

April Begins With Easter Observances, Activities

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Hebron Church will hit the ground running in April, with special events and activities as we celebrate Easter, the Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Thursday, April 1, is Maundy Thursday. We will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. including celebration of the Lord's Supper by Intinction (tear a piece of bread from the loaf and dip it in the cup).

On Good Friday, April 2, the sanctuary will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for private prayer and personal reflection.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children toddlers through Grade 5 will be held (rain or shine) on Saturday, April 3, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt is from 10 a.m. until noon, with a free hot dog lunch beginning at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter is April 4. We will *not* have a Sunrise Service this year after having had very low attendance for the past few years. Easter activities will begin with a fellowship breakfast at 9:00 a.m. This is a full breakfast and everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship. Sunday School follows at 9:55 a.m., with morning worship at 11:00 a.m., including the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Easter is the starting point for Christianity. To be a Christian is to believe that Jesus was the Christ ("Christ" is a Greek word meaning "anointed"; the Hebrew word for "anointed" is "Messiah," so Jesus was

'Welcome Spring' Luncheon April 25

The congregation is invited to attend a "Welcome Spring Luncheon" on Sunday, April 25, immediately following the morning worship service.

Please bring a covered dish or two, and join in fellowship with other Hebron members, guests, and friends. Beverages and table service will be provided

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Joan C. Wright or Lorrie M. Dean.



Luncheon

APRIL

Wednesday, March 31 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday. Sanctuary open for prayer and reflection from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt, rain or shine, 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. A hot dog lunch will then be served beginning at noon. Children from toddlers through 5th grade are invited to participate.

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday, the Day of Resurrection of our Lord. *No sunrise service this year.* Everyone is invited to attend a church breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School is at 9:55 a.m. Morning worship is at 11:00 a.m.

Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 – Annual Yard Sale, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. both days.

Sunday, April 25 – Welcome Spring Luncheon. Covered-dish luncheon (church will provide beverages) in Fellowship Hall following morning worship.

God's anointed, who is called the Christ in Greek, or the Messiah in Hebrew), and through him to believe in one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three Persons, yet one God.

Remembering Christmas, it's easy to say that Easter is "the rest of the story" God became human in Jesus, born of the virgin Mary, which we celebrate at Christmas, in order to give his life for us on Good Friday, and to be raised from the dead on Easter.

Yes, we all know the sequence of events – Jesus was born and grew up; spent three years preaching, teaching and healing; was betrayed, arrested, beaten and crucified; died and was buried; and rose from the grave on Easter morning.

But why was it all necessary? Why couldn't God just decide to forgive us and give us eternal life, without all the pain and suffering that Jesus had to endure on our

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Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Jan. 28

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the March 18 Session meeting and are printed here:

Present: Elders Lorrie Dean, Glenn Mader, Lora Turnage, Jan Botkin, Theresa Moore, Frank Henderson, Joan Wright, Jeff Simmons, Jon Arneson, Fred Smiley, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Martha Sieck and Clerk of Session Alan Mayer; Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche; Treasurer Michael Ruleman.

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was declared present. The Moderator offered a devotional from Isaiah 58:1-12 on repentance and renewal as Lenten themes.

Clerk's Report: Session approved the minutes of the January, 2010, Stated Meeting as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michael Ruleman distributed a report of fund balances as of Feb. 18, 2010, and a report of receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. The general fund went from \$13,097.53 last month to \$8,731.98 this month. The decrease is partly due to the cancelled services due to snow and to some large annual bills paid during the month. Session approved the report.

Presbytery Report: Meeting postponed until Feb. 20, 2010, due to inclement weather.

Old Business: The moderator requested all elders to turn in the Presbytery Mission Study Questionnaire to the clerk before the deadline of March 15, 2010. The Presbytery Questionnaire will be discussed at the next Stated Meeting.

Committee Reports

Christian Education (Lora Turnage, Hannah Bush): No report.

Commitment/Witness (Martha Sieck): No report.

Congregational Ministries (Fred Smiley, Jon Arneson, Glenn Mader): No report.

Fellowship (Joan Wright) : No report.

Personnel (Jeff Simmons, Theresa Moore, Tom Cook): No report.

Property (Glenn Mader, Tom Cook, Fred Smiley): Session approved a committee recommendation to pay Bird's Heating & Cooling up to \$5,000 as final payment for the heating system work done in the church.

Stewardship/Finance/Memorials (Frank Henderson, Alan Mayer, Theresa Moore): No report.

Worship (Jan Botkin, Hannah Bush, Lorrie Dean): Session approved the following committee recommendation for celebrating communion, and special services



and events for 2010:

Communion dates:

March 28 – Palm Sunday

April 1 – Maundy Thursday (by intinction)

May 30 – Trinity Sunday

August 15

October 3 – Worldwide Communion Sunday

November 21 – Christ the King Sunday

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (by intinction)

January 2, 2011 – Epiphany

Special Services/Events:

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday – church open 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – no service

Fellowship Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday – no sunrise service

Easter Sunday

Cemetery (Alan Mayer, Jan Botkin): No report.

Pastor's Report: The latest round of home communion has begun but is on hold until the roads/driveways are clear of snow. Sunday, Feb. 21 is the first Sunday of Lent, which will be worship and Bible study focus for the next six weeks. The newsletter will be prepared next week.

New Business: Session approved a motion for the clerk to send a letter of thanks to Doug and Jonathan Riley for their help in plowing the church parking lots after the recent snow storms. The pastor will also put a thank-you notice in the church newsletter.

Next Stated Session Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Joys and Concerns: The blessings and prayer concerns of the congregation, friends, and relatives were shared by the moderator and Session for corporate and individual prayer.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3

EASTER EGG HUNT!



Hebron's Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 3, rain or shine, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A free hot dog lunch will follow.

Children who are toddlers through grade 5 are invited to participate in the hunt from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. If the weather is good, the hunt will be held outside. If the weather is bad, the hunt will be held inside.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for the hunt, and stay for the hot dog lunch at 12 noon.

Monthly Message From The Pastor

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behalf? If it was all about our sin, and if God could just forgive us, why did Jesus have to die? God can do anything; why couldn't God just decide to forgive us?

There is a great deal of theological writing about this, and there are plenty of lengthier explanations which make for great Bible studies and discussion groups, but I recently read one of the best explanations. I was re-reading *The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century* by Roland H. Bainton (The Beacon Press, 1952), and I was struck by the following passage:

Luther's first lectures in 1513-15 were on the Psalms. He worked diligently and lectured on them, faithfully taking up the Psalms in numerical sequence. The study of the Twenty-second Psalm brought illumination. This Psalm begins with the words which Christ quoted upon the cross, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Luther was suddenly arrested by that word *forsaken* as he had been by the lightning on that July afternoon. Christ forsaken! What could this mean? Forsaken, abandoned, alienated and estranged from God? That was precisely the way Luther felt. Christ has experienced all this too, but why? Luther knew why he felt forsaken. God is pure, man is impure. God is strong, man is weak. But Christ was not impure, Christ was not weak. When, then, was he forsaken? The answer must be that he who was without sin for our sakes became sin and so identified himself with sinful humanity as to take unto himself the iniquity of us all, and to sense such a solidarity with mankind as to share in the estrangement from God. What a picture of Christ is this! The judge upon the rainbow has become the derelict upon the cross. He is still the judge and must be, so long as truth judges



Young People In Church

By the Congregational Ministries Committee

Did you hear? Did you know?

Anna Cahill was the 24 Challenge Schoolwide Tournament Champion at Churchville Elementary School and competed in the Augusta County 24 Challenge Tournament on March 15. In 24 Challenge there are cards with 4 numbers on each card. The object of the game is to make the number 24 using the four numbers. The players can add, subtract, multiply and divide. All four numbers must be used, and they can only be used once. Anna is the daughter of Steven and Nicola Cahill. Great skill, Anna!

Martha Moore, Kamela Malcolm and Andrew Wyche have been chosen to represent Buffalo Gap High School at Girls State and Boys State this summer. Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and will be held at Longwood College in Farmville. Boys State is sponsored by the American Legion and will be held at Liberty University in Lynchburg. Martha is the daughter of Theresa and David Moore. Lori and Tim Malcolm are the parents of Kamela. Andrew is the son of Pastor Frank and Elaine Wyche.

We are so proud of all our young people, who so willingly participate in events such as tennis, choral singing, basketball, science fairs and various tournaments. Their school spirit is great!

error and right judges wrong. But in the very act of judging the sinner he has made himself one with the sinner, assuming his punishment and sharing in his very guilt.

This is serious and deep theology, and is not casually read and understood, but it thought it was one of the clearest and most concise explanations of Good Friday and Easter that I had ever encountered. Jesus so fully took on the human condition (not simply a human body with all its lusts and limitations) that he separated himself from God, just as we separate ourselves from God by our sin. He was so fully and completely separated that God was not accessible to him, and he recognized that he was forsaken. Thus, he mimicked what happens when we separate ourselves from God by our sin.

The good news is that we cannot be forsaken by God. As Paul says in Romans 8:35-39, *nothing* in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

For this great love, and to this great truth, let us all say, Thanks be to God!

Amen, and Amen!

Pastor Frank

One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering Received On Easter

Hebron will once again receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday. Inserts in the bulletin the last three Sundays of March explained the interdenominational offering, with special envelopes going in the bulletin on Palm Sunday and on Easter. You can give to One Great Hour of Sharing at any time by noting it on your check or offering envelope.

For more than 50 years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter; those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development.

The hundreds of million of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last 50 years have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly. Knowing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope of a brighter future.

Disaster Assistance Contributions

If you would like to make a contribution to the ongoing disaster relief in Haiti or in Chile following their earthquakes, you can either give by check and put "Haiti" or "Chile" on the memo line, or you can make a note on your regular giving envelope instructing the treasurer to designate some or all of your gift to go to disaster relief in Haiti or Chile. We will not be taking up special offerings for these disasters, but we are sending money to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance when gifts are designated for Haiti or Chile. For questions or more information, contact Pastor Frank.

Grocery Shopper Card Can Help School

You can help support Beverly Manor Elementary School with your Food Lion MVP Card. For eligible purchases with your MVP card, a portion will go to Beverly Manor Elementary. This is a new program, so you must re-register your MVP Card. Forms are available in the vestibules and on the church bulletin board. You can fill in your MVP Card identification numbers and leave the form in the church office or give it to Donna Kirtley, who will collect and turn in the forms.



Gifts from member churches of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including Hebron, are dispersed in this way: After deducting administrative costs (up to 5 percent) and the cost of creating and distributing promotional materials (roughly 5 percent), the remaining undesignated gifts are apportioned among three programs as follows:

Presbyterian Hunger Program (36 percent) For ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32 percent) For disaster response and ministries with refugees.

Self Development of People (32 percent) For partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.

For more information about the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, speak to any member Hebron's Commitment/Witness Committee. More information is also available on the internet at www.pcusa.org.

Cub Scouts Hold Special Events

Hebron's Cub Pack 122 has grown to 24 boys now. The leaders are excited about the achievements of all the members. On Feb. 28, the Pack held its Pinewood Derby in Fellowship hall, which all enjoyed.

The annual Blue & Gold Banquet (covered dish) was held March 20 in Fellowship Hall with 22 of the 24 Cubs attending and receiving 40 awards. Judi Roach was given the District Award of Merit for her service to Scouting. She has been instrumental in keeping Hebron's Pack going since 1999. The boys and leaders were given a *2009 Centennial Quality Unit and 100% Boys Life* patch for achieving this two years in a row.

Just because you once had a boy in scouting, doesn't mean you can't enjoy Scouting for yourself. Your experience in scouting can help others, and you don't have to do all the work! The Pack Committee meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Scout Hut. All who are interested in learning and doing this work with our community's youth are welcome. Positions remain to be filled on the Pack Committee: Secretary, Treasurer, Scout Parent's Coordinator, Pack Advancements Chair, Pinewood Derby Chair, Popcorn Sales Chair. Chris Horne is the Committee Chairman (540-886-5567) and would welcome your help. You can go to the District Roundtable as a committee member for the Pack and participate in the fun there. This meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the First Methodist Church in Fishersville at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks To Those Removing Snow



**Thank You
For All Your
Hard Work!**

Special thanks go out to all who helped with snow removal over the winter (and we hope we don't need your work again until next fall or winter!).

Doug and Jonathan Riley and Larry Mayer used tractors and blades to clear our driveways and parking lots, and Kyser Kirtley also helped with managing the piled up snow and ice.

Emerson Willard kept our walkways open with shovels and snow-melt, and Glenn Mader removed snow from the roof above the Session Room when gutters were frozen and water leaked into the building after some of the ice melted.

Others pitched in from time to time, including the property committee, and we are grateful to everyone for all their help. If we left your name out, we apologize, but please know how much your efforts were appreciated!

Church Directory Being Updated

We are finally ready to complete the pictorial directory for the church! If you have had changes in your contact information please submit it to the church office. If you have not had your photo taken, or would like a more current photo taken, Mike Ruleman will take photos for the directory on two Sundays, April 11 and 18. This directory will include all members and all who regularly attend Hebron.



Sign Up For Lemonade On The Lawn

It may seem early, but we have the sign-up sheet ready for "Lemonade On the Lawn" on the main bulletin board outside the church office. We will begin June 6 and end August 29. This is a great way to support fellowship for the congregation. Please contact Joan C. Wright at 886-0864 if you have questions.

VBS Planning Meeting April 11

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 13 in the evenings. Our second organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. If you are interested in assisting with VBS this year, please plan on attending this meeting. We would welcome any assistance that you can give us! If you have any questions or would like to assist, but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Nicola Cahill at 886-1535.

Come To Breakfast On Easter!

Please join us for an Easter fellowship breakfast on Sunday, April 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall!



The breakfast opens Easter Day activities at Hebron. (We will not hold a Sunrise Service this year.) The meal is a full breakfast, including eggs, bacon, sausage and beverages, hosted by the Worship Committee.

There is nothing for you to prepare – just come and join us for the food and the fellowship as we celebrate the Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord together!

PEP Club Will Meet March 31

The PEP Club (People Enjoying People) will hold its monthly covered-dish luncheon on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at 1:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Lynn Hall Coyner, a member of the Ethics committee at Augusta health, will bring our program, speaking on Advance Directives and Shenandoah House (hospice).

Please bring a covered dish and join us for a great time of food and fellowship.

Want To Get Your Newsletter Online?

Would you like to save the church some paper and postage? You can do so by telling the church office that you don't want to receive a printed copy of the *Hebron Herald* because you'd rather read it online! We will post the newsletter on the church website along with other news at www.hebronpc.com. Check it out!

Special Tools & Blankets Contribution

Hebron's annual Tools/Blanket Offering for Church World Service was not held in January because of the weather. The Commitment/Witness Committee made a contribution of \$850 to Church World Service, based on previous years' giving.

If you would like to make a contribution to this offering, you may do so by labeling your check/offering for "Tools/Blanket Offering."

Tickets Available For Scout Expo

To celebrate 100 years of Scouting (Boy Scouts were incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910), the Stonewall Jackson Area Council is having a "Scout Expo" Day on May 8, 2010, at Augusta Expo in Fishersville, Virginia from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come "Continue the Journey" with us. Save \$1 per person by buying from a Scout for \$2. At the Door on May 8, the tickets cost \$3. There will be exhibits of old uniforms, scout displays, a pine-wood derby track display, and other memorabilia.

6 *Presbyterian Women's News*

At the March Circle meeting Hilda Dundas opened the meeting with the Least Coin meditation and the offering was received. The following announcements were made:

Peggy Hewitt's Circle No. 1 will serve the Men's Supper March 17.

Officers are needed for the coming year. Advise Joyce Coleman or Hilda Dundas if you are willing to serve.

The dishwasher is finally working okay and the women agreed to pay the additional \$223.00. (We know that we spent a lot to have it repaired, but it is still much less than purchasing a new one.) Our thanks to the Property Committee for working on it.

Everyone was asked to be thinking about what we could do to make money for benevolent giving in December and report back at the April Circle meeting.

Plans for the Yard, Bake and Jelly Sale April 16 and 17 are being made. If you can't work at the church, will you please make something for the bake sale? Just think how much we would have if each family made at least one item! Many folks are needed to make this a success. Betty Piner and Shirley Shomo are the chairmen – let them know what you are able to do. All profits will be given to the Staunton/Beverly Manor Weekday Religious Education program. (We have just learned they do not have money to meet the March payroll.)

PW Birthday will be celebrated May 4, 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The recipients of our gifts are a kindergarten and child care center in Iraq and the R.I.S.E. program of Peace Presbyterian Church in Kentucky. More details later.

A Christmas tree has been purchased to be decorated for Hospice. If you have a suggestion or what to decorate it with, please advise E. Anne Willard, Jean Miller or Shirley Shomo.

Nan Brown led us in a very interesting and inspiring Bible study.

We then packed two large goody boxes for two college students. Our sincere thanks to all who furnished the food for the boxes!

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering To Be April 10 At Massanetta Springs

The 2010 Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Shenandoah will be held Saturday, April 10, at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center.

The registration cost is \$10. The registration deadline is April 5.

Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

April Birthdays And Anniversaries

April birthdays are:

Patsy Shull	1
Noah Smiley	2
Allen Weikert	2
Mildred Ruleman	3
Dalton Moyer	6
Ray Harris	13
Bobby Crawford	16
Robbie Riley	16
Jean Miller	17
Cindy Griffin	19
Giles Trimble	19
Bill Trimble	19
Barbara Harmon	21
Jim Crawford	24
Mark Lyle	25



Nancy Cline	26
Nicola Cahill	26
Hilda Dundas	28
Phil Carpenter	29
Alex Kirtley	29

Very special birthday wishes to Bill and Giles Trimble who will be 87 on April 19; Nancy Cline who will be 84 on April 26; and Hilda Dundas who will be 83 on April 28.

Congratulations to Phil and Maxine Carpenter who will have been married 51 years on April 11.

Reminder: If you have been omitted from our birthday list, or if you know of someone who should be included, please call the church at 886-1648 with the information, as we don't want to miss anyone.

Extra Opportunity For SACRA Giving

Again this year SACRA (Staunton Augusta Church Relief Association) will have the opportunity to participate in the \$1 million Feinstein Foundation grant; however, it will not be matching funds as in the past.

Because all 50 states are now participating, each group will receive a proportional amount based on the monies each group receives the months of March and April.

This year's grant may not be as large an amount as SACRA has received in the past, but the organization feels it is well worth the effort, as well as to show appreciation to Mr. Alan Feinstein, who has dedicated his life and fortune to eradicating this need in our society.

Thanks to all who give, and who would consider making an extra donation to SACRA, especially in March or April.

You can give through the church by making checks payable to Hebron and noting it is for SACRA.

If you mail your donation, the address is: SACRA, 118 N. New St., Staunton, VA 24401.

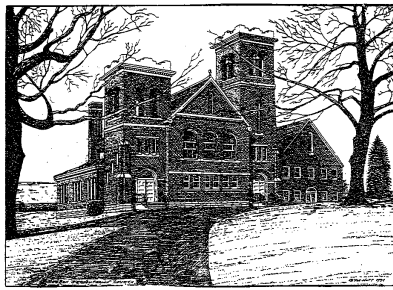
April 30 is the deadline.

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Sunday Services:

- Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.
- Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
- Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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Yard, Bake, and Jelly Sale Friday-Saturday, April 16-17

The Presbyterian Women's annual Yard, Bake, and Jelly Sale will be held Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, in the Hebron Church Fellowship Hall. The hours are 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on both days. There will also be a food booth, so you can come for lunch as well. All proceeds will go to support Weekday Religious Education.

Items may be brought and placed in the rear of the Fellowship Hall beginning Monday, April 5; call the church office at 885-1648 to make sure the doors are unlocked. Ordinarily, the office is open from Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you can only bring your things on Saturday or at night, please call Betty Piner at 337-2212, Shirley Shomo at 886-0350, or Hilda Dundas at 886-0059.

In order to have time to price and display items nicely, all donations must be received by Monday night, April 12, at 8:00 p.m. Lots of workers will be needed beginning the week of April 12 to unpack, display, price and sell. We hope everyone will make at least one item for the baked goods to be sold. Contact Doris Riley at 886-6475.



We hope to have a large variety of items to sell such as antiques, glassware, household items, jewelry, linens, small pieces of furniture, yard/garden tools (yes, we do have men shoppers!), perennials, toys, knick-knacks, etc.

We will be advertising, but we will need everyone to help "spread the word." Posters will be available in the vestibules for you to take to your place of business, etc.

Everyone's help is needed to make this another successful event! Thanks!