



## The Pastor's Part

Well, it came as a shock!! I got a letter and an email saying my Medicare Advantage plan was no longer being offered in Virginia and Florida. I guess there are too many old folks in these two states. So today I am calling insurance companies to see if they cover not simply Virginia, but our part of Virginia, if my doctors are in network, what my copays will be, how much my medicine will cost, and other things I have not even thought of. Such a hassle, but it has to be done and by Pearl Harbor Day!!!



This time of the year seems to come as a shock also. Once the kids get back in school, it's Halloween and Thanksgiving, and then BOOM- it's Christmas.



Time to buy presents, make plans to be with family and friends, plan special menus (for those who cook), and many other things - some fun, some boring, but most adding to the excitement of the season.

And all of this enfolded by Advent, that special time of preparation and waiting. When the Christ Child was born, there was no shock. Israel was waiting for deliverance- for a king, but the shock would only come much later- after the resurrection when the reality of what had happened started growing- a growing that continues today and into the future.

I hope you will take time to savor the wonder of Advent, to find new joys, make new memories, and to deepen in your heart, the wonder of the Christ Event. As you decorate your tree, unwrapping well loved ornaments like welcoming old friends home,

(Preecha continued in column two)



## Christmas Luncheon

**December 7, 2025**

**in the Fellowship Hall**

**The church will provide  
chicken and beverages.**

**The congregation is asked  
to bring side dishes and desserts!**  
**Questions: Call David Obenschain  
at 540-887-1292.**

## Has Hebron Set a Record?

Randy Moyer, chairman of the Christian Outreach Committee, has reported that Hebron sent 43 boxes to Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child. Twenty-three boxes were sent to girls, and twenty were packed for boys. He thinks this is more than double the number sent last year.



Thanks to everyone who helped to make this mission project possible.

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drifting in your memories that surround those treasures, give thanks for the Child that came; welcome him anew into your life and into your home, and have a Merry Christmas.



Peace,

Preecha

## Moving Forward

Will you move forward with your church? Every member is asked to give only a few hours a month- one Saturday or Sunday afternoon- or every other month to help Hebron "Moving Forward" with our-your-plans for church growth. You are needed to:



1. Keep the church and pastor informed of any new residents you know
2. Join a visitation team to visit these new residents. We will all work together on this to be comfortable visiting, to learn what to say, and to keep the visits short. In conjunction with this, we hope to carry homemade bread or cookies as a welcome gift as well as information about the church. So bakers, please step forward.
3. The pastor needs help in designing door hangers to cover our area and also your neighborhood. After we have these, we will need a few teams to distribute them on an afternoon. This will be a short, but necessary ministry.
4. Don't forget to be at our sharing and idea time at our church dinner in January (TBD) where we can hear your ideas and enlist your help. We need ideas, but also we need to know what you are going to do to bring our dreams alive.

## SACRA and Valley Mission Updates

For the month of November, Hebron donated 32 items to SACRA and 7 to the Valley Mission.

Valley Mission invites all to a Christmas Open House on December 8, from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. at 1513 W. Beverley Street for a tour and a cup of hot cocoa!



The Mission is also encouraging its friends to donate **new** unwrapped clothing, food, and toy items to spread Christmas cheer to those in need by December 12, so workers have time to divide items for perspective recipients.

## Red Kettle Bell Ringing Schedule

Hebron volunteers will be at the Kroger in Staunton on December 6 beginning at 10:00 A.M. and ending at 7:00 P.M. to ring the bell for the Salvation Army's **Red Kettle Drive**. Drop by Kroger and support the drive if you have a chance!



10:00 A.M.: David and Theresa Moore  
11:00 A.M.: John and Denise Lyle  
12:00 P.M.: Mike and Shirley Fallin  
1:00 P.M.:  
2:00 P.M.:  
3:00 P.M.: David and Joyce Obenschain  
4:00 P.M.:  
5:00 P.M.: Greg and Lina Smith  
6:00 P.M.: Larry and Gail Mayer

## Christmas Joy Offering

Hebron will be collecting the Christmas Joy Offering during the Advent season. This offering is one of the four special collections of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Fifty percent of the offering supports current and former church workers and their families with critical financial needs.



God is calling new leaders for our Church and world to use their talents to serve God, the Church, and the world. Therefore, the remaining fifty percent collected makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian – related schools and colleges.

Make your donations payable to Hebron Presbyterian Church, and write *Christmas Joy Gift* on the memo line.

## Hebron Presbyterian Church

### States Session Meeting

October 26, 2025

12:00 P.M.

(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

**Guests:** Claire Cock and Libby Hewitt from Overstory Community School

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 P.M. A quorum was declared present, and the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Guest Libby and Claire spoke about Overstory Community School. They provided information on how the school functions, the organization, the future of the school, and their request to partner with Hebron and possible use of the Scout Hut.

#### Clerk's Report:

- Session approved agenda for the meeting.
- Session approved the minutes from the Stated Session Meeting September 21, 2025, Called Meeting October 5, 2025, Congregational Meeting October 19, 2025, and Hebron Corporation Meeting October 19, 2025.
- Allen Turnbull's bike group donated \$250 to Hebron. Session by common consent to put the donation into the Congregational Life Committee Fund.
- Communion was served on World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2025
- A new member, Joel Andrew Smith, joined Hebron on October 5, 2025.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marsha previously emailed Session members financial reports: Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, and Transaction List by Date, as September 30, 2025.

After reviewing, Session accepted reports as presented.

**Presbytery Meeting:** Next meeting is 9:30A.M. Saturday, November 15, 2025, at Covenant Presbyterian

Church in Staunton. Lina Smith may attend this meeting.

#### Old Business:

- New contract for treasurer was approved by common consent.
- Lengthy discussion of the Moving Forward Plan on the structure and activities. There are three objectives currently: 1-Door hangers to distribute through the community, 2-Welcome package and visiting neighbors in the community, and 3-Working with the Overstory Community School.

#### Committee Reports:

- **Christian Outreach Committee:** Shoe Box Campaign going well. Celebration of Lights display in Gypsy Hill Park will be set up by November 24, 2025.
- **Communication Committee:** Joan Wright is resigning as Communication Chair as of December 31, 2025.
- **Congregational Life Committee:** Christmas covered dish is planned for a Sunday after worship in December.
- **Finance Committee:** No report.
- **Personnel Committee:** No report.
- **Property Committee:** The old trees have been removed by the Williams Brothers. Committee has access to a thermal camera to check on energy leaks. Suggestion was made to sell gas stove.
- **Worship Committee:** Plans in place for Advent and Christmas. Communion is on Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2025. After worship on the 23rd, we will be decorating the sanctuary.
- **PNC:** The search for a new pastor is not making forward progress. Salary was increased to \$60,000.

**Moderator's Report:** No report.

#### New Business:

- Discussion of how to work and partner with Overstory Community School. A motion was made and seconded to partner with Overstory.

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## Report on 207<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery November 15, 2022

On Saturday, November 15, the Presbytery of Shenandoah met at Covenant Presbyterian Church for its fourth and final meeting of 2025. The Moderator called the meeting to order with prayer. After reports from the Stated Clerk and the Associate General Presbyter, a Worship service was conducted. The sound of a roomful of Presbyterian pastors and congregants singing the hymns in full voice was amazing!

Committee on Ministry recommended a 2.5% cost of living adjustment

Board of Pensions PCUSA reported changes in the medical plan and other benefits administrated by the BOP. These changes give congregations and pastors more flexibility but may have a negative effect on the budgets of smaller congregations. Grants are available to assist.

Funds Development PCUSA restructured the Special Offerings, merging several into three main offerings that still support missions focused on disaster and hunger relief, peacemaking, and aiding people at risk. The three remaining are One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter), World Communion, and Christmas Joy.

Committee on Presbytery Administration reported on the "Asking Letters" indicating each church's share of the larger church and the Presbytery budget. The past couple of years, to take some of the burden off the churches, Shen Pres has been asking churches for only a portion of the full budget by subsidizing with funds received when several churches have withdrawn from PCUSA. This year they are asking for the full amount which raises the per person share by about \$20. (The last time Hebron paid its full share was in 2020.)

Committee on Mission and Outreach reported on mission trips that churches have participated in, most recently, to Western North Carolina. They also reported on grants that are available if people or churches want financial assistance.

The meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery adjourned.

The Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation convened its annual meeting to elect officers and present the 2024-25 Annual Report. On June 30, 2025, assets totaled \$16,878,120, up from \$16,446,971 on June 30, 2024. The overall investment portfolio (cash and marketable securities) experienced a net investment income of \$1,646,498. The Corporation pools the savings of the churches, cemeteries, and presbytery committees to receive better rates on its investments. Funds are available quarterly and must be requested in writing prior to the end of the quarter. The corporation's policy: investments must satisfy the divestment criteria prescribed by Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) of the PCUSA. Simply put: a **socially responsible investing policy**. (No companies promoting drugs, gambling, social injustice, etc.)

Submitted by M. Hannah Bush

(Session continued from page three column two) with a contract. There will be a contact person in the church for Overstory to contact when a need arises.

**Closing and Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:44 P.M.

**Our next Stated Session Meeting will be November 30, 2025, at 12:00 P.M.**

Robin Moyer  
Clerk of Session



# December 2025

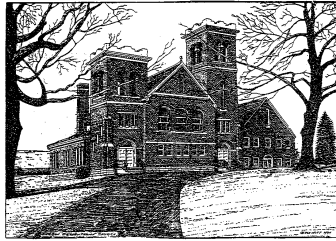
## Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

| Sun                                                                                                                 | Mon                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                              | Wed                                                                                                                           | Thu                                                                                                            | Fri | Sat |
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|                                                                                                                     | 1                                                                   | 2<br>National Day of Giving<br> | 3                                                                                                                             | 4<br>National Cookie Day<br> | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>Second Sunday in Advent<br> | 8<br>SACRA Benefit concert 7:00 P.M.<br>Memorial Baptist Church     | 9<br>Bible Study 11:00 A.M.                                                                                      | 10                                                                                                                            | 11                                                                                                             | 12  | 13  |
| 14<br><br>THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent | 15<br>Stonewall Brigade Band Concert<br>St. Paul's Church 7:30 P.M. | 16<br>Bible Study 11:00 A.M.                                                                                     | 17<br>Ugly Sweater Day<br>                 | 18                                                                                                             | 19  | 20  |
| 21<br><br>Fourth Sunday ADVENT   | 22                                                                  | 23                                                                                                               | 24<br>Candlelight Service<br><br>7:00 P.M. | 25<br>Christmas Day<br>    | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>Worship 11:00 A.M.<br>Choir 10:00 A.M.                                                                        | 29                                                                  | 30                                                                                                               | 31<br>New Year's Eve<br>                   |                                                                                                                |     |     |

# HEBRON HERALD

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Sunday School 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor - Dr. Henry Scoggins

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

## December Birthdays

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Billie Jean Banks | 1  |
| Charles Buchanan  | 15 |
| Louise McGavock   | 15 |
| Polly Hewitt      | 15 |
| Joann Weikert     | 17 |
| Robert Christian  | 17 |
| Nancy Davis       | 24 |
| Helen Shiflet     | 31 |
| Joyce Coleman     | 31 |
| Nancy Durham      | 31 |

## Elder of the Month

Larry Mayer will serve as Hebron's elder of the month during December. If you need to contact the church when the office is closed or in case of an emergency, please contact Larry at 540-885-6984.

We thank Robert Christian for serving as the EOM during November.

## SACRA Benefit Concert

*The Faithful Men* will be the featured musical group at the SACRA Benefit Concert on December 8, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at Memorial Baptist Church, 224 Taylor Street in Staunton, Virginia.



Come and join your neighbors and friends for a time of music, fellowship, and an offering for SACRA (Staunton Augusta Church Relief Association). A time for meet and greet with refreshments will follow the concert.

## 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 station 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 winter weather even if you don't see an announcement on Channel 3.