

# Hebron News

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

*From the pastor’s desk (or, lap top, as it were. . .)*

June, 2018

## ***“Where the Verdant Pastures Grow”***

I was headed home from the church by way of Dover Road the other day, and I was noting how much the landscape has changed since my arrival here in Goochland County nearly four months ago. The grass is high along the road, the trees are full of their leaves, and wildflowers and “weeds” are up all over the place. There are things blooming in places where one couldn’t have imagined there would be anything at all, just a few weeks ago. As I came to the top of the hill leading down to the River Road, I was captivated by the scene before me; the undulations of the land and the layers of tree tops. It seemed so lush, so lovely. “Verdant” was the word that came to my mind. That’s kind of an old-fashioned word, now, but it feels so much more descriptive to me than just saying, “green.” That’s really what it means (“green”), deriving from the same word that gives the Latin-based languages their words for “green” (vert/verde). But I can’t imagine having paused at the top of that hill and uttering, “That’s so...green!” But somehow saying to myself, “That’s so verdant!” seemed to fit the moment.

I read somewhere several years ago about how much “smaller” the English language is than it used to be, in terms of the number of words that are in common usage. I don’t know all the reasons for this, but I imagine part of it has to do with a movement away from an emphasis on classic English literature in children’s education; and for church-goers, our movement away from the King James Bible in favor of more contemporary translations or paraphrases of the Bible. Most biblical scholars will tell you that the King James Bible, in its entirety, is no longer the most technically-accurate translation of the original languages. But its use of the English language itself is deeper and richer than anything we have in our contemporary versions of the Bible. I sometimes return to the King James when I’m trying to figure out how to say something; how to relate a concept that’s conveyed in the original language but that doesn’t come across fully in contemporary translation. Don’t get me wrong – I’m no scholar of the ancient languages! But as I’m relying on the language skills of biblical commentators, the King James sometimes helps me better convey what the original text seems to be saying.

Just as our English language is broader and richer than we might realize, so too, is the potential for our faith. Just as we often forget what summer “looks like” as we are in the midst of winter, so too, we often forget or fail to recognize how God has brought us through our trials and blessed us on our way. Our ability to articulate how we see God working in our lives – our “God vocabulary” – gets smaller, as we neglect God’s good gifts of prayer, and Scripture, and praise. We forget what it feels like to say of what God has done for us, “That’s so amazing!”

For that reason, I want to leave you with a stanza of one of my favorite hymns, “The King of Love my Shepherd Is,” from the 19<sup>th</sup> century hymnist Henry Baker:

*Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.*

You and I are “ransomed souls”, continually drawn to the “living waters” of our Lord. It’s there that we will find everything we need.

With prayers for your journey,

**Connie Weaver**

**Session Notes  
Stated Meeting May 17, 2018**

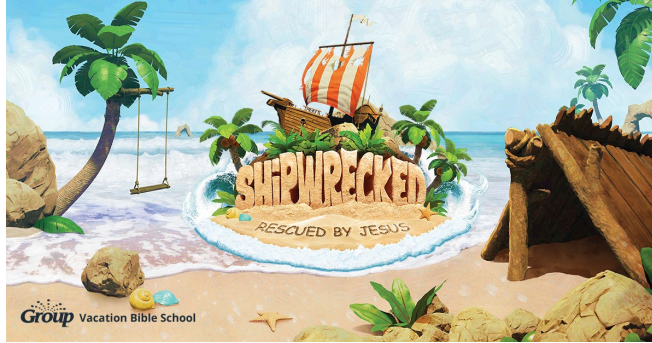
*There were no action items at the May session meeting.*

- 1) Carol Mittendorff reported on behalf of the Worship Committee that the next planning meeting for the October 21<sup>st</sup> Heritage Sunday Celebration will be June 13<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Walter Mann has been secured as the guest preacher for that day.
- 2) On behalf of the Education Committee, Carol Mittendorff reported that plans are progressing well for Hebron’s Vacation Bible School June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. There is a need for a few more volunteers.
- 3) John Miller reported on behalf of the Building & Grounds Committee that work had been completed to meet current fire department requirements, including mounting of the sanctuary fire extinguisher and repair of exit signs. There was brief discussion of a problem with air conditioning in the pastor’s office, and it was noted that one of the outside signs still needs to be updated.
- 4) Diane Luczkovich reported on behalf of the Evangelism Committee that the women’s Bible study groups at Hebron have just completed the book, Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out, by Alvin Reid. Plans are being discussed for a Wednesday evening study in the fall centered around personal discipleship and faith-sharing.
- 5) Connie Weaver informed the session that she is registered to attend the Wee Kirk Conference at Montreat (NC), Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. This is a conference specially-designed for leaders of smaller churches. Connie also reported that Rev. Donald Marsden will be leading worship in her absence, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>; and that tentative dates for the fall Wednesday Night Special dinners & program are Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) The session was reminded that Elder Diane Luczkovich and Pastor Connie Weaver will attend the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Presbytery of the James, in Richmond.
- 7) The June session meeting will be one week later than usual, on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

<b>Financial Report</b>	
Monthly Need:	\$26,966
Actuals: May:	22,952.01



**Come with us on an island adventure!**



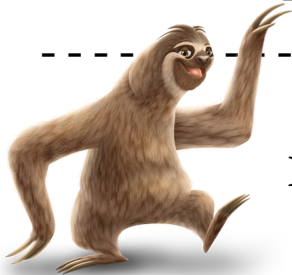
**Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School**  
*Rescued by Jesus*

**June 25-29 9:00am-12:00pm**

*For all children age 4 through rising 6th graders*

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids will learn that when they feel lonely, when they worry, when they struggle, when they do wrong, when they are powerless... Jesus rescues! With high-energy music, fun games, interactive Bible stories and hands-on mission projects, this VBS is sure to be an unforgettable adventure.

To pre-register, visit [hebronpresbyterian.com](http://hebronpresbyterian.com)



We LOVE our VBS volunteers!  
Be an important part of bringing God's  
Word to life at Shipwrecked VBS.



**Current volunteer opportunities:**

- **Crew Leaders:** Adults and high school students are needed to lead crews of 5-6 children each day at VBS
- **Crew Floater:** Assist with Crews when needed, on days you are available
- **VBS photographer:** Adult to take digital snapshots of the action each day

**The Lord comes to the rescue each time.**

Psalm 34:19



For more information about anything VBS,  
contact Lori Alford: [hebrondce@comcast.net](mailto:hebrondce@comcast.net) or 804.347.7585

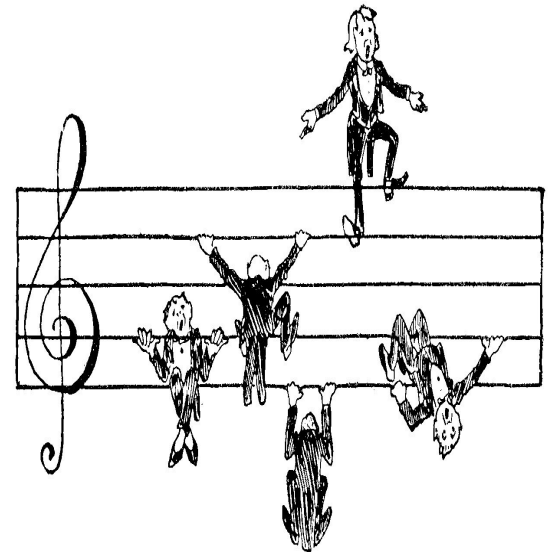
## Hebron Summer Music Worship Schedule *June-July 2018*

### June

- 6/3 Hebron Choir
- 6/10 Outdoor Worship at Dover Lake
- 6/17 Grace Kistler, violin & Julia Kistler, viola/piano
- 6/24 Carol Dunlap & Markus Compton, piano 4-hands

### July

- 7/1 Hebron Summer Choir
- 7/8 Francoise Moquin, violin
- 7/15 Glennroy Bailey, flute
- 7/22 Deborah Huish &  
Markus Compton, piano 4-hands
- 7/29 Connie Tuttle, piano




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### *Sing with the Hebron Summer Choir!!*

Come join the summer music at Hebron and be a part of the Hebron Summer Choir! We will meet at 9am to learn an anthem for our 10am worship service. *All* youth to adult ages are encouraged to sing, former choir members, college age, and those who want to make a joyful noise and contribution to worship!

*Contact Markus Compton for more information,  
784-4018 or [markuscompton@aol.com](mailto:markuscompton@aol.com)*

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**Outdoor Worship  
and Church Picnic  
Dover Lake Pavilion**

**Sunday, June 10th at 10:00am**

Bring:

- Side Dish or Dessert
- Lawn Chair
- Swimsuit/Sunscreen/Towel
- Fishing Equipment  
(license required)

**Directions**

From the church - turn right onto Miller's Lane  
Take first left onto Turkey Trot  
Take right onto Barley-Field Road  
Entrance to Dover Lake is on the left

**Follow the signs and balloons!**

**\*In the event of significant rain, the worship service and picnic will be held at the church**

**Operation Christmas Child**

During the month of June, we are collecting **sunglasses, flip-flops and bandanas.**



All items should be new and suitable for boys and girls ages 2-14.

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

**Hebron Day School**

Now enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year, ages 2 years - Pre-K

If you know a family with preschool aged children who might be interested in our program, please call us at 784-3950.

**JUNE CALENDAR**

**Friday, June 1**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, June 3**  
 Adult Bible Study  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord*, Ralph Fields Room  
*Reversed Thunder*, Holman Hall  
 Kids' Club 9:00am  
 Worship & Communion 10:00am

**Tuesday, June 5**

**Friday, June 8**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, June 10**  
 Outdoor Worship Service at Dover Lake 10:00am.  
 followed by our Church Picnic

**Tuesday, June 12**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Thursday, June 14**  
 Deacons Meeting 7:00pm

**Friday, June 15**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, June 17**  
 Adult Bible Study  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord*, Ralph Fields Room  
*Reversed Thunder*, Holman Hall  
 Worship 10:00am Special Music by Grace &  
 Julia Kistler

**Tuesday, June 19**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 VBS Crew Leader Training, Set Up  
 and Decorating 9:30am

**Friday, June 22**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, June 24**  
 Adult Bible Study  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord*, Ralph Fields Room  
*Reversed Thunder*, Holman Hall  
 Worship 10:00am Special Music by Carol Dunlap &  
 Markus Compton, piano 4-hands

**Monday, June 25 - June 29**  
**Shipwrecked VBS 9:00am-12:00pm**

**Tuesday, June 26**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Friday, June 29**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Vacation Bible School June 25 - 29  
 Grace Alford  
 Trudy Long  
 Frances Thackston  
 Craig Bright  
 Polly Anderson  
 T. C. & Diane Anderson  
 Bibby Raines  
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher  
 Emmett Morgan, *Brenda Morgan's husband*  
 Angie Pell, *friend of Hebron*  
 Mary Ellen Bundy Murray, *friend of Hebron*  
 Barry Thackston, *Fayette Thackston's father*  
 Carol Daddis, *friend of Hebron*  
 Linda Graube, *Carol Mittendorff's sister-in-law*  
 Matthew Neher, *Robin Williams' cousin*  
 Vickie Ipsen Curle, *Mack Curle's sister-in-law*  
 Bobby Dervishian, *son-in-law of Jeanne Napier*  
 Chris Amirault, *friend of Laura Farley Smith*  
 A friend of Rod & Susie Smyth  
 Catherine Muir, *friend of Frances Thackston*  
 Kirk Powers, *friend of Hebron*  
 The Atkinson Family,  
*friends of Dan & Martha Rogers*  
 Denny Rudzinki, *friend of Jamie Kistler*  
 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.*

**PASTORAL CARE**

The committee consists of Scott Parks (347-7505), Nancy Parrish (402-4864) & Lindy Thackston (784-3586). Share any births, deaths, illness or other concerns

**Congratulations to Billy Thackston, who earned the rank of Eagle on December 14, 2017. Hebron's cemetery was the focus of his project. Billy's Eagle Court of Honor will be held June 3 in Holman Hall.**

**FLOWERS FOR JUNE**

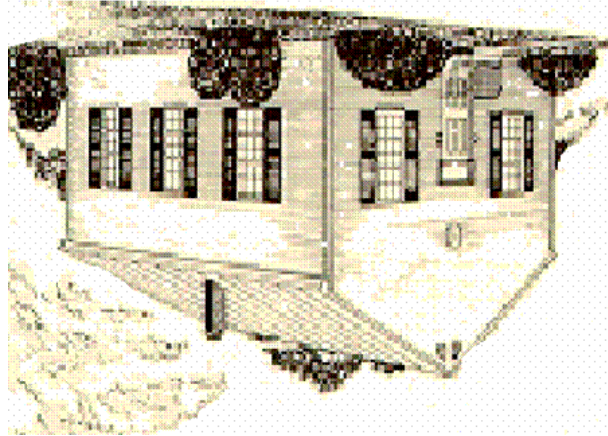
Cheryl Nuckols

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*



**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**1040 SHALLOW WELL ROAD**  
**MANAKIN-SABOT, VIRGINIA 23103**  
**(804) 784-4018**

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