

Happy New Year!

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and prosperous 2017!

Our genuine happiness, and our true prosperity, depend upon our relationship with God through faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Unfortunately, too many Americans in churches don't seem to believe that. We know we ought to believe that, and so we say we believe that, but our everyday lives give us away.

Too many of us seek our happiness through self-gratification, pursuing our personal wants and desires instead of what offers authentic and lasting happiness. Just as too many Americans are overweight (including me), too many of us follow an unhealthy "religious diet," skipping beneficial prayer, Bible study and church attendance, and filling up on the "empty calories" of consuming what passes for happiness in our culture and society. We look for immediate gratification and instant satisfaction based on what we want.

In the same way that we pursue happiness that will not last, we pursue personal prosperity in terms of material possessions and wealth as the world and our culture define them. We want to have money, status, and control over all the aspects of our lives, instead of having what is beyond earthly value: God in our lives, and present with us whenever we face problems.

Award-winning journalist Linda Ellerbee (who finally retired a year ago at age 71) semi-retired in 1992 after being diagnosed with breast cancer and having a double mastectomy. In drastically cutting back on her work schedule after years of prominent exposure on various NBC News programs, Ellerbee said she needed

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 88 on Jan. 20.

to concentrate on her health, because "I never heard of anyone on their death bed saying, 'Gee, I sure wish I had spent more time at the office.'" Faced with losing her life, she recognized that genuine happiness and true prosperity are not found in worldly accomplishments.

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 be 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

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. 17

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Dec. 15 Session meeting and are printed here:

Present: Elders Jim McGavock, Joann Weikert, Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck, Anita Tuttle, Lori Malcolm, and Mike Ruleman; Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche; and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer. **Excused:** Elders Jan Kitts, Allen Martin, Scott Martin, David Obenschain, Robert Christian, and Nancy K. Cook. **Absent:** Elder Ross Shull.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and devotions from Psalm 100.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the Called Meeting of November 13, 2016. A thank you note was received from SACRA for Hebron's contributions throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report: A handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of November 17, 2016. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$39,286.21). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$108,094.63. Treasurer also handed out a proposed 2017 General Fund Budget.

Presbytery Matters: A summary of the November 1, 2016, meeting is online at: www.shenpres.org. The next meeting is at Sunnyside in February, 2017.

Old Business: The Nominating Committee was thanked for its work, including their report at the November 13, 2016, Called Session Meeting. At that Called Meeting, a Congregational Meeting was scheduled for November 27, 2016, to elect four Elders and two Trustees. Later, it was pointed out that the PCUSA Book of Order has guidelines for nominating committees, but there are no guidelines in the Hebron Policy Manual. Hebron's Nominating Committee was asked to develop a Description and Function of the committee for our policy manual.

Committee Reports

Fellowship/Service: (Nancy K. Cook, Lori Malcolm, Scott Martin): No report.

Personnel (Mike Fallin, David Obenschain): No report.

Property (Robert Christian, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Anita Tuttle): The committee reported the water fountain not working and we had no hot water in Sunday School building. A small water heater will be installed in the Women's bathroom and will feed to the Men's bathroom. Work continues on getting lights for back parking lot. Funds are in place for new fence posts for cemetery and have been ordered.

Stewardship/Finance: (Allen Martin, Mike Ruleman, Ross Shull, Martha Sieck): No report. The treasurer had



earlier handed out 2017 Proposed Budget.

Worship (Nancy K. Cook, Jan Kitts, David Obenschain, Joann Weikert): Next Communion is November 27, 2016, Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. The committee will host the decorating of the Sanctuary for Advent on Saturday, November 26, at 5:30 p.m.

Cemetery (Jan Kitts, Anita Tuttle): A new iron gate was installed in cemetery across the road. Forms for new steps have been completed.

Christian Ed (Scott Martin, Jim McGavock, Mike Ruleman): The Christmas Fellowship Luncheon will be held December 11 following morning worship. The church will provide meats and beverages and members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

Commitment/Witness (Mike Fallin, Martha Sieck): Twenty-seven filled shoeboxes were collected, plus contributions for mailing costs for the Samaritan's Purse *Operation Christmas Child*. Hebron will ring bells for the Salvation Army's *Red Kettle Drive* on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3. Collection of the Children's Thanksgiving Offering is ongoing, and collection for the Christmas Joy Offering will begin on Dec. 18. \$210 will be given to Mt. Tabor to help with *Ruth's Basket*, to buy gifts for needy families.

Congregational Ministries (Lori Malcolm, Joann Weikert): Committee continues its ongoing contacts.

Pastor's Report: Pastor is working on the November newsletter so that it will be available for pick up at church on November 27, because next week will be a short week with the church closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. The Pastor will be out of town for Thanksgiving, going to Asheville to visit family. An Advent devotional from St. Andrews Society has been ordered, and the Pastor has also been working on Advent worship preparation.

The next Stated Meeting is scheduled December 15, 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 7:47 p.m.



January 2017

Hebron Presbyterian Church

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

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<p><i>1 1st Sunday after Christmas</i></p> 	<p><i>2 Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4 Commitment/Witness Meets, 6 p.m.</i> Property Committee Meets, 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>5 Twelfth (and last) day of Christmas</i></p>	<p><i>6 Epiphany: Christ is revealed to the Gentiles in the Wise Men</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>																																																																																																	
<p><i>8 Baptism of the Lord</i> New Officers Ordained and Installed</p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i> Circles 1 & 2 Meet, 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>11</i> Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13 Lee-Jackson Day (state holiday)</i> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><i>14</i></p>																																																																																																	
<p><i>15</i> The Lord's Supper celebrated during Worship</p>	<p><i>16 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (federal holiday)</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>																																																																																																	
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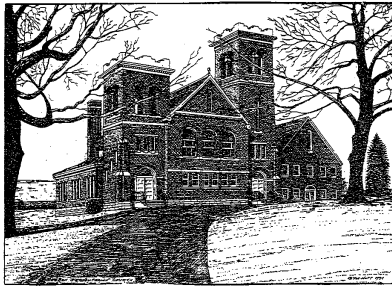
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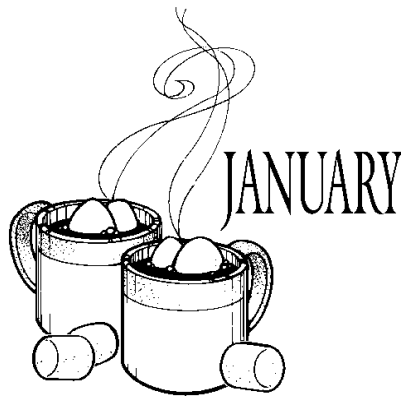
Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.

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

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Minutes for Nov. 27 Congregational Meeting and Election

Following morning worship on November 27, 2016, the Rev. Frank H. Wyche, Moderator, called to order a Meeting of the Congregation of Hebron Presbyterian Church at 12:06 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer by the moderator. By common consent, Robin Moyer, Clerk of Session, was named recording secretary for the meeting. A quorum was declared present.

There were two items of business for this meeting. The first item was to elect four elders to the Class of 2019, and the second item was to elect two Trustees.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees for the Class of 2019: Hannah Bush, Allen Martin, Tracy Mayer, Catherine McNeal, Sandy Showalter, and Brenda Smiley.

The Moderator opened the floor for further nominations. There being no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees for Trustee: Robert Christian, Shirley Fallin, Julia Martin, Larry Mayer, and Martha Sieck.

The Moderator opened the floor for further nominees. There being no further nominees from the floor, the

nominations were closed.

The Congregation was instructed to vote for no more than four elders for the Class of 2019 and no more than two Trustees on the ballot.

Votes were counted and Hannah Bush, Allen Martin, Tracy Mayer, and Brenda Smiley were elected as elders for the Class of 2019, all having received a majority of votes cast.

Votes were counted and Robert Christian and Larry Mayer were elected as Trustees, both having received a majority of the votes cast.

The Moderator thanked the Nominating Committee for its work; all those who consented to being nominated; and outgoing elders of the Class of 2016. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 12:34 p.m.

The new officers will be ordained and installed during morning worship on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017. Tracy Mayer will be ordained and installed. Hannah Bush and Allen Martin, having previously been ordained, will be installed. Elders are only ordained once, when they are first elected; after that, they are installed when elected.