is no admission, and a reception to meet and greet Sarah will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the concert.

A Real Bell Ringer!

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a bell ringer is defined as:

1. one that rings a bell such as a church bell
2. something that succeeds or makes a hit

You may have noticed a young man who chimes the worship hour on Sunday mornings from the choir loft. His name is Brantley Whitmore.



Brantley Marshall Whitmore will officially become Hebron’s newest member on Easter Sunday, April 20. Although his official date of membership will be on that Sunday, Brantley has attended Hebron for some time. He is the grandson of Karen Wood Highlander and the great-grandson of our secretary, Joann Wood Weikert.

Brantley was born on August 7, 2012, and will become a “teenager” with his next birthday later this summer. He is presently a seventh grader at Riverheads Middle School where he carries a full load of academic subjects.

But his greatest love of school comes after the school bell has rung when he enjoys theater and choir. In choir he sings soprano, and in his fifth grade year qualified for the honors choir. He has also participated in the school talent show in which he sang *Soldier, Poet, King*, a song about the second coming of Jesus Christ. He will be in a theater production at Riverheads High School on April 11 at 6:00 P.M. entitled *Aristocat KIDS*.

In additions to singing and acting, Brantley enjoys going to the beach, playing video games, chess, and reading mythology books, especially stories about Hermes, the messenger god. He has a number of pets including three dogs and two cats. His favorite holiday is Christmas because it is a season of giving, and prefers the color orange.

After interviewing Brantley, without a doubt, he qualifies as a bell ringer with both dictionary definitions!

Easter Breakfast

Having breakfast on Easter Sunday at Hebron has become a tradition, and this year is no different. The Worship Committee is sponsoring a covered dish on Sunday, April 20, at 9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Educational Building. Please register and indicate what type of dish you will be bringing. A variety of breakfast casseroles, sweet buns, juices, muffins, scones, breads, quiches, coffee cakes, fresh fruits, ham, sausage, and bacon are always welcomed. Coffee will be furnished by the committee.

Operation Christmas Child All Year Long

During the month of April, the emphasis for collections for **Operation Christmas Child** are items such as stuffed animals, cuddly toys, dolls, doll clothes, puppets, matchbox and wooden cars and trucks.

Tote and draw string bags, craft items, watercolor sets, play dough, and clay are still needed for March. To catch up for January and February, hats, scarves, and socks, all kinds of hair accessories and uv sunglasses are needed. A collection box and lists for different age groups are in the Educational Building next to the coffee maker. Thanks for your help!



Welcome Mark Wilson!

Mark Wilson will be leading services at Hebron On Sunday, April 27, and Sunday, May 5 as Rev.



Dr. Scoggins will be on vacation during those weeks. Mark has been with us many times during the past several years, and we look forward to him leading our worship services.

Also, with the absence of Rev. Dr. Scoggins, there will not be Bible study on April 22 and 29. When it does resume on May 6, the study will resume on the book of Genesis.

A Favorite Recipe

Betty Piner asked if anyone had the recipe for Watergate Salad as it was one of her favorite dishes to make for Easter. She thought it would be good to share with others.

Watergate Salad

Prep time: 10 minutes

Servings: 8

Ingredients:

- 3.4 pistachio Jell-O instant pudding mix
- 20 oz. can crushed pineapple
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (your favorite)
- 8 oz. container Cool Whip

Instructions:

1. Combine pudding mix, pineapple with juice, marshmallows and nuts in a large bowl and mix well.
2. Fold in Cool Whip and chill for at least 2 hours before serving.
3. If desired, garnish with extra cool whip, nuts, marshmallows, and/or maraschino cherries.



Readings for Lent



Tuesday, April 1

Rom. 8:1-11 John 6:16-27

Wednesday, April 2

Rom. 8:1-11 John 6: 27-40

Thursday, April 3

Rom. 8:12-27 John 6:41-51

Friday, April 4

Rom. 8:28-39 John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 5

Rom. 9:1-18 John 6:60-71

Sunday, April 6-Fifth Sunday in Lent

1 Cor. 9:19-27 Mark 8:31-9:1

Monday, April 7

Rom. 9:19-33 John 9:1-17

Tuesday, April 8

Rom. 10:1-13 John 9:18-41

Wednesday, April 9

Rom. 10:14-21 John 10:1-18

Thursday, April 10

Rom. 11:1-12 John 10:19-42

Friday, April 11

Rom. 11:13-24 John 11:1-27

Saturday, April 12

Rom. 11:25-36 John 11:28-44

Sunday, April 15-Palm/Passion Sunday

1 Tim. 6:12-16 Matt. 21:12-22:1

Monday April 14-Monday of Holy Week

Phil. 3:1-14 John 12:9-19

Tuesday, April 15-Tuesday of Holy Week

Phil. 3:15-21 John 12:20-26

Wednesday, April 16-Wednesday of Holy Week

Phil. 4:1-13 John 12:27-36

Thursday, April 17-Maunday Thursday

1 Cor. 10:14-17; 11:27-32 John 17:1-26

Friday, April 18-Good Friday

1 Peter 1:10-20 John 13:36-38

Saturday, April 19-Holy Saturday

Heb. 4:1-16 Rom. 8:1-11

Sunday, April 20-Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

John 1:1-18 Luke 24:13-35

Communion

On Palm Sunday, April 13, Hebron will celebrate communion to commence Holy Week. All who are baptized and profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to share in this sacrament.



“For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.” 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

SACRA and Valley Mission

For the month of March Hebron donated thirty-two food items to the SACRA pantry, and fourteen items were given to the Valley Mission. Both agencies are seeking canned goods, pasta, sauces, soups, and cereals while the Mission also can use cleaning supplies and all types of over the counter medicines.

There are specially marked bins in the Educational Building for each of these agencies. Please consider donating to both of them who do so much to help others. Every contribution matters!



“Little by little, a little becomes a lot.”

Tanzanian proverb

Gracie's Journey!

Gracie, the fish bank, will be collected during the regular worship service on Easter Sunday, April 20.



She is a reminder to children and adults alike of her journey in the **One Great Hour of Sharing** initiative which is designated to help people throughout the world.

What difference does giving to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** make? First, people's lives are changed. Your giving helps real people in the U.S. and around the globe recover from disasters, fight systematic poverty and hunger, and develop the skills they need to transform their communities in ways they know how.

Secondly, we are called to be repairer of the breach. Isaiah 58 says, "If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted...you shall be called repairers of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

Finally, we can do so much more together than individually. Each of us can make an impact in a small way, but when we join together, through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, we can do so much more. It is the single largest way Presbyterians come together to make a difference in the world.

So bring Gracie to church on April 20 and share your contribution with others in the **One Great Hour of Sharing** endeavor!

Wanted: Chairperson for Congregational Life Committee

The Congregational Life Committee needs a chairperson who will organize the fellowship events for the congregation. You do not have to prepare all the food: just organize the events. Edna Stone has agreed to work with our secretary to focus on our shut-ins and others who may need special attention.

Happy Birthday America!

I love a parade, the trampling of feet


I love every beat I hear of a drum.

I love a parade, when I hear a band

I just want to stand and cheer as they come.

Tim Roehler

The plans for **The Happy Birthday America 2025** festivities are well underway with a parade scheduled for Friday, July 4, at 10:00 A.M. in Gypsy Hill Park. Therefore, the Christian Outreach Committee chaired by Randy Moyer, is once again organizing an entry from Hebron to be a part of this hometown event.

In last year's parade, Pastor Hank drove his red, shiny truck with a full load of six riders in the back, playing music and providing an endless supply of bubbles. The committee hopes that this year  enough members will sign up where the church could enter two trucks.

Entries are limited to 150 and for a non-profit organization such as our church, a \$25.00 entry fee is required. Applications must be submitted by May 7. If interested, please sign up in the next few weeks. Because the parade fills up quickly, the committee intends to submit our application by mid-April.

The Christian Outreach Committee hopes that YOU will consider being a part of this event to show our community the spirit of Hebron. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the church officers for volunteers. Please contact Randy at 540.649.3823 if you have questions.

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STATED SESSION MEETING

(Draft)

February 23, 2025

12:00 PM

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

Guests: Brantley Whitmore, Karen Highlander, Ellen Desper, and Treasurer Hannah Bush

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins

The meeting was called to order at 12:13pm. A quorum was declared present, and the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Brantley Whitmore has been meeting with Pastor Scoggins. He came to Session asking to be baptized and become a member of Hebron. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously for Brantley Whitmore to be baptized and join the church on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

Clerk's Report:

- Session approved the agenda for this meeting.
- Session approved the minutes from the Stated Session Meeting January 26, 2025, Called Meeting February 16, 2025, Annual Congregational Meeting February 16, 2025, and the Hebron Corporation Meeting February 16, 2025.
- Request from Sarah Grove-Humphries to have an organ concert at Hebron on April 13, 2025, at 3:00pm. A motion was made and seconded to approve Sarah's request and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Hannah handed out a monthly statement of Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual. The net income as of February 15, 2025, is -11,896.44. The negative balance is due to a couple of large expenses now such as church

insurance and fuel oil.

- A budget for 2025 was presented. After reviewing, Session suggested adding additional funds to the PNC and adding a salary for the treasurer position. With these changes, Session accepted the budget.

Presbytery Meeting: Next meeting by zoom on February 26, 2025

- Presbytery Asking for 2025, Session approved by common consent \$3000.
- PNC will try to have a meeting with Rev. Patrick Pettit to get a search started for a new pastor. Meeting has been set tentative for March 2, 2025, at 5:00 pm awaiting confirmation.

Committee Reports:

- **Personnel Committee:** Ellen Desper, chair of the Personnel Committee, reviewed the job descriptions for the church secretary, janitorial staff, and choir director/organist. The secretary had a performance review in September 2024.

The committee will review the duties of the sexton before approving the job description. Hannah will put together a description of job duties for the treasurer's position.

- **Christian Outreach Committee:** No report. Committee will meet in March.

- **Communication Committee:** The newsletter will be published monthly if there is enough content. Lina has updated the church website. Robert would like to get one more person to help with streaming the worship service on Sundays.

- **Congregational Life Committee:** No report. Committee needs a new chairperson.

- **Finance Committee:** Sandy is waiting on a call back from the accounting firm to confirm a date to review/audit books.

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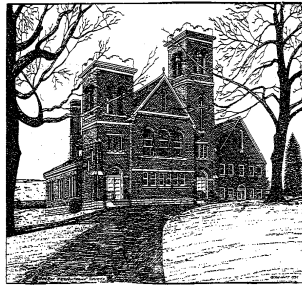
Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>	2	3	4	5
<p>6</p> <p>Worship 11:00 A.M.</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>	9	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>Passover</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Palm Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. Organ Concert 3:00 P.M.</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>Bible Study 11:00 A.M.</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p>	<p>18</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Holy Saturday</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Breakfast 9:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Augusta Co. Spring Clean-up Week begins</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Arbor Day</p> <p>ARBOR DAY</p>	26
<p>27</p> <p>Worship 11:00 A.M.</p>	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>Honesty Day</p>			

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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 April Joan Clemmer Wright
and Joann Weikert

April Birthdays	
Patsy Shull	1
Millie Ruleman	3
Bobby Crawford	16
Jean Miller	17
Jim Crawford	22
Nicola Cahill	26
Anita Tuttle	29

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- **Property Committee:** Committee is recommending raising rent on the Manse to \$1200/month.

- **Worship Committee:** Hannah Bush will be the new chair of Worship committee.

Moderator's Report: Pastor Scoggins has been visiting shut ins.

New Business: No new business.

Closing and Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with prayer from the Moderator at 1:16pm.

Our next Stated Session Meeting will be March 23, 2025, at 12:15pm.

Robin Moyer

Clerk of Session

Elder of the Month For April

Tracy Mayer will serve as the Elder of the Month of April. You may contact Tracy at 540-480-7513 in case of an emergency when the church office is



closed after office hours or during the week end. She will be happy to assist you.

We thank Lina Smith for serving as the EOM during the month of March.