

A Nursery Rhyme That Reveals A Deep Truth

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Do you remember this old trick that so many of us learned as children with our hands and fingers? We would clasp our hands together as if in prayer, interlacing our fingers, and we would say, "This is the church..." and then we would raise our index fingers together and say, "... and this is the steeple." Then we would open our palms and say, "Open the doors..." and raise our braided fingers up and conclude, "... and see all the people!"

A trick with our hands, and a children's nursery rhyme: "This is the church, and this is the steeple. Open the doors, and see all the people."

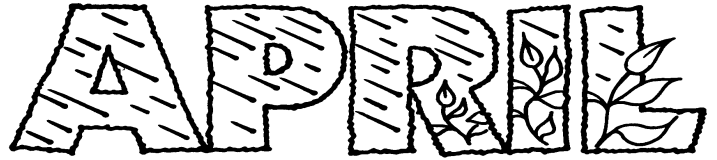
This simple children's activity tells a deep truth: The church is the people. The church is not the building or Sunday School, or the minister or worship service, or the Session and the Presbyterian Women. The church is the people, who belong to God, and have dedicated themselves to God.

Of course, it wouldn't be the church without a building in which to gather for Sunday School and worship, or without a preacher to lead worship, or a Session to administer the affairs of the church, or the Presbyterian Women and so many other groups who keep the church functioning – Sunday School teachers, the choir, and so many more.

Church committees are especially important. There are always certain tasks and responsibilities that need to be done, but require volunteers and coordination. It is the committees of the church who monitor the church in an ongoing way, seeing what needs to be maintained, and what requires special attention, and then coordinating who and how to address what is needed.

For example, the Property Committee monitors such things as heat, electricity and plumbing, responding as needed when a malfunction or an emergency may arise, as well as coordinating larger projects, such as the total renovation and repair of the Kitchen.

The Cemetery Committee not only makes sure records are kept and the lawn, trees and grounds of our cemetery are maintained, they have also completed a thorough revision and updating of the rules and regulations of the cemetery.



Friday, April 1 – Church Women United's World Day of Prayer, Central United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 3 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 10 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday-Thursday, April 11-14 – Set-up for Presbyterian Women's Yard, Bake & Jelly Sale

Tuesday, April 12 – Circles 1 & 2 Meet, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 15 – Presbyterian Women's Yard, Bake & Jelly Sale, 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 – Presbyterian Women's Yard, Bake & Jelly Sale, 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 17 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 24 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Wednesday, April 27 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 28 – New Officer Training, 5:30 p.m.; Session meets, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 1 – 6th Sunday of Easter; Relay for Life Luncheon following morning worship

Just as we are not a church without all the people, we will not function properly without the help of all of our members.

Church committees have been named for 2016 by the Session, but our committees only work properly when we have members of the congregation *in addition to* officers working on church committees.

If you are able to help, please contact one of the elders working with the following committees.

Christian Education – Scott Martin, Jim McGavock, Mike Ruleman.

Commitment/Witness – Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck.

Congregational Ministries – Lori Malcolm, Joann Weikert.

Fellowship and Service – Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Scott Martin.

Personnel – Mike Fallin, David Obenschain.

Property – Robert Christian, Allen Martin, Jim Mc-

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Minutes For Regular Session Meeting On February 25

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25. Minutes were approved March 24 and are printed here:

Present: Elders Jan Kitts, Jim McGavock, Mike Fallin, David Obenschain, Martha Sieck, Anita Tuttle, Robert Christian, Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Mike Ruleman, Noah Turnage, Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche; and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer. **Excused:** Allen Martin and Joann Weikert. **Absent:** Ross Shull and Scott Martin.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with devotions based on Luke 9 on Christians' Lenten journey.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the Stated meeting on January 28 and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 14. Session approved the removal of Ruby D. Durham from church roll following her death on Feb. 21, 2016. Donna Kirtley requested on behalf of her sister Marsha the use of the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 25, for a Buffalo Gap High School class reunion, to include dinner and dancing. The Wedding Policy prohibits dancing in the Fellowship Hall. After discussion, Session approved removal of the dancing prohibition from the Wedding Policy, and approved the request of Donna Kirtley on behalf of her sister. The Worship Committee will review the Wedding Policy and recommend any further changes to update the policy. Session approved the request of Jan Kitts to use the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall on April 2 for a bridal shower.

Treasurer's Report: A handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of February 25, 2016. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$28,626.77). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$139,531.23. Session approved giving all of the designated offerings on Scout Sundays to go to the Boy Scout Troop until a new Cub Scout Pack is chartered.

Presbytery Matters: Shenandoah Presbytery met Saturday, Feb. 13, at Lexington Presbyterian Church in Lexington. A summary of the meeting is posted online at: <http://shenpres.org/meeting-documents/>. A Special Meeting of the Presbytery was held Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg; the summary of that meeting has not yet been posted. David Obenschain was Elder Commissioner to both meetings. The Special Meeting, which was reported on by the Moderator Pastor Frank and Elder Commissioner David Obenschain, was regarding the dismissal of Warm Springs from the Shenandoah Presbytery, which was not resolved. The next Stated Meeting of Shenan-



doah Presbytery will be Tuesday, May 10, at a time and place to be announced. David Obenschain volunteered to be the Elder Commissioner since matters raised in the Feb. 13 and Feb. 23 meetings will still be under consideration.

Old Business: Committee assignments were made by the Moderator, based on preferences expressed by Session members, as listed below.

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Commitment/Witness: Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck.

Congregational Ministries: Lori Malcolm, Joann Weikert.

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Personnel: Mike Fallin, David Obenschain.

Property: Robert Christian, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Noah Turnage, Anita Tuttle.

Stewardship and Finance: Allen Martin, Mike Ruleman, Ross Shull, Martha Sieck.

Worship: Nancy K. Cook, Jan Kitts, David Obenschain, Joann Weikert.

Cemetery: Larry Mayer, Guy Wright, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Mike Dundas, Jan Kitts, Noah Turnage, Anita Tuttle.

Committee Reports

Personnel (Mike Fallin, David Obenschain): No report.

Property (Robert Christian, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Noah Turnage, Anita Tuttle): Ceiling tiles and a new circuit breaker for the refrigerator were installed in the kitchen. Covers for outside lights are complete. Three poles with LED lights will be placed in the back parking lot. Committee is looking for bids to repave the back parking lot and sealing the manse driveway and the cemetery drive.

Stewardship/Finance (Allen Martin, Mike Ruleman, Ross Shull, Martha Sieck): No report.

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Minutes of Feb. 25 Session Meeting

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Worship (Nancy K. Cook, Jan Kitts, David Obenschain, Joann Weikert): A Fellowship Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and Communion during worship are scheduled for Easter Sunday. As per earlier discussion, the committee will review Wedding Policy.

Cemetery (Jan Kitts, Noah Turnage, Anita Tuttle): Committee has revised the Cemetery Policies and Procedures which were earlier emailed to Session members. Questions and concerns were discussed and Session asked for more time to review. Concerns will be taken back to the committee and any future questions and/or suggestions should be directed to Jan Kitts.

Christian Ed (Scott Martin, Jim McGavock, Mike Ruleman): Easter Egg Hunt and activities followed by a hot dog lunch are scheduled on March 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Commitment/Witness (Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck): Meeting minutes were previously emailed to Session members.

Congregational Ministries (Lori Malcolm, Joann Weikert): No report.

Fellowship/Service (Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Scott Martin): No report.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor is working on the March newsletter so that it will be available for pickup at church on Feb. 28. Home communion is behind due to the weather, health concerns, Presbytery concerns, and other matters. Pastor hopes to resume next week. Bible Study continues on Friday mornings on Paul's letter to the Romans.

The question came up on the manner in which the Pastor makes contact with families who have experienced a death in the family. Many questions and concerns were discussed. A motion was made and passed by the Session that when the Pastor is notified of a death or other emergency in the congregation, he will send an email with all known information to Session members so they may contact the family. Session members who have made contact will notify Pastor and Session of updates.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

The blessings and prayer concerns of the congregation, friends, and relatives were shared by Session for corporate and individual prayer. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator at 8:56 p.m.

PEP Club Will Meet April 27

The PEP Club will hold its monthly covered-dish luncheon on Wednesday, April 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Prepare a dish and come join us!

April Birthdays And Anniversaries

April birthdays are:

Patsy Shull	1		
Noah Smiley	2		
Ellen Stone Johnson	3		
Mildred Ruleman	3		
Dalton Moyer	6		
Ray Harris	13		
Bobby Crawford	16		
Robbie Riley	16		
Jean Miller	17		
Cindy Griffin	19		
Giles Trimble	19	Nicola Cahill	26
Barbara Harmon	21	Hilda Dundas	28
Jim Crawford	24	Phil Carpenter	29
Mark Lyle	25	Alex Kirtley	29
Nancy Cline	26	Anita Tuttle	29



Very special birthday wishes: Giles Trimble will be 93 on April 19; Nancy Cline will be 90 on April 26; and Hilda Dundas will be 89 on April 28.

Congratulations: David & Joyce Obenschain will be married 52 years on April 5; and Phil & Maxine Carpenter will be married 57 years on April 11.

If you know of someone who should be included on these lists, please call the church at 886-1648.

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Please consider how you can help Hebron by participating in one of more of our committees.

PW Directory Being Updated

The Presbyterian Women's Directory is being updated for 2016-2017. The women are grateful to all who have served in past years, and the Search Committee is asking all who served last year to continue serving in their positions. If you cannot, you are asked inform Hilda Dundas or Joyce Coleman by August 1.

Church Women's World Day of Prayer April 1

Church Women United's World Day of Prayer, will be held Friday, April 1, at Central United Methodist Church in Staunton beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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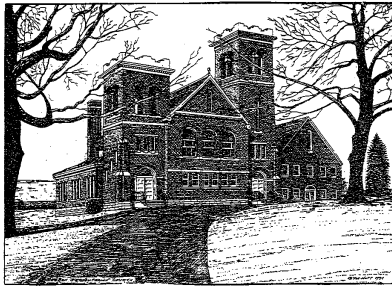
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Hebron Presbyterian Church

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Ministries available to all ages

Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

Bible Study: Friday, 10:00 A.M.

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Time To Get Busy: PW Yard, Bake & Jelly Sale April 15-16

Hebron's annual Yard, Bake and Jelly Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday, April 15-16, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. both days. There will be a food booth, so come for lunch.

The Presbyterian Women hope to have a large variety of items to sell such as antiques, glassware, household items, linens, jewelry, small pieces of furniture, yard/garden tools, perennials, toys, knickknacks, etc.

Relay For Life Luncheon Set For May 1

The Beverley Manor Relay for Life Team will hold its annual luncheon at Hebron on Sunday, May 1, following morning worship. The Relay for Life is one of the many organizations helping with the fight against cancer.

The Beverley Manor Relay for Life Team has held fund-raising meals at Hebron for several years and they have always been successful. Look for more details about this year's luncheon in Sunday worship bulletins during April.

In order to have time to price and display items nicely, all donations must be received by Monday, April 11, at 4:00 p.m. Many volunteers will be needed the week of April 11 to unpack, display, price and sell all of the items.

We also hope everyone will make at least one item to be sold with the baked goods.

Although the event has been publicized, we still need everyone to help "spread the word" about the sale. Posters are available in the vestibules for you to take to your place of business, etc.

Profits will go to support the Weekday Religious Education program. Everyone's help and donations are needed to make this another successful event!






April 2016

Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

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