

Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday In June

By Rev. Frank Wyche

June will have the usual mix of holidays (Father's Day, Flag Day), seasonal events and activities (graduations, gardening) and special church programs (Vacation Bible School – see article on back page).

This year, June will also have the last three special days on the Christian calendar until November.

Because Easter was so late this year, three significant days on the Christian calendar were pushed back into June: Ascension (40 days after Easter), Pentecost (50 days after Easter), and Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost).

The day of Ascension is always on a Thursday. The date for Ascension 40 days after Easter is based on the account of Jesus' ascension in Acts 1:1-11, including verse 3, "To them (the apostles) he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God."

Jesus had foretold his return to the fullness of his glory in heaven as being necessary before the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told his disciples at John 16:7, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

Before he ascended to heaven, Jesus told his followers to stay in Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy

Summer Hours Begin June 5

Beginning next Sunday, June 5, Hebron Presbyterian Church will follow a summer worship schedule that has become traditional over the past few years.

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. The Sunday evening Bible Study schedule will be announced later.



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

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

Thursday, June 2 – *Ascension Day*

Sunday, June 5 – *Ascension Sunday*; Summer worship hours begin (Morning Worship at 10:00 A.M.; Sunday School at 9:00 A.M.) Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 12 – *Pentecost (color of the day is red)*; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19 – *Trinity Sunday*; The Lord's Supper; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 23 – Session meets, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 26 – *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Sun-Thurs, June 26-30 – VBS (see back page)

Wednesday, June 29 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m., location to be announced (dutch treat luncheon at an area restaurant)

Spirit. In Luke 24:49, as Jesus ascended, he told the disciples, "And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

While Ascension Day is a Thursday, it will be the theme for worship on Sunday, June 5, the first Sunday after Ascension, and the Sunday before Pentecost.

Pentecost will be June 12 this year. "Pentecost" is a Greek word that means "50th day." It was already a Jewish holiday known as the Festival of Weeks, because it came seven weeks after Passover.

The Festival of Weeks was the spring harvest festival, and all Jews who were able were expected to go to Jerusalem to observe the holiday.

That is why Acts 2:5 tells us "Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven." They weren't permanent residents; they were just dwelling there for the time being (a better

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Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held March 24

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, April 28. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the May 26 Session meeting and are printed here:

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

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with prayer. The Moderator presented a devotional using verses from Acts, Chapter 2, which reminds us of the importance of Christian fellowship.

Clerk's Report: Session approved the minutes of the March 24, 2011, Stated Session Meeting as amended. Session approved the minutes of the April 17, 2011, Called Session Meeting as presented. The Clerk presented the report of the audit of the 2010 Session Minutes which had no exceptions and included a commendation from the Presbytery readers/reviewers. Session approved a request from Theresa Moore to use the Fellowship Hall and kitchen as a backup (in case of rain) for a graduation picnic on June 5, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. The Clerk distributed a questionnaire from Middle Governing Body Commission. Elders are to answer the questions and turn it in at the May meeting. The Clerk will use the completed forms to enter a single Session response by June 30, 2011. The Clerk will be absent for the May Called Meeting. The Moderator will find a substitute to record the minutes of the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michael Ruleman distributed a report of fund balances as of April 28, 2011, and a report of receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. For the period, General Fund income exceeded expenses by \$292.56. The General Fund stands at (-\$5,872.56). The report was approved by Session.

Presbytery: A volunteer was requested to be Elder-Commissioner at the May 10, 2011, Presbytery Meeting in Charleston, WV. The Moderator will speak to those able to attend and select a representative.

Old Business: The Moderator reported that six young people from the Confirmation Class made their public profession of faith and joined the church during the worship service on April 17, 2011. Session directed that their names be added to the roll of Active Members of Hebron Presbyterian Church. They are: Anna Cahill, Conor Cahill, Brock Moore, Lynne Moore, Dalton



Moyer, and Parker Turnage.

Committee Reports

Congregational Care (Lorrie Dean, Martha Sieck): Activities of the committee continue.

Fellowship (Lorrie Dean, Robin Moyer): The committee reported excellent attendance at the New Members Luncheon following worship on April 17, 2011.

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

Personnel (Tom Cook, Theresa Moore): Church Secretary Tamme Flory will be out of the office on May 5, 2011.

Property (Richard Rathburn, Tom Cook, Frank Henderson, James McGavock, David Obenschain): The committee reported that the softball field will not be scheduled for non-church groups on Sundays in order to have it available for the Hebron Youth and other church activities.

Worship (Jan Botkin, Hannah Bush, Lorrie Dean): The committee distributed a report of the last meeting highlighting committee activities. A concert featuring local organists, the Hebron Bell Choir, and the Hebron Chancel Choir is planned for July 31, 2011.

Session approved a committee recommendation that Sunday morning worship services be moved to 10:00 a.m. during the months of June, July, and August.

Cemetery (Larry Mayer, Jan Botkin): The new iron fence along the cemetery is under way. The cemetery will be getting a \$130 grant from the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources). This grant comes as a result of the six Revolutionary War soldiers who are buried in the Hebron's Old Cemetery.

Commitment/Witness (Martha Sieck, Robin Moyer, David Obenschain): The committee reminded Session to view the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance activities on the PCUSA website.

Christian Education (Lora Turnage, Hannah Bush, Eric Shiflet): VBS planning and dates/events were dis-

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cussed. VBS will be held June 26-30, nightly 6:00-8:00 p.m. (see story on back page).

Pastor's Report: Confirmation classes concluded with six youths joining the church by public profession of faith and confirming their baptismal vows on Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011. The Pastor continues to serve as moderator of the Buffalo Gap and Craigsville churches at the request of Shenandoah Presbytery while they are without a pastor. Session approved a roll-over of two week's of unused vacation into 2011. The next round of Home Communion will begin the week of May 2-6.

New Business: None.

The next stated Session meeting will be May 26, 2011, at 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 8:15 p.m.

Update On Hebron's Scouts

By Mike Fallin, Scouting Charter Representative

In serving as your Chartering Organization (Hebron) Representative on the Unit 122 Committees and in the Valley District and Stonewall Jackson Area Council, I have been privileged to witness Scouting at many levels. I have seen your Troop and Pack Webelos at Camp Shenandoah at their resident camps. I have seen your Units' Leaders providing the boys of the community Cub and Boy Scouting experiences. I have witnessed the diversity of Leaders and Parents involved with helping out in your Units. I think they have done a wonderful job.

Since 2007, their efforts have grown the Cub Pack from 7 boys to 30 boys. Since 2007, the Troop has grown from 2 boys to 12 boys. The people participating are doing so with the encouragement and training of the Boy Scouts of America and the Valley District. However, one weakness in its program is the lack of participation by the members of the Chartering Organization. One person cannot do it all. Just as the Body of Christ, the Church cannot depend solely on one person to do the evangelizing and preaching, neither can the Pack nor the Troop depend solely on the Parents to do the training and planning. Here's what's needed:

- Committee Chairs to run committee meetings.
- Committee Secretaries to keep the records and minutes of the unit.

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translation would be that the devout Jews were "staying in" or "visiting" Jerusalem, since it wasn't their permanent home).

Since they were visitors from so many different places, that is why they were amazed to hear the disciples speaking in their own native languages – because they didn't usually speak the Aramaic, Hebrew, Greek or Latin that would ordinarily be heard in Jerusalem. Instead, they heard, as Acts 2:9-11 tells us, the languages of Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia Minor, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Libya, Cyrene, Crete and Arabia, all "telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Pentecost is a day when we focus on the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The liturgical color for the day is red.

The next Sunday, June 19, is Trinity Sunday, when we emphasize that God is not just the Father, not just the Son, and not just the Holy Spirit. The fullness of God is found only in Trinity – the concept that God is One God, but exists in three separate persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who together make up the One God.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during morning worship on Trinity Sunday.

The next Sunday, June 26, begins 21 straight Sundays of Ordinary Time – almost five months!

The "ordinary" in Ordinary Time doesn't mean "dull" or "common" or "unimportant"; it just means that there is not Christian season going on, such as Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter, and it does not include any special Sundays, such as observances of Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord, Pentecost or Trinity Sunday.

The color for Ordinary Time is green, based on evergreen trees, indicating constant life and growth.

Ordinary Time will end on Sunday, Nov. 20, with Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Christian year. The next Christian year will begin on the following week, when Nov. 27 is the 1st Sunday of Advent.

While the season may be called "Ordinary Time," we are called to remember that God is always with us, always calling us to Christian growth, deeper faith, and spiritual maturity.

Pastor Frank

PEP Club Meets June 29

Hebron's PEP Club (People Enjoying People) will meet again on June 29 at a location to be announced later. Please check the weekly Sunday bulletin for details. Members will gather at an area restaurant for a dutch-treat lunch, and there will not be a program. Please plan to join us!

Presbyterian Women's News

The last Circle meeting for the year 2010-2011 was opened with prayer by Hilda Dundas. The Least Coin offering and regular offering were received.

Martha Sieck, Chairman of the Birthday and Mission Committee, presented a mini-program on the causes for this year and advised the offering would be used to help community education and improvement programs in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anderson, South Carolina; and in Sudan. She served delicious refreshments. Due to low attendance at the Birthday Parties in recent years, the Coordinating Team voted not to have a Birthday Party, but to give the ladies an opportunity to donate to the cause. Information was put in last month's newsletter, in a Sunday bulletin insert, and left in the vestibules for several weeks. Because the ladies had given over \$300 to the Birthday offering in previous years, we voted to give from the treasury any money needed to make our offering at least \$300. Any additional contributions may be given to Donna Kirtley, Treasurer, or placed in the offering plate. Be sure to designate PW Birthday or use the yellow envelopes available in the vestibules.

Pastor Frank taught our last study on Revelation. The ladies really appreciated Pastor Frank, Nan Brown and Jean Miller helping us to learn more about Revelation – a very difficult study, but all felt they had learned a lot.

What To Do? The PW Needs Leaders!

We are very grateful for all the ladies' work in the past years, but we are sure some of our leaders would like to take a break! If there is a committee you would enjoy working on, please let us know.

On July 15 of last year a large group of ladies met to make plans for the coming year, and it has been suggested that we have such a meeting again this year. (It did help us this past year.) If you think it would be good to have a meeting this year, or if you have any other suggestions that might help, again please let us know. Thanks!

~Joyce Coleman and Hilda Dundas, Co-Moderators

Update On Hebron Scouting

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- Activities coordinators to plan and execute events.
- Outdoor Equipment Advisors to organize and acquire outdoor equipment.
- Unit Treasurers to collect money, write checks, and keep the books of the units.
- Assistant Cubmasters to help organize and plan Pack meetings.
- Assistant Scoutmasters to help organize and work with the Scouts.
- Additional equipment, such as dutch ovens and other

June Birthdays And Anniversaries

June birthdays are:

Jeremy Martin	3		
Amy Kirtley	5		
Robin Ruleman	5		
Jeanette Bentley	6		
Duane Dean	7		
Donna Hewitt	7		
Bill Tuttle	10		
Jack Kirtley	13		
JoAnn Waller	13		
Junior Gilmer	14	LeAnne Simmons	22
Simon Willard	14	Scott Agnor	23
Tara Cahill	15	Nikki Griffin	23
Eric Shiflet	16	Peggy Puffenberger	24
Brodie Cash	18	Dayna Reish	25
Steve Wiseman	19	Raymond Cline	28
Doris Riley	20	Mildred Brown	29



Very special happy birthday wishes to: Bill Tuttle, who will be 86 on June 10; Junior Gilmer, who will be 84 on June 14; Doris Riley, who will be 80 on June 20; Raymond Cline, who will be 86 on June 28; and to Mildred Brown who will be 83 on June 29.

Congratulations to Raymond and Nancy Cline, who will be married 65 years on June 2; Guy and Virginia Smiley, who will be married 56 years on June 17; and to Billy and Millie Ruleman, who will be married 51 years on June 24.

camping equipment, and the need for new tracks for the Pinewood Derby.

The differences of church membership vs. Parents participating are twofold: 1) longevity, and 2) training. In the case of church members, the training improves the quality of service to the larger Church by equipping them with awareness and knowledge about dealing with children of all ages. We can't expect Sunday school teachers to teach everything that's needed for good Christian instruction by relying solely on their faith; they need instruction also.

Likewise, the Scouting program is supported by frequent training sessions for Scout leaders. This is where longevity counts. This is why I have emphasized the need for church members as well as parents to go to District Training sessions and Round Table meetings. Here is where you find out about what's needed to run a good Scouting program. This program benefits everyone by increasing the ways to instruct and protect our youth.

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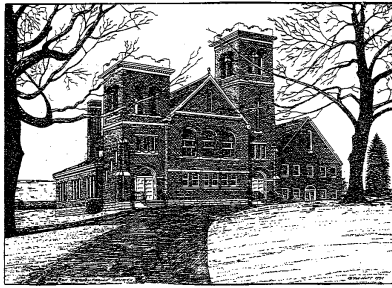
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Hebron Presbyterian Church

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Ministries available to all ages

Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

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

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

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Vacation Bible School Will Be Held June 26-30

Hebron Presbyterian Church's 2010 Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held Sunday-Thursday, June 26-30 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.

Congratulations Graduates!

Four of Hebron's young people will graduate from Buffalo Gap High School on Friday, June 3: Kamela Malcolm, Martha Moore, Sean Ratliff, and Andrew Wyche. Congratulations to these Buffalo Gap students and their families!



If you know of other students connected to Hebron members and families, who are graduating from high school or college this year, please let the church office know by calling 885-1648 or emailing the church at: hebronchurch@msn.com.

This year's theme will be "PandaMania: Where God Is Wild about You," using key verses from Psalm 139 to tell of God's love for every person.

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

At this time, there is still a need for one more teacher's assistant, to help with the class for the grades 3-5. You can also contribute to help with refreshments by giving your contribution to VBS director Nicola Cahill, refreshments coordinator JoAnn Waller, or Christian Education Committee chair Lora Turnage.

