

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. . .)

October, 2018

The Picture of Summer

*"Yours is the day, yours also the night; You established the luminaries and the sun.
You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; You made summer and winter."
Psalm 74:16-17*

It always makes me a little sad to see the trees begin to turn colors in October. As beautiful as autumn can be, I know that this blaze of glory concludes in naked trees and colder weather. Those of you who have lived further north can attest to the gift of our milder winters here in the South, and I know we should be grateful for that. But I still feel a little melancholy each year over the loss of the sounds and the colors and the warmth of summer. When I see a picture of a summer scene during the dead of winter, it lifts my thoughts and makes me look forward to the coming of spring.

It's true that the ebb and flow of seasons – both in nature, and in life – has value. Winter is a resting time in nature. Just as many plants and creatures lie dormant in the winter, so it can seem that we humans go through periods of dormancy, when not much is happening or changing. We go about our daily living, wondering whether there's something else we should be doing, or maybe even worrying that we're "stuck." While we can get "stuck" because of problems or attitudes in our lives, many times we are simply in a season of rest, as our hearts and minds and spirits are being prepared for the next period of growth.

Have you ever had the experience of looking back from a period of growth and change, and being able to see how God was preparing you during a time of rest and waiting? It's easier to see these things in hindsight, and it should get easier as we get older and are able to reflect on how God has worked in our lives. But when we're stuck in "the dead of winter," it can be difficult to imagine a picture of summer. All we can feel is the dreariness of where we are at the moment. We tend to look longingly back at better times, without being able to see the coming of spring ahead of us.

As we are approaching a big anniversary for Hebron Church, I think about the people who have gone before us in this congregation. I wonder about the ebb and flow of their lives, and of the life of this church. There were times of uncertainty or worry or fear; times of joy and anticipation; and surely times of waiting and rest, as God was preparing them for the next thing God would do among them. During all those times, they filled the pews of our sanctuary, and filled up that room with their prayers, as they placed their hope and their future in the hands of our Lord.

Our faith in Jesus Christ is nothing if it is not about hope. Hope is the essence of the Christian faith. It is the sum of the testimony of God's people down through the ages, the witness of Christ to His disciples, and the promise made evident by Christ's empty tomb. Godly hope is the picture of summer, in the midst of winter. May it be so, for us all.

With prayers for your journey,

Connie Weaver
Pastor

September Session Summary

Stated Session Meeting September 20th, 2018

- The session noted the passing of member Craig Bright on September 18th.
- A called meeting of session was set for Sunday, Sept. 30th, for the purpose of approving a 2019 asking budget.
- The session approved a motion from the Christian Education Committee for Hebron youth to conduct a fund-raiser by providing food for sale during a Day School event on November 30th. The session also approved the use of Holman Hall for the Day School event on November 30th, which will be a Bingo Night fund-raiser for the Day School. It was reported that there are currently 25 children enrolled in the school.
- A congregational meeting was set for Sunday, October 28th, for the purpose of electing officers for new deacon and session classes to begin in January 2019.
- The session affirmed its desire for members of the congregation to be encouraged to give through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid those affected by Hurricane Florence.
- Other committee reports were heard, including information that Hebron Church is providing brown bag lunches for 23 children each week at Randolph Elementary School.

Called Congregational Meeting September 23rd, 2018

A called congregational meeting was held on Sunday, September 23rd for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee to identify and present new officer candidates for the deacon and session classes beginning in January 2019. The following were elected to serve as members of the 2018 Nominating Committee: Ronnie Nuckols, Lindy Thackston, Jim Parker, Tracy Kistler and Everett Mish.

Financial Report	
Monthly Need:	\$26,966
Actuals: September: <i>Will appear in the November newsletter.</i>	

Christian Education at Hebron

Growing in faith. Together.

Wednesday Night Special begins October 3rd

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

Join us for dinner and Bible study as we learn how to talk about our faith in the context of our relationships.

Sunday Mornings

9:00am **Adults: *Seeking a Word from the Lord*** **Ralph Fields Room**
Discussion of weekly readings from the Revised Common Lectionary

9:00am **Adults: *Reversed Thunder*** **Holman Hall**
Group discussion based on the book by Eugene Peterson

9:00am **Kids Club (all ages)** **Classroom #2**

10:00am **Children's Church (ages 4 - grade 2)** **Ralph Fields Room**

Women's Bible Studies

Tuesdays 9:00-11:00am *Daniel* by Beth Moore Parrish House

Thursdays 9:30-11:00am *Luke, Part 1, Precept Upon Precept* Parrish House

Men's Group

Sundays 6:00pm *Jesus Among Secular Gods*, Ravi Zacharias Holman Hall

For more information, contact Lori Alford at hebrondce@comcast.net

Ready, Set, READ! at Hebron Day School

You can contribute to the wonderful work of Hebron Day School by reading to our students! Special guest readers are a fun and welcome addition to our pre-school program. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Holman Hall, or contact Mack or Paula Curle for more information: 784-5735.



Hebron Youth Group [students in grades 7-12]

Sunday, October 7

6:30-7:30pm Youth Group at the Parrish House - snacks, games and Bible study
Souled Out: Obeying by Faith

Sunday, October 14

6:00-7:30pm Youth Group at the Parrish House - snacks, games and Bible study
Souled Out: The Great Exchange

Sunday, October 21 Heritage Sunday

10:00am Be here for Heritage Sunday worship and a celebration luncheon.
No evening youth activity.

Sunday, October 28

4:00-7:00pm Chili Bowl XIII at Julia and Grace Kistler's house. Parents and siblings welcome!

Flag football and homemade chili dinner



Hebron Kids For Christ [tweens in grades 4-6]

Gifts in the Making

Handmade gifts for Operation Christmas Child



Sunday, October 7 | 11:30am-1:00pm

Tweens will have lunch at the Parrish House then work on handmade gifts to be included in our OCC shoeboxes. All kids in grades 4-6 are welcome!

Connect with us on social media! Click to follow us on:

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Hebron Presbyterian Church

Instagram



@hebronpc

Twitter



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Celebrating 175 Years

Join us for Heritage Weekend!

Heritage Concert, Friday, October 19 at 7:00pm

Featuring special music by John Bullard, Julia and Grace Kistler and bluegrass with The Hebron Boys. We'll also enjoy a hymn-sing with our new *Glory to God* hymnals. Fellowship and reception following.

Heritage Sunday, October 21 at 10:00am

Dr. Walter Mann will be our guest preacher as we celebrate Hebron's 175th anniversary. A celebratory luncheon will be held in Holman Hall after the worship service. Other special activities include an interactive timeline, scavenger hunt and outdoor games.

Share Your Hebron Memories

We would love to hear what Hebron means to you! Write a few sentences to share your favorite Hebron memory, or how God has used Hebron church in your life. Fill out a form in your Sunday bulletin insert, or click here for an online form: [Hebron Memories](#)

Please submit all responses by Sunday, October 14.

Help Us Host a Special Luncheon

You can help us extend hospitality to all of our guests on Heritage Sunday. Entrees and bread will be provided. Click here to sign up to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert: [Luncheon Sign Up](#). A sign-up sheet is also posted on the Heritage Sunday bulletin board outside Holman Hall.

Click here for more information: [Heritage Weekend](#)

Just as you are, God can use each one of us
Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,
 faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.
 ~1 Peter 4:10*

The woman wrestled with her indecision. She had been profoundly stirred by the service that morning. She wanted to commit her life to Christ, but as she considered her frail body, her thoughts ran wild: *What would God want with me? God couldn't use me. I have nothing left to offer.*

Then the words of the choir overrode her depressive resistance: *"Just as I am, without one plea."* As this truth sunk in, God wanted her now, even in her fractured state.

In 1834, another woman had been similarly depressed. Charlotte Elliot was an invalid who lived with her family in Brighton, England. The house was a flurry of activity helping her brother, a minister, as he organized a bazaar to raise money for the building of a nearby school. As the day approached, Charlotte became ill; she lay tossing on her bed, feeling miserable and utterly useless to the 'cause' at hand.

That 'helpless' situation turned a corner the next day. When the family had all left for the bazaar, God sent Charlotte a sudden awareness of great peace. In the quiet of the house she wrote the words that God would use to draw thousands to Himself:

*Just as I am, without one plea,
 But that thy blood was shed for me,
 And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 O Lamb of God I come.*

Charlotte Elliot could never imagine how God would use those words in the coming decades. When she published the text in her *Invalid Prayer Book*, she inscribed this song with the words of Jesus, *"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I never drive away."* (John 6: 37)

Although Elliot's brother had an active, effective, public ministry, he admitted that his work seemed dwarfed in comparison to the ministry of his incapacitated sister: *"In the course of a long ministry, I hope I have been permitted to see some of the fruit of my labor, but I feel that far more has been done by a single hymn of my sister's."*

Even in our weakness, even when we are feeling "useless," we can be used by God to encourage others. God can take one small word of praise or effort of kindness for His glory and in a way that is beyond our imagination. It is like dropping a pebble into a pond and watching as the concentric waves disperse far and wide.

May God grant us the faith to know that the small encouragements we give others will ripple on beyond the small sphere of our immediate world. Just as you are, who can you encourage today?

~Markus Compton

Hebron Day School News

**“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”
Psalm 23:1**

Hebron Day School is off to a great start! We still have space available in all classes, so keep spreading the good word about our program.

Grandparent's Day was held on Wednesday, September 26, and we had a wonderful crowd of approximately 50 grandparents and guests with us for a morning of singing, crafts and lunch.

We have lots planned for October! On Wednesday, October 3, we have our fall picture day with Mike Hatcher of Heather House Studio. Then on Wednesday, October 10, Fireman Earl Taylor and friends will be visiting for Fire Safety Week.

Our first field trip of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, to the Lloyd Family Farm Pumpkin Patch. Parents and siblings join us on this trip for a morning of hayrides, farm animals and pumpkin picking!

Hebron Day School is once again collecting items during October for Operation Christmas Child. We have asked the children to bring in coloring books, notebooks or soap, so we hope to add to the church's collection of donations.

We wind up October with our annual Halloween Storybook Dress-Up party on Wednesday, October 31 at 11:00am. Parents in our Lovebugs class will be planning this event.

Many thanks to all our Hebron Church friends for your continued support of our program. We would especially like to thank everyone for the generous donations of paper towels, Kleenex, baby wipes, etc. These items are used so much throughout the year, and your donations help us spend our small budget on the children.

Growing in Faith. . .

**Shirley Bonovitch
Director**



Operation Christmas Child Most Wanted Gifts:

Tee shirts
Tennis balls
Soap
Notebooks and coloring books
Shopping bags
Pencil Sharpeners

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ann Bright
 Polly Anderson
 T. C. & Diane Anderson
 Bibby Raines
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher
 Bill Maxwell, *Patricia Turner's friend*
 Audrey Ownsbey, *Debbie Fahrner's mother*
 Betty Ownsbey, *Debbie Fahrner's sister*
 Denton McKeehan, *Pastor Connie's uncle*
 Janice Gordon, *friend of Hebron*
 Mary Ellen Bundy Murray, *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*
 A friend of *Rod & Susie Smyth*
 The Atkinson Family,
friends of Dan & Martha Rogers
 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 with one of these committee members.

Hurricane Relief

As we see and hear stories of the continuing effects of Hurricane Florence, our hearts go out to those who've lost loved ones, or who've lost their homes, or their livelihoods, and whose lives have been disrupted in so many ways. Your church session invites and encourages you to make a gift through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, as you feel led: www.pda.pcusa.org. You may also write a check, noting that it's for "hurricane relief," and place it in the offering plate during worship.

Share Your Hebron Memories By Sunday, October 7

Come share your recollections and special memories of Hebron church by being part of the Heritage175 Oral History project. We plan to capture these moments on video to share in October during our Heritage weekend.

Sign-up on the main office door. Videos will be recorded in the Ralph Fields room after worship. Please contact Megan Compton with any questions: (804) 517-6470.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 2

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

Wednesday, October 3**Wednesday Night Special Begins!**

5:45pm: Dinner
 6:30-7:30pm: Bible Study
 7:10-8:10pm: Choir

Thursday, October 4

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 7

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Worship & Communion 10:00am

Tweens 11:30am-1:00pm: Lunch & Making gifts for
 Shoeboxes - Parrish House

Men's Group 6:00pm, Holman Hall

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

Tuesday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 10

5:45pm: WNS Dinner
 6:30-7:30pm: Bible Study
 7:10-8:10pm: Choir

Thursday, October 11

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 14 - Dedication Sunday

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Worship 10:00am *Stewardship Sunday*

Men's Group 6:00pm, Holman Hall

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

Tuesday, October 16

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study 9:00am Parrish House
 Day School Fall Field Trip[

Wednesday, October 17

5:45pm: WNS Dinner
 6:30-7:30pm: Bible Study
 7:10-8:10pm: Choir

Thursday, October 18

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House
 Session 7:00pm

Friday, October 19

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Heritage Concert, 7:00pm
 Reception following concert

Sunday, October 21 - Heritage Sunday

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Worship 10:00am

Luncheon & Special Activities

Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall

No Youth Activity

Tuesday, October 23

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

Wednesday, October 24

5:45pm: WNS Dinner
 6:30-7:30pm: Bible Study
 7:10-8:10pm: Choir

Thursday, October 25

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 28

Deacon's Meeting 8:30am
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Reversed Thunder, Holman Hall

Worship 10:00am

Youth Group 4:00-7:00pm Chili Bowl XIII at the
 Kistler's house. Flag football & homemade chili dinner

Men's Group 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 30

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

Wednesday, October 31

Day School Halloween Dress-Up Party 11:00am
 5:45pm: WNS Dinner
 6:30-7:30pm: Bible Study

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

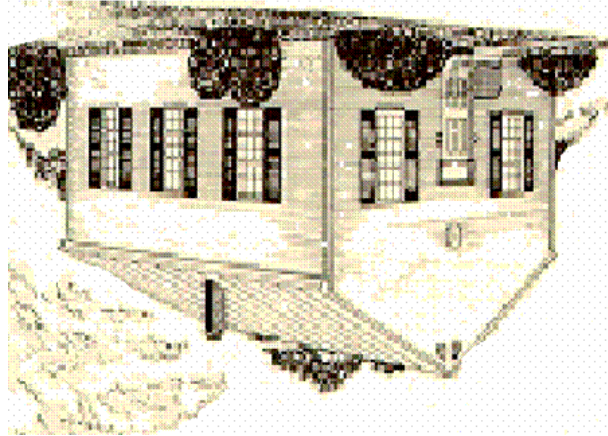
Kelli Eastwood

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*