

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2008

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Class of 2008

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MISSIONS

Missionaries to India Scott and Melanie Smith (address: Block Z, House 3, Naveen Shahdara, New Delhi 110032, India;
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ELDERS EMERITUS

Raymond Cline, John Ott, Giles Trimble, Elva Tuttle, Bob Wright

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Bill Trimble

MUSIC

Hannah Bush, Music Director, Chancel Choir Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Linda Dundas, Superintendent

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Mike and Robin Ruleman, Advisors
David and Theresa Moore, Advisors

BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS

Judi Roach, Cub Master

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Joyce Coleman, Moderator
Joan Wright, Church Historian

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Raymond Cline, Secretary

TRUSTEES – CHURCH AND CEMETERY

Elton Hewitt, Jr., Giles Trimble, Elva Tuttle

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Guy Wright and Larry Mayer, Co-chairmen
Linda Brown, Raymond Cline, Mike Dundas, Eric Shiftlet, and Noah Turnage

PRAYER CIRCLE

Mildred Ruleman, Chairman (886-6793), Hilda Dundas, Assistant (886-0059)

FELLOWSHIP PREPARATION COMMITTEE

Jon Arneson, Mike Dundas, Larry Mayer, Fred Smiley

WE WELCOME YOU to worship this morning! We are glad you are here, and we invite you to worship with us regularly! If you are a visitor, or if you have a prayer or pastoral concern, please use the card in the pew rack.

PRAYER CONCERNS – Amanda Chandler (UVA), Donna Moyer, Wayland “Pete” Lyle, Don and Frances Hall, Eugene Tuttle, Lin Presbury, Reedis Jones, Allen Weikert, Forrest Sheffer, Nan Brown, Chalmers Goshorn, Catherine Liggett, Doug Sheets, Mary Margaret Clifton, Tom Larner, and Edna Caron.

THANKS TO TODAY’S GREETERS: Shirley Shomo, Doris Smith, Bob Wright and Glenn Mader.

Greeters for next Sunday, December 21 – Philip and Martie Sieck, Nancy Cook and Frances Hall.

USHERS FOR DECEMBER – East Side – Noah/Lora Turnage, Keyser Kirtley, Center Aisle – Mike Dundas, West Side – Larry and Gail Mayer.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2008:

TODAY	9:30 A.M.	Youth bell practice
	9:55 A.M.	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 A.M.	Worship
	5:30 P.M.	Sunday School Christmas dinner
TUESDAY	6:30 P.M.	Cub Scout den (hut)
WEDNESDAY	7:30 P.M.	Choir practice
THURSDAY	7:00 P.M.	Session

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEMS BY THE CHOIR – As part of the Sunday morning worship services during this Advent/Christmas season, the Chancel Choir will be singing songs from *Morning Star*, a cantata by Joseph M. Martin.

JUNIOR CHURCH IN DECEMBER – Junior Church will not be held during the month of December, and those who would usually participate are encouraged to attend morning worship during Advent as we prepare for Christmas.

GENERAL PRESBYTER – Shenandoah Presbytery is pleased to announce that Jim Cushman has agreed to serve as the acting General Presbyter while a search is conducted for an interim. Jim comes with a tremendous background for this position and in fact served as interim when a search was conducted for Tom Hay. He is very familiar with our Presbytery and will provide excellent leadership. He will begin in January 2009.

THE ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held today beginning at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to bring a covered-dish to share. Beverages will be provided. If you have wrapped gifts for our needy families, remember to bring them to the dinner. Please plan to join us for this time of Christmas fellowship and food!

NO BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT – Please join us for the annual Sunday School Christmas Dinner instead!

CRUNCH! CRACKLE! These are the noises we will help create at the Valley Mission when folks there enjoy the many cereals we will deliver on December 22. Please bring cereals to the Sunday School Christmas Dinner this evening or place them in the Christmas Around the World boxes in the vestibules. Thanks to each one for sharing as you think about the Mission staff and residents as you munch your cereal on these chilly mornings.

JUST A REMINDER! We are still collecting items for our Christmas All Year Round program. Remember to place items in the bins in the vestibules. Great items to contribute are the blank note cards and envelopes. Any clean household items will be appreciated.

RINGING THE BELL - A BIG thank you to the 28 Hebronites who rang the bell for the Salvation Army. We were blessed by this mission opportunity and “warm in spirit while chilly in body.” On Friday we collected \$527.80 and on Saturday we had \$275.70 making a total of \$803.59. The Presbyterian Women added \$196.41 from the Evening of Comfort and Joy to make \$1,000! Thanks to all who supported with donations. Thanks also go to Shirley Fallin and the Rulemans for helping coordinate the schedules. We will do it again next year if you would like to channel your gifts to the Salvation Army at the time of the bell-ringing.

THANKS to all of the following for their help in decorating Hebron for the Christmas season: Billie Banks, Hannah Bush, Hilda Dundas, Margaret Henderson, Peggy Hewitt, Gail and Larry Mayer, Doris Riley, Robin Ruleman, Helen Shiflet, Patsy Shull, Philip Sieck, Doris Smith and Joan Wright.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING (formerly called the “Joy Gift”) will be received from mid-December through the end of the year. It is one of four special offerings received each year for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), along with One Great Hour of Sharing, the Pentecost Offering, and the Peacemaking Offering. This special offering goes to support retired ministers, missionaries and their spouses, and to support racial-ethnic colleges and universities affiliated with the PCUSA. Special Christmas Joy envelopes and additional information will be available in the bulletin next Sunday.

NEW ELDERS ELECTED – The congregation elected five new elders last Sunday to serve three-year terms as the class of 2011: Jan Botkin, Lorrie Dean, Frank Henderson, Larry Mayer, and Lora Turnage. Thanks also to Bob Moody and Robin Ruleman, who were also nominated; and thanks to the outgoing elders after serving three years: Hannah Bush, Linda Dundas, Patsy Shull, Martie Sieck, Doris Smith, and Emerson Willard.

HEBRON HERALD – Deadline for the January 2009 edition is Tuesday, December 16.

HEBRON NOTECARDS are now available in the church office for purchase. A pack of six is \$3.00. The drawing of the church is by Meredith Arneson.

HEBRON’S CHRISTMAS CARD – Please sign up by today if you are participating in this opportunity to share with others in a unique way. SACRA and Blue Ridge Food Bank will share the gifts from this project. Mark your donations "Christmas Card." Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – Join us on Wednesday, December 24, as we hold two Christmas Eve worship services. The first service, at 4:00 P.M., will feature participation from the youth in our church, with 13 young people bringing their instrumental and/or vocal talents to the worship service, as well as leading in prayers and Scripture readings. At 10:00 P.M., the traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held, concluding with the singing of Silent Night by the candlelight.

AS PART OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE’S PROMISE to provide you with more financial information, the following chart will appear in each week’s bulletin, giving Year-To-Date (YTD) information. It shows the amount needed weekly (\$3,363) to meet our budgeted expenses, the previous week’s offering amount, YTD total needed, YTD total collected and YTD weekly average and YTD plus/minus.

<u>Prev Wks Offering</u>	<u>YTD Total Needed</u>	<u>YTD Total Rec</u>	<u>YTD Wkly Avg</u>	<u>YTD Plus/Minus</u>
\$6,591	\$ 164,787	\$ 159,569	\$ 3,257	minus < \$5,218>

YOU’RE INVITED to a live outdoor Christmas program on the Shiflet Farm, Union Church Road, Churchville (take Route 42 north from Churchville towards Harrisonburg; at Elk Run Church turn right onto Union Church Road, proceed about 1 mile, farm is on the left, watch for signs). The program will be presented on Saturday, December 20, at 7:00 P.M. and can be enjoyed from your automobile.

THE STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND will present its Christmas concert on Monday, December 22, at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church on Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton. The concert will begin at 7:30 P.M. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge, but a goodwill offering will be collected for the Salvation Army.



This Christmas as a part of the Sunday morning worship in December, the choir will be singing songs from “Morning Star”, a cantata by Joseph M. Martin.

Program notes from the Foreword: ‘In ancient cultures, the coming of winter meant darkness, hardship, and even death. As the days grew shorter and the nights grew longer, they were afraid that the light might disappear altogether, leaving them to face the bitter cold in utter darkness. As knowledge of the seasons’ cycles grew, people waited for that time when the pattern of darkness would reverse. Solstice was celebrated as the turning point. The winter solstice of December was the longest night, after which the return of light would occur. In astronomy, the morning star is the brightest star, seen in the eastern sky just before the break of dawn.

“It is always darkest, just before the day dawneth.” -- Thomas Fuller

As Christianity spread, Advent became our period of waiting for the Light, a time when we remember our spiritual darkness. Christmas Eve became the turning point, the longest night, after which Christ would bring his Light into the world and with it, the renewal of life. In this day and time when our lives seem to reach their darkest point, we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Morning Star, that brighten our lives and lifts us out of the darkness.’ By Joseph & Pamela Martin

Introductory narration: ‘In the beginning, God spoke. He spoke a word, and earth came into being. His Spirit hovered over the waters and darkness was over the face of the oceans. Again God spoke and light blazed forth. With another word, he made the heavens and with the breath of his mouth, the stars. And on that day, in the beginning, the Word himself was with God when he spoke. He was the living Light of all creation, by whom all things and beings were made. On that day, in the beginning, in the presence of the Father of lights and the Morning Star himself, the heavens declared the glory of God. The angels shouted for joy. And then ...the stars began to sing.’