

## November: A Time for Prayer as Holidays Begin

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

As we enter the holiday season – Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s – we are called as Christians to remember those less fortunate, and, to the best of our ability, to provide for their needs.

The letter of James makes it clear that we are called to action, and not to words alone. James 2:15-16 tells us, “If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?”

In the same way, 1 John 3:17-18 says, “But if any one has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.”

Hebron has always supported those in need. In the years that I have been here, I have seen this congregation’s support for SACRA (Staunton-Augusta Church Relief Association), Valley Mission and other local needs, including the recently implemented *Meal in a Bag* program for Beverley Manor Elementary School students at risk for going without food over weekends.

This church regularly takes up special offerings for those in need, including *One Great Hour of Sharing* at Easter, the *Christmas Joy Offering* at Christmas, the *Thanksgiving Offering* for children in various Presbyterian-related homes throughout the state of Virginia, *Tools and Blankets* offerings, and special offerings following national or international disasters.

Members of Hebron give to and participate in the annual CROP Walk, the Relay for Life fight against cancer, the work of the Salvation Army and its Christmas red-kettle collections, and other special events.

Beyond that, so many of our folks make private or individual contributions to other local, national and in-

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**Friday, Nov. 1** – *All Saints Day*

**Saturday, Nov. 2** – *All Souls Day*

**Sunday, Nov. 3** – *Daylight Saving Time Ends*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 5** – *Election Day*

**Saturday, Nov. 9**, Fall Festival/Family Fun Night

**Sunday, Nov. 10** – Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 11** – *Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, Nov. 12** – Circles 1 & 2, 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 17** – Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 21** – Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 24** – *Christ the King Sunday*, celebration of the Lord’s Supper; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 27** – Community Thanksgiving service, 7:00 p.m., at New Life Foursquare Gospel Church (see article on back page)

**Thursday, Nov. 28** – *Thanksgiving Day*; *Church Office Closed*

**Friday, Nov. 29** – *Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, Dec. 1** – *1st Sunday of Advent, season of preparation for Christmas*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

ternational charities, in addition to giving to support the church, and to support special mission projects.

Unfortunately, the needs of the community, the nation and the world are far beyond our capacity to meet. It is wonderful that so much good is accomplished by

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### *Advent, The Season Of Preparation For Christmas, Begins Dec. 1 This Year*

Advent, the season to prepare for Christmas, begins on Dec. 1 this year. Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas. “Advent” means “coming,” and it is the season we look forward to the coming of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Presbyterian Women will provide a pre-printed devotional from the Society of St. Andrew for daily use during Advent. The Advent Wreath will be lighted each Sunday of Advent in the Sanctuary. The Chrismon Tree will be in the Sanctuary on the first Sunday of Advent.

# Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held Sept. 22

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Oct. 24 Session meeting and are printed here:

**Present:** Elders James McGavock, Richard Rathburn, Jon Arneson, Robert Christian, Michael Ruleman, Noah Turnage, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Doug Trimble, Clerk of Session Robin Moyer, and Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche. Excused: Elders David Obenschain, Joann Weikert, Nicola Cahill and Lorrie Dean. Absent: Elder Eric Shiflet.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and devotions from Psalm 139.

**Clerk's Report:** Session approved minutes from the stated meeting on August 22, 2013. Clerk shared an invitation from Highland Augusta Mission to attend the quarterly meeting on Oct. 15 at Pines Chapel Presbyterian Church in Greenville, VA.

**Treasurer's Report:** Handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of September 26, 2013, including a Budget vs. Actual Report. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$14,884.10). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$77,023.67.

**Presbytery Matters:** Minutes of the Aug. 24 meeting at Waynesboro 1st are on the Presbytery website at: <http://shenpres.org/meeting-documents>.

**Old Business:** Session approved running an ad in the Staunton *News Leader* for one month provided no long-term contract is required. The ad will be handled by the Worship Committee.

## Committee Reports

**Commitment/Witness** (David Obenschain, Mike Ruleman): Minutes from the committee meeting of Sept. 9 were emailed to Session members.

**Christian Ed** (Nicola Cahill, Eric Shiflet): Mike Ruleman reported banners are up to welcome everyone to visit Hebron for Sunday School and Worship. We have two new visitors as a result from the post cards that were mailed. Crop Walk will be Oct. 6. Sunday School Breakfast was held Sept. 8.

**Congregational Ministries** (Jon Arneson, Lorrie Dean, Joann Weikert): The committee continues to assist the pastor with home Communion and visitation.

**Fellowship/Service** (Lorrie Dean and Doug Trimble): Committee is continuing planning for Heritage Sunday on Oct. 13.

**Finance** (Robin Moyer, Michael Ruleman): Committee asked again that all committees submit budget re-



quests for 2014 so the committee can begin work on next year's church budget.

**Personnel** (Hannah Bush, Richard Rathburn): No report.

**Property** (Hannah Bush, Robert Christian, Tom Cook, Jim McGavock, David Obenschain, Doug Trimble, Noah Turnage): The new ice machine has been installed. The ceiling fan under the balcony in the sanctuary has been replaced. The refrigerator in the storage room will be moved into the kitchen.

**Worship** (Joanne Weikert, Hannah Bush): The next Lord's Supper will be celebrated Oct. 6. Thanksgiving and Advent planning are under way.

**Cemetery** (Tom Cook, Noah Turnage): The back fence between the old cemetery and the pasture will be replaced with a straight wire fence.

**Pastor's Report:** The latest round of home Communion and pastoral visits following celebration of the Lord's Supper on July 28 is almost complete and will continue; a new round will begin after our celebration of Communion Sunday, Oct. 6, which is World Communion Sunday. We plan to finish the October newsletter tomorrow so that it will be available at the September 29 worship service.

The next stated Session meeting will be Oct. 24 at 7 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 8:44 p.m.

## Card of Thanks to the Church

We wish to thank our Hebron family for all the prayers, support, and cards during the illness and death of our brother, Ted Bush. He would be pleased that Hebron takes care of its family, even when individual Hebronites have burdens of their own.

~Hannah Bush & Missy Shives

## Family Fun Night To Be Held Nov. 9

The Hebron Youth Group will sponsor a Family Fun Night on Saturday, Nov. 9.

The event will be held from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m., beginning with a free supper.

Everyone is invited to this fun night of food, fun and fellowship. Please invite your friends and family. We hope to see you there!



5:30-8:00 p.m. Nov. 9

## Commitment/Witness Committee Suggests Ways To Help Others

By the Commitment/Witness Committee

*Jesus said, "Truly I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."* ~ Matthew 25:40

This time of the year we have many ways of caring and serving others as Christ commands. Thank you for your support of Hebron's outreach to a needy world. Please continue to be in prayer for and generous to the following benevolent offerings or projects in which we have chosen to be involved.

**The Meal in a Bag Project** continues with a weekly contribution of meals for the weekend for four children at the Beverley Manor Elementary School. The Commitment/Witness Committee thanks the Presbyterian Women for the \$576 designated for this project from the serving of the meal for the Riley Reunion, the Hebron Youth Group for packing the bags, and for individual gifts of food items and money. We need some volunteers for shopping. If you can help, please let a member of the committee know, or call the church office.

**CROP Walk** – Thank you to all who walked in the 2013 CROP Walk. With our generous donations the total was \$1,750 – more than \$1,000 more than 2012. You couldn't miss our Youth Group and other walkers wearing brightly colored Presbyterian shirts! Since 2005, Hebron has raised \$8,098 for this project.

**The Valley Mission** has special requests/needs due to the larger numbers of folks/families being served by this organization. Needs are posted on the bulletin board near the church office. A special *Just Jazzin'* program will be held Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Wintergarden Room at Gypsy Hill Place to support the Mission.

**Operation Christmas Child** – Hebron is again participating in this annual project of Samaritan's Purse, also known as the "Shoebox Project." Boxes are provided and money for mailings or the filled boxes completed should be brought to the church by Nov. 10 in

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and through the gifts of Hebron and its members. By gifts of money, and by personal contributions of time and participation, real and tangible good is being done.

In the upcoming holidays, I ask that everyone in our church make the effort to spend extra time in prayer for those in need. Since the so-called "Great Recession" began in 2008, local charities and food banks across the nation have been unable to meet the increased needs that came with the economic downturn.

National economists say the recession is over, but the economic growth and success found in large corporations and among the well-to-do in such cities as New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., have not reached ordinary people in what is referred to as "Main Street, U.S.A."

The corporations, the wealthy and the politicians are all doing just fine, but average Americans in our community, in our state and in most of our nation are still economically distressed. Too many people who want to work are still without jobs, and too many people who have jobs have seen their hours, their salaries and their benefits reduced.

As Christians, when we encounter a problem that is so big and that is beyond our power to correct, we are called to turn to God, and to pray for God's help, and for God's intervention.

This holiday season, may we all pray for the hungry and the homeless, especially children. May we all pray for the unemployed, especially those who lost their jobs and want to go back to work. May we pray that those of us who are blessed with more, may give more. And may we pray that local food banks, missions and charities may secure the resources they need to continue serving their communities.

The letter of James tells us, "You do not have, because you do not ask" (4:2c). God desires that we pray for others, as well as for ourselves. This holiday season, may we all pray for God's abundant blessings upon all those in need, even as God has so abundantly blessed all of us.

*Pastor Frank*

order for us to check and deliver the boxes the next week for shipping. There was a list of items included in the October newsletter. If you need someone to shop for you, or if you wish to give items for shoeboxes, we can provide helpers.

**Bell-Ringing** – One of our annual projects is ringing bells for the Red Kettle Project of the Salvation Army. This year we have volunteered to ring bells on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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## Evening Of Comfort And Joy Dec. 3

The Presbyterian Women's annual Evening of Comfort and Joy will be held Tuesday, Dec. 3, beginning with our traditional soup and sandwich and dessert supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a silent auction.



### Evening of Comfort and Joy

**This event is open to everyone – men, women, and young people, and Hebron's members and friends!**

It would help the cooks if you would sign the reservation sheet on the bulletin board across from the library. Reservations should be made no later than December 1. (However, if you only find out at the last minute that you can attend, please come anyway, because we always have plenty of food!) You can pay for your supper either by making a monetary donation of \$5 and/or by bringing non-perishable food for SACRA with a total value of at least \$5.

All the money given for meals and from the silent auction will be divided between the Verona Community Food Pantry and Valley Mission. All non-perishable food items will go to SACRA.

**Silent Auction:** We need lots of nice things to be auctioned. In the past, new items, freshly made fresh baked bread, cinnamon rolls, cakes (please pre-cut large cakes in half), cookies, candies, Christmas decorations, etc., have been sold. It's always very interesting to see what the ladies bring. This is both a wonderful time to do some Christmas shopping, and also to help the needy!

There will be a donation sheet on the bulletin board. It is a big help to know what the ladies are bringing so they may be displayed properly. It would be great if all items to be sold are in the Fellowship Hall by 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd. However, if you don't get a chance to sign the sheet or bring your items by 1 p.m., please bring them by 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 3.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Kirtley, 886-2653.

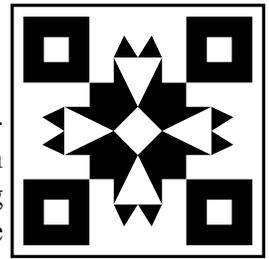
### Advent Devotional Booklets To Be Offered

Hebron's Presbyterian Women will once again provide booklets for daily devotion throughout Advent. This year's booklet is published by the Society of St. Andrew, which works to fight hunger.

The booklets will be available in the vestibules at the back of sanctuary in mid-November.

## Maxine Carpenter Making Another Quilt For PW

The Presbyterian Women's annual Evening of Comfort and Joy on Dec. 3 will again feature a drawing for a handmade quilt by Maxine Carpenter.



Look for more details on the quilt raffle in upcoming editions of the church bulletin.

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at Kroger on Statler Blvd. A sign-up sheet will be available. If you need transportation to come and ring the bell, just call the church office or a C/W Committee member. It is helpful to have at least two persons per hour, although more are always welcome. Sitting or standing with a smile and ringing the bell – either way works! Come join our cheerful ringers!

**SACRA** – There is an ongoing need for the weekly food items brought for the Staunton-Augusta Church Relief Association (SACRA). Thank you for checking for items in your pantry in October and remembering your items each Sunday.

**Catalog Gifts** – With the season of Christmas coming we have several catalogues for 2013 for gifts that make a difference. The Presbyterian Giving Catalog and the Heifer International Gift Catalog are on the table by the library. You can give as individuals, families, or groups to provide lasting gifts for others that just keep on giving.

Consider how you can witness to God's grace and love by giving your time, talents, and gifts to others!

## Lectionary Readings For November

Readings on the Revised Common Lectionary calendar for November are listed below. Pastor Frank ordinarily (but not always) uses one or more of the Sunday lectionary readings as the textual basis for sermons.

**Nov. 3:** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 4:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10.

**Nov. 10:** Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21, or Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38.

**Nov. 17:** Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

**Nov. 24, Christ the King Sunday:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43.

The lectionary calendar runs from the first Sunday of Advent through Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Christian calendar. On Sunday, Dec. 1, a new Christian calendar begins, and most of the gospel lessons during the next year will be from the gospel according to Matthew, instead of Luke.



## 6 *Presbyterian Women's News*

Circle meeting was held on October 8, 2013. Jean Miller opened the meeting with sharing the joys and concerns of the congregation followed with prayer. She then taught a very inspirational Bible study.

The least coin and regular offerings were received.

Hilda Dundas conducted the business meeting.

Maxine Carpenter, Chairperson, and Mildred Ruleman, Co-Chairperson, resigned from the Compassion Committee after serving approximately 12 years. They were thanked by all for the terrific job that they had done over those years.

Using the money given in memory of Doris Riley by family and loved ones, an ice maker was installed in the storage room across from the kitchen.

Additional suggestions for things needed in the kitchen before it is painted included: fix the lazy susan so that it can be easier to use; remove the metal tubs and replace them with ones that are not so deep; and fix the drawers containing the eating utensils and dish towels so that they are easier to open and close.

Plans were also discussed for the annual Evening of Comfort and Joy, which will be held the first Tuesday night of December, the 3rd, beginning with our traditional all-you-can-eat soup, sandwich and dessert supper followed by a silent auction. Maxine Carpenter will be giving a handmade quilt to be used for a raffle. All the profits made that evening will be divided between the Verona Community Food Pantry and Valley Mission. All the nonperishable items received will be donated to SACRA. This event is open to everyone. The opportunity will be given to pay for your supper by either making the suggested donation of at least \$5.00, and/or by bringing non-perishable food items for SACRA, valued at approximately \$5.00.

We ask that donations be made for the silent auction. In the past, we have had fresh baked bread, cinnamon rolls, cakes, candies, cookies, Christmas decorations, etc. This is both a time to do some Christmas shopping and to help the needy. Please try to have all the items donated for the auction in the Fellowship Hall by 1:00 p.m. on December 2. If you have any questions, please call Donna Kirtley at 886-2653.

Devotionals for Advent have been ordered and will be in the vestibules by mid November.

Joyce Coleman closed the meeting with prayer.

### *November Church Office Closings*

The church office will be closed three separate days in November for holidays.

The office will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day, and on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, for Thanksgiving.

## November Birthdays And Anniversaries

November birthdays are:

Alan Wood	2		
Barbara Moyer	3		
Jerry Botkin	4		
Lenwood Shiflet	5		
Nathan Moyer	6		
Richard Rathburn	6		
Billy Ruleman	6		
Charles Shomo	6		
Austin Smiley	7		
Sean Ratliff	10		
Frank Wyche	10		
Meredith Moran	12	Chris Moody	17
John Hildebrand	13	Judi Mooneyham	19
Jim McGavock	13	Lena Miller	22
Trevor Rankin	13	Cory Wood	23
Addison Casto	14	Joyce Obenschain	24
Shirley Fallin	14	Julia Martin	27
Robin Moyer	14	Brock Moore	28
Sylvia Crawford	16	David Wright	28
Scott Martin	16	Jonathan Talbott	30



**Very special birthday wishes to:** Lenwood Shiflet, who will be 88 on the 5th; to Charles Shomo, who will be 82 on the 6th; and to Jim McGavock, who will be 82 on the 13th.

**Congratulations to:** Junior and Peggy Hewitt who will be married 59 years on the 24th.

Reminder: If you have been omitted from our birthday list, or if you know of someone who should be included, please call the church at 885-1648 with the information, as we don't want to miss anyone.

### **Church Nominating Committee At Work**

Hebron's Church Nominating Committee is at work securing nominees to serve as elders on the Session.

Are you, or a member of the church whom you know, being called to serve on the Session for the next three years? If so, please provide your/their name to a member of the Church Nominating Committee (Hannah Bush, Lorrie Dean, Larry Mayer, Robin Ruleman, or Edna Stone), or place their name in the collection plate for the Nominating Committee to consider.

Please contact anyone you intend to recommend for the committee's consideration, to see if he/she feels called, and that they would be willing to serve at this time. As always, there will be the opportunity to nominate candidates during the called congregational meeting to elect officers, which will be announced at a later date.



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

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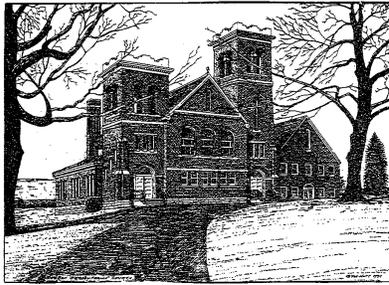
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Hebron Presbyterian Church

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Ministries available to all ages

Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:55 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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## *Community Thanksgiving Service Nov. 21 at Foursquare*

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held this year at the New Life Foursquare Gospel Church on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 7:00 p.m.

This annual service is a joint project of Hebron Presbyterian Church, the Arbor Hill Church of the Brethren, the Middlebrook Church of God, New Life Foursquare Gospel Church, and Smokey Row Baptist Church.

### *Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 3*

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3, this year, so remember to turn your clock back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, Nov. 2. Also remember that fire safety officials recommend checking/changing the batteries on your smoke alarms at the beginning and ending of Daylight Saving Time.



This year's speaker will be provided by the Middlebrook Church of God. After the service, a time for food and fellowship will be held. The fellowship time has always been a particularly popular part of the event.

A free-will offering will be collected at the service, with proceeds going to support Weekday Religious Education (WRE). Contributions are to be divided evenly between the WRE programs for Beverley Manor and the Riverheads District.

Please join us as our community gives thanks to God for all our blessings!

### *Thanks To All For Helping At Heritage!*

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Hebron's Heritage Sunday a huge success. There are just too many to name that worked so hard to make it all possible. God blessed us with a beautiful weekend and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks again!

*~ The Fellowship Committee*