

## 'Thank You's' All Around For Recent Church Events!

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

As spring continues and we head into warmer weather (and, we hope, no more frost!), it seems an especially appropriate time to thank everyone for all they have done for Hebron so far this year.

Special thanks go to everyone who helped or offered to help with cleaning our church driveways, parking lots and walkways whenever we had ice or snow during the winter. "The Rileys" (Doug and Jonathan, and Robbie), Larry Mayer and Keyser Kirtley were always willing to clear our drives and parking lots; Emerson Willard and Glenn Mader cleared or salted walkways; and Emerson also worked to make sure our heat was operating on our coldest mornings.

When new church officers were ordained and installed on Jan. 9, five other elders rotated off the Session. I would like to thank them once again for their dedicated service to Hebron over the previous three years: Jon Arneson, Glenn Mader, Jeff Simmons, Fred Smiley, and Joan Wright.

Special thanks to everyone who did so much to make our Lent and Easter worship so meaningful. Our new Minister of Music Ben Heizer and the choir have meant so much to our worship services, and we also thank Hannah Bush for her years of service keeping the choir going until our new Minister of Music was hired.

The music was especially noteworthy for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On Palm Sunday, Ben sang *The Holy City*, accompanied by Joan Wright. On Good Friday, the choir sang *Remember Me*, an original composition by Ben. On Easter, Bob Moody coordinated a brass quintet which provided gathering



**Sunday, May 1** – *Second Sunday of Easter*; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 5** – *National Day of Prayer*

**Friday, May 6** – *Church Women United Friendship Day* (see article on back page).

**Sunday, May 8** – *Third Sunday of Easter, Mothers Day*; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 10** – Circles 1 & 2 Meet, 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 15** – *Fourth Sunday of Easter*; Relay for Life Luncheon in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship (see article on back page); Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 22** – *Fifth Sunday of Easter*; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

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

**Thursday, May 26** – Session meets, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 29** – *Sixth Sunday of Easter*; No Youth Group or Bible Study

**Monday, May 30** – *Memorial Day*, church office closed

music before the organ prelude, provided the offertory music, and accompanied the chancel choir during hymns, as well as the choral call to worship and the choral response at the end of worship.

The Presbyterian Women's Yard, Bake and Jelly Sale (see article immediately below) was very successful this year. The April 8-9 event raised \$2,567.79 for the

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## Hebron's Annual Yard, Bake and Jelly Sale Raises \$2,567.79

The Hebron Presbyterian Women's Yard, Bake and Jelly Sale was a big success again this year, raising \$2,567.79 for the benefit of Weekday Religious Education. Even the unsold items were put to good use, being given to the Salvation Army.

Sincere thanks to each of you for your donations, as well as to the bakers, the jelly-makers, those providing food, and those manning the food booth.

We are so thankful for all the volunteers who helped with the set-up and pricing earlier in the week; to all who worked so hard conducting the sale Friday and Saturday; to all who helped with the clean-up on Saturday; and to everyone who helped in any way.

We are most grateful for everyone's generosity and for all their help.

~ Betty Piner and Shirley Shomo

# Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held March 24

*The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, March 24. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the April 28 Session meeting and are printed here:*

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

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with prayer. The Moderator presented a devotional using verses from I Kings, which reminds us to be open to hearing God in times of silence.

**New Members:** The Moderator invited Allen and Jeannie Martin to share their faith journey with Session, after which Session accepted them into membership through reaffirmation of faith.

**Clerk's Report:** Session approved the minutes of the Feb. 24, 2011, Stated Session Meeting as presented. Session approved a request from Mildred Brown for use of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen for a family event on Sunday, April 17, 2011, at around 2:30 p.m. following the church's New Members Luncheon. Session approved a request from Robin Ruleman for use of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen on Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15, 2011, for a Relay For Life fundraising luncheon. The Clerk forwarded a request from the Presbytery History Committee to the Commitment / Witness Committee. The request is for updated information on Hebron's mission support activities.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Michael Ruleman distributed a report of fund balances as of March 24, 2011, and a report of receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. For the period, General Fund expenses exceeded income by \$1027.23. The General Fund was (-\$ 6,573.02). The report was approved by Session.

Old Business: None.

## Committee Reports

**Christian Education** (Lora Turnage, Hannah Bush, Eric Shiflet): Chair Lora Turnage distributed a report of the last committee meeting highlighting the Easter Egg Hunt on April 23, 2011, from 10 a.m. till noon, and the VBS decoration event at Covenant Presbyterian Church on May 14, 2011, from 9 a.m. until noon. Session approved a committee recommendation that Vacation Bible School (VBS) be held at Hebron the evenings of Sunday through Thursday, June 26-30, 2011. The com-



mittee recommended that Session approve the Hebron Church Youth Scholarship and presented documentation on the purpose, criteria for recipients, scholarship amount, and the process for selection of recipients. Session approved the request.

**Congregational Care** (Lorrie Dean, Martha Sieck): The committee distributed a report of the last meeting highlighting activities including letters to homebound, visitation, home communion scheduling, birthday telephone calls, cards to church members or families, and Homecoming activities.

**Fellowship** (Lorrie Dean, Robin Moyer): The committee distributed a report of the last meeting highlighting the New Member Luncheon on April 17, 2011; Lemonade on the Lawn for June 5-Aug. 28, 2011; and Homecoming activities Oct. 9, 2011.

**Finance** (Theresa Moore, Larry Mayer): No report.

**Personnel** (Tom Cook, Theresa Moore): For the next few weeks, church secretary Tamme Flory's office hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

**Property** (Richard Rathburn, Tom Cook, Frank Henderson, James McGavock, David Obenschain): Small maintenance projects are ongoing. The committee is gathering estimates for removal of three large trees in front of the church due to the leaning of the trees and the rotting of the tree tops.

**Worship** (Jan Botkin, Hannah Bush, Joann Weikert): The committee distributed a report of the last meeting highlighting committee activities including the Easter Sunday Breakfast, plans for starting a Children's Choir, a summer Music Festival, and a Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event this fall.

**Cemetery** (Larry Mayer, Jan Botkin):

The committee thanked all those who helped during the March 19, 2011, cemetery clean up day and those who provided lunch for the workers.

**Commitment/Witness** (Martha Sieck, Robin Moyer, David Obenschain): The committee distributed a report

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**NEW MEMBERS OF HEBRON** who completed the Confirmation Class and joined the church on Sunday, April 17, were (left to right), front row, Parker Turnage, Anna Cahill and Brock Moore; back row, Dalton Moyer, Lynne Moore and Conor Cahill.

### ***Six Join Church On Palm Sunday***

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church met in a called meeting on Sunday, April 17, 2011, to examine prospective members of the church, prior to their public profession of faith and reaffirmation of baptismal vows.

Present: Elders Robin Moyer, Lora Turnage, James McGavock, Jan Botkin, David Obenschain, Theresa Moore, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Martha Sieck, Richard Rathburn, Eric Shiflet, Joann Weikert and Clerk of session Alan Mayer; Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche; and guests Conor Cahill, Anna Cahill, Lynne Moore, Brock Moore, Dalton Moyer and Parker Turnage. Excused: Elders Frank Henderson and Lorrie Dean.

A quorum being present, the Session was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to examine the six candidates for membership, all having completed the Confirmation Class over the last four months. Session authorized receiving them all into membership in the morning worship service this same day upon hearing their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, confirming the baptismal vows made on their behalf.

Session having acted on the only item of business, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 10:15 a.m.

All six candidates formally joined the church during the morning worship service by publicly professing their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and through him believing in one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and by reaffirming the baptismal vows made on their behalf when they were baptized as infants.

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of the last meeting highlighting activities including Scouting; Ethiopia-Illubabor Bethel Synod; concerns for Japan, Haiti, Chile and Pakistan; Valley Mission; SACRA; One Great Hour of Sharing; Missionary Mark Hare in Haiti; Relay for Life Sweetheart Dinner raised \$502.32; Souper Bowl of Caring will be given \$600 by Hebron; Heifer Project will be given \$300 to be used for matching funds.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation classes continue during the Sunday School hour with 6 youths attending. The pastor continues as moderator of the Buffalo Gap and Craigsville churches at the request of Presbytery while they are without a pastor. The latest round of Home Communion is under way. Work on the next newsletter continues.

New Business: None.

Next Stated Session Meeting: April 28, 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 8:28 p.m.

## ***'Thank You' To So Many!***

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benefit of the Weekday Religious Education programs at Staunton/Beverly Manor and Churchville schools. All items which weren't sold were donated to the Salvation Army.

Special fellowship events were held April 17 and 24. Thanks go to the Fellowship and Service Committee, led by Lorrie Dean and Robin Moyer, for coordinating our *Welcome New Members Luncheon* on Palm Sunday. We had about 130 at morning worship that day, and just over 100 stayed for the fellowship meal! We welcomed Conor and Anna Cahill, Lynne and Brock Moore, Dalton Moyer, and Parker Turnage, who joined the church that day (see article at left), and also recognized David and Joyce Obenschain, and Allen and Jean Martin, who were our most recent adult new members.

Then on Easter Sunday, the Worship Committee hosted a full breakfast before Sunday School in a time of food and fellowship before celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ during worship.

Along with regular participation from the choir, Sunday School teachers, the Circles, and prayers for the church, the work and gifts of so many people show how blessed Hebron is. Thanks to all, and may God continue to bless us. *Pastor Frank*

## Presbyterian Women's News

Circle Nos. 1 and 2 met on April 12. Hilda opened the meeting with an Easter devotion. The offering and Least Coin offering were received. The Least Coin money will be dedicated at the May Friendship Day meeting on May 6. If anyone would like to add to this offering, please give to Hilda before May 6.

Hilda announced that we cleared \$2,567.79 at the Yard Sale. Wasn't that great! So many worked very hard to make this event so successful; we thank all of them, and WRE really thanks them!!

The Property Committee discovered we had leaks which were letting water in the kitchen walls. As soon as they are corrected, the kitchen will be painted. Our thanks to the members of the Property Committee for taking care of this.

The ladies were reminded of the Church Women United Friendship Day on May 6 (see article on back page). Reservations for lunch (cost, \$6.00) need to be made.

As recommended by the Coordinating Team of the PW, the women will not have their annual Birthday Party in May (see following article).

Jean Miller led us in a very informative and inspirational Bible study on Revelation. On May 10, our last meeting until Sept. 13, Pastor Frank, Nan Brown and/or Jean Miller will "wrap up" our study on Revelation. The ladies have expressed their appreciation of this study as it has helped to clear up many conceptions of Revelation.

### PW Birthday Offering Information

The Birthday Offering of the Presbyterian Women (formerly the Women of the Church) began in 1922. Hebron women have celebrated and given generously each year. We will continue to have the Birthday Offering and everyone is asked to prayerfully consider giving. This year, the PW Council decided not to have a meeting to celebrate. Information will be given in this newsletter and church bulletins, and offering envelopes will be provided at the May Circle meetings, and then placed in the vestibules and pew racks. More information is also available on the internet at:

[www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org)

The theme for the 2011 Birthday Offering is 1 Corinthians 3:11, "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."

The three Birthday Objectives all work to improve lives through various educational projects. They are:

*Across* ([www.across-sudan.org](http://www.across-sudan.org)) works to improve the lives of Sudanese people by strengthening communities and promoting education. Along with educational bene-

## May Birthdays And Anniversaries

May birthdays are:

Evelyn Whitmore	1		
Tim Shull	1		
Anna Rose Cahill	1		
Sharon Martin	3		
Isabel Rathburn	3		
Megan Johnson	4		
Kaitlyn Moyer	5		
Conor Cahill	5		
Michael Ruleman	5		
Sean Bratton	9		
Kent Shull	9	Andrew Wyche	19
Haskins Coleman	11	Marcie Talbott	20
John Lyle	11	Steve Cahill	21
Raymond Shull	12	Betty Croft	21
Donna Moyer	14	Doug Trimble	21
Billie Jo Smiley	14	Bill Glover	23
Andrew Rathburn	15	Laural Johnson	23
Nancy Hewitt	16	Gregory Kirtley	24
Janet Wiseman	16	Jimmy Brown	26
Cole Kirtley	19	Ruby Durham	30



**Very special happy birthday wishes to:** Evelyn Whitmore, who will be 83 on May 1; Haskins Coleman, who will be 80 on May 11; and Ruby Durham, who will be 83 on May 30,

**Congratulations to** John and Betty Ott, who will be married 62 years on May 14.

fits, Across seeks build a culture of peaceful coexistence between traditionally warring ethnic groups, increase societal value of children (especially girls), and acceptance of women as leaders.

*Menaul School* ([www.menaulschool.com](http://www.menaulschool.com)) of Albuquerque, NM is a racially and economically diverse day school for grades 6-12 and boarding school for grades 9-12. Gifts will allow the existing dormitory to be refurbished and an activities van to be purchased.

*Anderson Interfaith Ministries Inc.* in Anderson, SC ([www.aimcharity.org](http://www.aimcharity.org)) is an interfaith organization providing assistance to people in need while guiding them to function independently. The Women and Children Succeeding (WACS) Program offers various support to parents so they can return to school.

The national goal is to raise a total of \$900,000 for these projects. Money will be collected from Presbyterian Women throughout the spring. So celebrate the Birthday Offering and bring peace and joy to all those supported by these three birthday objectives!

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# HEBRON HERALD

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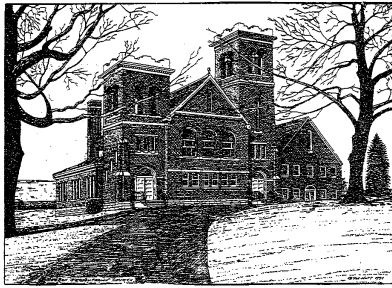
Sunday Services:

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Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

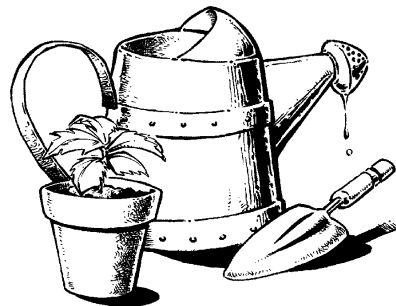
Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Bible Study, 7:00-8:00 P.M.



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## *Have Lunch On May 16 And Help In The Fight Against Cancer*

The Beverly Manor Relay for Life Team will hold a special fund raising luncheon on Sunday, May 15, immediately after worship in the Hebron Fellowship Hall, to benefit Relay for Life and its fight against cancer.

The luncheon will include barbecue, baked beans, salads, deviled eggs, a variety of desserts, and tea and lemonade.

The cost of the meal is a donation to Relay for Life. This will be the fourth straight year Relay for Life has raised money by hosting a lunch after church at Hebron, and it has always resulted in generous contributions to fight cancer, as well as a wonderful time of fellowship for everyone.

It is very important to get an accurate count for the meal so the sponsors will know how much food to prepare.

Everyone is welcome, but an advance headcount will be needed by Friday, May 13.

Please let Robin Ruleman know if you can attend this very worthwhile project. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the church office, or you can sign up by calling the



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Fights Cancer**

church at 885-1648, or by contacting Robin at 885-6881, or email her at [rruleman@gmail.com](mailto:rruleman@gmail.com), by Friday, May 13, if you plan to attend.

## *Church Women United Friendship Day*

Church Women United Friendship Day will be Friday, May 6, at Christ United Methodist Church, on Churchville Avenue. Registration is from 10 til 10:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10:30. Lunch (cost \$6.00) will be served at approximately 11:30. For reservations, call Hilda Dundas, 886-0059. The Least Coin Offering will be dedicated. All ladies are invited! CWU has met in the Staunton area since 1941, worshiping and serving together in this area. Many area churches are involved.