

February: Scouts, Sweethearts, Annual Meeting

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Three special events highlight Hebron's calendar for February, 2011: Boy Scout Sunday, the Men of the Church Sweetheart Dinner, and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Hebron Presbyterian Church.

Taken together, these events show some of the central activities of churches and the Christian life.

The book of the Acts of the Apostles tells of the Ascension of Jesus (his return to heaven and the fullness of glory as God, which he had laid aside in order to be born as a human, that he might give his life for us) in chapter 1, and the story of Pentecost (the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles and believers, and Peter's sermon that converted 3,000) in chapter 2.

After these two events, chapter 2 of Acts concludes, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, prais-

If Church Needs To Be Canceled...

If winter weather is ever severe enough to make us need to cancel church, we will notify television station WHSV-TV3 in Harrisonburg to announce the cancellation.

Also, in the event that church is canceled because of severe winter weather, we will put a message on the church answering machine, so you can call the church office at 885-1648. Ordinarily, we would make a decision to cancel church by 9:00 a.m.

In any case, please use common sense when we have severe winter weather, even if you don't see an announcement! Above all, be safe. If your own driveway or street or road is hazardous, please do not take any foolish or unnecessary risks.



FEBRUARY

Sunday, Feb. 6 – *Boy Scout Sunday.*

Saturday, Feb. 12 – *Sweetheart Dinner, 6:30 P.M.* in Fellowship Hall (see article, back page).

Sunday, Feb. 13 – *Annual Congregational Meeting.*

Wednesday, Feb. 23 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24 – Session meets, 7:00 p.m.

ing God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (verses 42-47, Revised Standard Version).

Fellowship, especially the sharing of meals, is a frequent and important part of Christianity. We not only share the spiritual meal of the Lord's Supper, but we share fellowship meals as part of drawing closer to one another. The sharing of meals with his disciples and others was an important part of Jesus' earthly ministry.

The Men of the Church Sweetheart Dinner (see article on back page) is not only a time to share a meal in Christian fellowship, but is also an opportunity to invite all our single women (single, widowed, divorced) as special guests. The feeding of widows and other who were alone was a very important ministry both in ancient Israel and in the early Church, because God commanded it.

It is also important for the members of the church to participate in and hear reports at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

We must always keep foremost in our minds that the Church is not an institution, or a building, or the preacher, or the officers – the Church is all the individuals who make up the body of Christ in the world, and in particular locations. Members of the congregation need to be aware of all that the Session, Session committees, and church organizations did in the past year, because they did everything in the name of and for the sake of the congregation as a whole.

Scout Sunday is important because the Church does not exist only for its own sake. The Church exists to serve and glorify God, and to spread the good news of

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Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Dec. 19

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Sunday, Dec. 19, immediately following morning worship. The meeting was postponed from Thursday, Dec. 16, due to bad weather on the regular meeting date. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Jan. 20 Session meeting and are printed here:

Present: Elders Joan Wright, Jon Arneson, Glenn Mader, Fred Smiley, Hannah Bush, Martha Sieck, Tom Cook, Jan Botkin, Lora Turnage, Frank Henderson, Clerk of Session Alan Mayer; Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche; Treasurer, Michael Ruleman. Excused: Elders Jeff Simmons, Lorrie Dean, Theresa Moore

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. with prayer. Weather conditions having forced a cancellation of the regularly scheduled Dec. 16, 2010, meeting, this meeting was held in its place to conduct time-sensitive regular session business.

Clerk's Report: Session approved the minutes of the Nov. 18, 2010, Stated Session Meeting as presented. Session approved removing Robert P. Wright from the

Called Session Meeting Jan. 9

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held a Called Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011.

Present: Elders Lorrie Dean, Jon Arneson, Lora Turnage, Fred Smiley, Jan Botkin, Joan Wright, Jeff Simmons, Theresa Moore, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Martha Sieck, Clerk of Session Alan Mayer; Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche; Elders-elect Robin Moyer, James McGavock, David Obenschain, Richard Rathburn, Eric Shiflet, Joann Weikert. Excused: Elders Glenn Mader, Frank Henderson.

A quorum being present, the Session was called to order at 10:20 a.m. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to examine elders-elect Robin Moyer, James McGavock, David Obenschain, Richard Rathburn, Eric Shiflet, and Joann Weikert prior to their ordination/installation, following a period of officer training on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. The six elders-elect answered all the questions to be asked during ordination/installation in the affirmative. Session then concluded and approved the examination, authorizing the ordination of Robin Moyer and David Obenschain as elders, and the installation of previously ordained elders James McGavock, Richard Rathburn, Eric Shiflet, and Joann Weikert.

Session having acted on the only item of business, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 10:40 a.m.



church rolls due to his death on Dec. 3, 2010. Session approved a motion to reinstate Tim and Lori Malcolm to the Active Roll from the Inactive Roll. Session approved a wedding request from Paige Eavers and Scott Olson, with the wedding at Hebron on May 7, 2011, and rehearsal at Hebron on May 6, 2011.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michael Ruleman distributed a report of fund balances as of Dec. 16, 2010, and a report of receipts and disbursements since the last meeting.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports

Cemetery (Alan Mayer, Jan Botkin): No report.

Christian Education (Lora Turnage, Hannah Bush): No report.

Commitment/Witness (Martha Sieck): No report.

Congregational Ministries (Fred Smiley): A written report of committee activities was presented.

Fellowship/Service (Joan Wright): No report.

Personnel (Jeff Simmons, Tom Cook, Theresa Moore): Session approved a committee-recommended job description for Minister of Music.

Property (Glenn Mader, Tom Cook, Fred Smiley): No report.

Stewardship/Finance (Larry Mayer, Theresa Moore): Session approved the proposed 2011 Budget as presented.

Worship (Jan Botkin, Hannah Bush, Lorrie Dean): No report.

New Business: Officer training will be re-scheduled in time for officers-elect to be examined prior to their installation/ordination on Jan. 9, 2011.

Next Stated Session Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Joys and Concerns: The blessings and prayer concerns of the congregation, friends, and relatives were shared by the moderator and Session for corporate and individual prayer.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 12:45 p.m.

February Events at Hebron

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Jesus Christ to a needing world. Part of the way we are obedient to God and faithful to Christ is to engage in mission work to help people. This spreads the gospel through our actions, as well as telling the story of Jesus with our words.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts have long been a local mission of Hebron Presbyterian Church. At Scout Sunday on Feb. 6, we will hear reports of Scouting's work and accomplishments, just as we will hear from officers and church organizations at our Annual Meeting on Feb. 13.

Participating in Christian fellowship, being aware of and contributing to the activities of the church, and engaging in local mission to help others in their daily walks with God and community are all critically important parts of the Christian life.

We are blessed to be able to engage in all of these, along with worship, in the first two weeks of February.

Pastor Frank

Boy Scout Sunday February 6

Hebron will hold its annual Boy Scout Sunday on Feb. 6, 2011, during morning worship.

Charles Carpenter, Chaplain at Camp Shenandoah and Scouting liaison for the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be our speaker.

All of the day's loose offering will once again be divided evenly between Cub Scout Pack 122 and Boy Scout Troop 122, both of which are supported by Hebron Presbyterian Church.

Mike Fallin, Hebron's Charter Representative, is the liaison between the Scouts and the church. For more information about Scouting, or if you would like to help the Scouts in any way, please contact Mike Fallin.

Special Valley Mission Collection

The Commitment/Witness Committee plans a special collection of *High Priority Needs* for the Valley Mission for the month of February. These *High Priority* items include:

Food Items: Cereal and sugar.

Shelter Items: Laundry detergent, Pine Sol or other disinfectant supplies

Other needs: Coffee, creamer, paper towels, toilet tissue, trash bags, copy paper in white or color.

There are plastic bins in each vestibule for your contributions. We are hoping to fill these up several times this month as you make your gifts. As soon as they are filled we will take the items to the Mission.

Another *High Priority* food item is meats (bacon, sausage, lunch meats, etc.). These cannot go in the bins

Session Changes Regular Meeting Date

The members of the Session for 2011 decided at their organizational meeting on Jan. 20 to change the date for the "stated meeting" (which means the regularly scheduled, recurring meetings) to the fourth Thursday of each month. The stated meetings had been on the third Thursday of each month, but that presented a conflict for some, so it was voted to move the meeting to the fourth Thursday.

In other annual business, Larry Mayer was re-elected Clerk of Session, and Mike Ruleman was re-elected church Treasurer.

Hebron Annual Meeting Feb. 13

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Hebron Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, immediately following morning worship.

Four items are on the agenda, two of information, and two requiring congregational action.

Information items are distribution of the Annual Report, detailing activities of the Session, Session Committees, and church organizations; and presenting the 2011 church Budget with a time for questions. So that you may be ready for discussion and/or questions about the Budget, copies are available in the vestibules.

The two action items are electing 3 members of the congregation to serve on the Church Nominating Committee for 2011; and acting on proposed changes to the Pastor's Call (a 2% increase in salary is proposed).

Rules of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), of which Hebron is a member, require that the congregation approve any changes to the Pastor's Call. Denominational rules also require that the only action that can be conducted at a meeting must be announced in advance, so that the congregation has time to consider it. Therefore, the congregation can approve or disapprove the 2% proposed change in the call on the 13th. The congregation also has the right to amend the motion, but that would call for another congregational meeting. A motion to amend would actually mean referring the proposal back to the Session, which would then re-work budget figures for the congregation's information, and schedule a later congregational meeting to act on it.

All active members of Hebron Presbyterian Church may speak and vote at the meeting, and are eligible for election to the Church Nominating Committee.

but you can either take the meats individually or let a member of the C/W know and we will deliver them. Place only non-perishables in the bins. Shop for "buy one/get one free," or "get a second one for 50%." Use ads and coupons to help. Thanks for your help with this important mission for the Valley Mission.

Presbyterian Women's News

As the afternoon circles could not meet in December and January, the Bible Moderators have decided to study Lessons 4 and 5 at the Feb. 8 meeting and Lessons 6 and 7 at the March 8 meeting.

In November the Kitchen Committee was approached by several asking if some painting of the walls and possibly the cabinets could be done, and new vinyl be put on the kitchen floor. Large areas on the walls have been scaling with large sections falling off; also there are several dangerous places in the floor that could cause an accident. The cabinets were painted when built (many years ago). The committee was asked if the doors to the cabinet under the island could be fixed so there were easy to open and close. (All cabinet doors and all drawers are to be kept closed when not working in the kitchen.) We had a wonderful representation of the women at the called meeting after worship on Jan. 23. We discussed and shared our thoughts, and it appears that everyone was in agreement that we turn the project over to the Church Property Committee.

On Feb. 8 we will bring "goodies" for a box to be sent to Katie Botkin, our only member in college. Do any of our members have a relative/friend serving our country who would enjoy a box? If so, please contact Joyce Coleman at 885-0997.

Our annual Yard Sale will be held in early April. Watch the bulletin and the March newsletter for more details. Please start collecting any items you may have to donate. All profits will be used for Weekday Religious Education program again this year.

The Men of the Church will entertain in February and the Sisters in Christ Circle will serve the men in March.

Donna Kirtley, Treasurer, reported that the ladies have \$2,349.78 in the treasury.

Please Check For Baking Dishes

A number of years ago when we had the LOGOS program, the Presbyterian Women purchased a large number of baking dishes. Over the years the smaller ones (9" x 9") disappeared and additional ones were purchased. They are now missing.

Several other items in the kitchen are also missing. It would be appreciated if everyone would go through their utensils and dishes to see if you forgot to bring something back.

In cleaning the kitchen recently, we also found a number of things that had been left. Please check to see if anything belongs to you. During Christmas we have collected a lot of things. Please help by getting your things.

Check the room across from the kitchen to see if you have anything in it. Many thanks to all who work hard

February Birthdays And Anniversaries

February birthdays are:

Frank Kirtley	1		
Henley Predmore Shull	1		
Jeff Simmons	1		
D. W. Cash	2		
Tommy Cook	2		
Jessica Rathburn	2		
Martha Sieck	4		
Jon Arneson	5	Moffet Shiflet	16
Guy Smiley	7	Shara Shiflet	18
Walker Breeden	8	Noah Turnage	20
Cory Cline	8	Vicki Drumheller	22
Jennifer Sieck	8	Ryan Shiflet	23
Donna Kirtley	11	Wil Shiflet	23
Glenn Kennedy	12	David Obenschain	24
Ruth Rathburn	12	Philip Sieck	25
Katlyn Botkin	13	Richie Moyer	27
Billy Drumheller	15	Glenn Mader	28



Very special birthday wishes to Moffet Shiflet, who will be 81 on Feb. 16.

Congratulations to Moffet and Shara Shiflet, who will be married 60 years on February 17.

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

PEP Club Will Meet On February 23

The PEP Club (People Enjoying People) will resume their monthly covered-dish luncheons on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be our first meeting of the year, the scheduled Jan. 26 meeting having been canceled because of snow. Please bring a covered dish and join us for a great time of food and fellowship!

PCUSA Moderator To Visit Feb. 11-13

Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will visit Shenandoah Presbytery Feb. 11-13, including a reception and dinner at Massanetta Springs on Friday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m. (\$16.25 per person for dinner; register by Feb. 3 at www.shenpres.org or call the presbytery office at 540-433-2556). After dinner she will share reflections on the state of the church, and some of her experiences as Moderator. She will also attend the Feb. 12 presbytery meeting at Covenant Church in Staunton. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our denomination.

in keeping the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall looking nice. It sure would help if everyone would put back what they get out!

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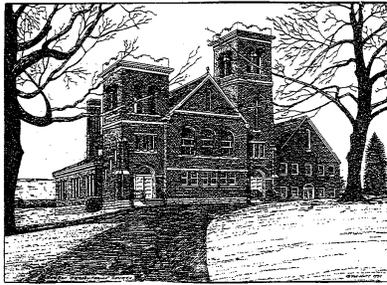
Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

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

Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 P.M.



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Men of the Church Sweetheart Dinner Feb. 12

The Presbyterian Men will host their annual Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. The theme for the evening will be "Love Songs from the Big Band Era."

All men and their spouses or significant others are invited to join us. The cost will be \$10 per person. All unattached women (single, widowed, divorced) are invited to attend as special guests, with the Men of the Church paying the costs for our single women.

If you would like to attend but don't drive at night, or if you otherwise need transportation, please contact one of the Men of the Church, and we'll do our best to get you there.

Dinner will be prepared and served by members of our local "Relay for Life" team, headed by Robin Ruleman and Amanda Lewin. All proceeds from the Sweetheart Dinner will go to benefit Relay for Life.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools,

fairgrounds or parks, and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.

Relay for Life for our area is scheduled for May 13 and 14 at the Beverley Manor Middle School. There will be further announcements regarding the event as the date approaches.

It is important that we know how many people plan to attend the Sweetheart Dinner. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board between the secretary's office and the pastor's office.

If you aren't able to sign up at the church, you can register by telephone through Thursday, Feb. 10. Please call the church office at 885-1648, or Robin Ruleman at 885-6881. If you do not reach anyone, please leave a message at either number.

The Sweetheart Dinner will take the place of the February meeting of the Presbyterian Men. The Men of the Church will resume their regular dinner meetings on March 16, with the Sisters in Christ Circle providing the meal. All Hebron men are invited to attend.