

***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 – Ann Buchanan, Terri Smith, Gibby Crummett, Mildred Brown, Meade Loomis, Ronnie Broce, Helen Breeden, Clay Graham, Jean Goshorn, Patsy Shull, Nan Brown, Kathleen Gilmer, Lenwood Shiflet, Robin Moyer, Brayden Kier, Marie Wood, Kate Houff, Buddy Wright, Jake Ott, Bobbi Harmon, Sam Arnold, Ruby Durham, Tim Malcolm, Ruth Rathburn, Rick Shiflet, Benjamin Arneson

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of William R. “Butch” Deardorff, who died on Thursday, Nov. 26. He was a former member of Hebron, and many people knew him from his 27 years as principal at Buffalo Gap High School.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Wanda H. Staton, who died on Tuesday, Dec. 1. She was the sister-in-law of Reba Edwards and participated in Hebron’s PEP Club.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 6, 2015:

TODAY	9:55 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Circles 1 & 2 Meet
WEDNESDAY	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
FRIDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY ~ Christmas Fellowship Covered-dish Dinner following Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available in the Vestibules and on the table in the Session Room. One is by members and friends of Hebron, and the other is from the Society of St. Andrews, provided by the Presbyterian Women. Everyone is encouraged to use one or both throughout Advent.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING – Hebron will receive the Christmas Joy Offering beginning on Sunday, Dec. 20. The offering (formerly the Joy Gift) supports retired ministers, missionaries, and other church workers and their spouses, whose retirement funds are insufficient for their needs. The offering also supports racial/ethnic colleges affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four denominational offerings Hebron collects, along with the One Great Hour of Sharing offering at Easter, the Pentecost offering on Pentecost, and the Peacemaking offering on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. Look for more information in future bulletins.

MANY THANKS to everyone who helped with last Tuesday’s *Evening of Comfort and Joy* sponsored by the Presbyterian Women! Admission fees, the silent auction, and the raffle of Maxine Carpenter’s quilt (won by Billie Jean Banks) raised more than \$2,627, plus non-perishable food for SACRA, the Verona Food Pantry, Valley Mission, and the Beverley Manor Meal-In-A-Bag program. Thanks to all who helped in any way: those who prepared or contributed food, or brought items for the auction; Maxine Carpenter for giving her handmade quilt; Tom Cook for outside lighting; and everyone who supported the event by setting up the room, buying auction items or quilt tickets, or attending.

THANKS ALSO GO to everyone who helped ring the bells at Kroger on Friday and Saturday for the Salvation Army’s *Red Kettle Drive*. The collections in December at Kroger are very successful, and if Hebron had not provided volunteers, the Salvation Army would have needed to hire people to ring the bells and tend the kettles, greatly reducing the proceeds. Thanks to all who volunteered to support this very worthwhile project.

MORE THANKS – Many thanks also go to everyone who has helped prepare the church and grounds for Christmas! Thanks go to Peggy Hewitt, Lorrie and Duane Dean, Julia Martin, Brenda and Fred Smiley, and Donna and Keyser Kirtley for working with poinsettias, door wreaths and the Advent Wreath; Fred and Tim also improved the window lamps. Thanks go to the 26 who helped decorate the Chrismon Tree and the Sanctuary last Saturday night. And thanks go to all the volunteers who helped clean the grounds and inside the church on our Fall Clean-up Day yesterday. Thanks to each of you, and to all of you for making things look so nice!

LAST FIVE WEEKS’ OFFERINGS:

<u>Nov 29</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Nov 15</u>	<u>Nov 8</u>	<u>Nov 1</u>
\$1,489	\$3,093	\$3,596	\$2,702	\$2,932

HEBRON’S CHRISTMAS CARD – The Commitment/Witness Committee will once again post a Community Christmas Card on the bulletin board outside the Choir Room. We ask that everyone sign the card to wish one another a happy, safe, and meaningful Christmas season. You are also invited to use this for your Christmas greetings to others, and then contribute to the church the money that would have been spent sending individual cards to other members. The money received will go to Renewing Homes Greater Augusta, which helps to repair and improve homes for those in need in our community to be sure residents can be safe, warm, dry, and accessible. If you wish to make a contribution to the organization through Hebron, please mark your donations “Christmas Card.” Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH NEXT WEEK – Our Christmas Fellowship Covered-dish Luncheon will be next Sunday, Dec. 13, following morning worship. Please prepare a dish or two and join us for this time of food and fellowship. Hebron will provide beverages.

Special Christmas Music

THE STAUNTON CHORAL SOCIETY will hold its Christmas Concert tonight, Dec. 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 2807 N. Augusta St., Staunton, VA, with Raymond Hebert, director, and pianist Jihye Lovelace. Admission is free but a freewill offering will be received to benefit the society, which is a 501(c)3 organization.

THE STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND will hold its Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 14, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2000 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton. The Flute Choir will perform from 6:30 until 7:00 p.m., with the Band Concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be received to benefit the Salvation Army and Valley Mission.

CONCERT FOR SACRA – A Christmas Benefit Concert will be held to support the Staunton-Augusta Church Relief Association (SACRA) on Monday, Dec. 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church, 224 Taylor Street in Staunton. The concert will feature local artists including organist Christopher Bono, who will provide prelude music beginning at 6:30 p.m. Other performers will be vocal groups Valley Harmony Chorus and The Faithful Men, and trombone group Mr. Jefferson's Bones. Admission is free but a freewill offering will be collected to benefit SACRA. The concert officially begins at 7:00, but the doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for Chris Bono's prelude music. For more information call Memorial Baptist Church at 885-8033.

HEBRON'S CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be Thursday, Dec. 24, at 8:00 p.m. A *Service of Lessons & Carols* will include Scripture lessons from the story of Christmas, and the singing of hymns and/or selected verses from favorite Christmas songs and hymns. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper, and close with a candlelight singing of *Silent Night*. Please join us for this special service.