

Hebron News

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

March, 2019

What is That Music I'm Hearing?

Do you ever get a song stuck in your head? Most of us do, at one time or another. Colloquially, this is sometimes referred to as "having an earworm." More scientifically, it's described as *involuntary musical imagery*; the experience of having lines of music come spontaneously to mind and repeating without conscious control. If you've ever had this happen, you know how random it can feel (*why that song?*) and how hard it can be to get an unwanted tune out of your head. Sometimes the music and lyrics that show up in our heads can be comforting and encouraging; other times, they can simply be annoying.

Years ago, I started taking note of the hymns that come unbidden to my mind. I figure there's a reason those hymns come to mind, even if I'm not consciously aware of what the reason may be. If I don't know all the words, I go look them up, to see what the words say. If it's a familiar hymn, I figure the words must be in my memory somewhere, and something (the Holy Spirit?) is trying to call them forth.

A few days ago, the hymn that just wouldn't leave my head ended with "Jesus doeth all things well." I could hum the whole hymn, but those were the only words I could remember; "Jesus doeth all things well." I had to look it up online to learn the title. The name of the hymn is, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me." Because I keep old hymnals, I was able to find it in both the hymnbooks I grew up with, so it's likely that I heard this as a child and a teen, growing up.

When I asked the Lord what I should say here, on this page, for March, I thought about that hymn. Perhaps it's for you, today. Perhaps, it's for all of us.

All the Way My Savior Leads Me Crosby/Lowery

*All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.*

*All the way my Savior leads me; cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread:
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see.*

*All the way my Savior leads me; oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above:
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.*

With prayers for your journey,

Connie Weaver

SESSION SUMMARY

Congregational Meeting

February 10, 2019

A congregational meeting was held following worship, for presentation of the 2019 budget and the 2018 Annual Report.

Stated Meeting of Session

February 21, 2019

- The passing of T.C. Anderson on February 12th was noted, and prayers were offered for his family.
- Ronnie Nuckols shared information about two new ministry opportunities in Niger. The session approved a request to share with the congregation the opportunity to give to a new cooperative project to raise money for seed and fertilizer for the Dogon Gao Bible College. A second opportunity will be to help raise support for a matching grant proposal from Frontier Fellowship to upgrade facilities at the school. Session will be asked to approve fund-raising for this project if the grant proposal is approved.
- A motion was made and approved to amend the 2019 budget to include \$2,000 for the Youth Mission Trip that was inadvertently omitted from the previously-approved budget.
- Three youth mission fund-raisers were approved: a March 3rd Hot Dog Lunch and Student Service Auction; a May 4th off-site flower sale; and a May 5th fund-raising lunch and talent show, with sale of remaining flowers.
- It was reported that the Reichel family has assisted the Day School in obtaining a \$3,500 grant from Schwab for the school's scholarship fund. The session also approved a special offering for the fund on Day School Sunday, April 28th.
- The April session meeting was rescheduled from the 18th to the 25th, due to the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 18th.
- Session approved a special offering for the Ash Wednesday service on March 6th, to benefit chaplaincy service at the Women's Prison in Goochland.
- The session will examine 2019 confirmands at its March 21st meeting. The session approved the serving of communion at the confirmand retreat on Feb. 24th.
- Action taken via email since the last stated meeting was reported for the record:
 - The annual statistical report as provided by the clerk was approved on January 29th. This report is submitted to Presbytery of the James.
 - The use of Holman Hall by the Goochland Garden Club on Feb. 19th was approved by email on February 5th.

Financial Report	
Monthly Need:	\$26,966
Actuals: February	\$21,890.96

Adult Bible Studies

- *Seeking a Word from the Lord* Sundays 9:00am, Ralph Fields Room
- *Acts* Sundays 9:00am, Holman Hall
- Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:30am, Parrish House
Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer
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- Men's Group Sundays 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall
Foundations for Men by Vince Miller

Hebron Kids For Christ

[tweens in grades 4-6]

Movie and Game Day

Sunday, March 10 - 11:30am-1:30pm

Lunch, a movie, board games and lots of fun at the Parrish House

Hebron Youth

[students in grades 7-12]

Sunday, March 3 **Hot Dog Luncheon and Student Service Auction**

We're raising funds for our summer mission trip! Be at church by 9:45am.

PLUS Mission Trip Training Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm, Parrish House

For ALL students, even if you aren't planning to participate in this summer's mission trip.

Topic: Servant Leadership

Sunday, March 10 **Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm, Parrish House**

Snacks, games and Bible study: *Colossians 4 - Prayerfully Faithful*

Sunday, March 17 **Dinner & Games 6:00-7:30pm. Perry Nuckols' house**

Hang out at Perry's house for an evening of fun and friendship

Thursday, March 21 **Session Examination of Confirmands 8:00pm**

All 2019 Confirmation students will meet with our church Elders

Sunday, March 24 **Confirmation Sunday 10:00am**

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

Snacks, games and Bible study : *Under Pressure*

Sunday, March 31 **Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm**

Snacks, games and Bible study : *Under Pressure*

Hot Dog Luncheon and Student Service Auction Sunday, March 3

Our students are hosting a hot dog luncheon after worship.
Menu includes hot dogs, toppings, side dishes, chips and dessert.
Donations will be accepted for our summer mission trip.

PLUS

Bid on helpful services offered by our students, including yard work, mowing, artwork, homemade baked goods, fresh eggs, organizing, small engine repair and pet sitting!

2019 Summer Mission Trip | June 23-28 | Pikeville, Kentucky

Wednesday Night Special

Join us for dinner (\$5) and intergenerational programs
Ash Wednesday through Maundy Thursday

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| March 6 | Dinner: Bacon wrapped pork tenderloin
Program: Ash Wednesday Worship |
| March 13 | Dinner: Chili and baked potato bar
Program: Spring Niger Update (Ronnie Nuckols) |
| March 20 | Dinner: Rosemary Balsamic chicken
Program: The Power of Story |
| March 27: | Dinner: Baked spaghetti and meatballs
Program: Where Do We Get Our Stories? |

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An Ode to Joy Amid the Silence

Ludwig van Beethoven

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

~Psalm 126:5

For many decades if you asked musicians to name the world's greatest symphony, most would have answered, "the Ninth!" They would be referring of course, to Ludwig van Beethoven's last—his Symphony no. 9 in d minor.

Every movement is a masterpiece, and its novel finale adds a large chorus to the immense orchestra. Audiences and performers alike revere the Ninth. Hundreds of orchestras have recorded it, and thousands of students have scrutinized its magnificent pages. The work exudes such ecstasy and joy that the last movement's principal musical theme is sung in many churches as a hymn of praise to God: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."

Ironically, Beethoven wrote this composition in one the saddest periods of his life. His hearing loss was dramatic. He could no longer perform as a virtuoso pianist. Although he was known as a great symphonist, it would be ten long years between the premieres of his Eighth Symphony and his

In this decade several of his closest friends, patrons and family died, including his brother, leaving Beethoven with less support and encouragement. In the midst of these misfortunes, Beethoven's diary revealed that he turned more and more to God to find strength and inner joy. A diary entry reads, "O God, give me the strength to overcome myself, nothing must hold me to this life." He wrote to a friend in 1821, "God, who knows my innermost soul, will surely someday relieve me from these afflictions."

At long last, the Ninth Symphony was finished. He'd heard the chords and music only in his mind. How would the world respond? Would this piece be discounted as the work of an old, crazed man?

At the final note of the premiere, the audience exploded with thunderous applause, but the composer, standing next to the conductor with his back to the crowd, looked straight ahead, hearing nothing. Fortunately, the conductor noticed Beethoven's disorientation and turned him around so he could see and take a bow before the cheering crowd. *Joy!*

In the midst of a painful situation, it is difficult to find any joy. But Jesus, at the Last Supper, gave his disciples hope for inner peace and joy that would carry them through dark times: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Even when the pain of life seems overwhelming, may we keep close to Christ to find joy and peace in the midst of the storm, for in Christ we are overcomers, singing an ode to the Overcomer who brings us joy.

Markus Compton

Hebron Day School News

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”

March is reading month at Hebron Day School. We begin by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday the first week of March with a visit by the Cat in the Hat! The parents and children will be reading a lot this month. Every time they read five books, they turn in a circle to add to our “Reading Bug”. Watch the hallway for our bug to grow as they read! We would like to thank one of our Hebron Church members, Mrs. Diane Luczkovich, for coming in to read during the month of February. We hope she'll come back and do it again.

Our annual Pet Show will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at 11:00am. This is a day when the children and parents bring their pets to school to share with friends. We've had everything from a pet tarantula to a horse! We look forward to seeing what new pets join us this year!

Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. Please let us know if you have a family or friend with a child who is between the ages of 2 and Pre-K, so we can send them a new brochure and application.

SPRING BREAK for Hebron Day School will be April 2-5. This follows the same schedule as Goochland Count Public Schools. Hebron Day School will reopen on Tuesday, April 9.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our program!

Shirley Bonovitch
Director

Operation Christmas Child

In March please shop for these items:
Bar soap, washcloths and toothbrushes.

All year please look for:

- Youth tee shirts on sale at Michaels and Jo Ann Fabric
- Reusable shopping bags from grocery, discount and hardware stores
- Free items from sporting events and conferences (stadium cups, pens)
- Free toothbrushes from your dentist
- Small purses from cosmetic companies

No time to shop? We welcome donations!
Put your Christmas gifts in the large green plastic tub outside Holman Hall.

Technology Updates at HPC

We are happy to report that a number of technology updates have. We now have improved bandwidth and coverage across the main church campus, including in our sanctuary; and seamless connection between Wi-fi devices in different locations. The “smart TV” in Holman Hall is now truly smart! It’s Wi-fi connected and ready for use. Our Day School and Sunday School classes are now positioned to connect to multiple internet-based devices throughout the education wing of the church. Our Wi-fi bandwidth can be adjusted based on needs at various times in different areas of our buildings.

These updates to our Wi-fi system help provide greater internet security and position the church to utilize wireless security devices in the future (alarms, key-less door entry, etc.). They also enable access to Wi-fi for phone calling in the case of spotty cell phone service. If you wish to have Wi-fi access while at the church, please contact the church office for network and password information.

Our thanks to deacon chair Scott Parks for his ongoing work on this project. The Parrish House, where our youth meet and where our DCE, Lori Alford, has her office, does not have Wi-fi access due to its distance from the main church campus. Options for providing Wi-fi access at the Parrish House at a reasonable cost are still being explored.

MARCH CALENDAR

Friday, March 1

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, March 3

Adult Bible Study 9:00am

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Book of Acts, Holman Hall

Confirmation Class 9:00am

Worship & Communion 10:00am

Hot Dog Luncheon & Student Service Auction

Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall

Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House

Tuesday, March 5

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday Night Special Begins!

Dinner: 5:45pm Ash Wednesday Service: 6:30pm

Thursday, March 7

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, March 8

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, March 10

Adult Bible Study 9:00am

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Book of Acts, Holman Hall

Confirmation Class 9:00am

Worship 10:00am

Tweens 11:30am-1:30pm

Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall

Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House

Tuesday, March 12

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Wednesday, March 13

Wednesday Night Special

Dinner: 5:45pm,

Fall Niger Update, Ronnie Nuckols : 6:30pm

Thursday, March 14

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, March 15

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, March 17

Adult Bible Study 9:00am

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Book of Acts, Holman Hall

Confirmation Class 9:00am

Worship 10:00am

Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall

Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House

Tuesday, March 19

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Wednesday, March 20

Wednesday Night Special

Dinner: 5:45pm, Bible Study: 6:30pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

Grace Alford

Kathy Tyler

Sandy & Rossie Fisher

Anne Boswell Owens, *Mack Curle's cousin*

Nancy Cartwright, *friend of Nancy Parrish*

Joyce Hawk, *Lori Alford's mother*

Ted Phillips, *Barb Young's brother*

Mia Barksdale, *Paula Curle's sister*

Our Military Personnel

Teachers

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

In general, names on the Prayer List will be printed for four weeks. Please contact the office if you would like to keep a name for a longer time. Confidential prayers may be requested on the church website.

PASTORAL CARE

The committee consists of Scott Parks (347-7505) and Nancy Parrish (402-4864).

Share any births, deaths, illness or other concerns with one of these committee members.

Thursday, March 21

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Session 7:00pm

Friday, March 22

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, March 24 - Confirmation Sunday

Deacons Meeting 8:30am

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, March 26

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday Night Special

Dinner: 5:45pm, Bible Study: 6:30pm

Thursday, March 28

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, March 29

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, March 31

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

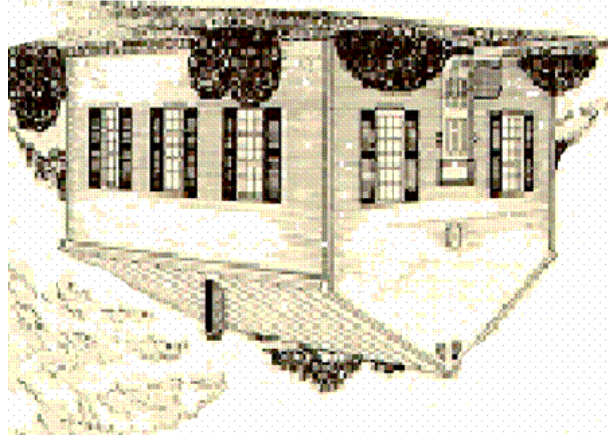
Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House

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”

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You are invited to join us for our
10:00am Worship Service