

## The Pastor's Part



Helene- Asheville, Montreat, SW Virginia, Western Tennessee. Valley Mission. Sacra. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. On and on. The needs are endless and the pain is great.

Sometimes, it feels that it is all so overwhelming that we might as well throw up our hands and give up. But we won't, we can't. We have to remember we cannot do it all, but we must and will do what we can. That is all we are asked to do. Not all- but some. Give, perhaps, give till it hurts, but certainly we all can give till it stops the hurting of others, at least some of the hurt.

The county is gathering all kinds of supplies to be sent to the afflicted areas. At least two semis are being loaded. Go on the Augusta County website, and you can find what is needed. Perhaps you can help this way. Go to the Presbytery website and you will find links to give cash to help. Let us remember that there but for the grace of God go we- and let us be grace filled and give what we can and maybe a little more.



Peace and blessings,  
*Preecha*

## Christ the King Sunday

November 24 is Christ the King Sunday which is traditionally the Sunday before Advent begins. It acknowledges that Jesus Christ as the "King of all kings". On this day, Hebron will observe holy communion .



## All Saints Sunday

Hebron will observe All Saints Sunday on November 3, to remember seven of our members who have passed away since the last service in



January, 2024. During the service, we will light candles and offer special prayers in memory of Linda Riley Hickey, Allen Rochford Martin, Rev. J.

Edward Gayhart, Clay Edward Hewitt, Junior Ernest Gilmer, Evelyn Sandy Whitmore, and Wilda Jean Shover.

## Wanted: Salvation Army Bell Ringers!

Hebron will be bell ringing for the **Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive** at the Kroger Shopping Center in Staunton on Saturday, December 7. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Time slots are one hour each, starting at 10:00 A.M. and ending at 7:00 P.M.

The Christian Outreach Committee has sponsored this activity for a number of years and appreciates any time that you can give to make a difference in our community. If you



have any questions, please contact Randy Moyer at 540-649-3823.

## SACRA and Valley Mission Updates

Recently, Valley Mission has made a request for two special food items—boxed cereal and pasta. Items may be placed in the marked box in the Educational Building if you can donate these special items.

This month, Hebron has donated 23 items to the SACRA pantry.

## Hangings of the Greens

The Worship Committee will commence Christmas activities by scheduling the traditional *Hangings of the Greens* on Sunday, November 24, immediately



following the worship service. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the office for jobs that need to be done in order to have out beautiful sanctuary ready for Christmas, or just join in wherever you see a decorating opportunity. We need all kinds of volunteers-men, women, children-young and old.

After the church is decorated, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch, cookies, and caroling!. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Tuttle at 540-273-4487.

## Update on PW Advent Boxes

The Presbyterian Women (PW) have almost completed their **Reverse Advent Food Drive** and will be packing boxes on Tuesday, December 12, at 9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to create



twelve boxes to distribute to families in our neighborhood. We still have a bit more tweaking to do to complete our shopping, but we

thank the congregation of Hebron for its excellent support of food and money in order to carry out this project.

We also want to thank the congregation in their donations for a chance to win the handcrafted bowl made by Larry Mayer and the plate hand painted by Helen Shiflet Wood given by her daughter, Gail Mayer. The drawings for these items will take place on Sunday, December 8, at the annual Christmas luncheon. The PW uses all donations to give to local charities and WRE programs in our vicinity and will report to the congregation how these funds will be distributed.

## Poinsettias, Wreaths, and Donations

Very soon, you will find a **Poinsettia, Wreath, and Donations to Funds** order form in your weekly bulletin. Gail Mayer, flower chairman, is coordinating the yearly solicitation of wreaths to place on the doors of the church buildings, poinsettias to decorate the front of the sanctuary, and contributions to the Sanctuary or Cemetery Funds in honor, memory, or thanksgiving of a special person.



At this writing, Gail has not secured the prices of wreaths and poinsettias. The forms will be printed and distributed when that information becomes final. If you have questions, please contact her at 540-885-6984.

### Treasurer's Report

#### Hebron Presbyterian Church

January through September 30, 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
<b>Income</b>		
General Giving	80,333.00	112,000.00
Benevolent Giving	1,408.00	8,220.00
Other Income	10,256.00	30,510.00
	91,997.00	150,730.00
Transfer from Corp	64,000.00	89,000.00
	155,997.00	239,730.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Administrative	4,940.00	10,538.00
Communications	1,795.00	2,900.00
Personnel	20,410.00	28,290.00
Christian Outreach	10,654.00	18,920.00
Congregational Life	102.00	1,100.00
Worship & Music	632.00	1,335.00
Pastor Comp.	30,860.00	42,954.00
Maintenance incl. Capital		
Outlays	91,134.00	118,230.00
Manse	(160.00)	640.00
Scout Hut	252.00	290.00
	160,619.00	225,197.00
Net Loss	(4,622.00)	

M. Hannah Bush, Treasurer

## Operation Christmas Child

Again this year, Hebron will participate in **Operation Christmas Child**. Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of *Samaritan's Purse*, which sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Informational pamphlets on how to pack a shoebox along with a limited supply of preassembled shoeboxes are located in the Session Room. Shoeboxes will be collected after the church service on Sunday, November 17.



How do you pack a Shoebox? Think about whether you want to pack a box for a boy or a girl. The age groups are generally from 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. (Older boys receive the least number of packed shoeboxes.) First, select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then, pack the box full with other fun items, including toys, school supplies, and personal care items. You may include a note or a photograph as well. You can also find gift suggestions online. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Finally, donate \$10 per box. This is critical for shipping and other project costs.

There are some items that should **not** be packed, and these are listed online as well. Do **not** include candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, or aerosol cans.



If you have any questions, please contact Randy Moyer at 540-649-3823 or go online to

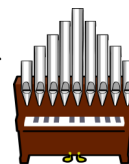
[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).

## Opportunity to Complete Our Organ

In 2001, our organ (Opus 46) was ordered to replace the old digital organ here at Hebron Presbyterian Church. We had an anonymous donation of \$100,000 specifically for a pipe organ. The initial cost was \$320,000 and was paid in full for dedication on May 7, 2006. At that time, space was made to add at a later date an 8’ pedal Octave and a 16’ pedal Trombone. In 2008, a \$9,500 pedal Octave was added to enhance the bass line.

Funds have not been available to purchase the 16’ stop. Now that we have a superb organist who plans to stay with us, an individual has stepped up and offered to assist mightily with the \$38,000 cost of the trombone stop.

We are inviting others to contribute extra funds toward this project which will enable Hebron to sponsor recitals over the years. We have had a wonderful parade of organists playing for our worship services, some of whom have asked about the missing stop.



Session at its Stated meeting on September 22, 2024, passed a motion to start a six month giving campaign to fund the final pipe for our organ. With the generous gift and the funds already available, we need to raise \$25,000. Donations can be made in honor of, or in memory of someone. Let’s see how much we can raise, hopefully all, by Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. Please help us fund the final phase of Opus 46.

## Elder For the Month Of November

The Elder for the month of November will be Robert Christian. If you need assistance from the church when the office is closed, please contact Robert at 540-290-5040. Thanks to Randy Moyer for serving as EOM during October.



## Wildness

### A letter from Mark Hare and Jenny Bent, mission co-workers serving in Costa Rica |

Dear Friends,

It is a mellow Sunday afternoon in September, and I am on our back porch here in Costa Rica, enjoying the beauty of our yard with its pots of herbs, medicinal plants and ornamentals, as well as beautiful flowering bushes, glowing with three or four shades of purple. On the grass lie fruits from “our” Cas tree that also jump out, bright yellow against green. Cas (*Psidium friedrichsthalianum*) is a fruit tree typical to Costa Rica that makes a delicious sweet and sour drink, even better when I add some leaves from our mint plants. The tree was not the main reason we picked this home to rent, but it helped clinch the deal. Looking online I just discovered that another name for Cas is “wild guava.” Interesting, because when I started pondering this letter, the idea of “wild” and “wildness” jumped out as ideas I wanted to share. By the end of this letter, I hope that both you and I will know why!

As you all may know, Jenny and I have been serving in Costa Rica for over four and a half years with the Latin American Biblical University, UBL for its initials in Spanish. Our work is with the Green UBL team, a group of students, faculty and administrative personnel working to make practical sense of the university’s focus on Climate

and Environmental Justice. Jenny and I created a YouTube presentation of the kind of work the Green UBL team does. Give it a look! ([youtube.com/watch?v=e40Rxy5uHo8](https://youtube.com/watch?v=e40Rxy5uHo8))

This year one of the projects of the Green UBL team is to create a “Prayer Path,” a series of spaces within the campus where we will invite visitors to stop, to look, and to reflect. Several of those spaces are in the Sunflowers Community Garden, where neighbors from near the UBL come to work together to produce healthy, affordable herbs and vegetables. In addition to stopping amidst the gorgeous beds constructed in a circular or mandala pattern, visitors will be invited to reflect on a small wild area of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants where spiders and other creatures have free reign—God’s creation continually creating.

We have built a short path through the middle of the wild area and every time I walk it, I am renewed in so many ways. As I go through, brushing spider webs off of the path, I remember my older brother, Keith, bragging when we were young, of always letting the tallest person go first on hikes through the forest, to make sure the webs were gone for the rest of the group. Memories of the freedom of being in those forests center me; they reconnect me with the home for which I often yearn.

Another space where visitors will stop on the prayer path is by the area where we have a production of Asian red worms, *Eisenia fetida*. Brainstorming with my friend and colleague, Mía Umaña, on how to describe this space, I shared with her that for me, the red worms also embody the wildness of God. The wood bench, built by community member Julio Arce, supports six re-purposed car tires in which we deposit weeds from the garden, hoping that the worms (**Wildness** continued on page five)



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will find our offerings acceptable. Sometimes they do, and sometimes they don't. I joke with visitors that in all likelihood the tire I choose to open up to show the worms at work will almost surely be the tire where they did not like our weeds much. Sometimes I have to open up three tires before I find one where the worms decided that the mix we provided was "good" and are living well, producing vermicompost in abundance and depositing dozens or hundreds of egg casings, each hatching three to five at a time. These worms teach us to always bring diversity to the table—new types of weeds, compost and manure—until we get it "right."

I realize, as I think about wildness, that gardening in regenerative ways is very much about setting the stage and then letting go. Julio built the structure to hold the tires, and we add the ingredients as best we know, hoping the small wiggly creatures will flourish. We create the garden beds and add the mulch and the manure teas that we believe will help the plants to thrive, and we water to keep the soil moist and alive. But we can't stop the heavy rains, which are normal, or the extra heat from global warming, which is not. We can't guarantee that we will harvest before viruses or fungal diseases come in. We create space, but it is the Spirit blowing through, wild and untethered, that gives or takes away.

This morning in church, I listened closely to a message offered by the longtime pastor about the sanctity of the Bible and its unquestionable authority for every aspect of our lives. I understand, I think, her desire for fixed rules and definitive answers. But I don't find that message very helpful in my life. I am searching for different wisdom, the kind that can help me and mine live more wholly and more fully within the beauty and abundance of God's wild Creation, pointing us to where life and death are tangled and twisted, but always, also, infused with love:

## Psalm 104

<sup>10</sup>*(The Lord ) makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.*

<sup>11</sup>*They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.*

<sup>12</sup>*The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.*

Well. I don't know if we got to where I thought we would, but we got somewhere. Thank you for sharing this brief journey. Also, on Jenny's, Keila's and Annika's behalf, as well as mine, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the support you provide in our honor for the work of Presbyterian World Mission. Without you, none of us PC(USA) mission co-workers would be where we are, serving in more than fifty countries, throughout God's wild, wonderful world.

In Christ,  
Mark

### **Save the Date!**

#### **Christmas Luncheon**

**December 8, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall**

**The church will provide  
turkey, ham, side dishes,  
and beverages**

**The congregation is asked  
to bring desserts!**

**Questions: Call Theresa Moore  
at 540-448-0335**

# Hebron Presbyterian Church

## Stated Session Meeting

(Draft)

September 22, 2024

12:00 PM

**Present:** Elders Glenn Mader, Lina Smith, Anita Tuttle, Robert Christian, Sandy Showalter, Randy Moyer, Tracy Mayer, and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer

**Excused:** Liz Brown and Larry Mayer

**Absent:** Mike Dundas

**Guest:** Treasurer Hannah Bush

**Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins

The meeting was called to order at 12:14pm. A quorum was declared present. The moderator opened the meeting with a devotional reading from Psalm 27 and prayer.

### Clerk's Report:

- The Session approved the agenda for this meeting.
- Session approved the minutes from the Stated Meeting of August 25, 2024, and the Congregational Meeting on September 8, 2024.
- On Sept. 8, 2024, the Congregation approved Glenn Mader, Randy Moyer, and David Obenschain for the Session Class of 2027.
- Session approved removal of Evelyn Whitmore from church roll due to her death.

**Treasurer's Report:** Hannah Bush presented members of Session a Balance Sheet and a Budget vs. Actual income-expense report. Net income September 15, 2024, is -3,658.90. After reviewing the reports, the treasurer's reports were accepted as presented.

**Presbytery Meeting:** Next meeting will be Nov. 12, 2024

### Old Business:

Starting a new Pastor Nominating Committee was discussed

**Pastor's Report:** No report.

### Committee Reports:

- **Administrative Committee:** Sandy reminded everyone to review their committee duties and send to her or Ellen Desper. The Personnel Committee will be doing a review on the church secretary.
- **Christian Outreach Committee:** Randy reported the application for the Celebration of Lights is Nov. 1, 2024, and he and Liz will be getting shoeboxes to participate in Samaritan's Purse Christmas project.
- **Congregational Life Committee:** Tracy reported Heritage Sunday is Oct. 13, 2024, and there will be a lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship. A Christmas lunch is scheduled for Dec. 8, 2024, after worship.
- **Property:** Larry Mayer has been working with the insurance company. We received a statement questioning renewal. There was a discussion on claims and reimbursements. Robert Christian is following up on this with the insurance company. The committee approved the Moyer family to use the Fellowship Hall on Oct. 19, 2024. The ice maker has been professionally cleaned. The cost was \$244.51.

**Worship:** Anita reported communion will be served Oct. 6, 2024. Nov. 24, 2024, has been scheduled for Hanging of the Greens with possibly soup and sandwiches to follow.

### New Business:

- The Nov. 24, 2024, Stated meeting will be rescheduled to Nov. 10, 2024, and will not be meeting scheduled in December 2024.
- Incoming officers will be examined by Session on Nov. 10, 2024.
- A church member has made a generous donation to acquire the last stop/pipe needed for our organ. The cost of the pipe will be \$38,000. With the donation and existing funds, we need to raise \$25,000. A motion was made to start a giving campaign for the next six months. Motion was seconded and approved by Session.

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**November 2024**  
**Hebron Presbyterian**  
**Church**  
**Sunday School 9:55 A.M.**  
**Worship 11:00 A.M.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <b>Worship</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b> All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time ends	4	5 <b>Bible Study</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b> 	6	7	8	9
10 <b>Worship</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b> <b>Session</b> <b>12:00 Noon</b>	11 <b>Veteran's</b> <b>Day</b> 	12 <b>PW</b> <b>Pack Boxes</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>	13	14	15	16
17 <b>Worship</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>  <b>Mark Wilson</b> <b>Speaker</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <b>Worship</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b> <b>Communion</b> 	25	26	27	28 <b>Thanksgiving</b> 	29 <b>Black Friday</b> 	30

# HEBRON HERALD

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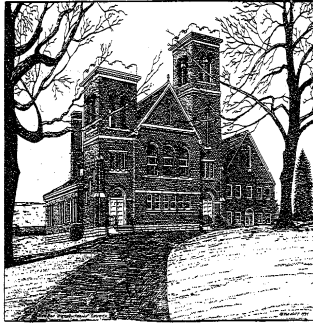
Ministries available to all ages

Sunday School 9:55 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Supply Pastor - Dr. Henry Scoggins

Editors of **Hebron Herald** for November Joan Clemmer Wright  
and Joann Weikert



## November Birthdays

Barbara Moyer	3
Nathan Moyer	6
Charles Shomo	6
Jim McGavock	13
Shirley Fallin	14
Robin Moyer	14
Sylvia Crawford	16
Joyce Obenschain	24



## Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all ye lands.  
Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his  
presence with singing.*

*Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that  
hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his  
people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into  
his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and  
bless his name.*

*For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;  
and his truth endureth to all generations.*

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There was a discussion on growing church membership.

### Closing and Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned with prayer from the Moderator at 1:24pm.

**Our next Stated Session Meeting will be  
November 10, 2024, at 12:00 P.M.**

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Robin Moyer

Clerk of Session



