

October: Special Events, and Holidays Approaching

By Frank Wyche, Pastor

October means special events and special worship services at Hebron, as well as a reminder that the holiday season will be upon us all too soon!

Special events in October include World Communion Sunday on Oct. 5; receiving the Peacemaking Offering on Oct. 5; Hebron's Heritage Sunday on Oct. 12; Reformation Sunday on Oct. 26; the CROP Walk on Oct. 26; and the final meeting of the PEP Club for 2014.

October is also the time to begin collecting for Operation Christmas Child, the Shoebox Project of Samaritan's Purse (see story on page 3). The collection begins so early because the national collection dates are Nov. 17-24. The Commitment/Witness Committee has set a deadline of Sunday, Nov. 9, for folks to contribute the shoeboxes, so that we can deliver them to our local collection point during the week of the 17th.

World Communion Sunday and receipt of the Peacemaking Offering are both on Oct. 5 (see article on back page). Please prepare your hearts and minds to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as we join Christians throughout the world in sharing communion on the same day as a reminder of our unity in Christ.

The Peacemaking Offering is one of four national offerings received by churches in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), of which Hebron is a member. The others are the Christmas Joy Offering at Christmas, the One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter, and the Pentecost Offering.

Twenty-five percent of the Peacemaking Offering is distributed by Hebron, and the rest goes to area, national and international mission work through Shenandoah Presbytery, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and the PCUSA. Our portion has been designated to go to support missionary Mark Hare in Haiti.

Heritage Sunday will be Oct. 12. We used to observe this in August, but several years ago the Session decided to move the date to the second Sunday in October when weather would be milder, instead of so hot. Hebron has a Homecoming every five years, with Heritage Sunday observed in the other years.

The church will once again provide the meat for the meal, including fried chicken. The church will also pro-



Sunday, Oct. 5 – *World Communion Sunday; Peacemaking Offering*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12 – *Heritage Sunday*: Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m. with covered-dish luncheon afterward; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 – Circles 1 & 2, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19 – Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23 – Session meets, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26 – *Reformation Sunday*; Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; CROP Walk, 2:00 p.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 2 – *All Saints Sunday*

vide beverages. Please make a side dish or two and plan to join us for a covered-dish meal after worship on the 12th.

Reformation Sunday will be Oct. 26 this year. The Protestant Reformation is historically considered to have begun on Oct. 31, 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door of the Wittenburg Cathedral.

Reformation Sunday is observed on the last Sunday of October each year. It isn't always the Sunday closest to Oct. 31, because All Saints Day is Nov. 1. So the last Sunday of October is Reformation Sunday, while the first Sunday of November is All Saints Sunday.

Presbyterian and Reformed churches trace their histories to the Protestant Reformation, specifically to the writings and theology of John Calvin (1509-1564). Protestant denominations whose history goes back to the Reformation (Presbyterian/Reformed, Lutheran, Anglican/Episcopalian, Methodist, and others) came out of the Roman Catholic Church. Leaders of groups which became Protestant churches, including John Cal-

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Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held August 22

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the Sept. 26 Session meeting and are printed here:

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

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and devotions from Psalm 62:1. The Clerk being excused, Joann Weikert agreed to serve as recording secretary for the meeting.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes of the Stated Session meeting of July 24, 2014. Session approved the removal of Guy Smiley 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 August 28, 2014, including a Budget vs. Actual Report. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$22,347.88). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$255,443.75.

Presbytery Report: Shenandoah Presbytery met Aug. 23, at Camp Paddy Run in Star Tannery, Va. A summary of the meeting will be available online at: <http://shenpres.org/meeting-documents/>

Committee Reports

Worship (Joann Weikert): Regular worship hour of 11:00 a.m. resumes Sept. 7. Next celebration of the Lord's Supper is Oct. 5, World Communion Sunday.

Cemetery (Jan Botkin, Tom Cook, Noah Turnage): Clean-up of the new cemetery was completed.

Christian Ed (Nicola Cahill): Regular Sunday School hour of 9:55 a.m. resumes Sept. 7. A Back-to-Sunday School church brunch will follow morning worship. Scott Hickey Memorial Scholarship will be discussed at next committee meeting.

Commitment/Witness (Robin Moyer, Mike Ruleman): The committee is planning a congregational survey of spiritual gifts, and elders will be asked to take the survey before it goes to the congregation.

Congregational Ministries (Jon Arneson, Joann Weikert): Latest visits for home Communion have been completed, and the committee and pastor continue to visit shut-ins.

Fellowship/Service (Jan Botkin, Lorrie Dean, Doug Trimble): The committee will assist with the Back-to-Sunday School Brunch on Sept. 7. Plans will be made regarding Heritage Sunday on Oct. 12.



Finance/Stewardship (Hannah Bush, Ross Shull): No report.

Personnel (Hannah Bush): Secretary's office hours will change in September due to her teaching schedule. Hours for the fall term will be: Monday 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon; Tuesday 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon; Thursday 8:30-10:30 a.m.; and Friday 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. The pastor's usual office hours will remain 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Property (Robert Christian, Tom Cook, Allen Martin, Jim McGavock, Doug Trimble, Noah Turnage): The committee will next meet Sept. 3. A window in the Choir Room was repaired. The committee is looking at a change in the plans to upgrade the Education Building's heating system which might result in significant savings; investigation into this will continue. Fire extinguishers have been mounted in hallways. The pressure tank for the church's water system was replaced. Other ongoing projects continue.

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 Communion is under way; the next celebration of the Lord's Supper during morning worship will be Oct. 5, World Communion Sunday. I will be out of the pulpit on Sunday, Sept. 21, to attend my niece's wedding in Maine; I will inform Session when I will take the other portion of a week off. The church newsletter will be available for distribution Aug. 31.

New Business: The Nominating Committee was instructed to convene. Hannah Bush reported that Transitional Presbyter Roy Martin hopes to visit Hebron, as he has visited other churches in the presbytery.

The next meeting will be Sept. 25 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 7:48 p.m.

Hebron Again Supporting 'Operation Christmas Child'

Hebron will again participate in "Operation Christmas Child," often known as "The Shoebox Project." Our church collection deadline will be Sunday, Nov. 9.

The Commitment/Witness Committee decided that the church will once again provide the boxes, and members are asked to give the contents, or to make financial gifts to buy materials and/or pay for postage.

Now is the time to shop for a child by filling a shoe box with appropriate items. Appropriate items are listed in this article, and also in the green brochure which will be included with the shoebox the church will provide. After they are acquired, the brochures and the



shoeboxes will be available in the Session Room and vestibules.

Use the instructions in the flyer on what types of gifts are needed (see list later in this article), and how to label the box for a boy or girl, and the appropriate age category.

National collection week for this project is Nov. 17-24, so we are asking that any shoeboxes given by Hebron be returned to the church by Sunday, Nov. 9. You can bring your filled shoebox to the church office anytime, or bring it to church and put it on the floor by the Communion Table on any Sunday morning.

The early deadline will allow Hebron time to pack shoeboxes, or buy enough to fill partially filled boxes.

The cost of mailing a shoebox is \$7 again this year. If money is not given for mailing, the church will cover the costs as mission giving. If you wish to pay for your own box or for others, or if you wish to give so that the church can buy more materials to go into gift boxes, please write a check payable to Hebron Presbyterian Church with "Operation Christmas Child" or "Shoebox Project" on the memo line, or you may put cash in the collection plate. If you give cash, please do not use your regular offering envelope; put it in a different envelope, or attach a note so that the church treasurer will know that the money goes to this mission project.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

TOYS: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoes, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring books, picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: sunglasses, socks, flashlights (with extra batteries), lollipops, hard candy, mints, gum (please double-bag all candy), ball caps, T-shirts, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches.



A PERSONAL NOTE: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date hard candy, liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Thank you for sharing in bringing joy to children around the world this Christmas.

Eugene Underwood Graduation

Eugene Underwood will graduate from his current training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri on October 17. He will be back in Augusta County soon afterward.

PEP Club To Meet At T-Bone Tooter

Hebron's PEP Club will hold its October meeting at T-Bone Tooter in Churchville. The meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 1:00 p.m. Those planning to attend should come to the church, and everyone will carpool to the restaurant.

October Special Events

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vin and Martin Luther, were Roman Catholic priests or seminary students, who were trying to reform the Roman Catholic Church. They did not seek to establish new churches, and only did so after they were excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church.

The CROP Walk in Staunton will be Oct. 26, beginning downtown at 2:00 p.m. Hebron has had a number of folks to participate, as walkers as well as by contributing money for the event to fight poverty.

Please join us in participating in all of these special events and activities, and look forward to even more in November and December!

Pastor Frank

Commitment/Witness News

The Commitment/Witness Committee met on Sept. 8. A summary of the meeting follows.

Attending: Mike Fallin, Philip and Martha Sieck, Barbara and Robin Moyer, David Obenschain. Thanks expressed for all who were present, and for all who help with the committee's work.

The devotion was from the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook about Public Education and the Presbytery of Shenandoah, including the presbytery's project for books for the Metu Library in Ethiopia.

Mike Ruleman gave an update on benevolent giving for the year. Some money is available to begin the shopping for the Meal-in-a-Bag Program for this school year.

David Obenschain will speak with Ross Shull regarding his activity with Scouts, and will check with Eric Boody for an update on the sign for the Scout Hut.

Mike Fallin reported on the meeting of the Highland Augusta Mission Community held Sept. 4 in Waynesboro. Philip and Martie Sieck also attended.

Mike Fallin and Martie and Philip Sieck also participated in the Big Event, the Shenandoah Presbytery Mission Fair and annual Presbyterian Women meeting, held Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Massanetta Conference Center.

Hebron will again participate in the Meal-in-a-Bag Program for Beverley Manor Elementary School. We will once again be providing four bags weekly.

Materials have been received for the PCUSA Peacemaking Offering, to be received Oct. 5 (see article on back page). Beginning in 2016, it will be called the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

The committee is seeking weekly volunteers to deliver food to the Staunton-Augusta Church Relief Association (SACRA).

Participants in the Aug. 23 Presbytery meeting put together emergency kits to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Participants put together 100 clean-up buckets (and 22 partials), 137 school kits, 14 hygiene kits, and 5 baby kits. The kits were delivered to Church World Service in New Windsor, MD, on Aug. 25.

A shower trailer built by Massanutten church for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was on display; another is near completion by Covenant church in Staunton.

A Presbyterian Disaster Assistance documentary film, *Trigger*, is available, which deals with deaths in the U.S. from gun violence. It was shown in class at the Bible Conference, by Jim Atwood, retired pastor and former missionary to Japan. He is a contact person and presenter nationally and in the Presbytery.

Everyone is reminded to put Friday and Saturday,

October Birthdays And Anniversaries

October birthdays are:

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| Brenda Smiley | 2 | | |
| Brogan Cash | 3 | | |
| Junior Hewitt | 3 | | |
| Zachary Smiley | 3 | | |
| Geneva Mader | 7 | | |
| Meredith Arneson | 9 | | |
| Alex Brown | 13 | | |
| Joan Wright | 13 | | |
| Tammy Moyer | 14 | | |
| Nancy Cook | 15 | | |
| Dennis Hewitt | 18 | Elaine Wyche | 24 |
| Lorrie Dean | 19 | Linda Brown | 26 |
| Mike Fallin | 19 | Michaela Kennedy | 28 |
| Keyser Kirtley | 19 | John Ott | 30 |
| Bobbie Kennedy | 22 | Skip Harmon | 31 |



Birthdays
& ANNIVERSARIES

Very special birthday wishes to: Junior Hewitt who will be 86 on the 3rd; Geneva Mader who will be 83 on the 7th; Nancy Cook who will be 86 on the 15th; Jake Ott who will be 88 on the 30th; and Skip Harmon who will be 84 on the 31st.

Congratulations to: Dick and Jean Miller who will be married 57 years on the 19th; and Skip and Bobbi Harmon who will be married 59 years on the 29th.

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.

Dec. 5-6, on their calendars for Hebron volunteers to ring bells at Kroger for the Salvation Army.

Mike Ruleman will report at the next meeting on a Spiritual Gifts Program from Group Publishing to identify spiritual gifts of members of the congregation and how each could be used in various opportunities at Hebron.

Mike Fallin has offered to be chair of the committee beginning January 1, 2015.

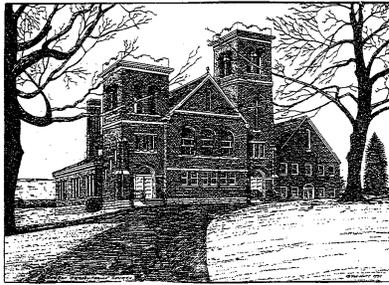
The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, Oct. 13, at 6:15 p.m. Anyone who is interest in working with benevolence, missions, or church outreach and service is invited to come to the meeting.

Fall Festival/Family Fun Night

Hebron's Fall Festival/Family Fun Night will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, hosted by the Hebron Youth. Look for more details in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

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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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October



World Communion Sunday and Peacemaking Offering Oct. 5

Hebron will participate in World Communion Sunday on Sunday, Oct. 5, joining churches of different denominations throughout the world in celebrating the Lord's Supper.

World Communion Sunday is also the day we receive the annual Peacemaking Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Twenty-five percent of the offering stays with Hebron for local distribution. The Commitment/Witness Committee has designated missionary Mark Hare in Haiti to receive the 25% to be dispersed at our discretion. The rest goes to Shenandoah Presbyterian, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and the PC(USA) for regional, national and international mission projects.

Contributions will be accepted throughout the month. You may use the Peacemaking Offering envelopes provided, or you can write on your regular envelope or your check memo line that you wish all or a portion of your gift to go to Peacemaking. Thank you for participating in this outreach of the Commitment/Witness Committee.

World Communion Sunday began in the Presbyterian Church in 1936, with Presbyterian churches in the United States and throughout the world all observing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the same Sunday.

For many years it was called "Worldwide Communion Sunday." In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (a forerunner of the National Council of Churches, of which the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a member) adopted the observance, and commended it to the many Christian denominations throughout the U.S. and the world; since then, many denominations have joined the observance.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY