

Lent, Season of Preparation for Easter, Will Begin Feb. 10

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Lent, the season of preparation before Easter, will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10. Lent is the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays). It is a time for penitence and reflection for Christians before they celebrate Easter.

Lent is usually observed in three ways: by penitence (self-examination and self-denial); by increased almsgiving (and other good works); and by increased devotional activities (attending regular and special worship services, and increased prayer and devotional study).

The English name "Lent" originated before 1000 A.D. and came from the Old English word "lencten" or "lengten," which literally meant "lengthening (of daylight hours)" and came to mean "spring" – since daylight hours lengthen during the season of spring, which is when Easter occurs.

Many people "give up" something for Lent. The idea is not simply to practice self-denial or self-discipline, but to re-direct one's thoughts and activities toward God, instead of everyday thoughts and activities.

For example, if someone decided to give up sodas or soft drinks for Lent, the idea would be to take the money that would have been spent on those beverages, and

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. 7 – *Transfiguration Sunday; Boy Scout Sunday; the Lord's Supper during Worship; Loose Offering to support Scouts*

Tuesday, Feb. 9 – *Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday); Circles 1 & 2 meet, 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

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

Sunday, Feb. 14 – *1st Sunday in Lent; Annual Meeting of the Congregation following Worship*

Sunday, Feb. 21 – *2nd Sunday in Lent*

Wednesday, Feb. 24 – *PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.*

Thursday, Feb. 25 – *Session meets, 7:00 p.m.*

Sunday, Feb. 28 – *3rd Sunday in Lent*

use it to make an extra charitable contribution to the church or some other worthwhile cause. Also, every time one felt the desire for the beverage, it would be a reminder to think about God instead of our own wants and appetites; and to engage in prayer and devotional activities in the time we would have been drinking the beverage.

Many cultures celebrate Carnival as a time for celebrations and parties before the self-denial and extra devotional acts of Lent. The last day of Carnival is Mardi Gras (literally, "Fat Tuesday" in French), which is the day before Lent begins. The idea is that if we are to deny ourselves for 46 days (Lent is 40 weekdays, plus six Sundays), let's have one last time of fat and plenty before the lean days ahead.

The last Sunday before Lent begins is Transfiguration Sunday, which remembers Jesus' commitment to going to Jerusalem to give his life to save humanity from sin and death.

During Lent, we, too, are called to go on a spiritual journey which will culminate in the cross of Good Friday, and joy of resurrection on Easter Sunday. We are called to follow Jesus' examples of humility, faith, and obedience as we proceed.

Pastor Frank

Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Dec. 17

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17. Minutes were approved Jan. 28 and are printed here:

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

A quorum being present, the Moderator welcomed guests and opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with devo-

Called Session Meeting Jan. 10

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held a Called Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016, in the Session Room before morning worship for the purpose of examining Elders-elect of the Class of 2018.

Present: Elders Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Lorrie Dean, Allen Martin, Joann Weikert, Mike Fallin, Scott Martin, Jim McGavock, Martha Sieck, Clerk of Session Robin Moyer, and Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche; and Elders-elect Robert Christian, Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Michael Ruleman, and Noah Turnage. **Excused:** Elders Doug Trimble, Jan Kitts, Ross Shull, David Obenschain, and Anita Tuttle.

A quorum being present, the Session was called to order by the Moderator at 10:20 a.m.

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer. The purpose of the meeting was to examine elders-elect Robert Christian, Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Michael Ruleman, and Noah Turnage before their ordination/installation during morning worship. The five elders-elect answered in the affirmative all the questions to be asked during ordination/installation, as well as those in the reaffirmation of baptismal vows. Session then voted to conclude and approve the examination and to proceed with their ordination and/or installation. Nancy K. Cook and Lori Malcolm will be ordained as first-time elders, and they will be installed along with Robert Christian, Michael Ruleman and Noah Turnage as the Class of 2018.

Before asking for a motion to adjourn, the Moderator thanked outgoing elders Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Lorrie Dean, Robin Moyer, and Doug Trimble for their service.

Session having acted on the only item of business, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 10:33 a.m.



tions based on Psalm 80 and James chapter 5.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of November 19, 2015. Session also approved a request Katlyn Gardner and Sean Bratton for use of the Sanctuary April 22 and 23, 2016, for a wedding.

Treasurer's Report: A handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of December 17, 2015. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$25,983.19). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$137,756.91. The total spent on kitchen renovations was \$21,357.35 and Mike noted that all kitchen costs have been paid. Mike also noted that fuel cost was lower due to system upgrades and the lower price of fuel.

Presbytery Matters: The Minutes of the Dec. 8, 2015 Special Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery has been posted online at:

<http://shenpres.org/meeting-documents/>

Hannah Bush was Elder Commissioner and reported on the meeting.

Committee Reports

Fellowship/Service (Lorrie Dean, Robin Moyer, Doug Trimble): No report.

Personnel (Hannah Bush): Search continues for a permanent organist.

Property (Tom Cook, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Doug Trimble, Anita Tuttle): Thanks to all who participated in the Fall Cleanup Day on Dec. 5. The Kitchen renovation is essentially complete with some detail work remaining. A French drain has been installed next to the building and a drain under the back parking lot. Committee plans to install permanent lighting in the back parking lot at some time. The storm door is to be replaced in the Session Room. The sound system in the Sanctuary is a work in progress.

Stewardship (Hannah Bush, Allen Martin, Ross Shull): Following time for discussion, the Proposed Budget for 2016 was passed by Session.

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Worship (Jan Kitts, David Obenschain, Joann Weikert): Next Communion will be Thursday, Dec. 24, during the Christmas Eve service, and on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016, during morning worship. Ordination/Installation of new officers will also be Jan. 10, 2016. Rev. Joe Condro will lead worship on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016, while Pastor Frank is on vacation. Tim Malcolm and Fred Smiley worked on the candles and globes to make them steadier in the sanctuary windows. Epiphany is Jan. 6 so decorations will be taken down before Jan. 10.

Cemetery (Tom Cook, Jan Kitts, Anita Tuttle): On December 12 committee members had training on how to mark gravesites. Plans are to designate only one grave digger for all burials.

Christian Ed (Scott Martin, Jim McGavock): About 65 attended the Christmas Fellowship Luncheon on December 13.

Commitment/Witness (Mike Fallin, Robin Moyer, Martha Sieck, Scott Martin): Christmas Joy offering will be received beginning December 20; displays have been set up on the Community Christmas Card bulletin board and on the table by the fire door at the entrance to the Session Room. Thirty members rang bells for the Salvation Army *Red Kettle Drive* Dec. 4 and 5, during which \$1307.23 was raised. Church membership rolls were reviewed at the last committee meeting. Minutes from the last meeting were emailed to Session members.

Congregational Ministries (Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck, Joann Weikert): Contact by cards/calls/visits continues to the homebound. Beverley Manor Ruritan Club went Christmas Caroling at Legacy.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Frank is working on bulletins for the Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service and Dec. 27 regular service, and the January newsletter so it will be available for pickup Dec. 27. Christmas Communion will be taken to shut-ins/homebound beginning next week. He will be on vacation or taking holidays Monday, Dec. 28, through Tuesday, Jan. 5, and back in the office Wednesday, Jan. 6.

New Business: Elder training and examination by Session before Ordination/Installation needs to be scheduled for officers-elect Robert Christian, Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Michael Ruleman, and Noah Turnage. Many thanks to outgoing elders Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Lorrie Dean, Robin Moyer, and Doug Trimble for all their hard work. Annual committee reports are due by Jan. 28. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Feb. 14 to present to the con-

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	Noah Turnage	20
Kamela Malcolm-Smith	8	Vicki Drumheller	22
Jennifer Sieck	8	Ryan Shiflet	23
Donna Kirtley	11	Wil Shiflet	23
Glenn Kennedy	12	David Obenschain	24
Ruth Rathburn	12	Philip Sieck	25
Katlyn Botkin	13	Tracy Mayer	26
Bill Drumheller	15	Richie Moyer	27
Shara Shiflet	18	Glenn Mader	28



If you know of someone who should be included on our birthday list, 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. 24, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mike and Shirley Fallin will be hosts for the meeting, and Nan Brown will bring the devotion.

The program will be *The Happy Notes*, a 12-member, interdenominational group that sings classic hymns and carols. They practice at Verona Methodist Church at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. They performed their half-hour Christmas program at Staunton Senior Center in December, and at other venues in the area. They were scheduled to be the program for January, but the Jan. 27 meeting was cancelled because of the weather, so we are looking forward to having them provide the program for our February meeting instead.

Please prepare a dish or two and join us for this time of food, fellowship, and music!

gregation the 2015 annual report and the 2016 budget, and for the congregation to act on changes in the Pastor's terms of call.

The next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, 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 8:11 p.m.

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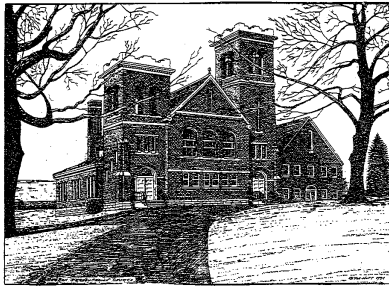
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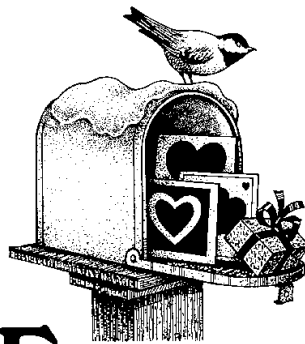
Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

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

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FEBRUARY

Scout Sunday Is Feb. 7; Annual Meeting Will Be Feb. 14

Hebron Presbyterian Church will observe Boy Scout Sunday on Sunday, Feb. 7, with the loose offering going to support the Scouts sponsored by Hebron.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 122 will serve as Greeters before and after worship, and will serve as Ushers to collect the offering. Adult leaders will give a report to the congregation on the Boy Scouts' activities.

Hebron sponsors Boy Scout Troop 122 and Cub Scout Pack 122. The Boy Scouts are active, but there are currently no active Cub Scouts in Pack 122.

The Boy Scouts of America were founded on Feb. 8, 1910. Boy Scout Sunday is observed on a Sunday near Feb. 8. Hebron's recent practice has been to observe Boy Scout Sunday on the first Sunday in February.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Hebron Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8, immediately following morning worship.

The three items of business for the meeting are:

1. Presentation of the Annual Report (the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) requires Sessions to give reports of activities to their Congregations);
2. Presentation of the 2016 Budget (the budget is adopted by the Session, but the Congregation must be given the information contained in the budget); and,
3. Acting on the Pastor's Terms of Call (the PCUSA requires the Congregation to review the pastor's terms of call annually, and any changes to the terms of call can only be made by the Congregation).

Presbyterian Women To Prepare College Goodie Boxes

The Presbyterian Women will fill goodie boxes for six college students at the Feb. 9 circle meeting. If you would like to help the Women of the Church with this

project, or if you are a PW member unable to attend the Feb. 9 meeting, please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall before Tuesday, Feb. 9

