

Happy New Year!

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and prosperous 2018!

Our genuine happiness, and our true prosperity, depend upon our relationship with God through faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Unfortunately, too many Americans in churches don't seem to believe that. We know we ought to believe that, and so we say we believe that, but our everyday lives give us away.

Too many of us seek our happiness through self-gratification, pursuing our personal wants and desires instead of what offers authentic and lasting happiness. Just as too many Americans are overweight (including me), too many of us follow an unhealthy "religious diet," skipping beneficial prayer, Bible study and church attendance, and filling up on the "empty calories" of consuming what passes for happiness in our culture and society. We look for immediate gratification and instant satisfaction based on what we want.

In the same way that we pursue happiness that will not last, we pursue personal prosperity in terms of material possessions and wealth as the world and our culture define them. We want to have money, status, and control over all the aspects of our lives, instead of having what is beyond earthly value: God in our lives, and present with us whenever we face problems.

Award-winning journalist Linda Ellerbee (who finally retired 2 years ago at age 71) semi-retired in 1992 after being diagnosed with breast cancer and having a double mastectomy. In drastically cutting back on her work schedule after years of prominent exposure on various NBC News programs, Ellerbee said she needed

January Birthdays

January birthdays are:

Martha Moore	1		Nancy K. Cook	25
Tara Ratliff	1		Linda Hickey	28
John Bratton	4		Bill Sellers	29
Sara Elizabeth Carpenter	7		Hannah Bush	30
Stephen Knight	9		Matthew Hickey	31
Gary P. Hickman	10			
Megan Riley	16			
David Moore	18			
Guy Wright	19			
Steve Carpenter	22			
E. Anne Willard	23			
Randy Moyer	23			

to concentrate on her health, because "I never heard of anyone on their death bed saying, 'Gee, I sure wish I had spent more time at the office.'" Faced with losing her life, she recognized that genuine happiness and true prosperity are not found in worldly accomplishments.

God calls us to be God's own people. Too often, we do not act like it. Christians are called to be loving, but we too often condemn or ignore others; we are called to be forgiving, but we too often hold grudges; we are called to be joyful, but we are too often angry and unhappy. May we all do better, and be better, through Jesus, who forgives and renews us.

As with any year, 2017 brought pain, grief, and loss, as well as joys and blessings. Whatever your joys or your pains, be thankful God is with you! *Pastor Frank*

If Weather Cancels Church, Check Channel 3 or Call the Church Office

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 to cancel church will be made by 9:00 a.m., so check after 9 o'clock to be sure.

In any case please use your common sense when we have

severe winter weather, even if you don't see an announcement on Channel 3!

Above all, be safe!

If your own walkway or driveway, street or road, is hazardous, please do not take any foolish or unnecessary risks.



Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Nov. 16

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Dec. 21 Session meeting and are printed here:

Present: Elders Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck, Anita Tuttle, Robert Christian, Lori Malcolm, Mike Ruleman, Hannah Bush, Allen Martin, Tracy Mayer, Brenda Smiley, Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche, and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer. **Excused:** Elder Nancy K. Cook. **Absent:** Elders Scott Martin and David Obenschain.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and devotions from Psalm 19:1-4.

Clerk's Report: Mike Fallin made a motion to approve minutes from the stated meeting in October. Motion was seconded and approved.

Presbytery Report: The next meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery will be Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 9:30 a.m. at Third Presbyterian Church in Staunton, with Mike Fallin our elder commissioner.

Treasurer's Report: A handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of November 16, 2017. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$44,867.63). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$97,008.69.

Old Business: Martha Sieck emailed to all current elders and elders-elect additional information/resources from the Presbytery's Highland-Augusta Mission Community Elder Summit/Book of Order Training session.

Committee Reports

Personnel (Mike Fallin, David Obenschain): Hannah Bush said may be looking for an organist soon when Carolyn Wallace leaves.

Property (Hannah Bush, Robert Christian, Allen Martin, Anita Tuttle): No report.

Stewardship/Finance: (Hannah Bush, Allen Martin, Mike Ruleman): Treasurer presented a Proposed Budget for 2018, asking for recommendations for salary increases for pastor and choir director. After discussion on 2018 Presbytery Asking, members were asked to review email previously forwarded to members for the next meeting.

Worship (Nancy K. Cook, David Obenschain, Tracy Mayer): Choir practice will move from Wednesday nights to Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning Nov. 26. Hebron will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The next Communion at worship will be Nov. 26, Christ the King Sunday. The Sanctuary will be decorated for Advent on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 5:30pm. A Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service will be held Sunday, Dec. 24, at 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery (Anita Tuttle): No report.



Christian Ed (Scott Martin, Mike Ruleman): Christmas Fellowship Luncheon will be Sunday, Dec. 10, following morning worship. Committee recommended for the treasurer to purchase *The Action Bible Christmas Story* pamphlets and distribute them with labels with Hebron's information on them to Valley Mission, Salvation Army, etc. Motion was approved.

Commitment/Witness: (Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck): Minutes of the Nov. 12 meeting were emailed to Session members. Hebron filled 28 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and delivered them to the area collection center. Children's Thanksgiving Offering and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance collections are ongoing. Christmas Joy Offering will be received beginning Sunday, Dec. 17. Committee recommended sending a letter of compassion and support to First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX. The request was seconded and approved.

Congregational Ministries (Lori Malcolm, Martha Sieck): Contacts and visits are ongoing. Presbytery Women's Evening of Comfort and Joy with meal and silent auction will be Tuesday, Dec. 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship/Service: (Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Scott Martin, Tracy Mayer, Anita Tuttle): Preparations are being made to host the reception following the Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 22.

Pastor's Report: Between now and New Year's is the busiest time of the year for Pastor Frank, preparing special worship services and worship bulletins for Thanksgiving, Christ the King Sunday, four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve, and newsletters for December and January, as well as routine responsibilities. Because of the busy-ness of this time of year and reduced attendance, there will be no Bible Study during December, but will resume in January with a new topic of the group's choice. Pastor has also been away from the office more than usual because of Elaine's broken ankle which is much better. The December newsletter will be

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Sunday School 9:55 A.M./Worship 11 A.M.

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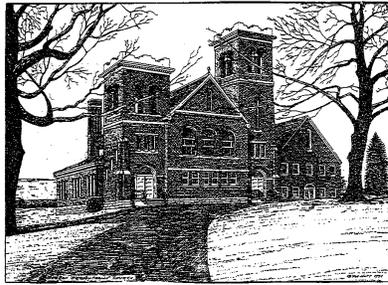
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Ministries available to all ages

Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

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

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Annual Meeting of the Congregation Will Be February 4

The Session scheduled the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Hebron Presbyterian Church to be held on Sunday, Feb. 4, immediately following morning worship.

Three items of business will be on the agenda for this meeting:

The Session will present the written Annual Report booklet. Our denomination requires that the Session deliver to the congregation an annual report of the activities of the church in the past year.

The Session will present to the congregation the Operating Budget for 2018, which Session adopted at its meeting of Dec. 21, 2017. The congregation does not vote on the budget, but the Session is required to present it to the congregation for review and to answer any questions. Copies of the budget will be available before the Feb. 4 meeting, and if anyone has any question about the budget, they may contact any member of the Session, including Church Treasurer Mike Ruleman.

The congregation must review the terms of call of the pastor, which is also an annual requirement of our denomination. This year, since there was no recommenda-

tion from the Presbytery, the Stewardship/Finance Committee recommended a 1% increase in the pastor's salary in the budget, and asked the full Session to review that recommendation. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend a 3% increase in the pastor's salary, with other compensation (professional expenses, travel, continuing education, etc.) to remain the same.

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available for pickup on Sunday Nov. 26.

New Business: New Elder Training dates will be chosen in consultation with the elders-elect so that they can be examined at the December Session meeting and ordained/installed during worship on Jan. 14, 2018.

Commitment/Witness Committee made a request to use \$99 of the Community Assistance Fund to help a church member with immediate needs. Request was approved.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled December 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.