

## The Church Grows When We Grow Individually As Christians

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

An old saying says, "If you want a better pastor, pray for the one you've got." In the same way, if we want a better church, we need to pray for the one we've got.

The way for Hebron to grow as a church is for each of us to grow as Christians. As the Apostle Paul said at 1 Corinthians 12:27, "Now all of you make up the body of Christ, and you are individually members of it."

Each one of us is a part of the body of Christ in the world, which is the Church universal. Each person associated with Hebron, whether officially a member or a regular attendee and participant, is a part of the body of Christ in the place that is Hebron Presbyterian Church. So all of you make up Hebron, and each one of you is an individual part of Hebron.

If there is an injury or infection anywhere in the body, then the entire body is unwell. But if all of the body parts are healthy and functional, then the entire body is strong.

When we grow stronger spiritually as individuals, it helps the overall spiritual strength of Hebron. So the first step in making Hebron a stronger, better church is for each one of us to grow spiritually.

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### 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. The decision on whether to cancel church will be made 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. 2** – *Boy Scout Sunday*; Sunday School Celebration; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 9** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11** – Circles 1 & 2 meet, 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 16** – *Super Bowl of Caring* in Fellowship Hall after worship (see article, back page); Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 23** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 26** – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 27** – Session meets, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 2** – Transfiguration Sunday, the Lord's Supper during worship; Youth Group 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, March** – *Mardi Gras* (Fat Tuesday)

**Wednesday, March 4** – *Ash Wednesday*, first day of Lent

### *No Sweetheart Dinner This Year*

It has been decided will not have a Sweetheart Dinner during February this year, but will have another fellowship event to replace it later in the spring.

Since last fall, it has been the intention of the Session, the Fellowship Committee, the Christian Education Committee and other groups to move away from nighttime meals and events, and to hold them as luncheons following morning worship on Sundays.

For example, the Christmas Fellowship Dinner (previously called the Christmas Sunday School Dinner) used to be held on a Saturday night, but the Christian Education Committee moved it to a Sunday after church last December. As a result, attendance nearly doubled. The last couple of Christmas Fellowship Dinners on Saturday nights drew less than 40 people, while we had almost 80 attend the Christmas Fellowship Luncheon on Dec. 15.

It is believed that more people will choose to stay for an after-church lunch on a Sunday, than will come out at night for a special meal, especially with the number of folks in our congregation who don't want to drive at night, and the possibility of very cold winter nights.

# Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Dec. 19

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 19. Minutes have not yet been approved, but a draft is printed here:

**Present:** Elders James McGavock, Richard Rathburn, Joann Weikert, Robert Christian, Michael Ruleman, Noah Turnage, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Lorrie Dean, Clerk of Session Robin Moyer, and Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche. Excused: Elders Nicola Cahill, David Obenschain and Doug Trimble. Absent: Elders Jon Arneson and Eric Shiflet. Guest: Elder-elect Allen Martin.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and devotions from Deuteronomy 5: 22-27 on the majesty and glory of God.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the November 21 Stated Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: A handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of December 19, 2013, including a Budget vs. Actual Report. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$12,625.02). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$82,610.65.

**Presbytery Matters:** A special meeting was Dec. 17,

## ***Called Session Meeting Jan. 12***

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held a called meeting on Sunday, Jan. 12, to examine officers-elect before their ordination and/or installation during the morning worship service.

**Present:** Elders Doug Trimble, Jon Arneson, Joann Weikert, Robin Moyer, Jim McGavock, Tom Cook, Hannah Bush, Nicola Cahill, Noah Turnage, Mike Ruleman, Richard Rathburn, Moderator Rev. Frank H. Wyche, and Elders-elect Jan Botkin, Allen Martin, and Ross Shull. Excused: Elders David Obenschain, Lorrie Dean, Eric Shiflet, and Robert Christian.

A quorum being present, the Session was called to order by the Moderator at 10:15 a.m.

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer. The purpose of the meeting was to examine the five elders-elect who were present. The elders-elect answered all the questions to be asked during ordination/installation in the affirmative. Session then voted to conclude and approve the examination and to proceed with the ordination and installation of the Class of 2016. Allen Martin and Ross Shull will be ordained as elders; Jan Botkin, Jim McGavock and Joann Weikert, having previously been ordained, will be installed.

Session having acted on the only item of business, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 10:34 a.m.



at which Spring Hill Presbyterian Church was been dismissed to Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians. Details of the meeting are online at:

<http://shenpres.org/meeting-documents/>

### **Committee Reports**

Fellowship/Service (Lorrie Dean and Doug Trimble): No report.

Finance (Robin Moyer, Michael Ruleman): Session passed the budget for 2014. Which had been presented for study at the November meeting.

Personnel (Hannah Bush, Richard Rathburn): No report.

Property (Hannah Bush, Robert Christian, Tom Cook, Jim McGavock, David Obenschain, Doug Trimble, Noah Turnage): An update on the kitchen renovation was presented, as well as a discussion on phasing into LED lighting.

Worship (Joanne Weikert, Hannah Bush): Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service Tues, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Next morning worship communion Jan. 5, 2014 (Epiphany observed). Elder ordination/installation Jan. 12, 2014.

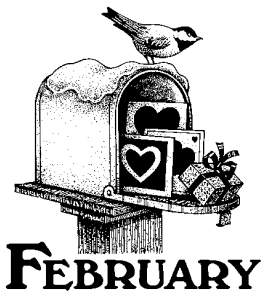
Cemetery (Tom Cook, Noah Turnage): No report.

Christian Ed (Nicola Cahill, Eric Shiflet): Christmas Fellowship Luncheon on Dec. 15 was an outstanding success with about 90 people attending. Banners are in place for candlelight service. Sunday School classes have something planned during worship Dec. 22. Youth visited Hebron Baptist to see *Bethlehem Live*. They were invited to participate in future years.

Commitment/Witness (David Obenschain, Mike Ruleman): Committee discussed where to give money at end of year and Presbytery Benevolent Giving for 2014.

Congregational Ministries (Jon Arneson, Lorrie Dean, Joann Weikert): Please keep church office and Joann (292-4374) informed of any pastoral or emergency needs while Pastor Frank is out of town Dec. 25-Jan. 2. Ramona Bosserman will lead worship Dec. 29.


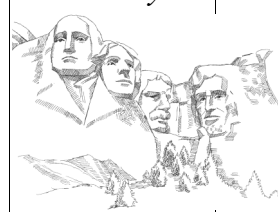
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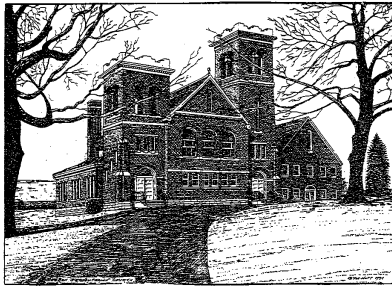
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Ministries available to all ages

Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

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

Bible Study: Wednesday, 10:00 A.M.

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## ***Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon Will Be February 16***

The Hebron Youth Group will host its annual Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, Feb. 16, immediately following morning worship.

Join the Hebron Youth in the Fellowship Hall after church for a lunch of homemade soups and sandwiches. The cost is a contribution (\$5 or more if you can afford it), with proceeds going to the Verona Food Pantry to help feed the poor and needy in Augusta County. You can also pay for lunch by bringing at least \$5 worth of non-perishable food (such as canned soup) to give to the food pantry.

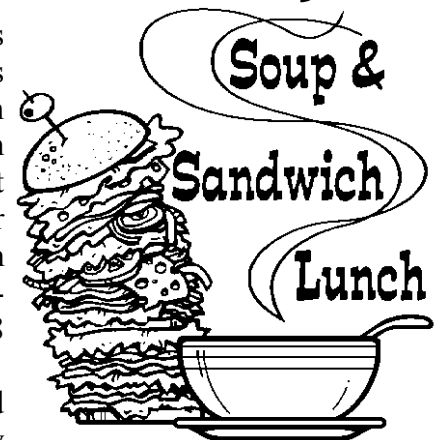
The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national program to raise food and money to help the hungry in the United States. It began at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C., in 1990, when the pastor, the Rev. Brad Smith, said in prayer on the day of the famous football game, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

Twenty-two churches raised \$5,700 in the first year.

Since then, churches and youth groups across the nation have raised more than \$90 million to fight hunger. In 2012, for example, more than 10,000 groups collected more than \$9.8 million.

All money raised for Souper Sunday goes directly to local charities. The national organization only asks that local groups report how much they collected, so they can announce the total contributed each year.

Just as all money is given locally, the day of the event is up to local groups. Many, such as Hebron, do not



**Souper Bowl of Caring  
Feb. 16 After Worship**