

It's Hard To Believe, But Spring Is Almost Here

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Here it is at the end of February and the beginning of March, with skies still frequently gray, and yards and fields still white and covered with snow. Piles and small mountains of frozen slush and snow border the roadsides, or are pushed into heaps in parking lots.

But Daylight Saving Time begins on March 8, and spring is now less than three weeks away.

Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday in March. Since March 1 is a Sunday this year, we will begin Daylight Saving Time on the earliest date possible: Sunday, March 8. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour at bedtime on Saturday, March 7. (Remember: "Spring forward, fall back.")

Spring officially begins Friday, March 20, at 6:45 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

All of this is happening during the season of Lent, the time of preparation before Easter. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18. Lent is the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays. Easter is April 5 this year.

Lent is usually observed in three ways: by increased devotional activities (attending regular and special worship services, and increased prayer and devotional study); by penitence (self-examination, and fasting and self-denial); and by increased alms-giving (contributions to church and/or charity, and other good works).

Hebron's Presbyterian Women have again provided daily Lenten devotional booklets to help you with increasing your spiritual activities during Lent. (See article on Page 3.) The booklets are available in the Vestibules and in the Session Room.

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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 at 885-1648. ***The decision on whether to cancel church will be made by 9:00 a.m. that Sunday morning.***

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.



Sunday, March 1 – 2nd Sunday in Lent; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 8 – Daylight Saving Time Begins, 2:00 a.m. (spring forward); 3rd Sunday in Lent; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10 – Circles 1 & 2, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 15 – 4th Sunday in Lent; Youth Appreciation Luncheon follows morning worship; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20 – Spring begins!

Sunday, March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 26 – Officer Training, 6:00 p.m.; Session meets, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, Holy Week Begins; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday; Sanctuary open 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.; Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt, Activities, and Hot Dog Lunch beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday; Church Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.; the Lord's Supper during worship



Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Jan. 22

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22. Minutes were approved Feb. 26 and are printed here:

Present: Elders Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Jan Kitts, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Joann Weikert, Mike Fallin, Scott Martin, David Obenschain, Martie Sieck, Anita Tuttle, Clerk of Session Robin Moyer, Treasurer Mike Ruleman, and Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche. **Excused:** Lorrie Dean, Doug Trimble, and Ross Shull.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m. with prayer and devotions from Psalm 63 and Deuteronomy 6.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of Dec. 18, 2014, and the Called Session Meeting of Jan. 11, 2015. The Clerk presented the Session the Annual Statistical Report, which was approved and will be submitted to Presbytery. Session also approved a request from Robin Ruleman to use the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall on May 16-17 for the Beverley Manor Relay for Life Luncheon.

Annual Business: Session re-elected Robin Moyer as Clerk of Session and Mike Ruleman as Treasurer for 2015. Moderator asked elders to submit committee requests; committee assignments will be based on elders' preferences. Session decided that stated meetings will continue to be the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as Jan. 22, 2015. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$22,441.16). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$258,816.47. Treasurer reviewed the 2015 Budget and handed out report of Receipts and Disbursements for 2014.

Presbytery Report: The minutes of the Nov. 15, 2014 meeting of the Shenandoah Presbytery are posted online at: <http://shenpres.org/wpcontent/uploads/2012/11/Nov2014Summary.pdf>. The next meeting of Presbytery will be Saturday, Feb. 14, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro. Elder Commissioner will be Hannah Bush, with Mike Fallin as alternate.

Old Business: Committee reports are still needed from Christian Education, Pastor, Personnel, and Property for the 2014 Annual Report.

Committee Reports

Fellowship/Service (Jan Kitts, Lorrie Dean, and Doug Trimble): Annual report has been submitted.

Finance/Stewardship (Hannah Bush, Ross Shull): No report.



Property (Tom Cook, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, and Doug Trimble): There are samples to pick from for the new kitchen floor and the new faucet needs to be installed. The counter tops will be replaced with stainless steel and the island will be replaced with stainless steel tables. The steps will be installed outside the Pastor's office when weather warms up.

Worship (Joann Weikert): Session approved request for Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 and Easter Sunday Breakfast on April 5. New officers Scott Martin and Anita Tuttle were ordained and installed, and Mike Fallin, David Obenschain, and Martha Sieck were installed during the Jan. 11 worship service.

Cemetery (Jan Kitts, Tom Cook): No report.

Christian Ed: Session approved request from Hebron Youth Group to host Souper Bowl Sunday on Feb. 8 and a Youth Appreciation Luncheon for the Congregation on March 15. Proceeds from the Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon will benefit the Verona Food Pantry.

Commitment/Witness (Mike Fallin, Robin Moyer): Posters have been ordered for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Boy Scouts have re-chartered for 2015. David Obenschain was named Charter Representative for the Boy Scouts. Community Mission will meet Feb. 5.

Congregational Ministries (Joann Weikert): Martie is writing notes to our shut-ins and thank-you notes to outgoing session members. Volunteers are needed for transportation to doctor appointments, etc.

Pastor's Report: Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles continues on Wednesday mornings. The latest round of Home Communion with our shut-ins will begin next week; the next Communion during morning worship will be Feb. 15, Transfiguration Sunday. Pastor will be working on the newsletter this week so that it will be available for pickup at church on Feb. 1. Pastor is teaching a New Member Class for confirmands and any others wishing to learn more about the church

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PW Devotional Booklets for Lent

The Presbyterian Women have again ordered daily devotional booklets for Lent, and you are invited to use them as part of your devotional activities for the season.

The booklets, prepared by the Society of St. Andrew, are available in the church Vestibules and in the Session Room.

This year's theme is *Into the Wilderness*, based on Matthew 4:1-11, the account of Jesus being tempted by Satan in the wilderness, and on the hymn *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*.

The Society of St. Andrew, based in Big Island, VA, is a nonprofit, grassroots, ecumenical and interfaith ministry that has been working to fight hunger since 1979. You can learn more about them on the internet by going to their website: www.endhunger.org.

PEP Club Will Meet March 25

Hebron's PEP Club (**P**eople **E**njoying **P**eople) will meet on Wednesday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

The program will be about *Love INC, Love In the Name of Christ*. Love INC, founded in 1977, is a national movement uniting churches to help neighbors in need. Love INC meets more than one million needs each year with more than 155 affiliates in 30 states with more than 9,000 churches, 7,000 community organizations and 300,00 volunteers.

Love INC of Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta was established Oct. 29, 2012. Our program will present more information about this beneficial program.

The April 29 meeting will feature a program by The Happy Notes.

Please bring a dish and join us for this time of food, fellowship, and learning!

Minutes of Jan. 22 Session Meeting

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during the Sunday School hour. For the next few months, Pastor will also be leading Officer Training classes at 6:00 p.m. before Session meetings at 7:00.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, 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 7:48 p.m.



Minutes From The Feb. 8 Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Hebron Presbyterian Church was held Sunday, Feb. 8, following morning worship. The congregation received the Annual Report for 2014, including the 2015 budget, and conducted annual business, including review of the pastor's terms of call. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Feb. 26 Session meeting, and are printed below.

Following the morning worship service on February 8, 2015, Rev. Frank H. Wyche, Moderator, called the annual congregational meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer by the moderator. By common consent, Robin Moyer, Clerk of Session, was appointed to serve as recording secretary of the meeting. A quorum was declared present.

There were three items of business for the meeting:

1. Presentation of the Annual Church Report. Copies of the 2014 Annual Report to the Congregation were distributed. The moderator opened the floor for discussion or questions. There being no questions or comments, the meeting continued.

4. Presentation of the 2015 Church Budget. Copies of the 2015 Church Budget having previously been distributed, the moderator opened the floor for discussion or questions. There being no questions or comments, the meeting continued.

3. Session Recommendation to Increase Pastor's Salary by 2%. The Session recommended a 2% cost of living increase to the Pastor's cash salary for 2015. Rev. Wyche excused himself for the discussion and vote, with the Rev. Philip Sieck serving as moderator. After allowing time for discussion, the congregation voted to approve the recommendation. The pastor's compensation is reflected in the following chart:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Salary	38,959	39,708
Pension/Major Medical	17,700	19,500
Social Security	4,200	4,200
Continuing Education	2,500	2,500
Housing Equity	1,200	1,200
Travel	1,000	1,000
Professional Expenses	1,000	1,000
Cell Phone	540	540
Home Telephone	<u>228</u>	<u>228</u>
Total Compensation	\$67,327	\$69,876

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by Moderator Rev. Wyche at 12:10 p.m.

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Observing Lent is very much like observing Advent. Both seasons are times of spiritually preparing to observe the two most important Christian holidays. For each season, the idea is for us to be intentional and deliberate about celebrating the holiday.

Just as the Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Year's holiday season offers plenty of distractions from the spiritual meaning of Christmas, so the busy-ness of spring, the change of seasons, and special holiday events offer distractions to the spiritual meaning of Easter.

The spiritual emphasis of Lent is highlighted by the season's dates: the 40 days before Easter *not counting Sundays*. The idea is that Sundays, as the Christian Sabbath, should already be dedicated to God. So Lent considers the other 40 days as the time to dedicate that time to God as well, through the spiritual significance of the Lenten practices of a deeper spiritual life, fasting and self-denial, and increased charitable giving.

Presbytery Executive To Visit

The Rev. Dr. Roy Martin, Transitional Presbyter of Shenandoah Presbytery, will visit Hebron on Sunday, March 15, and bring the morning message.

As the executive officer of the presbytery, the Rev. Dr. Martin is overseeing the transition period before a permanent is called to serve the presbytery.

Since coming to Shenandoah Presbytery, he has visited most (if not all) of the other churches in the presbytery. Please join us for worship on March 15 and welcome the Rev. Dr. Martin to his visit at Hebron.

Christ Lutheran Concert Series

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Staunton is holding a special concert series during Lent.

The first performance was by Peter Griggs, classical guitarist, on Feb. 27. Two concerts remain in March.

Bridgewater Choir March 20 – The Bridgewater Choir is the largest choral ensemble at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, VA. The choir is under the direction of Dr. John McCarty, and consists of 50 members.

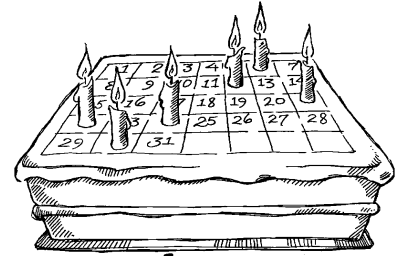
Robert “Bob” Moody March 27 – Bob Moody (who is quite familiar to Hebron) is Director of Music and organist at New Providence Presbyterian Church in Raphine, VA. He is the last of Carl Broman's students playing regularly in the local area.

Christ Lutheran is at 2807 N. Augusta St., Staunton. Concerts are free and open to the public. Donations for all performances are accepted at the door. A reception will follow each concert.

March Birthdays

March 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
Janet Tuttle	16
Karen Marino	17
Bob Moody	17
Wendy Kennedy	22
Lynne Moore	22
Parker Turnage	26



Birthdays This Month

Phil Adams	27
Tim Malcolm	28
Brittany Wyche	28
Raylee Shull	31

Very special birthday wishes to Elva Tuttle, who will be 88 on March 15.

If you know of someone who should be included, please call the church at 885-1648.

Thanks For Goodie Boxes

Many thanks to everyone who donated items to be packaged by the Presbyterian Women for our college students. The ladies packed boxes for our seven college students: Martha Moore, Tara and Alisa Ratliff, Kamela Malcolm Smith, Maryanna Turnage, Áine Waller, and Andrew Wyche. The ladies packed boxes for them at their Feb. 10 Circle meeting.

Hymn Sing To Be Held March 8

The second annual Staunton Choral Society Hymn Festival will be held today, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Verona United Methodist Church, 406 Lee Hwy., Verona VA.

The festival will feature the Staunton Choral Society, directed by Dr. Raymond Hebert and accompanied by Dr. Luis González, with congregational singing. In addition to Luis, Hebron members Betty Costello and Shirley Fallin are members of the choral society.

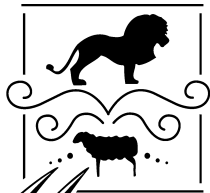
Admission is free, but a freewill offering for the Staunton Choral Society will be collected.

More information on the choral society is available online at: www.stauntonchoralsociety.org; or on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety.

Good Friday Service April 3

Hebron will hold a Good Friday worship service on Friday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m.




The Sanctuary will also be open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for any who wish to come for a time of private devotion.



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

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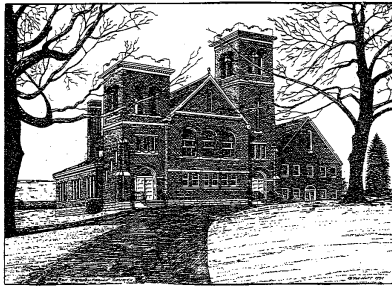
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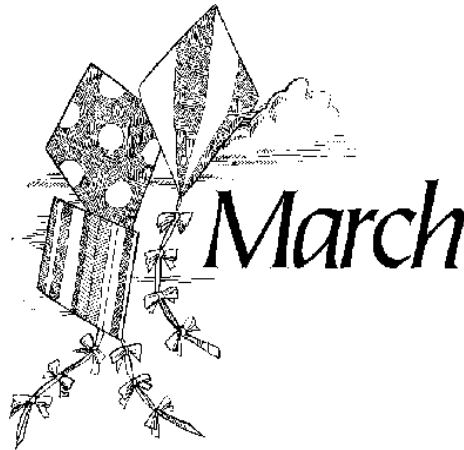
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Bible Study: Wednesday, 10:00 A.M.

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Looking Ahead: Hebron Women's Yard Sale April 17-18

Hebron's annual Yard, Bake and Jelly Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. both days. There will be a food booth, so come for lunch.

The Presbyterian Women 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, perennials, toys, knickknacks, etc.

Appreciation Luncheon March 15

The Hebron Youth Group will host a Congregational Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, March 15, following morning worship.

The Hebron Youth will provide the meal at no cost for all who attend. It is the Youth Group's way of thanking the congregation for all the support they give to the Hebron Youth Group, including contributions to fund the Hebron Youth Scholarship. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, the scholarships have been increased to \$1,000 for the latest recipients.

In order to have time to price and display items nicely, all donations must be received by Monday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m. Many volunteers will be needed the week of April 7 to unpack, display, price and sell all the items.

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

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

All profits will go to support the Beverley Manor Weekday Religious Education program. Everyone's help and donations are needed to make this another successful event!

