

# Hebron News

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

April, 2019

## ***Telling Your Easter Story***

*"God hold you in this turning, Christ warm you through this night,  
Spirit breathe its ancient rhythm, Peace give your sorrows flight."*

*Jan L. Richardson*

Richard Morgan uses this snippet of poetry to open the first chapter of his book, Remembering Your Story: Creating Your Own Spiritual Autobiography. Morgan's book has helped many over the years who've wanted to connect-the-dots of the events of their lives in order to see patterns of God's artistry in their spiritual journeys. Morgan believes the need to collect and remember our stories is more urgent than ever:

*"American life and culture are changing so fast that older people realize that their grandchildren have no idea of the events that shaped their lives. And more and more mid-lifers are realizing that with the increased mobility of modern life, family stories that once were passed down orally will be lost if not preserved."*

Morgan helps the reader think of his or her life as a river, recognizing the "tributaries" that have fed us, and noting times when the river of our life has helped to nourish others. When has your "river" been fast and turbulent? When has it been slow and meandering? When has it been quiet and deep? And in every part of the "river" of your life, where have you recognized God's grace? Morgan helps us to claim our "stories" and to see how they interconnect to form the larger story of our human life.

It's been said that "the greatest story ever told" is that of Jesus Christ, as related to us in the four Gospels of our New Testament. The story of Jesus is truly "great" because of what God accomplished through it; coming into the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, teaching us and showing us love, and dying a death for our sinfulness that grants us the hope of forgiveness and eternal life.

During the remainder of the Lenten season leading up to Easter, we'll be telling that story again at Hebron Church. Beginning on Palm Sunday and continuing through Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, we'll remember again the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and we'll celebrate once again God's glorious resurrection of Jesus when his friends and family and followers thought his story had ended. The good news for the story of your life is that no matter how deep or dark certain stretches of your "river" have been, you've never been truly alone; and when we place ourselves in the hands of the great Navigator, we find that our Lord is trustworthy not only to bring us safely through, but to give meaning to our hardest times.

With prayers for your journey,

Connie Weaver

**SESSION SUMMARY****Stated Meeting of Session  
March 21, 2019**


- Deacon chair Scott Parks updated the session on Wi-fi upgrades at the church and requested approval to move forward in providing wireless internet access to the Parrish House via a point-to-point connection with the main church campus, at a cost of \$860. Session approved this request, with cost to be covered through the church's building fund. Recent cost saving opportunities at the church have more than compensated for this expense.
- Elder Carol Mittendorff reported on behalf of the Worship Committee that plans are underway for an early worship service and breakfast at Hebron on Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be a shared service with Dover Baptist Church. Hebron will also hold its regular 10:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.
- Elder Mittendorff brought a request on behalf of the Christian Education Committee to make it a matter of record that oversight of materials used in educational programs of Hebron Church is granted to the Director of Christian Education. This has been the practice, but it was uncertain whether this had been made a matter of record. Session approved this request, adding that quarterly reports should be provided by the DCE to the session.
- Elder Nancy Michael reported on behalf of the Missions Committee that to date, \$4,483 had been raised through Hebron Church for the Niger Cooperative Project, and \$11,000 had been raised for the Niger Bible College. The Missions Committee also plans to hold a food drive for Goochland Cares in April.
- Elder Mack Curle brought a proposal for accessibility improvements on the church campus, to be funded in the amount of up to \$20,000 by the Cemetery Committee. Session approved the proposal, which will include concrete pads for handicapped parking near the sanctuary and the education building, improvement to the handicapped entrance between the pastor's office and the sanctuary, creation of a landing below the rear entrance to the sanctuary and construction of a sidewalk connecting that landing with the one at the rear entrance of the kitchen. Additionally, needed adjustments will be made to several of the headstones in the cemetery.
- The session heard the faith statements of the seven 2019 confirmands and received them into church membership. The 2019 confirmands are Garrett Eastwood, Grace Kistler, Jack Miller, Reed Miller, Perry Nuckols, Mason Smith, and Frances Thackston,
- Action taken via email since the February stated meeting was reported for the record:
  - A motion was approved on March 14<sup>th</sup> to allow the Goochland Historical Society to use Holman Hall for their April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Financial Report**

Monthly Need:               \$26,966

Actuals: March will be reported in  
the April newsletter.






## Hebron Kids For Christ

[tweens in grades 4-6]

### Cookies for Kairos



**Sunday, April 28 - 12:00-1:30pm, Holman Hall**  
Lunch and cookie baking for Kairos prison ministry

## Wednesday Night Special

Join us for dinner (\$5) and intergenerational programs  
Dinner is served at 5:45pm, program begins at 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 3	Dinner: Beef tips Program: How Have We Told Our Stories?
Wednesday, April 10	Dinner: Fish Fry Program: Finding God in Our Stories
Thursday, April 18	Dinner: Baked ham Program: Maundy Thursday worship, 6:45pm



# HOLY WEEK

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**Palm Sunday, April 14**  
Palm Sunday worship, 10:00am

**Maundy Thursday, April 18**  
Fellowship dinner at 5:45pm  
Maundy Thursday worship at 6:45pm

**Easter Sunday, April 21**  
Sunrise Service and breakfast at 7:00am  
Easter worship at 10:00am

Reflections on our Great Hymns

by Markus Compton

**Take My Life and Let It Be**

Author: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)

It was said of Frances Ridley Havergal, author of this text, that the beauty of a consecrated life was never more perfectly revealed than in her daily living. She has rightfully been called "The Consecration Poet". As a hymn-writer she is recognized as being, in a special sense, the singer of consecration. Her hymns belong to what has been called "the hymnody of Christian experience". Her verses glow with spiritual warmth and speak to the heart. Many of her hymns are still in use, especially in evangelical circles. They express her radiant faith and deep devotion to Christ. Some of her hymns include, *'Lord, speak to me, that I may speak'*; *'Like a river glorious'*; and *'Take My Life'* to name but a few.

Although never enjoying robust health, she pursued a very active life until the age of thirty-seven, when a severe attack of typhoid fever laid her low for the better part of a year. Other illnesses followed, and in her later years she was obliged to restrict some of her activities; but she was ceaselessly busy with her pen almost to the day of her death.

*'Take My Life and Let It Be'* is one of Havergal's best-known hymns. It has twelve couplets; the first of them is general and introduces the theme of the consecrated life. The ten that follow are specific and deal in turn with those elements of the personality that are involved in true consecration. The final couplet integrates these into one, namely, the consecrated self. Each couplet begins with the word Take, and this is a key to the interpretation of the hymn. When we use it as a prayer we are offer ourselves; all we are and all we have, to the Lord for His acceptance and use. It is for Him to decide what that use shall be. Our part is to place ourselves unreservedly at His disposal; to make our various gifts of body, mind, and spirit available for His service. This is the full meaning of consecration.

In this day of self-centered living and pleasure-oriented lifestyle, the total commitment to God of body, mind, and possessions portrayed in this text is difficult for many to understand, let alone achieve! Even though we realize that we have nothing we have not received and that we are only stewards of the good gifts God has entrusted to us, we often fail to apply this basic truth to our daily lives. During this Lenten season, may we once again express our gratitude for all of God's gifts and dedicate ourselves more completely to His glory and service.

~Soli Deo Gloria!

**Markus Compton**

## Hebron Day School News

“For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son”

April, and hopefully Spring, is here! Hebron Day School has a busy month ahead, starting with our Spring Break. Hebron will be closed April 2-5 for Spring Break, and will reopen on Tuesday, April 9.

Spring Picture Day is Wednesday, April 10. Mrs. Becca Wonderling of Treasured Photos will be here for student and sibling pictures.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and party will be Wednesday, April 17, at 11:00am. Parents provide the filled eggs and the party activities, and all parents and siblings are welcome to come join in the fun as we celebrate this very special time of the year.

On Tuesday, April 23, we take our annual spring field trip. This year we will be traveling to the Alvis Dairy Farm for a tour and an educational morning on a working dairy farm. All parents and siblings are invited to attend.

Workshop Wednesday is April 24 from 12:00-1:00. This monthly workshop is a fundraiser for Hebron Day School, and the workshops are staffed by parents, Board members or teachers. The cost is only \$10.00 for an hour of fun activities and treats.

Hebron Day School Sunday is April 28, and we hope to have a lot of our families and staff join in the worship service at 10:00am. The staff will be introduced, and the children will sing a few songs for the congregation.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone at Hebron Presbyterian Church a very Happy Easter, and we look forward to joining you for worship on Sunday, April 28!

Shirley Bonovitch  
Director

### Operation Christmas Child

In April, please shop for these items:  
tennis balls and jump ropes

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.

APRIL CALENDAR

**Tuesday, April 2**

**Day School Closed for Spring Break April 2-5**

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

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

**Wednesday, April 3**

**Wednesday Night Special**

Dinner 5:45pm, Fellowship 6:30pm

**Thursday, April 4**

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

**Friday, April 5**

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

**Sunday, April 7**

Adult Bible Study 9:00am

*Seeking a Word from the Lord*, Ralph Fields Room

*Book of Acts*, Holman Hall

Worship and Communion 10:00am

Youth Group **Fun and Fellowship Night,**

**5:30-7:30pm, Parrish House**

Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall

**Tuesday, April 9**

Day School Re-opens

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

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

**Wednesday, April 10**

**Wednesday Night Special**

Dinner 5:45pm, Fellowship 6:30pm

**Thursday, April 11**

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

**Friday, April 12**

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

**Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday**

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, April 16**

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

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

**Wednesday, April 17**

Day School Easter Egg Hunt/Party 11:00am

Choir 6:30-8:00pm

**Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday**

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Fellowship Dinner 5:45pm

Maundy Thursday Service 6:45pm

**Friday, April 19**

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

**Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday**

**7:00am** Sunrise Service and breakfast, Hebron is hosting Dover Baptist Church

10:00am Worship

No evening activities

PRAYER CONCERNS

Kathy Tyler

Sandy & Rossie Fisher

Anne Boswell Owens, *Mack Curle's cousin*

Joyce Hawk, *Lori Alford's mother*

Mia Barksdale, *Paula Curle's sister*

Nurses

*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.

**Tuesday, April 23**

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

Day School Field trip to Alvis Dairy Farm

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

**Wednesday, April 24**

Choir 6:30-8:00pm

**Thursday, April 25**

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Session 7:00pm

**Friday, April 26**

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

**Saturday, April 27**

Officer's Retreat, Part 2 8:00am-1:00pm, Holman Hall

**Sunday, April 28 Day School 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

Tweens Lunch and cookie baking 12:00-1:30pm

Holman Hall

Youth Meet at GHS by 2:15 for *Hairspray (PG 13)* at

Goochland High School, 2:30pm, Students \$5, Adults \$10

Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall

**Tuesday, April 30**

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

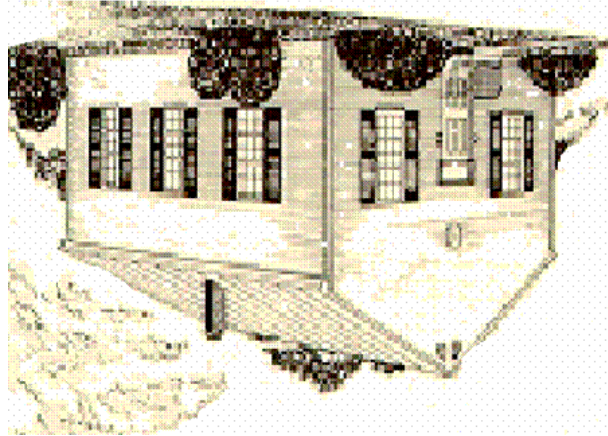
Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

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.

*Our Mission is to Spread the Word of God*

“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*