

## Responding to West Virginia Flooding

*By Rick Jones ~ Presbyterian News Service*

The floodwaters are receding in West Virginia and families have begun the massive task of cleaning up following record flooding in parts of the state. As many as 24 people are known to have died in the flooding, while hundreds of homes and businesses have been damaged or completely destroyed.

After offering assistance, Rick Turner, associate for Disaster Response with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, was contacted by state Presbyterian leaders.

"I began assembling a team to respond and then I heard the situation was far worse and was asked to send as many National Response Team (NRT) members as I could," he said. "I then changed from one team to two teams of three people. I also needed to have some NRT members standing by in case more are needed."

The first team is headed by NRT member Liz Branch. She and other members spent Monday in White Sulphur Springs along the Greenbrier River, one of the hardest hit communities.

### *How To Help West Virginia*

Hebron will receive donations to help victims of flooding in West Virginia by receiving donations for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program. You can give to Hebron with the notation "P.D.A." or "West Virginia" or "Flood Relief" on your check or contribution. PDA works with local churches and non-profit agencies to give money and support where it is most needed and will be most effective.

The most important thing we can do is to pray. Barbara Chalfant, niece of Nancy Cline and the Associate for Mission with the Presbytery of West Virginia, said, "Pray for the survivors, for the families of those who lost loved ones, for those who lost every possession they had, for those who are serving in emergency services, who are doing the hard work of recovering bodies, and clearing homes. Pray for those who are giving comfort, preparing meals, packing and unpacking supplies, organizing volunteers, Working to make a massive system of distribution appear where there was none just 4 days ago. Pray for those who are tired, overwhelmed and in deep need of hope."



"There are cars submerged in the river and an entire sandbar of rock has been swept downstream. Houses are in various stages of mucking out. Most houses remain while at least one has been moved off of its foundation," said Branch. "The National Guard is clearing out debris and various volunteer organizations are in town including FEMA and the Red Cross. They are in the early stages of trying to bring some normalcy back to the town."

White Sulphur Springs drew national attention after video showed a burning home drifting downstream in the floodwaters. Branch describes the community now as very muddy adding that the threat of severe weather on Monday increased everyone's anxiety levels again but the storms didn't materialize.

"We've talked with a number of residents in the area. If they didn't have a lot and lost everything, they're toughing it out and going on saying they're thankful to be alive," said Branch. "The people who only saw a foot or two of water recognize that other people have had it worse. That's their response."

Branch said her team spent most of the day with emotional and spiritual care providers walking the neighborhoods and listening to people. Later, the team moved on to Alderson, about 15 miles from White Sulphur Springs, also along the Greenbrier River.

"We will continue to walk along the streets and talk with those sitting on their porches, and point them to services that are available," said Branch. "Emergency teams are providing tetanus shots, distributing clothes, and serving food to those who need them. We're trying to be a communication link for people who are home and trying to clean up."

# Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held May 26

*The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, May 26. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the June 23 Session meeting and are printed here:*

**Present:** Elders Jan Kitts, Jim McGavock, Joann Weikert, Mike Fallin, David Obenschain, Martha Sieck, Robert Christian, Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche, and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer, **Excused:** Elders Scott Martin, Mike Ruleman. **Absent:** Elders Allen Martin, Ross Shull, and Anita Tuttle. A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and devotions from John 14: 15-17.

**Clerk's Report:** Session approved minutes of the Stated Meeting of April 28, 2016. Session approved a request from Jan Kitts for use of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen for a bridal shower for Katie Howard on March 26, 2017.

**Treasurer's Report:** Handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of May 26, 2016. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$30,537.75). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$141,739.01.

**Presbytery Matters:** David Obenschain reported on the Shenandoah Presbytery that met on Tuesday, May 10, at 9:30 a.m. at Front Royal Presbyterian Church. A summary of the meeting is online at <http://shenpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/May2016Summary.pdf>. The next stated meeting of the presbytery will be Saturday, Aug. 13, at Shepherdstown, WV.

## Committee Reports

**Worship** (Nancy K. Cook, Jan Kitts, David Obenschain, Joann Weikert): Last Communion at worship was May 22, Trinity Sunday; the next communion will be Quarterly Communion on July 24. Summer worship hours begin June 5.

**Cemetery** (Jan Kitts, Anita Tuttle): Cemetery has been mowed. Larry Mayer finalized the contract with the grave digger. Fence along road and field will cost approximately \$6,600 to replace with iron fencing.

**Christian Ed** (Scott Martin, Jim McGavock, Mike Ruleman): Summer Sunday School hours begin June 5. Vacation Bible School will be June 12-16, from 6:00 until 8:00 nightly. A Church Picnic will be held Sunday, June 12, at 4:30 p.m. as a kickoff to VBS. Everyone is invited to attend, and to stay and participate in or observe Bible School.

**Commitment/Witness** (Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck): The minutes of the committee meeting were emailed to Session members. Pentecost Offering was received beginning May 15.



**Weikert):** Committee is working on a phone ministry.

**Fellowship/Service:** (Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Scott Martin): A Church picnic will be held Sunday, June 12, at 4:30 p.m. as a kickoff to VBS, with the Fellowship/Service Committee working with the Christian Education Committee in conducting the event. Lemonade on the Lawn begins June 5 after worship.

**Personnel** (Mike Fallin, David Obenschain): No report.

**Property** (Robert Christian, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Noah Turnage, Anita Tuttle): Tim Malcolm and Fred Smiley installed shelving beneath registry in vestibules for large-print hymnals being damaged by heat registers. B&S has been contracted to do paving and sealing around church and Manse. A condensate pump has been installed under the Session room and another pump will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. The Sunday School building roof will need to be replaced in a few years. A high rise faucet will be installed in one of the restrooms. The main hot water heater has been shut off and a new instant hot water dispenser has been installed.

**Stewardship/Finance:** (Allen Martin, Mike Ruleman, Ross Shull, Martha Sieck): No report.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor is working on the June newsletter to be available for pickup at church on May 29. A new round of home communion for homebound and shut-ins will begin next week. Bible Study continues on Friday mornings on Paul's letter to the Romans. Hebron was used as a location for filming part of a documentary for BBC television on Scotland and the South and the important role of "Scots-Irish" or "Ulster Scots" in the Shenandoah Valley.

Next Stated Session Meeting will be Thursday, June 23, 7:00 p.m. The blessings and prayer concerns of the congregation, friends, and relatives were shared by Session for corporate and individual prayer. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator at 8:06 p.m.



# July 2016

## Hebron Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 9 A.M./Worship 10 A.M.

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<p>10 Christian Education Committee Meets, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Congregational Ministries 6:30</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Bible Study on Romans, 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p>																																																																																																	
<p>17</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Summer Hours June-August</b>            Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.            Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.            Lemonade on the Lawn After Worship</p> </div>			<p>21</p>	<p>22 Bible Study on Romans, 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>23</p>																																																																																																	
<p>24 Lord's Supper at Worship for Quarterly Communion</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 PEP Club, 1 p.m. Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>																																																																																																	
<p>31</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Children's Church Leaders            3: Tracy Mayer            10: Donna Moyer            17: Hebron Youth Group            24: Julia &amp; Scott Martin            31: Robin Ruleman</p> </div>			<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <table border="1" style="font-size: small;"> <thead> <tr><th colspan="7">June 2016</th></tr> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="font-size: small;"> <thead> <tr><th colspan="7">August 2016</th></tr> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> </div>		June 2016							S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			August 2016							S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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# HEBRON HERALD

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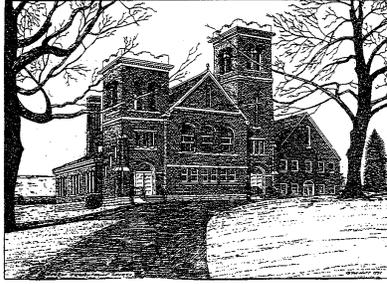
Rev. Frank H. Wyche, Pastor  
Ministries available to all ages

Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

Adult Bible Study: Friday morning, 10 A.M.



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## *Birthdays And Anniversaries During July*

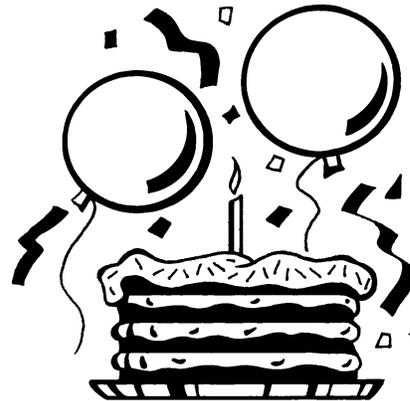
July birthdays are:

Hope Hickman	1	Penny Wood	18
Cathy Wright	2	David Hickey	21
Wesley Bentley	5	Ted Mader	21
Roger Wright	9	Alisa Ratliff	23
Cindy Glover	10	Karen Wood Highlander	25
Joyce Shultz	11	Gail Mayer	26
Larry Mayer	12	Theresa Smith	27
Maryanna Turnage	12	Fred Smiley	28
Mark Buchanan	14	Jan Kitts	30
Reba Edwards	16	Katie Bratton	30
		Susan Piche	30

### *PEP Club Will Meet July 27*

The PEP Club (People Enjoying People) will meet on Wednesday, July 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to prepare a dish or two and join us for this time of food and fellowship!



**Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!**

Very special birthday wishes to Reba Edwards, who will be 86 on July 16.

**Congratulations** to Junior and Kathleen Gilmer, who will be married 64 years on July 5.

Reminder: If you have been omitted from our birthday list, or if you know of someone who should be included, please call the church at 885-1648 with the information, as we don't want to miss anyone.