



The Pastor's Part

In the last full week of September, I will be at the James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage at Massanetta. (By the time you read this, I will be back, of course.) I did not know about this Institute until I got an email about it. I did not know the late Rev. Atwood, but I went to school with his sister-in-law, and she was a great friend of mine and my sister. So, I was interested.

I will share more about it with you in the weeks ahead, but my understanding so far is that it was established by Jim to address the horror of gun violence we have in this country. Sadly and tragically, the violence has grown since the Institute was started years ago.

Recently, we have seen people on both sides of the political aisle murdered by guns. Part of the brochure said that as a lifelong hunter and gun owner, Jim advocated for responsible gun ownership and use. This immediately got my attention since I first

hunted with my grandfather almost 70 years ago with a sweet 16 gauge single shot that I wish I still had. At times, I have owned as many as 40 long guns and handguns so I know about gun ownership and



the responsibility that this entails. I have bought them at yard sales where all that was necessary was the cash and at gun shows where even there, no background check was done.

There is so much politicization about the second amendment that it has become a cause *celebré* which has divided this country for generations. I
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World Communion Sunday—October 5

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Protestant denominations and takes place on the first Sunday of every October to promote Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the Eucharist. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr, who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.



A special offering, the **Peace & Witness Global Offering**, is collected on this Sunday. This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by spreading the Word to others and to promote peacemaking and justice here and abroad. Fifty percent of the offering will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency while an additional twenty-five percent is sent to mid council. The remaining twenty-five percent of the offering is kept by the congregation for peace and witness efforts in our local community. This year, Hebron's portion will be donated to **Camp LIGHT** in Waynesboro. **Camp LIGHT** is a summer camp for



individuals with special needs and at risk youth. LIGHT stands for Love, Inspire, Give Hope, Teach.

Congregational Meeting Set October 19

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 19, to elect elders to the Class of 2028. Nominated are Mike Fallin, Robin Moyer, and Larry Mayer. Nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting in addition to the slate presented.

Operation Christmas Child Is Winding Down

With the national collection of shoeboxes coming the third week of November, **Operation Christmas Child 2025** is coming to a close. For this month, it is suggested to write a letter to your recipient and include a photo of yourself and family if you so desire. This helps make the gift more than just “things”, but a reminder that they are cared about. Some recipients may be in orphanages and may have no one who “belongs” to them. If you write a letter, print rather than use cursive. Place it in an envelope, but do not seal the envelope. You might want to start your letter with your name, where you live, what you like to eat, your favorite game, what you like to do in your spare time, and tell about your pets. You might want to include your favorite Bible verse, say “Jesus loves you”, and tell the child you are praying for them.

Also, October gives you a chance to catch up on finding any elusive items that you may want to include.

There are six major categories of shoebox items:

1. **Wow! Items** include stuffed animals, dolls, balls, flashlight with extra batteries
2. **School supplies**-pens, pencils, eraser, crayons, notebook solar powered calculator, safety scissors, ruler
3. **Toys** –toy cars, marbles, balls, slinky, small Lego sets, plastic toys and figures, jump rope, puppets
4. **Personal Care items**-hairbrush, comb, toothbrush, washcloth, band aids, water bottle
5. **Clothes and accessories**-plain t-shirts, flip flops, sunglasses, hats, socks, hair accessories , jewelry
6. **Crafts and activities**-playing cards, coloring books, small tool set, sewing kit, travel games

Randy Moyer, chairman of the Christian Outreach Committee, will be ordering shoeboxes for Hebron members to fill. He will announce the collection deadline in November as soon as he receives details.

Heritage Sunday

Hebron will celebrate Heritage Sunday on October 12, to mark 279 years of its founding. Immediately after the morning service, the Congregational Life Committee will host a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.



The committee will furnish meat and beverages for the occasion. Members and guests are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share. Please plan to attend this festive meal with your Hebron family.

If you have questions, call David Obenschain at 540-887-1292.

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tell you frankly I never needed an AK-47 to hunt, nor have a needed a rifle that has been illegally altered with a legal bump stop as were the ones used to kill 58 people and wound 800 more in Las Vegas 7 years ago.

I am interested in learning about what the Institute is doing, but first and foremost, I imagine that some things they will stress is that this is not American of the mid 1700s when "a well regulated militia" is necessary for defense, and at long last, can we have common sense about the issue of gun ownership.



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October 2025

Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Homemade Cookie Day 			4 Golf Lovers Day 
5 Worship 11:00 A.M. Communion Choir 10:00 A.M. Called Session Mtg.		7 Bible Study 11:00 A.M.				
12 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. Heritage Luncheon	13 M&M Day 	14 Bible Study 11:00 A.M.		16 World Food Day 		
19 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. Congregational Meeting		21 Bible Study 11:00 A.M.				
26 Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir 10:00 A.M. Session Mtg.		28 Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	29 National Cat Day 		31 Halloween 	



Exodus Word Search

Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal,
forward or backward, and may overlap.

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Aaron

Jethro

Red Sea

Ark

Lampstand

Sabbath

Commandments

Manna

Shewbread

Covenant

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Sinai

Curtain

Offerings

Tabernacle

Ephod

Passover

Tablets

Golden Calf

Priest

Incense

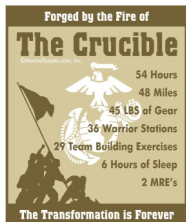
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Notes From Nathan

September marked Weeks 8-12 in Nathan Moyer's training to become a United States Marine. Training became more intense with morning physical training and *Firing Week*. This consisted of three days of live fire and two days of qualification testing. The end of the week concluded with an eight mile hike and a visit to the Marine Museum on base

Week 9 was *Basic Warrior Training Week*. Recruits learned basic combat survival skills and the importance of team work to accomplish any mission. Week 10 included more physical training and academic classes. A Company Commander Inspection was held at end of that week.

Crucible Week began with final written exams and final physical training tests. The *Crucible* lasted fifty-four hours in which the recruits hiked forty-eight



miles, completed numerous physical and mental tasks along the way, had two MREs (meals, ready-to-eat), and got around six hours of sleep. This event began at 2:00 A.M. Thursday morning and ended with a nine mile hike the following Saturday morning. At the end of the hike, each recruit received his *Eagle, Globe and Anchor* emblem signifying they are now a United States Marine. Finally, recruits enjoy the *Warrior Breakfast* where they can eat as much as they want in the chow hall. The last week in September was *Marine Week* in which the Marines continued martial arts and physical training.

The first week of October marks *Graduation Week*. Thursday is *Family Day* and starts with the *Moto Run*, a motivational run with each platoon including many company commanders. Finally, the young recruits get to spend time with family from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Friday is *Graduation Day*. Recruits can finally leave the base for the first time and go home
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for leave lasting seven to ten days.

Nathan is looking forward to seeing his family, Randy, Donna, and Lacey, as well as his Aunt Robin and Grandfather Sullivan. He has lost a few pounds and has indicated that he can't wait to eat at BK (Burger King) and even have a few meals at Cracker Barrel where he worked as a high school student. He continues to send his love to the Hebron congregation, and we await seeing him upon his return to the area as a newly appointed United States Marine.



Welcome Joel Andrew Smith!

At the Session meeting held September 21, Hebron welcomed Joel Andrew Smith, son of Greg and Lina Smith, as a member of the Hebron congregation with his reaffirmation of faith.

Joel, who is single and lives in Grottoes, attended Grace Christian elementary and high schools and graduated from Carson-Newman University in Tennessee. He is a Windows System Engineer at James Madison University. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking and kayaking.

Please introduce yourself to Joel and let him know we are glad to have him as a member!

Tree Work Scheduled for the Cemetery

The Cemetery Committee, chaired by Greg Smith, has engaged the *William Brothers Tree Service* to cut five trees and trim an additional one in the cemetery across the road from the church. Work will begin shortly this fall.

Hebron has used this company for a number of tree projects through the years as they have proven to be respectful of the grounds and have given reasonable quotes for their work.



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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 October— Joan Clemmer Wright and Joann Weikert

October Birthdays

1	Mike Dundas
2	Brenda Smiley
5	Mason Brown
13	Joan Wright
19	Keyser Kirtley
19	Mike Fallin

Elder of the Month For October

Randy Moyer will serve as the EOM for October. Please contact Randy at 540-649-3823 if you need assistance when the church office is closed. We thank Elder Glenn Mader for serving as EOM during the month of September.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Soon

Daylight Savings Time will end a bit earlier this year than in the past. On Sunday, November 2, set your clocks back an hour and hopefully you will gain an extra hour of rest and be on time for Sunday services.



SACRA and Valley Mission Collections

For the month of September, food and supply donations for SACRA have amounted to 25 items, and 5 items have been collected for Valley Mission.

Please consider making weekly or monthly food and supply donations to these two local organizations who do so much to improve the quality of life for those in our community that are in need.



No Session Minutes

The September Session minutes will be included in the next **Hebron Herald** due to the lateness of the meeting in the month and the turn around time for the clerk to transcribe them.

