

Hebron News

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Hebron Presbyterian Church, Manakin-Sabot, VA *Our Mission is to "Spread the Word of God"*.

NOVEMBER, 2011

From a pastor's desk.....

Grace and Gratitude

Social scientists tell us that in order to be healthy we must have a "positive future fantasy." This means that we must have some unfulfilled wish or luring hope that pulls us upward and forward. Sometimes the future fantasy is something tangible or material such as adding on a family room or taking that dream vacation with the family to a Caribbean island. Perhaps the positive future fantasy is having a son or daughter return home safe and sound from a war zone. Dating back to the Revolutionary War, Americans have always longed for their troops to be home by Christmas.

Even for an increasingly secular culture, Christmas is a focal point of our spiritual expectation and our collective wish for "peace on earth and good will toward men." Our adult ego may tell us how unrealistic some expectations are, but the child in us still waits impatiently, fully expecting that Christmas will bring us the joy we have lost and want so desperately to recover.

The celebration of Thanksgiving is a holiday that rejoices in the harvest. It celebrates a present reality—the bounty of the harvest. After the long hot summer and just before the bleakness of winter comes the realization that our labors, our strivings, and even our hardships have meaning and purpose. In that moment we recognize the grace of God that has sustained us throughout the year, and we respond in gratitude.

No one has to tell us that we *should* be grateful. Quite beside ourselves we rejoice that God's intention for us is not deprivation, but blessing. And amid all the curses of life, the blessing of God's presence and power overwhelms us. We are filled with praise and thanksgiving. For that moment all of the hurt and disappointment that we endured during the first ten months of the year pales. And if we are blessed enough to be surrounded by loved ones at a table bounteous with culinary delights, we thank God silently and inwardly. It is then that we live and glow in the light of the presence of God and we know His peace that indeed passes all understanding.

Charlie Brown

Hebron Youth : November Events
grades 7-12



Friday, November 4th 5:00pm

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
Come help pack shoeboxes full of gifts for kids around the world.

Sunday, November 6th

No evening Youth activity

Sunday, November 13th 12:00-3:00pm

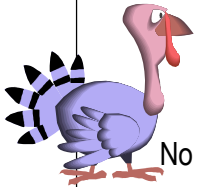
Fall Outreach to the Meadows Nursing Home
We'll grab lunch at Subway then go play games, color and visit with the nursing home residents.

Sunday, November 20th 6:00-7:30pm

Youth Jam Session in Holman Hall
Food, music and fun! Bring your friends!

Sunday, November 27th

No evening youth activity. Happy Thanksgiving!



Hebron Kids For Christ

tweens in grades 4-6

Lunch and a Movie
for tweens and their parents

Sunday, November 20th

12:15-2:15pm in Holman Hall

Stay after church and watch a movie on the big screen in Holman Hall. Lunch will be provided. Bring your sleeping bags and pillows to relax on the floor.

Contact Lori Alford for more information:

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Psalm 118:1

Fall Sunday School Classes
Each Sunday morning 9:45-10:45am



<u>Class/Age group</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Nursery (babies to 2 years)	Ona Fleming	Nursery
Preschool (3s, 4s, and pre-K 5s)	Jeanette Frey	Classroom #3
Kindergarten-1st graders	Carol & Ken Mittendorff	Classroom #6
2nd-3rd graders	Paula Curle/Taylor James	Classroom #2
Kids For Christ (4 th -6 th graders)	Lindy Thackston	Parrish House (upstairs)
Hebron Youth (7 th -12 th graders)	Lori Alford	Parrish House (downstairs)
Adults I <i>The Sermons of Dr. Rose</i>	Charlie James	Meeting Room (Office hallway)
Adults II <i>Second Corinthians</i>	Mack Curle	Holman Hall
Adults III <i>Faith in Real Life</i>	Patsy Rice	Parrish House (living room)



Christmas in November

Hebron Church will prepare boxes for Operation Christmas Child at its annual “Christmas in November Party” on Friday, November 4th. The party begins at 5:00pm and adults and children are invited to pack shoeboxes. Fried chicken, chicken nuggets and dessert will be served for supper. Those participating are asked to bring side dishes.

THANK YOU for celebrating Christmas all year long in 2011! Come on Friday, November 4th, and help send shoeboxes full of gifts and the message of Christ’s love to needy children around the world.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:40



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL FALL SESSION CONTINUES THROUGH NOVEMBER 16 Dinner served at 5:45pm *** Bible Study 6:30-7:15pm

This fall, don’t just come to church. Discover what it really means to *be* the church.

Join the Hebron family on Wednesday evenings this fall as we focus on the church - its purpose and your place in the family of God. Bible study groups for all ages will centered on this theme as together we discover God’s plan for the church.

- Preschoolers: I Have Fun at Church
- K-3rd grade Children: God’s Family in ACTION
- 4th-6th grade Tweens: The Church and Me
- 7th-12th grade Youth: Discover Your Church
- Adults: Acts: A Model for Today’s Church

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal will also be held from 6:45-8:15pm in the sanctuary.

Please sign up for dinner by filling out a reservation form found in each Sunday’s bulletin or call the church office at 784.4018.

Adults: \$6, Children ages 6-12: \$3, Family max: \$20

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Christmas events at Hebron!

Create and Celebrate

Friday, December 2nd at 5:30pm

Children of all ages are invited to create 6 unique Christmas ornaments and celebrate the season with a free spaghetti dinner and birthday party for Jesus!

Children's Advent Program

Sunday, December 4th

Children arrive at 9:45am

Program begins at 10:00am in Holman Hall

The children of Hebron will share the Christmas story in Scripture and song. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Community Tree Lighting Service

Sunday, December 4th at 7:00pm

Join us for a beautiful evening of music, including your favorite carols and harp music, followed by the lighting of our cedar tree outside. Enjoy fellowship, hot chocolate and donuts after the service.



It's Time to Reserve Your Poinsettias!

Honor your loved ones this year with a poinsettia, either red or white. They will decorate the church beginning with the December 4th Christmas Tree Lighting Service thru the Christmas Eve Service, with the honorees and in memoriams listed in both programs. You may take your poinsettia home following the Christmas Eve service. A form for your order will be in the November bulletins, and all orders must be in by Nov. 28. Each poinsettia is \$10. Let's have a bounteous display to beautify our church and add to our Christmas spirit.



SESSION REPORT

The Session met after church on October 2 to consider proposed interim tasks.

Sunday afternoons in late October and early November were proposed for listening sessions with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and leaders of the congregation.

A three-member Personnel Committee, two elders and a deacon, will conduct evaluation interviews with all staff members before the end of the calendar year.

Two elders will conduct a review of the membership rolls and will make proposals to the Session regarding removal from the roll of those who have been completely inactive for more than two years. The Book of Order no longer provides for a roll of inactive members.

Reports of Session actions are to be shared with the congregation through bulletin and newsletters as soon as possible after meetings.

Courage Fueled by Praise

Thomas Ken (1637-1710)

*Glorify the Lord with me, let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord,
and he answered me, he delivered me from all my fears.*

~ Psalm 34: 3-4

Across the world many churches sing one particular song of praise every Sunday. In just a few lines it summarizes great themes of the Christian faith

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

Who wrote these words?

Thomas Ken was a prominent Anglican clergyman in an age when the English nobility was not known for its saintliness. More than once he felt compelled to remain true to his conscience, even when that meant disagreeing with or opposing the King.

In one instance, when James II became king in 1688, Thomas Ken's convictions cost him his freedom. Now a bishop, Ken and several others refused to endorse or enforce the King's Declaration of Indulgence. James threw the bishops in prison in the Tower of London. Eventually tried and acquitted, Ken returned home to a quiet retirement.

This story shows a man of great wisdom and courage, who was unwilling to compromise his conscience. I like to think that Ken's courage was fueled by the praise that was on his lips. You see, years before this royal encounter, he'd written the lines we now know as the Doxology. He wrote them as a "last verse" for several hymns sung at the Winchester Cathedral. Note that I said "several hymns". He didn't want the words sung just once. He wanted this praise to be repeated at services in the morning, afternoon and night.

Do you feel in need of courage to take a stand? You can find that courage in an intimate relationship with the true King "from whom all blessings flow." This hymn also looks at Stewardship season as not only a time of planning and preparation, but also a time to reflect on how richly God has blessed us at Hebron. Praise Him for His blessings! Look to Him to lift your fear and empower you to act on what is right.

Markus Compton



**Hebron's Community Tree Lighting Service
Sunday, December 4th at 7:00pm**

**Join us for a beautiful evening of music, including your
favorite carols and harp music; followed by the
lighting of our cedar tree outside.
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after the service.**

Hebron Day School News

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good”
Psalm 107:1**

We have had a very busy fall! During October, we enjoyed a visit from Mr. Earl Taylor with the Goochland Fire Department. “Big Earl” and his friends came and did a demonstration for the children on Fire Safety and drove their fire truck and ambulance for us to see. We always look forward to their visit. We also took our first field trip of the year to Mrs. Sheila Alvis’s home for our Fall Festival Day. The children and parents had a good time playing games, going on a hayride and having special treats.

We had a fall service project during October collecting Matchbox cars and hair bows for Hebron’s Operation Christmas Child project. We were happy to be included in a part of this very worthwhile charity. The children and their parents collected a basket full of goodies!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, so we are busy preparing for the holiday. We also do a service project in November to collect canned food items for a local Goochland food bank. Each child will be bringing in their canned donations to help those less fortunate.

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Tuesday, November 22, at 11:00 a.m. The parents plan and organize this event and everyone is invited to join us.

Hebron Day School will be closed from November 23-25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Hebron church family and friends a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Shirley Bonovitch
Director

Message from the Finance Committee:

Church finances as of September 30, 2011:

September receipts	\$18,972.00	YTD receipts	\$202,993.48
September expenses	\$29,395.35	YTD expenses	\$232,148.73

We appreciate your gifts.

Fayette Thackston
Finance Committee

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

PRAYER LIST

Tuesday, November 1
 Women's Bible Study 9:15-10:45am

Wednesday, November 2
 Wednesday Night Special 5:45-7:15pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45-8:15pm

Thursday, November 3
 Men of Hebron 6:45-7:30am

Friday, November 4
 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 5:00pm,
 followed by dinner

Sunday, November 6
 Communion 8:45am
 Stewardship Sunday
 OCC Planning Meeting 12:10pm

Tuesday, November 8
 Women's Bible Study 9:15-10:45am

Wednesday, November 9
 Wednesday Night Special 5:45-7:15pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:45-8:15pm

Thursday, November 10
 Men of Hebron 6:45-7:30am

Sunday, November 13
 Youth Activity - Lunch & Visit to the Meadows
 Nursing Home 12:00-3:00pm

Tuesday, November 15
 Women's Bible Study 9:15-10:45am

Wednesday, November 16
 Last Wednesday Night Special 5:45-7:15pm

Thursday, November 17
 Men of Hebron 6:45-7:30am

Sunday, November 20
 Tweens & Parents Lunch & Movie 12:15-2:15pm
 Youth Jam Session in Holman Hall 6:00-7:30pm

Tuesday, November 22
 Newsletter Deadline
 Day School Thanksgiving Feast 11:00am

Wednesday, November 23
 Day School Closed Nov. 23-25
 No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 24
 Thanksgiving Day

Monday, November 28
 Day School Re-opens

Wednesday, November 30
 Choir Dress Rehearsal for Tree Lighting Service

Catherine Baldwin, *Peggy Henley's sister*
 Maryanne Moffett, *Fayette Thackston's aunt*
 Wally Pritchett, *friend and neighbor of*
Patricia Turner

Derek McConnell, *co-worker of Mack Curle*
at Dominion Resources, wounded
in Afghanistan

Ellen Burnop, *Carol Mittendorff's cousin*
 Joan Fogg, *Carla Yuen's mother*
 Sarah Wood, *daughter of David and Jennifer Wood*
 Tom Fitzpatrick, *in Bagdad*
 Bette Binns, *friend of the Brights*
 Tommy Alvis, *Sheila Alvis's husband*
 George Taylor, *relative of Sandra Parrish &*
Tracy Vance

Mike Roberts, *Carla Yuen's son-in-law*
 Karen Zbinden
 Danny Mizelle and Our Military Personnel
 Alice Goodman

****Please call the office if there are any changes to
 be made to the Prayer List.***

Christmas Services at Hebron

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm

Sunday, December 25

Family Worship Service 10:00am

Men of Hebron

The Men of Hebron meet each Thursday morning from 6:45-7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying ***Troublesome Bible Passages*** by Randy Cross.

We always have coffee, doughnuts and good discussions. Please join us!

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please send your request to hebronpresbyterian@comcast.net

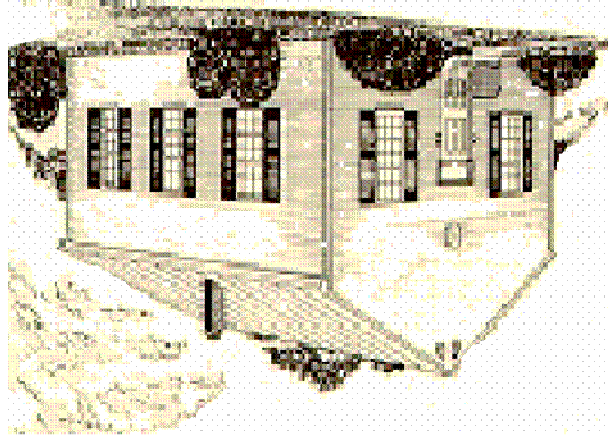
**Deadline for the December Newsletter
 is Tuesday, November 22**

Hebron Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ, Reformed in theology and Presbyterian by way of organization. It is related to the Presbytery of the James, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

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“A Historic Church with a Living Mission”

Hebron Presbyterian Church
Founded 1843



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You are invited to join us for our
Sunday Services
8:45am Worship Service
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship Service

Happy Thanksgiving!