

# HEBRON HERALD

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## *The Pastor's Part*

Wow! I saw an ad on the internet for a one-volume book on "all a minister needs to know". - and I spent all those years and all that money getting two degrees from accredited seminaries in addition to an undergraduate degree!!! The saddest thing is that for many people, that is all they think they will need. It is like those people who get "ordained" so they can officiate at the wedding of their cousin, and all they had to do was send in \$100 and get a piece of paper declaring they are now ministers of "The Church of What's Happening Now". Remember that great ongoing skit on the Flip Wilson Show and The Rev. Leroy. I would much rather get spiritual advice from him and hear one of his sermons than from any of these buy a book or a piece of paper and now you are a minister scams. Not only is it ridiculous and demeaning to the ordained ministry but it says that Christianity is not really that important. When I told my fellow supervisors at J.P. Stevens in 1980 that I was leaving and going to seminary one of them asked why? All you need to do is get up and start preaching. I hate to think of what he had heard as he was raised in his church. I had a friend in seminary who had been ostracized from his fundamental denomination because he wanted to be educated in the Bible, theology and many other aspects of the ministry. Their belief was that education was not only unnecessary but a sin.

Sadly, we see this kind of thinking is pervasive in much of society today. Opinion is just as valid as education and a lie as good- or better than- the truth depending on who is spinning the particular web. My old granny used to say, "they will be goin nekkid in the streets before it's all over". Sadly, she may have been right all along.

Peace,  
Pastor

*Preecha*

## **Gracie Returns**

Gracie, the fish bank, will make a return to children and adults alike to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering is designated to help people prepare and recover from natural disaster, and provide safety, sustenance and hope to people who lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity to the poor and oppressed throughout the world. We can be like the lad who gave his five barley loaves and two small fishes to eventually feed the 5,000. (John 6:9-13) God will multiply our gifts! The Christian Outreach Committee will be providing the banks, literature, and giving envelopes during the six Sundays of Lent. The One Great Hour of Sharing initiative bears

witness to the fact that when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Please consider making a gift to share Christ's love and work. The fish banks for OGHS will be received Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> during the regular worship service. It is wonderful to know that as children of God that our coins and dollars will bring relief to people who are experiencing hunger and disaster in their lives.

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### Upper Room Devotional

The Upper Room devotional booklet is available for the congregation, and the cost will be \$9.79 for the year. You will receive six booklets for two months in one booklet each containing scripture, a short story and prayer daily. Please contact Donna Kirtley, 540-886-2653, to get your Upper Room devotional booklets.

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### Elder of the Month

Elder of the Month for March is Lina Smith. If you need assistance when the church office is closed, you may reach Lina at 540-480-0207. Thanks to Glenn Mader for being Elder of the Month for February.

### **Mark Your Calendars!**



### **Free Organ Concert at Hebron Performance by Nancy Novelly March 22, 2026, at 3:00p.m.**

Nancy Novelly, from Southport, NC will present music from Sweelinck to Brahms and Beyond. She will be joined on the program by her daughter Anne-Michele Yong, soprano and Angela Harrington, flute and alto. Reception to follow.

Nancy holds advanced degrees in Organ Performance and German from Oberlin, Westminster Choir College, and Norddeutsche Orgelakademie, as well as a Master's in Theology from Notre Dame University. She has recently retired from a 41-year career in church music and liturgy. She is the Dean Emeritus of the Wilmington, NC chapter of the American Guild of Organists.



## **SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

There are changes coming in 2026 to the Special Offerings of the PC(USA). Usually there are four Special Offerings throughout the year, One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness, and Christmas Joy. Starting in 2026, the Special Offerings will be reduced to three. The One Great Hour of Sharing will remain the same, promoted and received during the season of Lent, February 22nd through April 5th, Easter. Christmas Joy will also stay the same, promoted and received during Advent, November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Special Offerings of Pentecost and Peace & Global Witness will combine into one offering, the World Communion Special Offering. The World Communion offering will be promoted and received September 6<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>, World Communion Sunday.

Additional information of the PC(USA) Special Offerings can be located at <https://pcusa.org/specialofferings>

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***Spring Forward!***

***Daylight Savings Time  
begins Sunday, March 8***

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## **The Lord's Supper**

Hebron will celebrate communion to commence Holy Week on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026. 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 broke 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

**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**STATED SESSION MEETING**  
**February 8, 2026**  
**12:00 PM**  
**(Draft)**

**Present:** Elders Tracy Mayer Lina Smith, Glenn Mader, Randy Moyer, David Obenschain, Larry Mayer, and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer.

**Excused:** Mike Fallin

**Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins

The meeting was called to order at 12:33pm. The Stated meeting scheduled for January 25, 2026, was rescheduled for February 8, 2026, due to inclement winter weather. A quorum was declared present. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

**Clerk's Report:**

- Session approved agenda for the meeting.
- Session approved the minutes from the Stated Session Meeting November 30, 2025.
- Nancy K. Cook was removed from the membership roll following her death in December 2025.
- The 2025 Statistical Report was emailed to Session members for approval. The report was approved by a majority of affirmative replies.
- Communion was served on December 24, 2025, Christmas Eve and January 11, 2026, Baptism of the Lord Sunday.
- New officers for the Class of 2028 Mike Fallin, Larry Mayer, and Robin Moyer were installed Jan. 4, 2026.

- Shenandoah Presbytery Committee on Ministry has approved the contract with Rev. Scoggins and Hebron.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer Marsha Sensabaugh previously reports to Session. There was a question about the end of year over/under budget figure. Lina will follow up with Marsha.
- Budget was emailed to Session to review before the meeting. There was discussion on the format as presented. A motion made and seconded to accept the budget as presented. Motion to accept passed unanimously. A date will be set later for the Annual Congregational meeting to present the budget to the Congregation.

**Presbytery Report:** Next meeting is Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 9:30am via zoom.

**Old Business:**

- Overstory Community School Memorandum of Understanding: Overstory emailed a memorandum of understanding to Session for review and approval. The agreement outlined the expectations for Overstory Community School and Hebron Presbyterian Church of Staunton, VA, Inc. to work together. After review and input from Session, the memorandum was discussed at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Motion passed unanimously. Larry Mayer

signed the agreement as president of the corporation.

- Overstory requested to plant a garden which they and Hebron could work together. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded which passed by common consent.

#### **Committee Chairs:**

**Christian Education:** Needed

**Christian Outreach:** Randy Moyer

**Communication:** Mike Fallin

**Congregational Life:** David Obenschain

**Finance:** Sandy Showalter

**Personnel:** Needed

**Worship:** Hannah Bush

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Christian Outreach:** Randy presented a handout discussing the changes in the Special Offerings starting 2026. Two of the offerings, Pentecost and Peace & Global Witness, will be combined into one, the World Communion Special Offering.

**Communication:** Mike Fallin will be the new committee chair. Tracy Mayer will be doing the Facebook page, and Robin Moyer will be working on the newsletters.

**Congregational Life:** David reported the gas stove was sold for \$2000 and a new electric stove was donated. The committee is requesting to use the proceeds to order a warming oven and trays, and a couple warming mats. Cost of warming oven is \$1029, insulated will be additional \$150. Warming mats are \$109 each. Request was approved by common consent.

**Finance:** Larry reported we received after closing the Giles Trimble fund, the amount of \$2590.67.

**Personnel:** Joann Weikert is retiring as church secretary. The part-time position will be advertised to be filled.

**Property:** Larry reported Augusta Glass and Mirror will replace the windows over the sink in the kitchen. The cost of replacement will be \$1880.

**Worship:** Lina reminded everyone that the next communion will be February 15.

**PNC:** Search continues.

#### **Moving Forward:**

Information gathered at the Table Talk Luncheon in January will be discussed at the Stated Session meeting in March.

**Moderator's Report:** Pastor Scoggins will be on vacation the weeks of April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business:**

- Elder of the month schedule for 2026: February-Glenn Mader, March-Lina Smith, April-Tracy Mayer, May-Randy Moyer, June-David Obenschain, July-Robin Moyer, August-Mike Fallin, September-Glenn Mader, October-Randy Moyer, November-Robin Moyer, December-Larry Mayer
- Request from Rachel Morgan and Eli Burns to use the Fellowship Hall and sanctuary April 17 and 18, 2026, for their wedding. Phillip Morgan will officiate the ceremony. A motion was made and seconded for the request and was approved unanimously by Session.
- The wedding policy was discussed and found needed to be updated. A motion was made and seconded for the fee for use of the sanctuary to \$500 and the fee for use of the

Fellowship Hall to \$500. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Received an email request from Madison Smith, editor-in-chief of Studio Collective, the Virginia Tech Architecture and Design journal. They want to feature your building in their magazine. They are looking at religious architecture in Appalachia. The request was for an interview with someone on Hebron’s history and to take pictures. A motion was made and seconded to meet with them. The motion passed by common consent.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:54pm.

Our next Stated Session Meeting will be March 29, 2026, at 12:00 pm.

Robin Moyer  
Clerk of Session

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**Opportunities!**

**Needed**

Christian Education Committee needs a chairperson and members to get the committee restarted.

Also, the Personnel Committee is looking for a chairperson. If you are interested, please contact a Session member or Pastor Scoggins.

**Now Hiring!**

Joanne is retiring as our church secretary. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Pastor Scoggins.



**Celebrate with a Parade!**

***The Happy Birthday America 2026***

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

Last year Pastor Hank drove his red, shiny truck again with a full load of riders in the back, playing music and providing an endless supply of bubbles.

The fee for a non-profit organization such as our church is \$30.00. Applications must be submitted by June 10<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please sign up in the next couple of weeks. Because the parade fills up quicky, the committee intends to submit our application by early 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 signup 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.

## Operation Christmas Child

### **Items collected throughout the year.**

- January-hats, gloves, scarves, socks
- February-accessories such as hair bows and bands, jewelry, sunglasses
- March-cloth tote bags, craft items, dry watercolor sets, play dough, clay
- April-stuffed animals, cuddly toys, dolls
- May-personal care items, combs, brushes, wash cloths, toothbrushes, bath sponges, nail clippers and files
- June-other toys like balls, jump ropes, Legos, mini footballs, yoyos, jack rocks, cube games
- July-musical instruments like kazoos, harmonicas, whistles, tambourines, plastic flutes
- August-school supplies
- September-games, puzzles, card games, cube puzzles
- October-personal letter and photo
- November-money donation to send the box
- December-Prayer- “The most important thing you can send with a box is prayer.” Franklin Graham.

Also, check out the bulletin board near the coffee table in the Educational Building for latest information and suggestions for different age levels. Let’s see if we can exceed the number of boxes from last year!

## *March Birthdays*

<b>Charles (Chuck) Davis</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Sandy Showalter</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Emerson Willard</b>	<b>29</b>

## How to spot—and stop—imposter scams.

Investment scammers are getting more savvy and increasingly personal. They may pose as investment professionals, leaders of trusted financial institutions, and even Schwab employees, all to gain confidence and trust. With vigilance and a few tips on imposter tactics and techniques, you can recognize these fraudsters and steer clear of their traps.

### Here are four signs to watch out for:

- **Too-good-to-be-true offers.** If you’re getting an unsolicited investment offer, especially one claiming guaranteed or unusually high returns, watch out. Opportunities that sound too good to be true probably are.
- **High-pressure tactics.** Messages or social media ads that demand your attention are trying to press your panic button. Don’t fall for any urgent requests to act immediately to “protect” your account, avoid losses, or accept a special offer.
- **Contacts from out of the blue.** Unexpected messages you receive through social media, messaging apps, texts, or emails you didn’t initiate are often a good sign you’re being targeted by a fraudster.
- **Access and download requests.** Think twice if you receive any requests to download software, share one-time passcodes, or allow remote access to your device. You never want to give fraudsters access to your accounts or private information.

### If you encounter any of these:

- **Stop.** Don’t give out or confirm any personal information (even if they already have it). Never send money, open new accounts, or take any

action without stopping to verify what you are doing is legitimate. We'll never contact you through social media or messaging apps to offer investments or request personal information.

- Drop. Scammers can't reach you if you disengage. Hang up the call, ignore the chat, swipe past the ad, or leave the group and then block the phone number or profiles so they can't contact you again. Then report the incident as spam or scam to the company or platform where you received it.

Stay informed - stay alert - stay protected.

### **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.

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

Editor for Hebron Herald for March-Robin Moyer