

God Is Present in Our Most Difficult Times

By Rev. Frank Wyche

Several people in the congregation have been overheard saying, "We could sure use some good news!"

We recently suffered three deaths in fairly rapid succession, losing members Raymond Shull and Curtis Wood, and non-member Philip Carter Sr. who was on our prayer list. Each in their own way, all three deaths were shocking, sudden, and sad.

Then, on May 20, just two days after Curtis's funeral, the Oklahoma City suburb of Moore, OK, was hit with one of the strongest tornadoes on record – a monster storm a mile-and-a-quarter wide with winds over 200 miles per hour that stayed on the ground for almost 50 minutes, going across some 17 miles, killing more than two dozen, and injuring more than 200.

It is so easy to become overwhelmed and despondent when we consider how much recent deaths have grieved members of Hebron, as well as being shocked and saddened about such recent national tragedies as the bombing at the Boston Marathon and the devastating tornado in Oklahoma.

When such tragedies occur – whether in our church and community, or national violence, or natural disaster – we need to go to the Bible to find God's word of comfort and concern to all who feel overwhelmed.

Psalm 38:14 assures us, "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit." Similarly,

Summer Hours Begin June 2

Beginning Sunday, June 2, Hebron Presbyterian Church will follow our traditional summer worship schedule. Changes for the summer schedule are:

Morning worship is at 10:00 a.m., not 11:00.

Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m., not 9:55.

Youth Group will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday evening Bible Study will not be held during the summer, but will resume in the fall.



Sunday, June 2 – Summer Hours Begin; *Youth Sunday*; Congregation Appreciation Luncheon after worship; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 9 – *10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 16 – *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*; VBS Begins, nightly 6:00-8:00 p.m.; No Youth Group

Monday, June 17 – VBS, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18 – VBS, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19 – VBS, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 20 – VBS, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 23 – *12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.; Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, June 30 – *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Jesus assures us of his presence in Matthew 28:20b, "I am with you always, to the close of the age."

It is important to remember that God did not promise us that tragedy and trouble would never come our way in this life, but God did promise always to be with us, no matter what our problems are.

In Jesus Christ, by the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit, and in the love of God the Father, God is *always* with us, and especially near when we need God the most.

Sometimes, when we are overwhelmed, the problem is not that God is not present, but that we have not taken the time call on God for God's comfort, strength and support.

We should remind ourselves of such Bible passages as Psalm 145:18a, "The LORD is near to all who call upon him," or the promise of Jesus at John 6:37b, "Whoever comes to me, I will not cast out."

God is faithful, and God keeps God's promises. So

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Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held April 25

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, April 25. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the May 23 Session meeting and are printed here:

Present: Jon Arneson, Tom Cook, Nicola Cahill, Robert Christian, Jim McGavock, Richard Rathburn, David Obenschain, Noah Turnage, Lorrie Dean, Hannah Bush, Treasurer Mike Ruleman, Doug Trimble, Joann Weikert, Moderator: Frank Wyche. Excused: Clerk Robin Moyer. In the absence of the clerk, Joann Weikert volunteered to serve as recording secretary. Absent: Eric Shiflet.

A quorum being present, the moderator opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes from the stated meeting of March 28, 2013. Session approved removal of Raymond Shull from the Church Roll following his death. Session approved wedding requests from Astleigh Hobbs and Peter Hill for Saturday, October 5, 2013 (David Obenschain to be elder contact); and from Jody Young and Charlie Rimel for December 21, 2013 (Noah Turnage to be elder contact).

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mike Ruleman presented a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of April 25, 2013, including a Budget vs. Actual Report. The General Fund continues in the red at (-15,300.17). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$44,286.83.

Presbytery Report: David Obenschain volunteered to be the Elder Commissioner to the May 14 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery at Massanutten Church in Penn Laird, VA.

Committee Reports

Finance (Robin Moyer, Mike Ruleman): Session approved a Capital Improvement Fund Projects Repayment Plan, to pay for the recent electrical system upgrade, and Sanctuary plaster repair. The plan will reimburse the Capital Improvement Fund by the end of 2014, using contributions from various other church accounts.

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

Property (Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Jim McGavock, David Obenschain, Doug Trimble, Noah Turnage): Spring clean-up workday set for Saturday, May 18, 2013, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Worship (Joann Weikert, Hannah Bush): Summer hours begin June 2, 2013, with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., and Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Cemetery (Tom Cook, Noah Turnage): The committee received two requests to give cemetery plots back to the church. The committee arranged for the removal of



a downed tree in the cemetery. The committee had a gate installed in the upper portion of the new cemetery.

Commitment/Witness (David Obenschain, Mike Ruleman): Minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all Session members

Christian Ed (Nicola Cahill, Eric Shiflet): Application deadline for Hebron Youth Scholarship is May 15; the amount of the scholarship is \$1,000, to be awarded August 4. Youth Sunday is scheduled for June 2, 2013. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 16-20. The curriculum, *Kingdom Rock*, is from Group Publishing. Volunteers are still needed for decorations and for Bible lessons for VBS.

Congregational Ministries (Jon Arneson, Lorrie Dean, Joann Weikert): Discussed forming "visitor packets" for giving to our visitors. We continue to work with Pastor Frank on home communions, and visiting shut-ins. We are still working on updating the church directory.

Fellowship/Service (Lorrie Dean, Doug Trimble): Lemonade on the Lawn will begin June 9, running through August 25. The one-week delay is due to the Congregation Appreciation Luncheon the Hebron Youth Group will host on June 2, a part of Youth Sunday activities.

Pastor's Report: Home Communion has been delayed because of more immediate pastoral concerns for several members of our church, reduced time during a "vacation" week, plus publication of the Annual Report and newsletters. He continues to serve as moderator of the Craigsville church at the request of Shenandoah Presbytery while they are without a pastor.

The next stated meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2013, at 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 7:58 p.m.



Ratliff, Simmons Graduate This Year

Congratulations to Tara Ratliff and LeAnne Simmons and their families! Tara and LeAnne will graduate from Buffalo Gap High School this year. Commencement ceremonies will be held Saturday, June 8, at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg.

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when we read these promises and assurances in God's word in the Bible, we know they can be trusted, and they are completely reliable.

Sometimes, we can be overwhelmed even without an outside event, such as someone's death or illness, or a national or international disaster. Sometimes, simple worry and anxiety can become overwhelming. In times like that, we can turn to the words of Jesus at Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

After all, if we believe in God, we should also believe in God's promises.

Pastor Frank



Commitment/Witness Mission Report

The Commitment/Witness Committee met May 13. An update of their activities follows.

SACRA – \$655 was given by the congregation for the Feinstein Grant; \$1,000 was sent from church benevolence for the Feinstein Grant.

Scouting – David Obenschain reported that he is working on getting materials for the new sign for the Scout Hut. He plans to check with Eric Boody at the Organ Builders to assist with the design, and with Jim McGavock about metal to go around the sign. He is also still working on connecting Scouts to a Rebuilding project.

Meal In a Bag Program for Beverley Manor Elementary School – David will be the anchor person on our committee. Little Debbie Outlet in Stuarts Draft will provide some product one time each year if they have a letter from us. We decided to wait until the next school year to do that request. Also we can get a tax exemption from Sharp Shopper in Waynesboro. The last day to deliver bags this school year is Thursday, June 6; we will consider doing a Minute for Mission next year when it resumes. VBS plans to have this as the special project for collecting food items or money.

Haiti Clinic Project – Contact sent to Keith Hare (Mark's brother) about the project and the information Keith had included for their vision for solar panels to further provide power for the clinic, and we are awaiting a reply. Keith did not ask for funds, but we discussed inquiring as to what solar panels would cost, etc., with the possibility of providing some assistance to their needs.

Pentecost Offering – Envelopes and bulletin inserts were included in Sunday morning worship bulletins on May 12 and 19. The Central Shenandoah Office on Youth will receive the local 40% of this offering. Pentecost Offering as of May 19 was \$330.

Other Offerings – The total received from Hebron members for One Great Hour of Sharing was \$785. The Beverley Manor Relay for Life Team's fund-raising luncheon on May 5 netted \$1,113.31 for the fight against cancer. Thanks to Robin Ruleman and the team for a delicious meal!

New Business – The committee received a request Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Emergency Clean-up Buckets to be used when PDA responds natural disasters. We could collect items to fill clean-up kits, or we could donate \$56 for one bucket (plus \$3 per bucket for processing/shipping).

The next meeting of the committee will be on Monday, June 10, at 6:15 p.m.

Anyone interested in helping with church's mission or benevolence work is invited to attend.



June 2012

Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																																	
Greeters for June: 3 – John & Peggy Puffenbarger, and Junior & Kathleen Gilmer 10 – Bill & Elva Tuttle, and Donna Kirtley & Jan Botkin 17 – Paul, Carol, Sean, Tara and Alisa Ratliff 24 – Doris Smith & Mildred Brown, Nancy Durham & Nan Brown July 1 – Eugene Underwood & Andrew Wyche, and Richard, Kim, Isabel, Andrew and Jessica Rathburn			Junior Church Volunteers: 1st Sunday – Lorrie Dean 2nd Sunday – Carol Ratliff 3rd Sunday – Linda Brown 4th Sunday – Louise McGavock Ushers for June: Hebron Youth		1	2																																																	
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Presbyterian Women's News

The last Circle meeting for the year 2012-2013 was held May 14th. Nan Brown opened the meeting with devotions.

The sick were remembered; the Least Coin and regular offerings were received.

Hilda Dundas thanked the ladies for their continued support of the work of the women again this past year. She admitted that she and Joyce Coleman had not tried to get new officers and/or committee chairmen for the coming year because the ladies in office have continued to do a wonderful job. She asked those in attendance, who have so faithfully attended the Circle meetings, if they felt we should continue. It is hoped those interested in continuing will advise Joyce or Hilda. A decision will need to be made by July 1 in order that the Bible Study books may be ordered. In 2013-2014 the Bible Study will be on migration, based on Exodus and Deuteronomy.

Nan led us in an interesting and informative discussion of our Bible Study, "Brothers and Sisters in Harmony." The key ideal: "In God's household, sisters and brothers in Christ must embrace one another in truth and love in order to overcome the pressures of living in a hostile world."

This year's Bible Study was on the community as it is understood through the General Epistles of Peter, John and Jude. It has been very enlightening and inspirational thanks to our Bible teachers Nan Brown, Jean Miller, Patsy Shull and Pastor Frank.

With balloons, beautiful flowers, candles, and delicious food, we celebrated the Presbyterian Women's birthday. Martha Sieck explained that the offering will help fund the work of Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. This project serves the Near Eastside of Indianapolis, where 34 percent of families have incomes below the poverty level. The offering will allow Westminster to expand its educational services to adults and children in the community.

How To Help Moore, Oklahoma

Many people are wondering how to help Moore, OK, the Oklahoma City suburb that was devastated by an extremely powerful tornado on Monday, May 20.

As a Christian, the most important thing we can do is to pray, asking God's intercession, comfort and blessing upon the community and all its residents.

To make a specific, tangible donation to help, the best thing to do right now is to contribute money to a church (such as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) or charity (such as the Red Cross) working in the area. Sending food or clothing at this time would not be helpful.

June Birthdays And Anniversaries

June birthdays are:

Jeremy Martin	3	 & Birthdays Anniversaries
Amy Kirtley	5	
Lacey Moyer	5	
Robin Ruleman	5	
Jeanette Bentley	6	
Duane Dean	7	
Donna Hewitt	7	
Jack Kirtley	13	
JoAnn Waller	13	
Junior Gilmer	14	
Simon Willard	14	
Tara Cahill	15	
Eric Shiflet	16	
Brodie Cash	18	
Steve Wiseman	19	
LeAnne Simmons	22	
Scott Agnor	23	
Nikki Griffin	23	
Peggy Puffenberger	24	
Dayna Reish	25	
Raymond Cline	28	
Mildred Brown	29	

Very special happy birthday wishes to: Junior Gilmer, who will be 86 on June 14; Raymond Cline, who will be 88 on June 28; and to Mildred Brown who will be 85 on June 29.

Congratulations to Raymond and Nancy Cline, who will be married 67 years on June 2; Guy and Virginia Smiley, who will be married 58 years on June 17; Jon and Meredith Arneson, who will be married 52 years on June 17; Herman and Nancy Knight will be married 56 years on June 22; and Billy and Millie Ruleman, who will be married 53 years on June 24.

If you know of someone who should be included, please call the church at 885-1648, as we do not want to leave anyone out.

Relay For Life Raises \$1,113

Many thanks to all who helped in any way with the Beverley Manor Relay for Life Team's luncheon on May 5.

The event made a total profit of \$1,113.31 for the fight against cancer.

Thanks to the Beverley Manor Relay for Life Team for conducting the event, and to everyone at Hebron who helped, attended, or contributed!

PEP Club Will Meet June 26

The PEP Club will meet on Wednesday, June 26. The location and program will be decided at the group's May 29 meeting.

Thanks
for your participation

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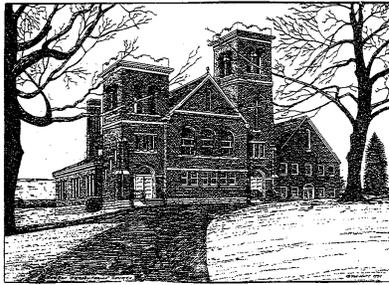
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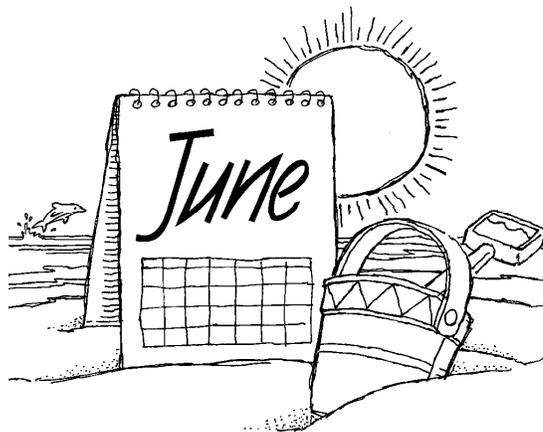
Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

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

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Vacation Bible School Will Be Held June 16-20

Hebron Presbyterian Church's 2012 Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held Sunday-Thursday, June 16-20, from 6:00 until 8:00 nightly.

VBS is open to all children from age 3, through those who will be in the 5th grade next school year.

This year's theme will be "Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God!" This is a five-session contemporary VBS curriculum that will focus on, and rein-

force, a new Bible verse each night on how to stand firm in the Lord.

Nicola Cahill is the VBS director. Please contact her for more information, or if you would like to help with VBS.

Lemonade On The Lawn Will Begin On June 9

Lemonade on the Lawn, Hebron's popular summertime fellowship event following Sunday morning worship, will begin on June 9 this year.

Ordinarily Lemonade on the Lawn would begin on the first Sunday of June, but this year the first Sunday will be June 2, which will be Youth Sunday, and morning worship will be followed by a Congregation Appreciation Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. This will not be a covered-dish meal, as lunch will be prepared and

provided by the Youth Group as thanks to the congregation, and everyone is invited to attend.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. This year, in the event that no one has signed up to provide refreshments, Lemonade on the Lawn will not be held on that Sunday, so please help out by signing up.

