

Hebron News

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

January, 2019

*"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death."
1st Corinthians 7:10, NRSV*

As I write this, we are in the days of transition between the hectic and lovely Christmas season, and the contemplation of a coming "new year." The church year actually begins with Advent, but our own calendars say that the year begins with January 1st. It seems almost obligatory to speak of "New Year's resolutions," though most of us who've launched lofty plans in the past have found that resolutions made because of the new year don't usually last past the first few weeks.

It's certainly a worthy pursuit to think about goals for the coming year, both our own personal goals and those we might hope to see accomplished in our work places or in our church congregation. God created our spirits to be dynamic, rather than static. As our best selves, we are always seeking to understand how God is moving and working around us and among us, and to step into that work and movement. Our hitch in this process is our human frailty, and one way that exhibits itself is in our tendency to focus on regret.

Do you have things in your life that you regret? Many of us do. It might be something "big," such as the loss of valuable things or choices made that have changed the trajectories of our lives or the lives of others in undesirable ways. Other regrets can be small things that dog us, like the tendency to be impatient with people, or to be unkind or judgmental. If we're self-aware enough to realize when we've exhibited such tendencies, then we'll experience regret over these things. I have known people who have been held hostage to their regrets, whether large or small, and who've been unable to move forward in life or relationships because of their focus on regrets of the past, rather than on the promises of their future. Their lives have literally been "arrested" by their regrets, and they are "in prison" to things of the past that they cannot change.

I am convinced from the testimony of Scripture and of the Holy Spirit that God wants us to move beyond our regrets. Certainly, God calls us to repentance, and to restitution where possible, but to be held hostage to regrets about our past is a tool of evil and not of good. Even people who are incarcerated for crimes find ways to accept forgiveness and move forward with their lives in the best possible way, to bring good out of the circumstances in which they find themselves. Can you and I do as much?

The verse quoted above comes from a chapter of 2nd Corinthians that reflects the complicated relationship between the apostle, Paul, and the Christian community at Corinth. As with any of Paul's letters, we have just half the conversation. But we can see how much Paul loved this community, and we can infer from this verse that he understood that regret in the life of a Christian should produce something different than what might be expected by the world. Being able to give God our regrets and let God redeem them and bring about something good from them, is what allows us to move forward.

With prayers for your journey, and for your New Year,

Connie Weaver

SESSION SUMMARY

**Called Meeting
Sunday, Dec. 16th, 2018**

The Session convened for a called meeting for the purpose of examining newly-elected officers set to begin terms in January. The meeting was rescheduled from its original date of December 9th due to inclement weather that Sunday.

- New officers to be examined were Mack Curle and Jamie Kistler for Session; and Suzanne Gahan, Ken Mittendorff and Martha Rogers for the Board of Deacons. Mr. Mittendorff is to serve a second consecutive term with the Deacons, as allowed by our Presbyterian Book of Order. These individuals had met with the pastor for a brief training session on a date prior to the Session’s examination.
- Each new officer was asked to share something from his or her personal faith story that has made a difference in where they are today in their Christian life. They were also asked to talk about an aspect of one of the documents in the Presbyterian Book of Confessions that is meaningful to them.
- Following these reports from the newly-elected officers, a motion was made to sustain their examinations. The motion was seconded, and passed.
- Two other items of business were addressed in the called meeting; one was to respond to a request for transfer from St. Matthews United Methodist Church for Jim and Susan Perkins. The session voted to approve the membership transfer. The Session also determined to forego its stated meeting on December 20th. The next stated meeting of Session is scheduled for January 17th, 2019.

Financial Report	
Monthly Need:	\$26,966
Actuals: December	\$53,712

Sunday Morning Children's Programs

Help your kids start the new year with a fresh connection to God's Word and their family of faith.



9:00am Kids Club [grades K-6]

Weekly Bible study and fun activities for kids of all ages

10:00am Children's Church [ages 4 - second grade]

Children join us for worship in the sanctuary, and are dismissed after the choir anthem for Children's Church

Hebron Kids For Christ

[tweens in grades 4-6]

Lunch and Learn

Sunday, January 13 - 11:30am-1:00pm

Lunch and Bible study at a local restaurant after church.
Bring your Bible and lunch money.

RSVP to Lori Alford by January 10: hebrondce@comcast.net

Hebron Youth

[students in grades 7-12]

Sunday, January 6 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm, Parrish House

Youth group is back and we're kicking off an in-depth study of Colossians. Snacks, games and Bible study: *Colossians 1 - Christ Above All*

Sunday, January 13 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm, Parrish House

Snacks, games and Bible study: *Colossians 2, Part 1 - Hidden Treasures*

Sunday, January 20 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm, Parrish House

Snacks, games and Bible study: *Colossians 2, Part 2 - Raised to New Life*

Saturday, January 26 Rise Against Hunger 8:45-11:00am, Holman Hall

Help package 10,000+ meals to be shipped to hungry families around the world

Sunday, January 27 Youth Sunday 10:00am

Students will be leading all aspects of the morning worship service

PLUS Sundaes Sunday 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall

Bring your parents for our annual youth and parents' night with ice cream sundaes!

Adult Bible Studies
Start the new year with in-depth Bible study!

- *Seeking a Word from the Lord* Sundays 9:00am, Ralph Fields Room
- *Acts* (begins January 6) Sundays 9:00am, Holman Hall
- Women's Bible Study (begins January 8) Tuesdays 9:30am, Parrish House
All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians by Kelly Minter
- Women's Bible Study (begins January 10) Thursdays 9:30am, Parrish House
All Things New: A Study on 2 Corinthians by Kelly Minter
- Men's Group Sundays 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall
Jesus Among Secular Gods by Ravi Zacharias

Hands-On Hunger Relief Project



Saturday, January 26, 8:45-11:00am

Volunteers are needed to help package 10,000 meals! Each person will have a job for the morning: scooping ingredients into meal bags, weighing and sealing bags and more. Children as young as age 5 are welcome to participate.

Click here to sign up or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Holman Hall:
[Rise Against Hunger Registration](#)

The meal bags contain rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a packet containing 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The meals are shipped throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages, and crisis relief.

Learn more at: riseagainsthunger.org

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COURAGE TO RESIST EVIL*Arthur Honegger (1892-1955)*

*"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."
~Ephesians 5:11*

Frenchman Arthur Honegger was one of Europe's most interesting 20th Century composers. His music ranges from the powerful choruses of the oratorio King David, to the innovative rhythms and musical depiction of an enormous train in motion.

Though Honegger could have fled Paris when the Nazis invaded France, he chose to remain with his suffering countrymen. One might say that he laid low, becoming a virtual hermit in his studio, but that doesn't mean he was inactive; you see, Honegger was an integral link in the French resistance.

Suspicion was inevitable, especially as Honegger repeatedly refused flattering invitations to conduct concerts in Germany. Risking his career? Yes, maybe his life.

As for his work, he kept at it, composing some of his greatest works in the midst of the danger. By God's grace, Honegger was never arrested. One of his compositions, appropriately entitled *Chant de Liberation*, was triumphantly performed just two months after the liberation of Paris.

In various ways, Scripture tells us to resist evil. The most notable passage might be James 4:7, "*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*" Then there is

I Peter 5: 8-9, "*Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith....*"

Arthur Honegger quietly resisted societal evil, but sometimes we are called to make the courageous choice to resist evil on a more personal level. It might mean separating ourselves from certain people and activities. Separating ourselves from compromise. Sometimes it is simply resisting a besetting temptation.

Peter admonishes: "*Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.*"

(I Peter 2: 11)

Whatever temptation of evil, God provides a way and is always willing to help His children who sincerely want to do His will.

~Markus Compton

JANUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 2
 Choir 6:30-8:00pm

Friday, January 4
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, January 6
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship 10:00am and Communion
 Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House

Tuesday, January 8
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Day School Reopens 9:00am
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Wednesday, January 9
 Choir 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, January 10
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, January 11
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, January 13
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship 10:00am
 Installation of Officers for 2019
 Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall
 Tweens 11:30am-1:00pm Lunch and Bible Study
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House

Tuesday, January 15
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Wednesday, January 16
 Choir 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, January 17
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House
 Session 7:00pm

Friday, January 18
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, January 20
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship 10:00am
 Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House

Tuesday, January 22
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Wednesday, January 23
 Choir 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, January 24
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House
 Session 7:00pm

Friday, January 25
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

PRAYER CONCERNS

Madison Long
 Ronnie Nuckols
 The Powers Family
 Ann Bright
 Polly Anderson
 T. C. & Diane Anderson
 Bibby Raines
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher
 Mike Hammond, *family friend of The Thackstons*
 Ryan Dean, *Patricia Turner's nephew*
 Lou Hanscom, *friend of Ronnie Thornton*
 Luke Baher-Mona, *friend of the Northen family*
 Sally Chase, *Barb Young's sister*
 Scott Kulp, *Megan Compton's uncle*
 Joyce Hawk, *Lori Alford's mother*
 Audrey Ownsbey, *Debbie Fahrner's mother*
 Betty Ownsbey, *Debbie Fahrner's sister*
 Mary Ellen Bundy Murray, *friend of Hebron*
 Matthew Neher, *Robin Williams' cousin*
 Vickie Ipsen Curle, *Mack Curle's sister-in-law*
 A friend of Rod & Susie Smyth
 Carter Smith, *Tracy Kistler's nephew*
 The Atkinson Family,
friends of Dan & Martha Rogers
 Ted Phillips, *Barb Young's brother*
 Ben Watkins, *Tricia Miller's brother*
 Mia Barksdale, *Paula Curle's sister*
 Tristen Edwin Jenkins, *Shirley Bonovitch's*
great nephew
 Barbara Kaplan, *Alison Raines' mother*
 Karen Ball, *Patsy Rice's daughter*
 Glenn Parrish, *Sandra Parrish's husband*
 Our Military Personnel

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

Saturday, January 26 Rise Against Hunger
 8:45-11:00am

Sunday, January 27
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship **Youth Sunday** 10:00am
 Men's Group 6:00pm Parrish House
 Youth Group Sundaes Sunday 6:00-7:30pm
 Parents are invited for sundaes! Holman Hall

Tuesday, January 29
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Wednesday, January 30
 Choir 6:30-8:00pm

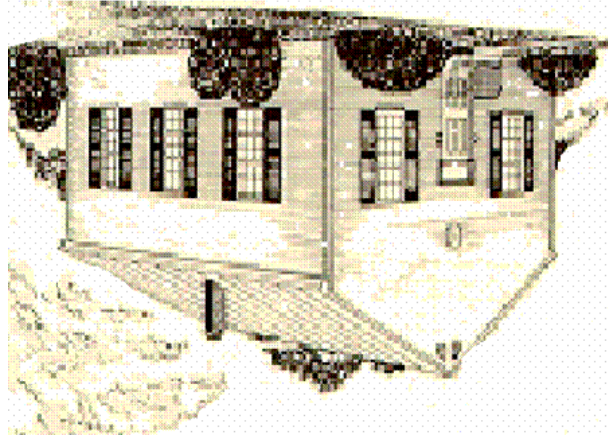
Thursday, January 31
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

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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
10:00am Worship Service*