

Congregational Meeting Will Be Held Aug. 21

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday, Aug. 21, immediately following morning worship, to elect members of the congregation to serve on the Church Nominating Committee, and to consider reducing the size of the Session from 15 elders to 12.

In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a church nominating committee must always have a majority of its members made up of members of the congregation who are not currently serving as active officers. The Session must name two elders, at least one of whom must be an active elder and named committee chair.

At its July 28 meeting, Session named Mike Fallin and Scott Martin as elders to serve on the Church Nominating Committee, with Fallin to serve as chair.

At the Aug. 21 Congregational Meeting, the congregation will elect at least three members who are not currently serving as officers, so that a majority of the nominating committee will be from the congregation.

The Session also voted to recommend that the size of the Session be reduced from 15 elders to 12. The Congregation determines the size of the Session, so the Session can only send the recommendation to the Congregation for action.

The reasoning behind the recommendation is that Church Nominating Committees in the past few years

Summer Hours End Aug. 28

Hebron's summer worship schedule will end on Aug. 28, with regular hours resuming on Sunday, Sept. 6.

Beginning Sept. 4, adult and youth Sunday School will return to 9:55 a.m., and morning worship will return to 11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School will continue to be held during morning worship following the Children's Lesson.

Aug. 28 will also be the last day for Lemonade on the Lawn, the fellowship time following morning worship. Thanks to all who provided refreshments this year!



have had difficulty securing enough people willing to be nominated to serve on the Session. Reducing the size of the Session from 15 to 12 would mean that only four elders would be elected annually instead of five.

Also, average attendance at worship has fallen below 100 because we have had so many people die, move away, or move into retirement homes in the past several years. With a current average attendance of about 90, 15 officers represent 16.67% of average attendance, which is a relatively high proportion of elders to active worshippers.

The problem with securing people willing to be nominated to and then elected to Session is not that we do not have qualified people; Hebron is blessed with many dedicated and committed members of the church who are entirely qualified to serve as Elders. The problem is that we have too many people who refuse to serve. Nominating Committees have had no problem finding plenty of people to *ask* to serve as elders; the problem is that so many of them decline to be nominated. This has become such a common occurrence that in recent years it has also become difficult to find Elders willing to serve on the Nominating Committee because they know how hard it will be to find enough nominees.

Parking Lot To Be Paved

B&S Contracting Inc. will pave Hebron's back parking lot on Wednesday, Aug. 3, weather permitting. They will also patch small areas in front of the church mailbox, and in one corner of the front driveway.

These areas will be roped off for the pavement to cure, so everyone is asked to stay off these areas until next Sunday, Aug. 7.

Beverley Manor WRE Needs Walkers

The Weekday Religious Education program at Beverley Manor Elementary School needs volunteer "walkers" to escort students to the WRE classroom. The school year for students in Augusta County Schools, including Beverley Manor, will begin Tuesday, Aug. 9. If you are interested in serving the WRE program in this way, please contact Karen Jones at 337-2785.

Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held June 23

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, June 23. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the July 28 Session meeting and are printed here:

Present: Elders Jan Kitts, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Joann Weikert, Mike Fallin, Scott Martin, David Obenschain, Martha Sieck, Anita Tuttle, Robert Christian, Lori Malcolm, Mike Ruleman and Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche, and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer.

Excused: Elders Ross Shull, Nancy K. Cook.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and devotions from James 4:6.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the Stated meeting of May 26, 2016. Session approved a request from Lori Malcolm for use of the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 9, for a baby shower for Kamela Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of June 23, 2016. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$32,319.40). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$138,975.73.

Committee Reports

Cemetery (Jan Kitts, Anita Tuttle): Ongoing cleaning and maintenance of grounds continues.

Christian Ed (Scott Martin, Jim McGavock, Mike Ruleman): Vacation Bible School was held nightly June 12-16, with 49 participants: 20 children, eight youths, and 21 adults. A Church Picnic was held June 12 at 4:30 p.m. as a kickoff to VBS with about 50 attending. Committee received one scholarship application.

Commitment/Witness (Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck): Committee asks everyone to keep PC(USA) General Assembly in prayer as it meets June 18-25 in Portland OR. Daily summaries can be found at: www.pcusa.org/ganews.

Congregational Ministries (Lori Malcolm, Joann Weikert): Committee continues ongoing contacts.

Fellowship/Service (Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Scott Martin): Lemonade on the Lawn is ongoing. There are a few open dates left.

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

Property (Robert Christian, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Anita Tuttle): Jim McGavock has finished installing dehumidifiers under the Fellowship Hall and Session Room. Air conditioners need to be installed in offices. There was discussion on blacktop paving and roof maintenance.



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

Worship (Nancy K. Cook, Jan Kitts, David Obenschain, Joann Weikert): The next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be Quarterly Communion on July 24.

Pastor's Report: Pastor is working on the July newsletter so that it will be available for pickup at church on June 26. Hospital and home/institutional visits and communion continue. Bible Study continues on Friday mornings on Paul's letter to the Romans. Pastor plans to be on vacation August 22-29, so we will need a guest speaker for worship Aug. 28.

New Business: A motion was passed to have Larry Mayer come to the next Session meeting and discuss the finances of the Cemetery Fund. Session directed the Treasurer to talk with families to consider using Memorial Funds to pay for new sections of metal fencing along road fronting of old cemetery; congregation will be informed of opportunity to contribute if additional money is needed.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be Thursday, July 28, 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 8:36 p.m.

No Session Meeting In August

At its July 28 meeting, the Session decided not to hold a Stated Session Meeting in August. The reason is that Pastor Frank Wyche will be on vacation on the regularly scheduled meeting date of Aug. 25, the fourth Thursday of the month.


The next Stated Session Meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7:00 p.m. In the event any urgent business needs action before then, the Session will hold a called meeting to address such matters.

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Sunday School 9 A.M./Worship 10 A.M.

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28 Last Day of Summer Hours and Lemonade on the Lawn	29	30	31 PEP Club, 1 p.m. Worship Cmte., 6:30 Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Regular Hours Resume Sept. 4 Sunday School: 9:55 a.m. Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p> </div>																																																										

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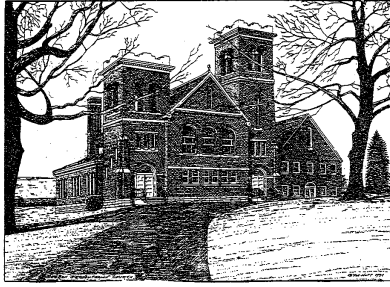
Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

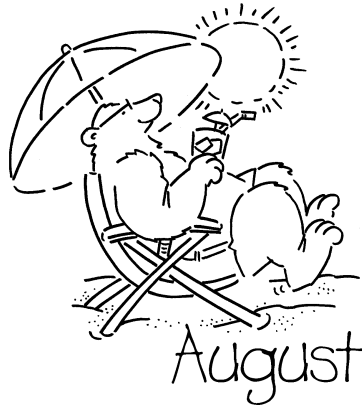
Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Adult Bible Study: Will resume in September



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August Birthdays And Anniversaries

August birthdays are:

Virginia Smiley	17		
Jesse Hunter Bratton	1	Nancy Knight	18
Ed Stone	4	Lori Malcolm	18
Theresa Moore	4	Braden Moyer	18
Jonathan Riley	5	Susan Croft	21
Doug Riley	9	Lisa Durham Ritchie	21
Herman Knight	11	Jay Mader	21
Edna Stone	11	John Philip Sieck	25
Bobby Drumheller	12	Kim Rathburn	27
Faye Moran	12	Michaela Kennedy	28
Nan Brown	13	Clay Hewitt	29
Robbie Brown	16	Peggy Hewitt	30
Donna Riley	16	Denise Lyle	31

PEP Club Meets July 29

The PEP Club will meet Wednesday, August 31, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!



Very special birthday wishes to Nan Brown, who will be 86 on August 13.

Congratulations to Clay and Nancy Hewitt, who will be married 63 years on August 22.

If you know of someone who should be included, please call the church at 885-1648, as we do not want to leave anyone out.