

Lent, Season of Preparation for Easter, Begins March 9

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Lent, the season of preparation for Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9. Lent is the 40 days before Easter. Easter will be April 24 this year.

Lent is like Advent, in that both are a period of several weeks during which Christians spiritually prepare for observance of a major Christian holiday. Just as Advent is the weeks and days following the four Sundays before Christmas, Lent is the last 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter.



LENT BEGINS

We are not really called to do anything differently from any other day, because what Lent and Advent really are, are reminders of how God calls us to live all the time. The purpose of observing Lent and Advent is simply to make us focus on living the Christian life. We use the occasions to make ourselves focus, because everyday life is so filled with busy-ness and distractions that we too often neglect our spiritual obligations to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as

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.



MARCH

Sunday, March 6 – *Transfiguration Sunday*; celebration of the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, March 8 – Circles 1 & 2, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9 – *Ash Wednesday*, first day of Lent (40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays)

Saturday, March 12 – Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet and Cake Sale, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 13 – *Daylight Saving Time* begins, 2:00 a.m. (spring forward, fall back); *First Sunday of Lent*

Wednesday, March 16 – Men's Supper, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20 – *Second Sunday of Lent*

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

Sunday, March 27 – *Third Sunday of Lent*

Wednesday, March 30 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

ourselves. Observing Lent or Advent simply means re-focusing and re-committing to the Christian life before we observe the two most important Christian holidays: Easter and Christmas.

Counting back 40 days from Easter (not counting any Sundays) always ends up on a Wednesday. The day is called Ash Wednesday because of the biblical tradition (which is also found in many other cultures) or marking sadness (grief after someone's death, or repentance and sadness before God because of sin) by pouring ashes on one's head.

The reason Sundays are not part of Lent is because any Sunday is the Christian sabbath, and should already be a day already dedicated to God and holiness.

Some people "give up something for Lent." This is a practice in which we deny ourselves a simple pleasure (soft drinks, chewing gum, eating out, going to the movies, etc.) and take the money we would have spent on that activity, and give it to God instead, by making extra contributions to church or charity.

The important thing is to bring our hearts more in line with God's will and Christ's teachings. We are called to love God above all else, and Lent is a time to emphasize that.

Pastor Frank

Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Jan. 20

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 20. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Feb. 24 Session meeting and are printed here:

Present: Elders Lorrie Dean, Theresa Moore, Robin Moyer, Hannah Bush, Martha Sieck, Tom Cook, Frank Henderson, James McGavock, David Obenschain, Eric Shiflet, Richard Rathburn, Joann Weikert, Clerk of Session Alan Mayer; Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche; Treasurer Michael Ruleman. Excused: Elders Lora Turnage, Jan Botkin

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer. The Moderator presented a devotional using verses from 1 Corinthians, which tells us that individually we have different spiritual gifts but collectively we have all we need. We are each called to help, but no one has to do it all.

Annual Business: Members updated the elder contact list with phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. Alan L. Mayer was elected Clerk of Session for 2011. K. Michael Ruleman was elected Treasurer for 2011. The Moderator received committee preferences from all members. Assignments will be made using this input. Session decided to have stated meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month in 2011. The time will remain at 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Congregational Meeting was set for Sunday, Feb. 13, following worship. The agenda items for the meeting are: distribution of the annual report; present 2011 budget; election of 3 congregational members to the 2011 Nominating Committee; and act on the proposed changes to the Pastor's Call.

Clerk's Report: Session approved the minutes of the Dec. 19, 2010, Stated Session Meeting as presented. Session approved the minutes of the Jan. 9, 2011, Called Meeting as amended. Session approved the 2011 Statistical Report for the clerk to submit. The Clerk reminded all committees to get their 2010 reports in to the office as soon as possible for inclusion in the Annual Report to the congregation.

The Clerk presented the results of the review of the church rolls conducted by a committee of three church members. The report recommended 12 members as candidates to be moved from the Active roll to the Inactive roll. Session approved the recommendation. Letters from the Pastor will be sent to each of the 12 explaining the action.

Financial Review: Elder Hannah Bush presented a written report of her review of the church financial records for 2008. The financial record-keeping was found to be in good order and reconciled to the bank statements. Session approved the report and agreed that



Hannah should now proceed with a review of the 2009 financial records.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michael Ruleman distributed a report of fund balances as of January 20, 2011, and a report of receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. For the period, General Fund income exceeded expenses by \$2,301.62. The report was approved by Session.

Presbytery Meeting: Joann Weikert was elected to be Elder-Commissioner for the Feb. 12 Presbytery Meeting to be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton.

Committee Reports

Christian Education: Confirmation class has begun with six young people participating. Hebron Youth is going well, averaging 14 participants at the weekly meetings.

Commitment/Witness: Martha Sieck distributed a written report of the Jan. 17 committee meeting highlighting ongoing committee activities. Of special note was the benevolent giving totaling \$26,239.40 for 2010, exceeding our budgeted amount of \$20,000.00.

Congregational Ministries: No report.

Fellowship/Service: No report.

Personnel: No report.

Property: Brass light fixtures have been installed over the two front doors. Approved maintenance projects are ongoing.

Stewardship/Finance: No report.

Worship: The new Minister of Music, Ben Heizer, began working Jan. 1. A Handbell Choir will be starting soon.

Cemetery: No report.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor expects to be out of the office much of Jan. 21 due to his son's oral surgery. The Pastor has begun teaching the Confirmation Class during Sunday School hour with 6 youths attending. The Pastor continues to serve as moderator of the Buffalo Gap and Craigsville churches at the request of

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Minutes of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation of Hebron Presbyterian Church was held Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, immediately following the morning worship.

The Rev. Frank Wyche, Moderator, called the annual congregational meeting to order at 12 noon. The meeting was opened with prayer by the moderator. By common consent, Alan L. Mayer, Clerk of Session, was appointed to serve as recording secretary of the meeting. A quorum was declared present.

There were four items of business for this meeting:

Presentation of the 2010 Annual Report: The Moderator reviewed the contents of the 2010 Annual Report and copies were distributed to the congregation.

Presentation of the 2011 Church Budget: Copies of the 2011 church budget having previously been distributed, the Moderator opened the floor for discussion or questions. There were no questions, and the congregation voted to close discussion and acknowledge receiving the budget.

Election of Three Members of the Congregation to Serve on the 2011 Church Nominating Committee: 2010 Nominating Committee Chair Jeff Simmons presented a slate of three congregational members to serve on the 2011 Church Nominating Committee. There being no further nominations from the floor, the congregation elected the following by acclamation: Emily Breeden, Doris Riley, and Brenda Smiley.

Action on the Pastor's Call: The Session recommendation to adjust the pastor's 2011 cash salary with a 2.0% cost of living increase was presented to the congregation. After allowing time for discussion, the congregation voted to approve the recommendation. The pastor's compensation is reflected in the following chart:

	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>
Salary	35,409	36,118
SECA reimbursement (Social Security)	4,100	4,100
Board of Pensions (Medical Insurance and Pension)	16,000	16,500
Auto Mileage Reimbursement	1,500	1,000
Continuing Education	2,500	2,500
Professional Expenses	1,000	1,000
Cell Phone	540	540
Home Telephone	228	228
Housing Equity	1,200	1,200
<u>Total Compensation Value</u>	<u>62,477</u>	<u>63,186</u>

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 12:15 p.m.

Music Notes: Handbells Are Full!

Our Wednesday evening bell choir has reached its maximum capacity of players. However, in an effort to accommodate schedules and allow everyone a chance to play, we will also be having a Thursday evening bell group.

Bells rehearse the second and fourth weeks of the month (check the Hebron Calendar for confirmation). Wednesday bells meet before the adult choir re-

Session Meeting of Jan. 20

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Shenandoah Presbytery while they are without a pastor. A new round of Home Communion has begun following celebration of the Lord's Supper on January 16, 2011. Work continues on the next newsletter.

New Business: None.

Next Stated Session Meeting – Feb. 24, 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 closed with prayer and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Thanks for Book Contributions

Thanks to all who donated new or gently used children's books grades K-5 to The Learning Connection (TLC) after-school remediation program at Churchville Elementary School.

Your gifts help get as many books into the hands of our students as we can this school year and allow them choose a book to keep for their own at the end of each month.

The collection basket will continue to be outside of the church office for any additional book donations.

~ Nicola Cahill, TLC Coordinator CES

Valley Mission Needs for March

The Commitment/Witness Committee asks for donations to Valley Mission for their March requests. Emphasis in March is on: Food Items: cereal, sugar, powdered milk, fresh fruit, coffee, creamer; Shelter Items: laundry detergent, Pine Sol or other disinfectant supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, disposable latex gloves; Resident needs: travel alarm clocks, adult underwear, adult Depends, deodorant, hair nets (for use in kitchen), caps, head scarves.

Plastic bins are in each vestibule for your non-perishables 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.

Continue To Remember SACRA

Please continue to remember SACRA (Staunton-Augusta Church Relief Association) by bringing one food item per family each week. Thank you!

hearsal from 6:30-7:15 and Thursday bells rehearse from 7:00-7:40 p.m.

All rehearsals (unless otherwise noted) will take place upstairs in the education building at the far end of the hall, next to the Youth Group Sunday School classroom.

Presbyterian Women's News

Circles Nos. 1 and 2 were finally able to meet on February 8 even though a very windy day. They prepared a large "goodie" box for Katie Botkin, our only college student.

The women agreed to provide a tree for the Festival of Trees at Augusta Hospice of the Shenandoah. The money raised enable the board to fund care for those patients at the Shenandoah House who cannot afford the daily cost. E. Anne Willard and Jean Miller will be in charge. More details later.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Hebron Yard, Bake and Jelly Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall April 8 and 9. All profits will be given to the Staunton/Beverly Manor and Churchville Weekday Religious Education programs. Please start collecting your things now. Also, please mark your calendar now so that you will be available from April 4 to help organize the event. Any questions may be directed to Betty Piner.

Nan Brown and Jean Miller led the group in studying Lessons 4 and 5 of our study of Revelation. March 8 we will study Lessons 6 and 7.

Many notes of appreciation have been received and are posted on one of the bulletin boards.

Information on Flowers for Easter

Again this year, flowers can be ordered to decorate the sanctuary for Easter.

Lilies will cost \$8.95 each, and hydrangeas will cost \$10.95 each.

The deadline for placing orders will be April 11.

Order blanks will be in April newsletter, as well as being placed in Sunday bulletins before the deadline.



Western State Lists Needs

The Commitment/Witness Committee has received a list of needs from Western State and asks any who are able to consider helping with these needs:

Clothing: All sizes (special needs are men's belts and larger sizes).

Kitchen/Household items: Linens, appliances (including small microwaves).

Cards.

Any contributions can be placed in boxes in hall of C.Education building near the library.

March Birthdays And Anniversaries

February birthdays are:

Jordan Shull	6		
Ross Shull	6		
Dwight Wood	6		
Marian Mader	7		
Joseph Martin	7		
Joseph Marino	10		
Eric Waller	10		
Elva Tuttle	15	Lynne Moore	22
Janet Tuttle	16	Parker Turnage	26
Joyce Eavers	17	Phil Adams	27
Karen Marino	17	Brittany Wyche	28
Bob Moody	17	Raylee Shull	31
Wendy Kennedy	22	Lora Turnage	31



Very special birthday wishes to Elva Tuttle who will be 84 on March 15.

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

PEP Club Will Meet March 30

The PEP Club (People Enjoying People) will hold its monthly covered-dish luncheon on Wednesday, March 30, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a covered dish and join us for a great time of food and fellowship!

10 Commandments, Southern Style!

Many people in the South have trouble remembering all the Ten Commandments with all those "thou shalt's" and "thou shalt not's," so here's a southern twist on the original, found circulating on the internet.

1. Jus' one God
2. Put nothin' before God
3. Watch yer mouth
4. Git yerself to the Sunday Meetin'
5. Honor yer Ma and Pa
6. No killin'
7. No stealin'
8. No foolin' around with another fella's gal
9. No tellin' tales or gossipin'
10. Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

Prayers Requested for Ethiopia

Please pray for the Partnership with the Illubabor Bethel Synod in Ethiopia by remembering the pastors, elders, and other leaders, the IBS Bible School, the EECMY seminary and other educational institutions and events.

If you have the 2011 Mission Yearbook, note that the February 25 and 26 entries were for Ethiopia.

MONTHLY
CALENDAR
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HEBRON HERALD

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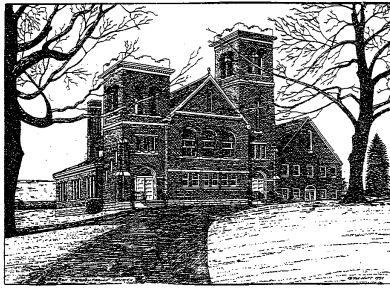
Sunday Services:

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.



Hebron Presbyterian Church

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Hebron Women's Yard Sale Will Be April 8 and 9

Hebron's annual Yard, Bake and Jelly Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. both days. There will be a food booth, so come for lunch.

Please look twice at anything you might throw away in spring cleaning, and consider putting it aside and keeping it just a little bit longer, in order to help the church!

We hope to have a large variety of items to sell such as antiques, glassware, household items, linens, jewelry, small pieces of furniture, yard/garden tools (yes, we *do* have men shoppers!), perennials, toys, knick-knacks, etc.

Please save these dates, and look for more information in the Sunday worship bulletins. In the meantime, contact Betty Piner for details or to offer help. Thanks!

Items may be brought and placed in the rear of the Fellowship Hall; call the church office at 886-1648 to make sure the doors are unlocked.

If you can only bring your donations on a Saturday or

at night, please call Betty Piner, 337-2212, or Shirley Shomo, 886-0350, to schedule when you can bring your items.

In order to have time to price and display items nicely, all donations must be received by Monday night, April 4, at 8:00 p.m. Many workers will be needed the week of April 4 to unpack, display, price and sell.

We also hope everyone will make at least one item for the baked goods to be sold.

We will be advertising, but we will need everyone to help "spread the word." Posters will be available in the vestibules for you to take your place of business, etc.

Everyone's help and donations are needed to make this another successful event!

