

Hebron News

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

October, 2019

To Such as These

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:16-17, NRSV

A pastor friend of mine who works in another state recently shared an experience that occurred during the Lord's Supper at his church. In the congregation he serves, communion is taken by small groups gathering around the table in turns and passing the communion elements to one another. This pastor encourages each person, as the elements are passed, to say, "This is the Body of Christ" and "This is the Cup of Salvation," or other appropriate words of welcome and grace. Young children are included in this, so that they learn the practice and the language of the Lord's Supper.

On a recent Sunday, it so happened that a four-year-old girl was positioned to pass the communion bread to a 90-year-old who was standing beside her. She knew she was supposed to say something as she passed the bread. This little girl looked at the wizened elder beside her and pronounced, "You are a child of God." As my pastor friend described it, "Everyone melted." "This child had heard herself called this so many times, that it was what she wanted to say at the table, because those words meant something to her." The pastor saw this as a testimony to the fact that what we do and say in regard to the children in our midst, really does matter. Not only does this little girl already know herself to be a child of God, but she understands that it's true as well for those of us who are no longer "children," no matter how old we may be.

The 16th century reformer Martin Luther, who struggled so mightily with the concept of grace, is said to have placed his hand on his head every morning to remind himself of his baptism; to remind himself that his salvation came only from the grace of God in Christ, and not through any worthiness of his own. One of the greatest of the Protestant reformers needed to remind himself each day that he was wholly dependent upon God, as a child is dependent on the care and discipline of a loving parent. When you and I acknowledge the love and mercy of God in Jesus Christ, we begin to understand the glorious privilege of being grafted onto the Body of Christ as part of the family of God. We are received into the family, not because we are worthy, but because we are needful, and willing to acknowledge that need before God.

How would your days be different, if you started each one of them by reminding yourself that you are – before and above all else – a child of God? How would your relationships with others be different if you reminded yourself daily that every person you encounter – no matter how broken or imperfect – is also a "child" who is deeply desired in the family of God? *"Let the little children come to me,"* Jesus said. *"For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."*

With prayers for your journey,
Connie Weaver

SESSION SUMMARY
Stated Meeting
September 19th, 2019

- The Session received reports from its committees, including a curriculum update from Director of Christian Education Lori Alford, and a project list from John Miller on behalf of Building & Grounds. The B&G project list was compiled to assist the Session in prioritizing funding for upcoming repairs and improvements to the church property.
- An Asking Budget for 2020 was approved, to be distributed in early October with stewardship materials. Next year’s church budget will be finalized following Commitment Sunday on October 13th, 2019.
- The Session voted to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 29th, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing a nominating committee to secure officer nominees for new deacon and elder terms beginning in January 2020.
- Session members reviewed a proposed site for creation of an open green space on church property. A plan was submitted by Fayette Thackston on behalf of volunteers who have agreed to perform the work. The Session approved the plan in principle, requesting that the space be as large as possible within a quarter acre. The green space will be located adjacent to the side lawn of the Parrish House, to be accessible for youth recreation, church events, and use by the Day School. Work will proceed when ground conditions are good for tree removal, and will be paid for from an appropriate fund under advisement of the church treasurer.

OTHER ACTION

On August 31st, a motion was approved via email to proceed with needed replacement of old sanctuary duct work, to be paid for from the church’s Building Fund.

The next stated meeting of Session will be on Thursday, October 17th, 2019.

—a thought from Your Stewardship Committee:

“The Power of One” has been Rev. Weaver’s sermon series the month of September. What a powerful thought. Often we may think that one person’s contribution, yours and our contributions, are so minimal—how much difference can it make. But Rev. Weaver has shown us how one person’s forgiveness, compassion, and good counsel can produce dynamic results. The same is true for the power of the gift from each of us whether it be a commitment of heart, of time, of caring, and of financial support. As we approach Sunday, October 13, to declare our gifts for next year to the missions and programs of Hebron, we hope you will remember the power of one gift.

Blessings from Your Stewardship Committee

Financial Report

Monthly Need:	\$26,966.00
Actuals: September:	\$20,840.00

Christian Education at Hebron
Growing in faith. Together.

Sunday Mornings

Adults

9:00am	<i>Seeking a Word from the Lord</i> , led by Mack Curle	Ralph Fields Room
9:00am	<i>Acts</i> , led by Ronnie Nuckols	Library

Children

9:00am	Kids Club, led by Lori Alford and Julia Kistler	Classroom #2
10:00am	Children's Church (ages 4 - grade 2)	Ralph Fields Room

Women's Bible Studies

Tuesdays at 9:15am	<i>20/20</i> by Christine Caine, led by Tracy Kistler	Parrish House
Thursdays at 9:30am	<i>Romans</i> , led by Lori Alford	Parrish House

Men's Group

Sundays at 6:00pm	<i>Christian Leadership in a Secular World</i>	Holman Hall
Led by Fayette Thackston		

For more information contact Lori Alford at hebrondce@comcast.net or 784.4018

Hebron Youth Group
[students in grades 7-12]

Sunday, October 6 **Fiesta! Luncheon and Talent Show** **after worship**
 Mexican buffet lunch and talent show to raise funds for 2020 summer missions

Sunday, October 13 **Youth Group** **6:00-7:30pm**
 Location TBD. More information coming soon!

Sunday, October 20 **One Day Youth Retreat** **9:00am-2:00pm**
 A special day to reconnect with God, creation and one another at Belle Isle

Sunday, October 27 **Youth Group** **6:00-7:30pm**
 Snacks, games and Bible study at the Parrish House

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 preschool program. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Holman Hall, or contact Mack or Paula Curle for more information: 784-5735.



GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

Shoebox Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child

Friday, November 1 at 5:30pm

Help pack 200 shoeboxes full of gifts for children around the world. Bring a side dish to share for our fellowship dinner.

Operation Christmas Child

In October, please shop for:

Tennis balls- 68	Crayons- 93 boxes
Soap- 95	Shopping bags- 70
Washcloths- 163	Pads of paper- 118
Tee shirts- 120	Pens- 70
Pencil sharpeners- 81	

Put your gifts in the large green tub outside Holman Hall. We collect gifts all year long to pack 200 shoeboxes in November.

No time to shop?

We welcome donations to purchase plastic shoeboxes and any other needed gifts.

Learn more at www.samaritanspurse.org

Coming Home to Jesus ***Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)***

*Repent, then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out,
that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. ~Acts 3:19*

Pianist-composer Frederic Chopin, raised by loving, devoutly Christian parents, grew up having a sincere faith and love for the Lord. After he had left Poland for a musical career in Western Europe, his parents wrote him constantly, assuring him, “Your father and mother live to support you and pray God every day to bless and keep you.”

But far from home, amid a hundred new and enticing influences, the young musician succumbed to the temptations of the high life. Giving one successful concert after another, he became the darling of the Paris salons. He was simply not spiritually equipped to handle the fast track to fame; news of his unhealthy habits and relationships, including a long liaison with the woman who wrote novels under the name “George Sands,” grieved his distant parents—who kept praying. And God heard their fervent prayers. Chopin eventually turned away from Sands and many other questionable influences. Throughout his European travels Chopin had never forgotten his upbringing in Poland, and toward the end of his life, cut short by pulmonary tuberculosis, he sent for his childhood friend Abbe Jelowicki, who had entered the priesthood. This man’s providential emergence saved Chopin’s soul. After the two spent much time together, his old friend helped guide Chopin back to Christ.

Jelowicki remembered the jubilation that Chopin felt after reaffirming his faith: “Patience, trust in God, even joyful confidence, never left him, despite all his sufferings, ‘til his last breath. He was really happy and called himself happy. Amid the sharpest sufferings he expressed only ecstatic joy and thankfulness that he had been led back to God.”

At the age of thirty-nine, Chopin was on his deathbed. Jelowicki stayed with him through that last physical struggle, which lasted four days. When he sensed a final crisis, Chopin noticed the many people in the room with him. Turning to Jelowicki, he gasped, “Why do they not pray?” At these words, it is reported that all fell on their knees in prayer.

What joy God must have felt at the return of His son—like the exhilaration of the Prodigal Son’s father: *“We had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” (Luke 15:32)*

Who are you in this story? Are you Chopin, who ecstatically returned to the Lord? Are you his parents, ardently praying for a straying loved one? Are you Jelowicki, who showed his concern by boldly sharing his faith and leading his friend to the Lord? Whatever our part, let us never forget the supreme importance of sharing the joy of our salvation with others and may we remain steadfast in prayer for those who wander from God’s side, for *“There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:10)*

~Markus Compton

Hebron Day School News

“Be still and know that I am God.”

Psalm 46:10

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

Grandparent’s Day will be held on Wednesday, September 25, at 11:00am, and we have a full morning of songs, crafts and refreshments planned for our grandparents and special guests. We are expecting approximately 65 guests to join us for the morning!

October is a busy month at Hebron! On Wednesday, October 2, we will have our Fall picture day with Mike Hatcher of Heather House Studio. Then on Wednesday, October 9, Fireman Earl Taylor will visit for Fire Safety Week.

Our first field trip of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, 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 to support Operation Christmas Child. We have asked the children to bring in crayons, markers or matchbox cars and hope to be able to add to the church’s collection.

We wind up the month with our annual Halloween Dress-Up Party on Wednesday, October 30, 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, Ziploc bags, Lysol 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

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, October 3

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 6

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
 Acts, Library

Worship & Communion 10:00am
 Fiesta Lunch & Talent Show following Worship
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

Wednesday Night Special Begins! 5:45pm

Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, October 10

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, October 11

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

Sunday, October 13

Commitment Sunday
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
 Acts, Library

Worship 10:00am
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 16

Day School Fall Field Trip 9:00am-12:00pm
 Wednesday Night Special 5:45pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

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

Sunday, October 20

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
 Acts, Library

Youth Retreat 9:00am-2:00pm

Worship 10:00am
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Tuesday, October 22

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sandy & Rossie Fisher
 Dianne Quarles, *Patricia Turner's sister*
 Mrs. Lawrence, *friend of Jonathan & Kelli Eastwood*
 Charles Strickler, *friend of Patricia Turner*
 Lindsey Haile, *Cheryl and Ronnie Nuckols'*
daughter

Betty and Bob Barnes, *Martha Rogers' sister and*
brother-in-law

Anne Boswell Owens, *Mack Curle's cousin*
 Emergency Medical Technicians

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.

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

Ann Bright & Kelli Eastwood

Wednesday, October 23

Wednesday Night Special 5:45pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, October 24

Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

Friday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 27

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
 Acts, Library

Worship 10:00am

Deacon's Meeting 11:15am

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

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

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

Wednesday Night Special 5:45pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, October 31

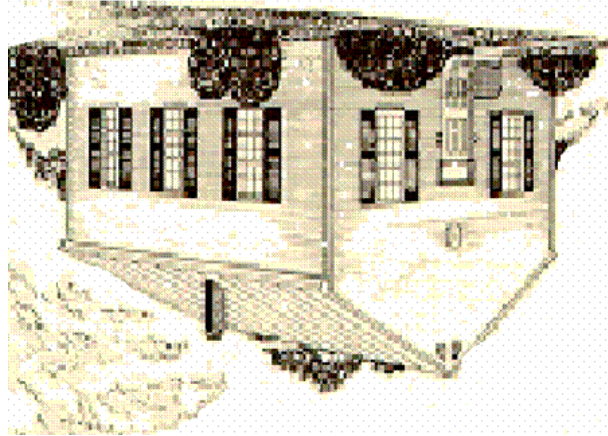
Women's Bible Study 9:30am Parrish House

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