

Happy New Year!

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and prosperous 2016! Eighty years ago, composer Jerome Kern and lyricist Dorothy Fields wrote several songs for the RKO Radio Pictures movie *Swing Time*, a 1936 musical comedy starring Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. Among the famous song from that movie was *Pick Yourself Up*, including Fields' lyrics, "pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again."

Because of Jesus Christ, Christians are able to do exactly that. We can try, and fail, but God equips us to try again. Worst of all, we can sin, but God offers us forgiveness and a new beginning. Bit by bit, inch by inch, baby step by baby step, we are able to make progress toward being better people, and more faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the old bumper sticker says, "Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven." We try and then we fail, we sin and then repent and try again, because God is always ready to help us try to be better people. We remember God's command to the Israelites at Leviticus 20:26, "You shall be holy to me; for I the LORD am holy, and I have separated you out from all the peoples, that you should be mine."

God calls us to be God's own people. Too often, we do not act like it. Christians are called to be loving, but we too often condemn or ignore others; we are called to be forgiving, but we too often hold grudges; we are called to joyful, but we are too often angry and unhappy. May we all do better, and be better, through Jesus, who forgives and renews us.

Pastor Frank

If Weather Cancels Church, Check Channel 3 or Call the Church Office

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 to cancel church will be made by 9:00 a.m., so check after 9 o'clock to be sure.

In any case please use your common sense when we have

January Birthdays

January birthdays are:

Martha Moore	1
Tara Ratliff	1
John Bratton	4
Sara Elizabeth Carpenter	7
Stephen Knight	9
Gary P. Hickman	10
Megan Riley	16
David Moore	18
Guy Wright	19
Amelia Mader	20
Steve Carpenter	22
E. Anne Willard	23
Randy Moyer	23



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Nancy K. Cook	25
Frank Henderson	26
Linda Hickey	28
Bill Sellers	29
Hannah Bush	30
Matthew Hickey	31

Very special birthday wishes to Amelia Mader who will be 87 on Jan. 20.

PEP Club Will Meet Jan. 27

The PEP Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

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

severe winter weather, even if you don't see an announcement on Channel 3!

Above all, *be safe!*

If your own walkway or driveway, street or road, is hazardous, please do not take any foolish or unnecessary risks.



Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Nov. 19

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Dec. 17 Session meeting and are printed here:

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

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with devotions from I Thessalonians 5:16-18 and Colossians 4:2.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of October 22, Called Meeting of Nov. 1, and Congregational Meeting of Nov. 15, 2015. Session approved removal of Rayburn Harris, Jr. from church rolls following his death on Oct. 4, 2015.

Treasurer's Report: Handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of November 19, 2015. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$26,589.46). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$133,945.74. Total spent on kitchen renovations is \$21,357.35. Mike also handed out a Proposed Budget for 2016 for Session members to review before next Session meeting.

Presbytery Matters: The Summary Report of the latest Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery on Nov. 10 at Woodstock Presbyterian Church has been posted online at: <http://shenpres.org/meeting-documents/>. Elder Commissioner Anita Tuttle reported on the meeting.

Committee Reports

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

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

Personnel (Hannah Bush): No report. Search continues for an organist.

Property (Tom Cook, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, and Doug Trimble, Anita Tuttle): Fall cleanup day will be Saturday, Dec. 5. The kitchen is almost finished with a little wiring still to be done; all dishes and utensils have been cleaned and returned to cabinets. Light bulbs have been replaced outside on church grounds. Committee is working on permanent lighting in the back parking lot.

Stewardship (Hannah Bush, Allen Martin, Ross Shull): No report.

Worship (Jan Kitts, David Obenschain, Joann Weikert): Next communion will be Nov. 22, Christ the King



Sunday. Advent begins Nov. 29. Decorating for Advent will begin Nov. 28, in the morning for flowers and wreaths, and at 5:30p.m. for the Sanctuary, including the Chrismon Tree. Substitute for Pastor Frank has been scheduled for Jan. 3, 2016. Request was made to have Worship services on Sundays recorded to CD.

Cemetery (Tom Cook, Jan Kitts, Anita Tuttle): Committee will begin training for new committee members for cemetery procedures.

Christian Ed (Scott Martin, Jim McGavock): Christmas Fellowship Luncheon will be Dec. 13 after worship. It will be a covered dish lunch.

Commitment/Witness (Mike Fallin, Robin Moyer, Martha Sieck, Scott Martin): Mike handed out copies of the minute from the last committee meeting. Twenty-seven shoeboxes were delivered for the Samaritans Purse *Operation Christmas Child*. Ringing bells for the Salvation Army *Red Kettle Drive* at Kroger on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5. Thanksgiving Offering now being received; Christmas Joy Offering will be received beginning Dec. 20. Mark Hare and Jenny Bent are now in Kentucky. CROP Walk raised a total of \$1,125. Daniel Jensen Wachspress was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. HAMC quarterly meeting will be in February at Mrs. Rowe's.

Pastor's Report: Bible Study on the book of Romans continues on Friday mornings, except that they will no longer meet on the Fridays Pastor Frank is working on the newsletter which will be the Fridays after Session meets. A new round of home communions will begin after Christ the King Sunday Nov. 22. Pastor Frank is working on the newsletter so that it will be available for pickup at church on Nov. 22. Pastor Frank is scheduled to be the speaker at the Community Thanksgiving Service, which will be held Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Smokey Row Baptist Church. Church office will be closed Thursday-Friday, Nov. 26-27. Advent begins the next Sunday Nov. 29.

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

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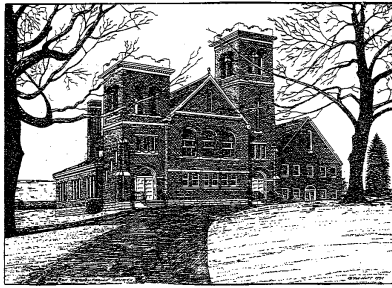
Ministries available to all ages

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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New Business: Robert Christian, Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Michael Ruleman, and Noah Turnage were elected to serve as Elders for the Class of 2018. Elder training and officers elect's examination by Session need to be scheduled. Installation/Ordination planned for Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016. There was discussion on incorporation and Trustees. Session acted on the Presbytery of Shenandoah 2016 Asking for Hebron

Church. After lengthy discussion, Session approved \$4500. This will be submitted in quarterly payments.

The next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled Thursday, December 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. This has been moved up one week due to the Christmas Eve Holiday.

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 8:37 p.m.

Officer Installation, Lord's Supper, During Worship Jan. 10

Hebron will celebrate the Lord's Supper and will ordain and install new officers during morning worship on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016.

Hebron ordinarily celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of January, but Pastor Frank will be out of the pulpit on Jan. 3.

New officers to be ordained and installed are Nancy K. Cook and Lori Malcolm. Robert Christian, Mike Ruleman and Noah Turnage, having been previously ordained, will be installed as elders. Elders are installed whenever they are elected to be active members of Session, but are only ordained the first time they serve.