

Hebron News

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. . .)

March, 2018

On the Words of Saints

It’s my privilege to be speaking to you from this position, as your new pastor. I’m delighted to be in Manakin-Sabot, and I have appreciated the warm welcome I’ve received at Hebron Presbyterian Church. It’s my hope to serve you faithfully for a good while, as we all seek to serve our Lord, together.

I was having a conversation the other day with one of Hebron’s faithful. We were discussing, among other things, ancestry and this area’s history. The conversation called to mind my maternal grandfather, who looms large in influence in my life, even following his death some years ago, just days before his 100th birthday. My paternal grandfather died before I was born, and in hindsight I can see that my mother’s father made an extra effort with my sister and me, knowing that he was the only grandfather we had.

I’ve often wondered what it is that makes the things that certain people say to us stand out so vividly in our memories. I distinctly remember the day my grandfather said, “Connie, there are two things you need to understand about the Church; one is the importance of *unity*; and the other is the *priesthood of the believer*.” For my grandfather, these two principles existed in tension with one another, and yet were both elemental in the healthy functioning of a congregation. The “priesthood of the believer” means that each of us has both the right and the responsibility to study and interpret the Scriptures for ourselves, and to come to our own understanding of them. The principle of unity means that in the midst of practicing “priesthood of the believer,” we find a way to remain unified as we keep our shared focus on the person of Jesus Christ.

This lesson from my grandfather guides my practice of ministry. The Church is deeper, richer, more engaging, and more fruitful, when each of us takes seriously our right and our responsibility to study the Scriptures for ourselves, and to ask God’s Holy Spirit to guide us as we seek to understand them in the context of Christian community. Then we use what God is teaching us, to draw us into closer and more genuine fellowship with one another, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I expect as time goes on, you’ll hear more from me about my Grandpa Hoke. When my grandfather died just short of turning 100 years old, the family already had a party planned for his big birthday. With gratitude for his life, we had his 100th birthday party, anyway!

Many blessings to you on your journey of Christian faith.

Connie Weaver

Session Notes
Stated Meeting February 15, 2018

1. The session approved a motion to invite the president of the Evangelical Church of Niger (EERN) to speak during worship on July 8th. The Rev. Mai-aiki Kadade will be visiting in Richmond, and Hebron's session is delighted to have this opportunity to welcome him to worship in July.
2. Howard Curle was elected to a three-year term as treasurer of Hebron PC. He was also named executive account manager for church and day school checking accounts, as well as church brokerage accounts.
3. The 2018 church budget was amended from the version approved in October, to reflect a 4.7% increase; from \$309,015 to \$323,599.
4. A special offering for tuition assistance for the Hebron Day School was approved, for a date to be determined.
5. A youth mission fund-raiser was approved for March 25th, 2018, to consist of a pancake brunch after worship on Palm Sunday, and a silent auction for members to bid on youth services such as grass cutting, babysitting, etc.
6. Elder Ronnie Nuckols reported that Hebron PC was recently recognized in a Frontier Fellowship publication, for the church's support of education in Niger. Individuals in our congregation support 23 students at a Niger school.
7. Other recent action by Hebron's session includes approval of A Service of Installation for Connie Weaver on Sunday, March 4th, at 3 o'clock; approval to allocate proceeds from the recent "Souper Bowl" offering to the 2018 youth mission trip; acceptance of the 2017 Annual Statistical Report to be submitted to Presbytery of the James; and approval of a gift of \$2,500 to Allen and Tracy Pickett in appreciation of their service and presence at Hebron Presbyterian Church.

The Installation Service for Rev. Connie Weaver will be held Sunday, March 4 at 3:00pm. The Rev. Clay Macaulay will deliver the sermon. Rev. Macaulay is the Director of Alumni Development at Union Presbyterian Seminary. There will be a reception immediately following the service.

Pancake Brunch and Student Service Auction*** Sunday, March 25 - 11:30am *****Pancake Brunch**

Join the youth group for all-you-can-eat pancakes after worship on Sunday, March 25.

We'll also be serving sausage, baked apples and beverages.

Donations for brunch will be accepted for our summer mission trip to Pikeville, Kentucky.

Student Service Auction

Have some fun and bid on services provided by our students! Each student will offer a specific service for a set number of hours, including yard work, pet sitting, house cleaning and more! The winning bidders will coordinate with students to set up the time for services to be completed. Your donation for their services supports our mission trip.

Hebron Youth

[grades 7-12]

Sunday, March 4 Installation Service for Pastor Connie at 3:00pm

Youth Group 4:30-5:30pm [note the time change]

After Pastor Connie's installation service and reception, we'll meet at the Parrish House for games and Bible study - *Heroes of the Faith: David*

Sunday, March 11 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm

Games, snacks and Bible study - *Heroes of the Faith: Josiah*

Sunday, March 18 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm + Mandatory Mission Trip Training

Mission Trip participants should be here for our first training session which will be a part of our regular youth group time. Topic: *More Than a Mission Trip*. All students are encouraged to attend! Remember to bring your poster for the Student Service Auction.

Sunday, March 25 Pancake Brunch and Student Service Auction 11:30am

Be here by 9:45am to prep for our first mission trip fundraiser!

Wednesday Night Special
Fellowship and Bible study for all ages

Dinner (\$5): 5:45pm
Intergenerational Bible Study: 6:30-7:30pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:10-8:10pm

Join us for dinner and Bible each Wednesday evening.
 Our spring topic is: What is Love? Through events in the life of King David,
 we'll look at the meaning, risks and rewards of godly love.

Adult Bible Studies
Join a life-changing small group Bible study!

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| - Seeking a Word from the Lord | Sundays 9:00am, Ralph Fields Room |
| - <i>Reversed Thunder</i> [Revelation] | Sundays 9:00am, Holman Hall |
| - Men's Group
Studies in Leadership | Sundays 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall |
| - Women's Bible Study
<i>Entrusted</i> [2 Timothy] by Beth Moore | Tuesdays 9:15am , Parrish House |
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Hebron Kids For Christ
 [tweens in grades 4-6]

Art = Love

Sunday, March 18 11:30am-1:00pm, Parrish House

Stay after church for lunch and create artwork for the Kairos prison ministry.
 We'll work together to share God's love through posters for residents at the
 Goochland women's prison and individual artwork for women who have
 family members in prison.

GIVING GOD ALL THE GLORY

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN (1832-1809)

*So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say,
“We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.”
Luke 17: 10*

On March 27, 1808, Franz Joseph Haydn attended his last musical performance. The program featured his oratorio *The Creation*. He'd finished the massive work at age sixty-six, saying it had been composed to inspire “the adoration and worship of the Creator” and to put the listener “In a frame of mind where he is most susceptible to the kindness and omnipotence of the Creator.”

Haydn recalled, “Never was I so devout as when I composed *The Creation*. I knelt down each day to pray to God to give me strength for my work.” He told a friend, “When I was working on *The Creation*, I felt so filled with Divine certainty that, before sitting down to the piano, I would quietly and confidently pray to God to grant me the talent that was needed to praise Him worthily.”

At this March 1808 performance of his triumphant oratorio, the composer was determined that God would get all the glory for his work. As the music faded and the audience applauded enthusiastically, Haydn lifted his hands and said, “Not from me – from there, above comes everything.”

Haydn always insisted that his talents were an unmerited gift from God – a gift that he should use to bless others. He told a group of musicians playing his *Creation*, “There are so few happy and contented people here below, sorrow and anxiety pursue them from everywhere; perhaps your work may, someday, become a spring from which the careworn may draw a few moments rest and refreshment.”

Haydn was well aware that he possessed talent at the genius level, but he always was quick to acknowledge the Author of his talent. Even his last will and testament begins: “In the Name of The Most Holy Trinity,” and continues, “My soul I bequeath to its all-bountiful Creator.”

It is all too easy to take the credit for the work we have done and to forget the Creator who enabled us to do the work. Our talents, our character, our knowledge, even our health are gifts from God, and to Him alone be all the glory.

Markus Compton

Hebron Day School

**“You have put gladness in my heart”
Psalm 4:7**

March is reading month at Hebron Day School. We begin by celebrating Dr. Suess' 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!

Our annual Pet Show will be held on Wednesday, May 21, at 11:00. This is a day when the children and parents can 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!

Hebrpm Dau School makes up time lost to bad weather after missing three school days. Due to the number of days missed this year, we will be making up lost time in April by adding time to our school day. School hours from April 10-27 will be 9:00-**12:30**.

We celebrate the wonderful Easter holiday during March this year. Our annual Easter Party and Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, at 11:00am. All classes participate in this event. Spring Break will be the week of April 3-6, and Hebron Day School will be closed. School reopens on Tuesday, April 10.

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 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.

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

**Shirley Bonovitch
Director**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Craig Bright
 Polly Anderson
 T. C. & Diane Anderson
 Bibby Raines
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher
 Vickie Ipsen Curle, *Mack Curle's sister-in-law*
 Bobby Dervishian, *son-in-law of Jeanne Napier*
 Chris Amirault, *friend of Laura Farley Smith*
 Harrison Rogers, *Dan & Martha Rogers' grandson*
 A friend of Rod & Susie Smyth
 Janice Gordon, *friend of Hebron*
 Carter Smith, *Tracy Kistler's nephew*
 Craig Cox, *friend of Cricket & Robin Williams*
 Catherine Muir, *friend of Frances Thackston*
 Kirk Powers, *friend of Hebron*
 The Atkinson Family,
 friends of Dan & Martha Rogers
 Denny Rudzinski, *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 Martha Rogers (784-5768), Nancy Parrish (402-4864) & Lindy Thackston (784-3586). Share any births, deaths, illness or other concerns with one of these ladies.

If you would like to pray with someone...

Prayer is available in Allen's office immediately following the worship service.
 An Elder and Deacon would like to pray with anyone who has a need or as a follow-up to the worship service.



Operation Christmas Child

In March, please shop for these items:

—Bars of soap, washcloths and toothbrushes

Also, please look for:

—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 tub outside Holman Hall.



MARCH CALENDAR

Today

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall
 Kids' Club 9:00am
 Bible Buddies 10:00am
 Worship 10:00am
 Installation Service for Rev. Weaver at 3:00pm,
 followed by a reception in Holman Hall
 Youth Group 4:30-5:30 Parrish House
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Tuesday, March 6

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

Wednesday, March 7

Wednesday Night Special 5:45pm

Thursday, March 8

Women's Bible Study 9:15am, Parrish House

Friday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 11

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Kids' Club 9:00am

Bible Buddies 10:00am

Worship 10:00am

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

Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Tuesday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 14

Wednesday Night Special 5:45pm

Thursday, March 15

Women's Bible Study 9:15am, Parrish House
 Session: 7:00pm

Friday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 11

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Kids' Club 9:00am

Bible Buddies 10:00am

Worship 10:00am

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

Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Tuesday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 14

Wednesday Night Special 5:45pm

Thursday, March 15

Women's Bible Study 9:15am, Parrish House

Friday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 18

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Kids' Club 9:00am

Bible Buddies 10:00am

Worship 10:00am

Tweens: **Art = Love** 11:30am-1:00pm, Parrish House.
 Have lunch and create artwork for the Kairos ministry.

Youth Group: Mandatory Mission Trip Planning
 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House

Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

Wednesday Night Special 5:45pm

Thursday, March 22

Women's Bible Study 9:15am, Parrish House

Friday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 25

Deacons Meeting: 8:45am

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Kids' Club 9:00am

Bible Buddies 10:00am

Worship 10:00am

Pancake Brunch and Student Service Auction: 11:30am

Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Tuesday, March 27

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

Wednesday, March 28

Wednesday Night Special 5:45pm

Thursday, March 29

Women's Bible Study 9:15am, Parrish House

Friday, March 30

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

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

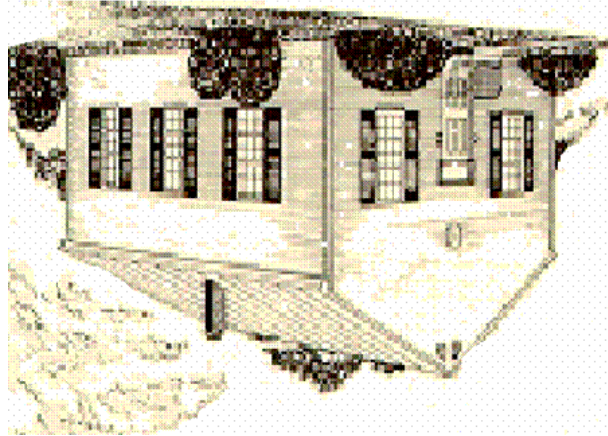
Eileen Ford & Robin Williams

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*