

***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 appropriate card in the pew rack.*

PRAYER CONCERNS – Mike Snyder, Marie Wood, Joyce Coleman, Sam Arnold, Fran Senderak, Robin Moyer, Jake Ott, Shirley Shomo, Buddy Wright, Steve Wiseman, Lenwood Shiflet, Mac Campbell, Bobbi Harmon, Raymond Cline, Ruby Durham, Tim Malcolm, Ruth Rathburn, Patsy Shull, Rick Shiflet, Nancy Gillis, Benjamin Arneson, Grayson Diehl, Marcie Wisman, Janie Hudkins

THANKS TO TODAY'S GREETERS: Larry & Gail Mayer; Jon Arneson, Bill Sellers

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 21, 2014

TODAY	9:55 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
WEDNESDAY		(No Bible Study)
	8:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve Service</i> with Lessons & Carols, the Lord's Supper, and candlelight closing
THURSDAY		<i>Christmas Day ~ Church Office Closed</i>
FRIDAY		<i>Church Office Closed</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUDDY WRIGHT'S ADDRESS – Buddy Wright's name and address were accidentally left off the list of Hebron's Special Folks in the December newsletter. Buddy's contact information is: Mrs. Buddy Wright, 457 Middlebrook Rd., Staunton, VA 24401, telephone 886-1210.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON THANKS – A big 'Thank you!' to everyone who helped with last Sunday's Christmas Fellowship Luncheon! Special thanks go to Jan Botkin, Barbara Moyer, Robin Moyer, Robin Ruleman, and Elaine Wyche for their work in the kitchen, and to Larry and Gail Mayer for setting up tables and chairs.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING – Today we will receive the Christmas Joy Offering, one of the four annual offerings we receive as part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Christmas Joy Offering benefits denominational retirees not adequately covered by retirement plans, especially former ministers, missionaries and other church workers and spouses; and also supports PC(USA)-related colleges and universities which have historically supported racial-ethnic minority students. You may give using the special envelopes in the bulletins, or by designating "Christmas Joy" on your check or offering envelope. You can give any time over the next few weeks.

COMMITMENT-WITNESS UPDATE – The Commitment Witness Committee thanks everyone for their joy in sharing with the Salvation Army Annual Bell Ringing. Hebron had more than 30 ringers and many others contributing with support and donations. The Salvation Army reports that \$554.72 was collected on Friday and \$744.30 on Saturday for a total of \$1,299.02! The C/W Committee will also add another \$100.00 to this amount. One interesting story was a gentleman who brought a Christmas tree bank and another container filled with coins. He saves his change each day through the year and makes his collection to be delivered to the Red Kettle. He smiled as he instructed us that our job was to get it all into the small slot as he poured out the abundance of coins. So along with our 5-cents a meal container we may want to try this idea.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD is located on the bulletin board outside the Choir Room for you to sign as you give the money that would be spent on cards, stamps, etc. to be used toward benevolent causes. The Christmas Joy Gift Offering collected this month supports retired ministers, missionaries, and other church workers and their spouses, whose retirement funds are insufficient for their needs. It often also helps with unexpected medical expenses that impact retirement funds. This offering also supports racial/ethnic colleges affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

May each one have a blessed Christmas, and, as always at Hebron, continue to remember those needing our help throughout the year as we keep the recipients of our benevolent contributions in prayer.

LAST FIVE WEEKS' OFFERINGS:

<u>Dec 14</u>	<u>Dec 7</u>	<u>Nov 30</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>
\$2,638	\$3,591	\$2,612	\$1,643	\$3,284

CHRISTMAS EVE – Hebron Presbyterian Church will hold only one Christmas Eve service this year, on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 8:00 p.m. The service will include a Service of Lessons & Carols, with a candlelight singing of *Silent Night* at the close. We will also celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the service. The Service of Lessons & Carols will include familiar Scripture lessons from the story of Christmas, and singing entire hymns and/or selected verses from favorite Christmas hymns. Please join us for this special service as we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec. 21 – Last Sunday of Advent; Christmas Joy Offering received.

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 8:00 p.m. with Lessons & Carols and celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Jan. 4, 2015 – Epiphany Sunday with celebration of the Lord's Supper. (Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, is on Tuesday, Jan. 6, in 2015.)

Jan. 11, 2015 – Ordination/Installation of new Elders: Mike Fallin, Scott Martin, David Obenschain, Martie Sieck, and Anita Tuttle.