

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. . .)

May, 2018

Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:1-4, NRSV)

This May is the month I become a new mother-in-law...twice. Ever since we brought our first little boy home from the hospital, I have prayed that I might one day be a good mother-in-law. As my husband and I approach the marriages of two of our sons this month, I'm still not sure I know what it means to be a "good" mother-in-law. Maybe it's more like raising children; you have an idea beforehand of what it means to be a good parent, and you can determine that there will be certain things you will or will not do when you have children of your own. But when the day comes, you realize that in loving and raising children, there are so many things you can't control, and that while you'll do your best, it's going to be a wild ride. One thing I hope I can do is to remember that my daughters-in-law are not there to meet *my* emotional needs. Their job is to love and support my sons, and my future grandchildren, and my job for the time being will be to love them and support *them* as they carry out these responsibilities.

One of our sons is getting married on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. That means I won't be with you for one of the most celebratory Sundays of the year. Mr. David Frost will be your preacher and worship leader that day. David has been to Hebron before, and is looking forward to being with you again on Pentecost Sunday. David will have just graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary the day before, on the 19th. He's in the process of seeking his first call to a church, so you can pray for him and wish him well when you see him on May 20th.

Another of our sons is getting married on May 5th, in Georgia, so that means I won't be with you on Sunday, May 6th. The Rev. Clay Macaulay, who preached for my installation service at Hebron, will be your preacher and worship leader that day. Clay is now Director of Alumni Development for Union Presbyterian Seminary, after pastoring several churches, and is a personal friend of mine. I hope you'll enjoy having Clay with you on the 6th, and his wife, Pam, if she's able to come.

So, back to Pentecost Sunday; there are two things I invite you to do on May 20th. One is to wear "the colors of flame;" red, yellow, orange, or some combination thereof, so that our sanctuary at Hebron might be alight with the colors of Pentecost. The other is to come having read and pondered the first two chapters of the Book of Acts, and what implications there may be for the work and witness of Hebron Presbyterian Church.

Many blessings to you on your journey of Christian faith.

Connie Weaver

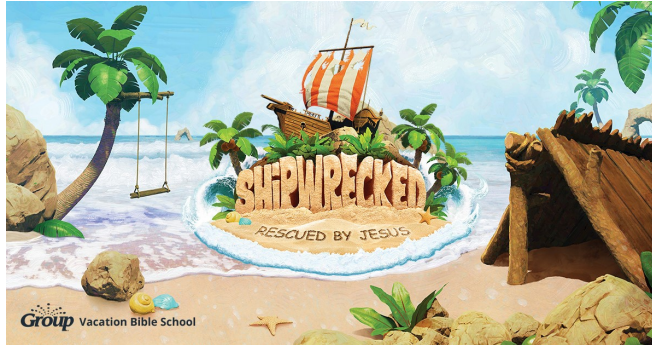
**Session Notes
Stated Meeting April 19th, 2018**

1. A transfer of membership was approved for George Harriss Ricks III, to Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.
2. The Worship Committee was authorized to proceed with securing a guest preacher for Heritage Sunday on October 21st, 2018.
3. The session was updated on responses to its request to committees to reduce projected 2018 expenditures by ten percent.
4. The session was informed that Paula Curle is the new chair person for the Missions Committee.
5. Updates to the church’s Sexual Misconduct Policy were approved. The updated policy is available through the church office.
6. Following a request for enhanced communication between the session and the board of deacons, session clerk Lynne Parks volunteered to serve as session liaison to the board of deacons.
7. The session approved a request from Billy Thackston to have his Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor ceremony in Holman Hall on Sunday, May 20th. *
8. The June 2018 session meeting was moved from the 21st to the 28th, to accommodate the pastor’s need to be away for doctoral classes.
9. Connie Weaver reported that Mr. David Frost has been secured as the guest preacher for Sunday, May 20th. Rev. Clay Macaulay has been secured as the guest preacher and communion officiant for Sunday, May 6th. Connie will be away on these dates because of two sons’ weddings.

*the date has subsequently been changed to June 3rd

Financial Report	
Monthly Need:	\$26,966
Actuals: March:	21,922
April:	22,821

Come with us on an island adventure!



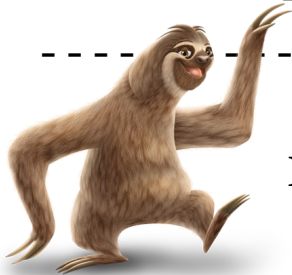
Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School *Rescued by Jesus*

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



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 or 804.347.7585

LOVING GOD’S WORD
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholody (1809-1847)

*I have not departed from the commands of His lips;
I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my daily bread.*
--Job 23:12

Scriptural texts have been the setting of thousands of musical compositions; through their music, countless composers have sought to exalt God’s Word. One of the best examples is Felix Mendelssohn Bartholody, a Jew who converted to Christ at an early age.

The Bible was central to Mendelssohn’s life – and the inspiration for a great deal of his music. He was convinced of the truth of Moses’ words. “*These are not just idle words for you – they are your life*” (Deut. 32:47). He especially loved to set psalms to music.

Mendelssohn’s biographer, Eric Werner, once wrote, “He was faithful to the Christian religion and took it seriously. Reverence, fear of God, the sense of praise, of gratitude, of bitter complaints and of pride in one’s faith, all these lay in his personality. He had great respect for the Biblical Word.”

When Mendelssohn set Scripture to music, he was very particular and precise about the wording. Mendelssohn once praised his librettist, “I am glad to learn that you are searching out the always heart-affecting sense of the Scriptural words.” But when the text had been tampered with, Mendelssohn noted, “I have time after time had to restore the precise text of the Bible; it is the best in the end.”

Mendelssohn’s love of Scripture significantly affected his work. He composed considerable sacred music, notably his lovely psalm settings and the celebrated oratorios *Elijah* and *Saint Paul*. Listening to these works, one can sense the profound devotion the composer had for biblical texts.

And such devotion was evident is his strong reaction to others’ ridicule of the Scriptures. His contemporary Hector Berlioz, a radical freethinker, said “Mendelssohn believed firmly in his Lutheran religion, and I sometimes shocked him profoundly by laughing at the Bible.” Such deplorable disrespect was too much for the devout Mendelssohn.

What is the place of the Bible in our lives? Is it something to read ceremoniously, perhaps once a week? Or is it truly “our daily bread”, constant food for the soul?

Our relationship with the Lord, our love for our brothers and sisters, our desire to see all people know Christ – all of these and more are grounded in our bond with the Word of God.

May the psalmist’s exclamation become ours:

“Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long” (Psalm 119: 97)

Hebron Day School

“I am with you and will keep you wherever you go. . .”
Genesis 28:15a

It's May already! We've got lots of special events going on this month. We begin with Parent Conference Day on May 2. Report cards will go home and parents who would like to meet with their child's teacher are offered the opportunity to do so.

On Friday, May 4, the Big Dogs Class (ou 4-day Pre-K class) will take a field trip to Short Pump. This is something special we try to do for our 4-day students at the end of the year. This year we will be visiting the Children's Museum and riding the Short Pump train. We'll have lunch before heading back to preschool.

Our annual Mother's Day Luncheon is on Wednesday, May 9, at 11:00am. This is a very special time for the preschoolers to invite their moms to a lunch provided by the teachers.

On Tuesday, May 22, we celebrate with our End of Year Party. This is a special morning of outdoor fun and games with our parents and siblings. The teachers will also present the parents with a very special surprise that they have been working on all year!

Our final day of preschool is Wednesday, May 23. Our closing Program and Graduation takes place that evening (May 23) at 6:30pm in the Church Sanctuary. All children participate in this closing program, and the two Pre-K classes will "graduate" as they get ready to move on to Kindergarten. Following our program, there will be a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall!

THANK YOU, to all our children, parents, and church members for your support throughout the year. It has been our pleasure to be a part of these children's lives, and we hope you all have a wonderful, safe, happy summer! We look forward to seeing many of our families again in the fall. Looking ahead, our Open House will be held on August 30! God Bless!

Shirley Bonovitch
Director

Operation Christmas Child

In May, please shop for these items:

—small toys and
 coloring books



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

FLOWERS FOR MAY

Mary Ligon &
 Patricia Turner

MAY CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 2

Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, May 3

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

Friday, May 4

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

Sunday, May 6

Adult Bible Study

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Kids' Club 9:00am

Worship & Communion 10:00am

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

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

Tuesday, May 8

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

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

Wednesday, May 9

Mother's Day Luncheon 11:00am

Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, May 10

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

Friday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 13

Adult Bible Study

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Kids' Club 9:00am

Worship 10:00am

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

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, May 17

Session 7:00

Friday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 20

Adult Bible Study

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Kids' Club 9:00am

Worship 10:00am

Fiesta Luncheon & Talent Show (after worship)

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

Tuesday, May 22

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

Wednesday, May 23

Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Day School Closing Program/Graduation 6:30pm

Last Day of Preschool

Friday, May 25

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

Sunday, May 27

Deacon's Meeting 8:30

Adult Bible Study

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Kids' Club 9:00am

Worship 10:00am

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

Tuesday, May 29

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

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

Wednesday, May 30

Choir Rehearsal (Last one until Fall) 6:30-8:00pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

Frances Thackston

John Miller

Craig Bright

Polly Anderson

T. C. & Diane Anderson

Bibby Raines

Sandy & Rossie Fisher

Barry Thackston, *Fayette Thackston's father*

Suzanne Gahan, *friend of Hebron*

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

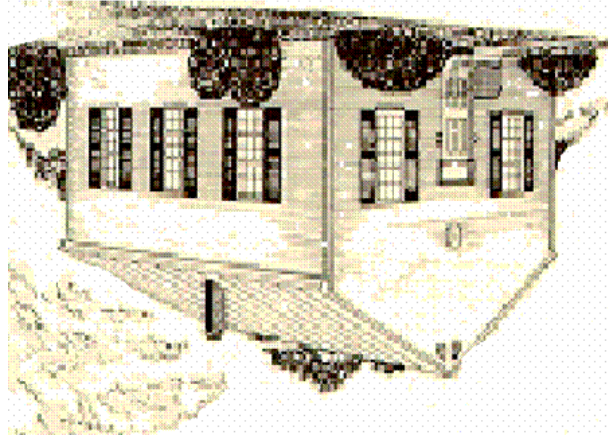
Please call the church office if there are any changes to be made to the Prayer List.

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*