

Lent, Season of Preparation

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

February brings some familiar events, but some different dates and places.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, Feb. 8, immediately after worship. The Annual Report will be distributed, the 2015 Budget adopted by the Session in December will be presented, and the congregation will review the pastor's terms of call with a 2% salary increase recommended.

The Souper Bowl of Caring, a soup and sandwich luncheon sponsored by the Hebron Youth Group, will be held Feb. 8 after the annual meeting (see article on back page). The event will benefit the Verona Food Pantry.

The meeting of Circles 1 & 2 will be held Feb. 10 in the Fellowship Hall so the women can pack goodie boxes for our college students. Since the January meeting was canceled because of bad weather, lessons 5 and 6 will both be covered during the meeting.

Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday before Lent, will be Feb. 15. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship.

Contributions for Boy Scouts will be received on Feb. 15. We will not have a Scout Sunday observance

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. The decision on whether to cancel church will be made 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.



Sunday, Feb. 1 – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8 – Annual Meeting of the Congregation after Worship, followed by *Souper Bowl of Caring* in Fellowship Hall (see article, back page); Christian Ed meets, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 – Circles 1 & 2 meet, 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (Lessons 5 and 6)

Sunday, Feb. 15 – *Transfiguration Sunday*, the Lord's Supper in Worship; Collection to support Scouts; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 – *Mardi Gras* (Fat Tuesday)

Wednesday, Feb. 18 – *Ash Wednesday*, first day of Lent

Sunday, Feb. 22 – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, Feb. 26 – Officer Training, 6:00 p.m.;

Session meets, 7:00 p.m.

during worship this year, but we will continue our tradition of dedicating the loose offering to the Scouting program for one Sunday in February. Because so much will happen on Feb. 8 (Annual Meeting, Souper Bowl of Caring), which is the anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, we will designate Feb. 15 for receiving the offering for the Scouts. Currently, we do not have a Cub Scout Pack, so half the collection will go to the Boy Scout Troop, and other half will be held in escrow pending the chartering of a future Pack.

Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), the last day before Lent, is Feb. 17.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, will be Feb. 18. Lent is the season of preparation before Easter, just as Advent is a season of preparation before Christmas. Lent is the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays). This year Easter will be April 5.

The PEP Club will meet Feb. 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be on Love INC, an interdenominational Christian ministry to help people in need in our community (see article on page 4).

Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Dec. 18

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 18. Minutes were approved Jan. 22 and are printed here:

Present: Mike Ruleman, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Lorrie Dean, Jan Botkin, Jim McGavock, Ross Shull, Joann Weikert, Clerk of Session Robin Moyer, and Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche. **Excused:** Elders Jon Arneson, Nicola Cahill, Robert Christian, Noah Turnage, Doug Trimble, and Allen Martin. **Guests:** Elders-elect Mike Fallin, Scott Martin, Martie Sieck, and Anita Tuttle.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting with prayer at 7:02 p.m. Moderator welcomed guests and gave a devotion based on Luke 2:22-40.

Clerk's Report: Session approved the minutes of the Nov. 20, 2014, Stated Meeting. Session approved

Called Session Meeting Jan. 11

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held a Called Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in the Session Room before morning worship.

Present: Elders Nicola Cahill, Noah Turnage, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Joann Weikert, Clerk of Session Robin Moyer, Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche. **Excused:** Elders Jon Arneson, Robert Christian, Mike Ruleman, Lorrie Dean, Doug Trimble, Jan Botkin, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, and Ross Shull. **Guests:** Elders-elect Mike Fallin, Scott Martin, David Obenschain, Martha Sieck, and Anita Tuttle.

A quorum being present, the Session was called to order by the Moderator at 10:25 a.m. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer. The purpose of the meeting was to examine elders-elect Mike Fallin, Scott Martin, David Obenschain, Martha Sieck, and Anita Tuttle prior to their ordination and installation during the morning worship service. The five elders-elect affirmed their faith by renewing their baptismal vows and answering in the affirmative all the questions to be asked during ordination/installation. Session voted to conclude and approve the examination and to proceed with the ordination and installation of the Class of 2017, with Martin and Tuttle to be ordained and installed, and Fallin, Obenschain and Sieck to be installed. Rev. Wyche will hold officer training sessions over the next several months for the new officers (and any others wishing to participate) in the hour before the monthly Stated Session Meeting.

Session having acted on the only item of business, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 10:39 a.m.



moving Moffet Shiflet from the membership roll following his death on Dec.9, and Jimmy Lovegrove was moved from inactive to active and then removed from roll following his death in May. Request to use Sanctuary on Dec. 19 for funeral of Jesse Robinson was approved. A request was approved for Tammy Moyer to use the Fellowship Hall on Jan. 3, 2015.

Treasurer's Report: A handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as November 20, 2014, including a Budget vs. Actual Report. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$20,781.16). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$253,465.75.

Presbytery Report: The minutes of the Nov. 15, 2014, meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery are posted online at: <http://shenpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Nov2014Summary.pdf>. The next Presbytery meeting will Feb. 15, 2015, at the Westminster church in Waynesboro.

Committee Reports

Congregational Ministries (Jon Arneson, Joann Weikert): No report.

Fellowship/Service (Jan Botkin, Lorrie Dean, Doug Trimble): Committee assisted with the Christmas Fellowship Luncheon sponsored by the Christian Education Committee on Dec. 14.

Finance/Stewardship (Hannah Bush, Ross Shull): Session adopted the 2015 Budget following recommendation from committee.

Personnel (Hannah Bush): No report.

Property (Robert Christian, Tom Cook, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Doug Trimble, Noah Turnage): Fall Cleanup Day was held Dec.13, with lunch provided for the workers by Pastor Frank and Elaine Wyche. Work continues on improvements for the heating system, as well as other projects and maintenance. Steps are to be installed in January outside the pastor's office.

Worship (Joann Weikert): Advent began Nov. 30. The Chrismon Tree was decorated Nov. 29, with a soup

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and sandwich supper afterward. The Flower Committee had the Advent Wreath, poinsettias and front door wreaths on display Nov. 30, and the rest of the Sanctuary was decorated and the rest of the wreaths were on display for the Dec. 7 worship service. The crèche will be added Dec. 21. A single Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held Dec. 24 at 8:00 p.m. Ramona Bosserman will fill the pulpit while Pastor Frank is on vacation Dec. 28. Pastor Frank will be back in the pulpit Jan. 4, when we will observe Epiphany Sunday and celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship.

Cemetery: (Jan Botkin, Tom Cook, Noah Turnage): Cemetery was also cleaned on Dec. 13.

Christian Education: (Nicola Cahill): The Christmas Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship on Dec. 14 was a big success with about 80 people attending. Presents have been purchased and wrapped by the Hebron Youth Group and picked up by the families from Beverley Manor Elementary being helped by the church for Christmas.

Commitment/Witness: (Mike Ruleman, Robin Moyer): Meeting minutes were given to Session. Twenty-three shoeboxes were delivered for Operation Christmas Child. Meal-in-a-Bag Program continues for four children at Beverley Manor Elementary. The Christmas Joy Offering will be received beginning Dec. 21. Hebron Christmas Card is up on bulletin board in hallway. Volunteers rang bell for Salvation Army on Dec. 5-6, with approximately \$1,300 collected on those days.

Pastor's Report: Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles continues on Wednesday mornings, except for Dec. 17, 24 and 31, due the busy-ness of the holiday season. The latest round of Home Communion with our shut-ins continues, while the next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be Dec. 24 during the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, and the next time during morning worship will be Jan. 4, 2015, which will be observed as Epiphany Sunday. The church office will be closed next Thursday and Friday for Christmas. Pastor plans to complete most of the January newsletter before being on vacation, Dec. 25-Jan 3 (7 days of vacation, plus 3 holidays.) The pastor will begin teaching a New Member Class on Jan. 11 for confirmands and any others wishing to learn more about the church.

New Business: Martie spoke on and asked if anyone was interested in subscribing to "Presbyterians Today" magazine. A Called Session Meeting was scheduled for Jan. 11, 2015, to examine officers-elect before ordination/installation during worship. The deadline for submitting materials for the Annual Report will be Jan.

November 20 Session Minutes

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its November meeting on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, one week earlier than the stated date because of a conflict with Thanksgiving. Minutes were approved at the Dec. 18 Session Meeting and are printed here.

Present: Jon Arneson, Hannah Bush, Lorrie Dean, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Michael Ruleman, Joann Weikert, and Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche. **Excused:** Elders Jan Botkin, Nicola Cahill, Robert Christian, Tom Cook, Clerk Robin Moyer, Doug Trimble, Noah Turnage, and Ross Shull. **Guest:** Elder-elect Mike Fallin.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and a devotion on Thanksgiving from Luke 17:11-19. The Clerk being out of town, Joann Weikert agreed to serve as recording secretary for the meeting.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of Oct. 23, 2014, and the Called Session Meeting of Nov. 2, 2014. Session approved amended minutes of the Congregational Meeting of Nov. 16, 2014, at which the congregation elected Mike Fallin, Scott Martin, David Obenschain, Martha Sieck, and Anita Tuttle to three-year terms as Ruling Elders in the Class of 2017. Session approved the removal of Billy Ruleman from the active membership roll following his death.

Treasurer's Report: Handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as Nov. 20, 2014, including a Budget vs. Actual Report. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$21,924.91). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$251,990.64.

Presbytery Report: Elder Commissioner Hannah Bush reported on the Nov. 15, 2014, meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery at Bath County High School in Hot Springs, VA. A highlight of the meeting was a presentation and dialogue on proposed amendments to the constitution of the PC(USA), which will be voted on at the Feb. 15, 2015, meeting of presbytery. Each church

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2015, with the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held Feb. 8, 2015.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 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 8:07 p.m.

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received a report on demographic information within a 10-mile radius. The Transition Task Force asked commissioners to consider whether the presbytery should be realigned into two or more presbyteries, and presbytery approved having the task force consider this question along with its other topics and options.

Committee Reports

Commitment/Witness (Robin Moyer, Mike Ruleman): Hebron will ring bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive Dec. 5-6. Twenty-three shoeboxes were taken to the local collection point for Operation Christmas Child. The committee will move its meetings from the second Monday of the month to the first Wednesday, beginning Dec. 3.

Congregational Ministries (Jon Arneson, Joann Weikert): Latest visits and/or home Communion by the committee and pastor continue. All shut-ins are also contacted weekly by telephone.

Fellowship/Service (Jan Botkin, Lorrie Dean, Doug Trimble): No report.

Finance/Stewardship (Hannah Bush, Ross Shull): Treasurer Mike Ruleman distributed a proposed budget for 2015; Session will vote on the budget at the Dec. 18 meeting.

Personnel (Hannah Bush): No report.

Property (Robert Christian, Tom Cook, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Doug Trimble, Noah Turnage): The committee continues to work on improving the heating system, with all valves in radiators replaced in the Education Building. Other ongoing projects and maintenance continue. A fall cleanup day will be scheduled to rake leaves.

Worship (Joann Weikert): Next communion during worship will be Nov. 23, Christ the King Sunday. Decorating of the Chrismon Tree will be Nov. 29 at 5:30, followed by a soup and sandwich supper. Advent begins Nov. 30. Christmas Joy Offering to be received Dec. 21.

Cemetery (Jan Botkin, Tom Cook, Noah Turnage): No report.

Christian Ed (Nicola Cahill): Christmas Fellowship Luncheon will be held Dec. 14 following morning worship. Thanks to all who helped with the Fall Festival/Family Fun Night on Nov. 8. The Hebron Youth Group will go shopping on Dec. 7 for gifts for families from Beverley Manor Elementary School whom the church will help for Christmas.

Pastor's Report: Bible Study continues on Wednesday mornings; we are currently studying the book of the Acts of the Apostles. The latest round of Home

February Birthdays

February birthdays are:

Frank Kirtley	1		
Henley Predmore Shull	1		
Jeff Simmons	1		
D. W. Cash	2		
Tom Cook	2		
Jessica Rathburn	2		
Martha Sieck	4		
Jon Arneson	5		
Walker Breeden	8		
Cory Cline	8		
Jennifer Sieck	8	Vicki Drumheller	22
Donna Kirtley	11	Ryan Shiflet	23
Glenn Kennedy	12	Wil Shiflet	23
Ruth Rathburn	12	David Obenschain	24
Katlyn Botkin	13	Philip Sieck	25
Bill Drumheller	15	Tracy Mayer	26
Shara Shiflet	18	Richie Moyer	27
Noah Turnage	20	Glenn Mader	28



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

PEP Club Will Meet Feb. 25

Hebron's PEP Club (People Enjoying People) will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 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.

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

Communion is under way; the next celebration of the Lord's Supper during morning worship will be Nov. 23, Christ the King Sunday. I will be out of the pulpit for vacation on Dec. 28; the Worship Committee has secured Ramona Bosserman to fill the pulpit.

Session voted to change the December meeting to Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m., since the next scheduled date of the 25th would be Christmas.

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 8:05 p.m.



February 2015

Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

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<p><i>1</i> Youth Group 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>2</i> <i>Ground Hog Day</i></p> 	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> Commitment/Witness, 6:15 pm</p> <p>Property Committee, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Children's Church Leaders 1: Kim Rathburn 8: Donna Moyer 15: Hebron Youth Group 22: Julia & Scott Martin</p> </div>																																																																																				
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<p><i>15</i> <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> <i>Lord's Supper In Worship</i> <i>Scout Sunday Observed; Offering received for Boy Scouts Youth, 6:30 pm</i></p>	<p><i>16</i> <i>Presidents' Day</i></p>  <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p><i>17</i> <i>Mardi Gras (Last Day Before Lent)</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> <i>Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins</i></p> <p>Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Worship Committee, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><i>19</i> <i>Chinese (or Lunar) New Year</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>																																																																																				
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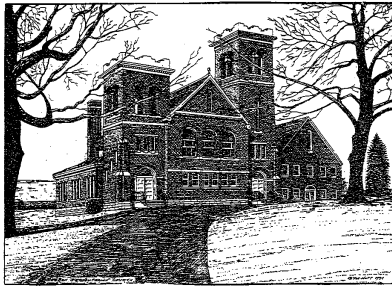
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Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

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

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

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Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon Will Be February 8

The Hebron Youth Group will host its annual Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, Feb. 8, following morning worship and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Join the Hebron Youth in the Fellowship Hall after church for a lunch of homemade soups and sandwiches. The cost is a contribution (\$5 or more if you can afford it), with proceeds going to the Verona Food Pantry to help feed the poor and needy in Augusta County. You can also pay for lunch by bringing at least \$5 worth of non-perishable food (such as canned soup) to give to the food pantry.

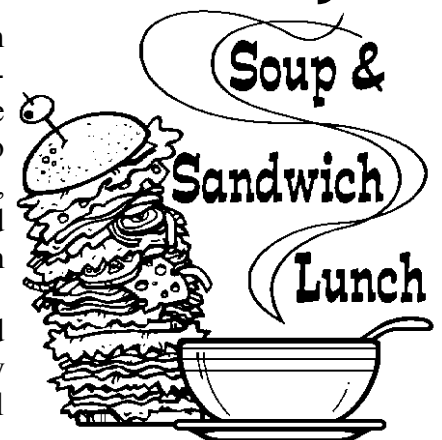
The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national program to raise food and money to help the hungry in the United States. It began at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C., in 1990, when the pastor, the Rev. Brad Smith, said in prayer on the day of the famous football game, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

The first year, 22 churches raised \$5,700. Since then,

churches and youth groups across the nation have raised more than \$100 million to fight hunger; in 2014, 7,660 groups raised \$8,457,612 million in cash and food.

All money raised for Souper Sunday goes directly to local charities. The national organization only asks that local groups report how much they collected, so they can announce the total contributed each year.

Just as all money is given locally, the day of the event is up to local groups. Many, such as Hebron, do not hold it on the day of the Super Bowl (which is Feb. 1).



Souper Bowl of Caring Feb. 8 After Worship