

November: Special Offerings, Thanksgiving, Advent

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Special offerings for holiday giving will be held in November, and Advent (the season of preparation before Christmas) begins on the last Sunday of the month.

Hebron has always supported *Operation Christmas Child* (the *Shoebox Project*) and has always received a special Children's Thanksgiving Offering for children's homes in Virginia, and we will support those ministries again this year.

The deadline to support *Operation Christmas Child* is Nov. 8. This is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse for needy children around the world.

Empty shoeboxes are on the table in the Session Room, with a page inside listing suggested items to pack. Be sure to pick up a label identifying whether the shoebox is packed for a boy or a girl, and the appropriate age group.

You can also contribute to the church, and the Hebron Youth Group and the Commitment/Witness Committee will shop for you. The deadline for Hebron is so early because the collection dates in our area are Nov. 16-23. The deadline of Nov. 8 will give us time to finish packing any partially filled shoeboxes.

Hebron will receive the annual Children's Thanksgiving Offering beginning on Nov. 15. This offering helps three ministries in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic: Edmarc Hospice for Children; Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands; and HumanKind (formerly Presbyterian Homes & Family Services, and the Family Alliance).

Special inserts with information about the offering, as well as envelopes for the offering, will be placed in the Vestibules and on the table in the Session Room. You can give after Nov. 15 as well.

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Smokey

November



Sunday, Nov. 1 – *Daylight Saving Time Ends; All Saints Day*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 – *Election Day*

Sunday, Nov. 8 – Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 – Presbytery meets at Woodstock, 9:30 a.m.; Circles 1 & 2 meet, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 – *Veterans Day*

Sunday, Nov. 15 – Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 19 – Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22 – *Christ the King Sunday*, with celebration of the Lord's Supper; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Community Thanksgiving service, 7:00 p.m., at Smokey Row Baptist Church (see article on back page)

Thursday, Nov. 26 – *Thanksgiving Day*; Church Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 27 – *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, Nov. 28 – Decorate Chrismon Tree and Sanctuary, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29 – *1st Sunday of Advent, season of preparation for Christmas*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Row Baptist Church. Pastor Frank will be this year's speaker. Food and fellowship will follow the service. (See article on the back page of this newsletter.)

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Advent, The Season Of Preparation For Christmas, Begins Nov. 29 This Year

Advent, the season to prepare for Christmas, begins on Nov. 29 this year. Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas. "Advent" means "coming," and it is the season we look forward to the coming of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Presbyterian Women will provide a pre-printed devotional from the Society of St. Andrew for daily use during Advent. The Advent Wreath will be lighted each Sunday of Advent in the Sanctuary. The Chrismon Tree will be in the Sanctuary on the first Sunday of Advent.

Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Sept. 24

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Oct. 22 Session meeting and are printed here:

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

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with devotions from 2 Corinthians 6:2.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of August 20, 2015. Session approved the removal of Doris Smith and Raymond Cline from church rolls following their deaths Aug. 21 and Sept. 18 respectively. Session approved a request from the Lines family to use the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26.

Treasurer's Report: A handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of September 24, 2015. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$31,007.53). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$144,399.11.

Presbytery Matters: Shenandoah Presbytery met on Saturday, Aug. 22, at Massanutten Presbyterian Church in Penn Laird. A summary of the meeting, as well as the minutes of the meeting, can be found online at: <http://shenpres.org/meeting-documents/>. Anita Tuttle was Elder Commissioner. One subject of the meeting was Exploring Presbytery. The next presbytery meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at Woodstock Presbyterian Church.

Old Business: Session named active elders Lorrie Dean and Robin Moyer to co-chair the Nominating Committee.

Committee Reports

Christian Ed (Scott Martin, Jim McGavock): CROP Walk will be Oct. 11. Thank you notes have been received from three youths who were awarded scholarships.

Commitment/Witness (Mike Fallin, Robin Moyer, Martha Sieck, Scott Martin): Minutes of the committee meeting were emailed to the member of Session. Local funds retained from the Pentecost and Peacemaking offerings will be sent to the Central Valley Office on Youth. Session approved motion from committee to move the following to the Inactive Roll: Jerry Botkin;



Frank and Margaret Henderson; David and Linda Hickey; Hunter Jones; Eric and Penny Shiflet; and David Smiley. The church is still donating four bags a week to Beverley Manor Elementary School for the Meal in a Bag Program. Martha Sieck attended the presbytery's Big Event. The next Committee meeting will be Oct. 7 at 6:00 p.m. The next HAMC meeting will be Oct. 15, 6.00 p.m. at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant. Martha reminded everyone of the Elder Summit to be held on Nov. 8. PEP Club will meet Sept. 30 at 1:00 p.m. at Golden Corral in Waynesboro.

Congregational Ministries (Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck, Joann Weikert): Contact by cards, calls, and visits continue to the homebound.

Fellowship/Service (Lorrie Dean, Robin Moyer, Doug Trimble): Heritage Sunday will be Oct. 11. The committee plans to provide a light lunch after worship on that Sunday.

Personnel Committee (Hannah Bush): Committee is still looking for an organist. A substitute is scheduled for the coming Sunday.

Property (Tom Cook, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, and Doug Trimble, Anita Tuttle): Work has begun on the removing bats and sealing building attics. Lights have been removed from the ball field; Boy Scouts hauled away the debris. Part of the countertop in the kitchen has been installed and the rest is scheduled to be installed on Sept. 25. A hot water heater is scheduled to be installed on Sept. 30. A new drain will be installed in the back of the back parking lot. Windows also will be replaced in the kitchen. A new toilet and dryer vents were installed in the Manse.

Stewardship (Hannah Bush, Allen Martin, Ross Shull): No report. Next meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 27 in the Library.

Worship (Jan Kitts, David Obenschain, Joann Weikert): Pastor Frank will be the preacher for the Commu-

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Minutes of Sept. 24 Session Meeting

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nity Thanksgiving Service at Smokey Row Baptist Church on Nov. 25. Session approved committee recommendation of Communion dates for 2016: Jan. 10, Baptism of the Lord Sunday; Feb. 7, Transfiguration Sunday; March 27, Easter Sunday; May 22, Trinity Sunday; July 24, quarterly; Oct. 2, World Communion Sunday; Nov. 20, Christ the King Sunday; Dec. 24, Christmas Eve; and Jan. 18, 2017. Four Christmas wreaths will be purchased in memory of Doris Smith for Advent. The Chrismon Tree will be put up Nov. 28. Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 8:00 p.m.

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

Pastor's Report: Bible Study on the book of Romans continues on Friday mornings. Home communion will resume next week after being on vacation, plus too many funerals recently. Pastor Frank is working on the newsletter so that it will be available for pick up at church on Sept. 27.

The next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 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 7:43 p.m.

November: Special Offerings, Thanksgiving, Advent Begins

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The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27, for Thanksgiving.

The Worship Committee and children will decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and put up the Chrismon Tree on Saturday, Nov. 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided for all participants, and everyone is invited to help.

Advent, the season of preparation before Christmas, begins on Sunday, Nov. 29. The other three Sundays in Advent are Dec. 6, 13 and 20. Christmas is on a Friday this year.

Brenda Smiley of the Flower Committee is accepting orders for poinsettias and wreaths to decorate doors and the Sanctuary. (See order form on Page 5.) Orders must be placed by Nov. 22. Poinsettias are \$6 each, and wreaths are \$19 each. Please include payment with your order.

The first Sunday of Advent is also the first Sunday of the Christian Year, or liturgical year. The last Sunday of the Christian Year is Christ the King Sunday, which will be Nov. 22 this year. Hebron observes Christ the King Sunday by celebrating the Lord's Supper during

No Family Fun Night This Year

The Christian Education Committee has decided that Hebron will not hold a Fall Festival/Family Fun Night this year. In the past, the members of the Hebron Youth Group have coordinated and conducted the event. This year, participation in the Youth Group is down because many of the members have jobs or other responsibilities, and if the group had tried to conduct the event this year, all the work would have unfairly fallen on just a few of the members.

The Christian Education Committee and the Hebron Youth Group will instead look for special activities during Advent and preparation for Christmas for the younger children in our church and community.

Scripture Selections For November

Scripture selections for Sunday morning worship services in November are listed below. Pastor Frank *usually* (but not always) follows the Revised Common Lectionary when choosing Bible passages upon which to base sermons.

Nov. 1, All Saints Day: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44.

Nov. 8, The Widow's Mite: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

Nov. 15, The End of the Temple: Psalm 16; 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8.

Nov. 22, Christ the King Sunday: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.

Nov. 29, 1st Sunday of Advent: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36.

Advent themes are usually the Second Coming of Christ on the 1st Sunday; Prophecy on the 2nd Sunday; John the Baptist, Mary and/or Joseph on the 3rd; and the Birth of Jesus on the 4th Sunday of Advent.

The lectionary calendar runs from the first Sunday of Advent through Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Christian calendar. On Sunday, Nov. 30, a new Christian calendar begins, and most of the gospel lessons during the next year will be from the gospel according to Mark, instead of Matthew.

morning worship.

Nov. 29 and Advent will begin Liturgical Year C, which means the Revised Common Lectionary (which is usually [but not always] used for Scripture lessons in Sunday worship) will feature Gospel lessons primarily from the gospel according to Luke.

Please be generous in our special offerings and opportunities to help those in need throughout November, as well as supporting Hebron in general. Your regular gifts to the church allow us to support SACRA, missionaries in Haiti, and much more.

Pastor Frank

Evening Of Comfort And Joy Dec. 1

The Presbyterian Women's annual Evening of Comfort and Joy will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, beginning with our traditional soup and sandwich and dessert supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a silent auction.



Evening of Comfort and Joy

This event is open to everyone – men, women, and young people, and Hebron's members and friends!

Admission is either a monetary donation of \$5, or at least \$5 worth of bringing non-perishable food.

Silent Auction: We need lots of nice things to be auctioned. In the past, new items, freshly made fresh baked bread, cinnamon rolls, cakes (please pre-cut large cakes in half), cookies, candies, Christmas decorations, etc., have been sold. It's always very interesting to see what the ladies bring. This is both a wonderful time to do some Christmas shopping, and also to help the needy!

If you have any questions, please call Donna Kirtley, 886-2653.

Advent Devotional Booklets To Be Offered

Hebron's Presbyterian Women will once again provide booklets for daily devotion throughout Advent. This year's booklet is published by the Society of St. Andrew, which works to fight hunger.

The booklets will be available in the vestibules at the back of sanctuary in mid-November.

'Shoebox' Deadline Is Nov. 8

Hebron is again participating in "Operation Christmas Child," often known as "The Shoebox Project." Our church collection deadline will be Sunday, Nov. 8.

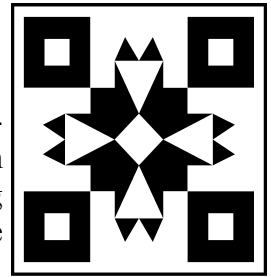
Shoeboxes, brochures and labels are available in the Session Room. Use the instructions in the flyer on what types of gifts are needed (see list later in this article), and how to label the box for a boy or girl, and the appropriate age category.

National collection week for this project is Nov. 16-23, so we are asking that any shoeboxes given by Hebron be returned to the church by Sunday, Nov. 8. You can bring your filled shoebox to the church office anytime, or bring it to church and put it on the floor by the Communion Table on any Sunday morning.

The cost of mailing a shoebox is \$7 again this year. If money is not given for mailing, the church will cover

Maxine Carpenter Making Another Quilt For PW

The Presbyterian Women's annual Evening of Comfort and Joy on Dec. 1 will again feature a drawing for a handmade quilt by Maxine Carpenter.



Look for more details on the quilt raffle in upcoming editions of the church bulletin.

November Birthdays And Anniversaries

November birthdays are:

Alan Wood	2		
Barbara Moyer	3		
Lenwood Shiflet	5		
Nathan Moyer	6		
Richard Rathburn	6		
Charles Shomo	6		
Austin Smiley	7		
Sean Ratliff	10		
Frank Wyche	10		
Meredith Moran	12	Judi Mooneyham	19
John Hildebrand	13	Lena Miller	22
Jim McGavock	13	Cory Wood	23
Addison Casto	14	Joyce Obenschain	24
Shirley Fallin	14	Julia Martin	27
Robin Moyer	14	Brock Moore	28
Sylvia Crawford	16	David Wright	28
Scott Martin	16	Jonathan Talbott	30



Very special birthday wishes to: Lenwood Shiflet, who will be 90 on the 5th; to Charles Shomo, who will be 84 on the 6th; and to Jim McGavock, who will be 84 on the 13th.

Congratulations to: Junior and Peggy Hewitt who will be married 61 years on the 24th.

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.






the costs as mission giving. If you wish to pay for your own box or for others, or if you wish to give so that the church can buy more materials to go into gift boxes, please write a check payable to Hebron Presbyterian Church with "Operation Christmas Child" or "Shoebox Project" on the memo line, or you may put cash in the collection plate. If you give cash, please do not use your regular offering envelope; put it in a different envelope, or attach a note so that the church treasurer will know that the money goes to this mission project.



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

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<p>22 Christ the King Sunday</p> <p>The Lord's Supper during Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Children's Church Leaders 1: Tracy Mayer 8: Donna Moyer 15: Hebron Youth Group 22: Julia & Scott Martin 29: Robin Ruleman</p> </div>		<p>24</p>	<p>25 Community Thanksgiving Service 7 pm, Smokey Row Baptist Church</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving Day</p>  <p>thanksgiving</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed</p> <p>No Bible Study Today</p>	<p>28 Decorate Sanctuary and Christmas Tree for Advent, 5:30 p.m.</p>																																																																																				
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Order Form for Wreaths To Decorate Sanctuary

WREATHS - Each year thirteen wreaths, including the Advent Wreath, are used to decorate at Hebron. If you wish to contribute \$19 for a Frasier Fir Wreath in memory/honor/thanksgiving of loved ones, please complete this form and return it to Brenda Smiley along with the money no later than Sunday, November 22.

Wreaths, \$19.00 each: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Given By: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Order Form for Poinsettias or Donation to Sanctuary Fund

POINSETTIAS given in memory/honor/thanksgiving of loved ones may be purchased for \$6.00 each by completing the form below and returning it to Brenda Smiley along with the money no later than Sunday, November 22.

POINSETTIAS may be purchased elsewhere and brought to the church by 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 28; we will need that information for the bulletin.



DONATIONS may be made to the **SANCTUARY FUND**. Names of donors and honorees will be noted in the bulletin. We would like to keep the poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service.

Poinsettias, \$6.00 each: _____ Red _____ White _____ Pink

Monetary Donation to the Sanctuary Fund: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Given By: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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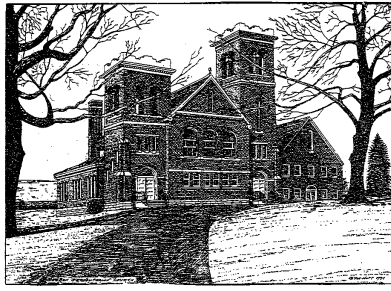
Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

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

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



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Community Thanksgiving Service Nov. 25 at Smokey Row

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held this year at Smokey Row Baptist Church on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 7:00 p.m.

This annual service is a joint project of Hebron Presbyterian Church, the Arbor Hill Church of the Brethren, the Middlebrook Church of God, New Life Foursquare Gospel Church, and Smokey Row Baptist Church.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 1

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, this year, so remember to turn your clock back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Also remember that fire safety officials recommend checking/changing the batteries in your smoke alarms at the beginning and ending of Daylight Saving Time.



Pastor Frank from Hebron will be this year's speaker. After the service, a time for food and fellowship will be held. The fellowship time has always been a particularly popular part of the event.

A free-will offering will be collected at the service, with proceeds going to support Weekday Religious Education (WRE). Contributions are to be divided evenly between the WRE programs for Beverley Manor and the Riverheads District.

Please join us as our community gives thanks to God for all our blessings!

Thanks to All Who Helped at Heritage!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Hebron's Heritage Sunday a huge success! The church provided the meal for the event, which was well attended. God blessed us with a beautiful weekend and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks again!

~ The Fellowship Committee