

## The Pastor's Part



Advent - a time of waiting and anticipation and one of the special seasons of the church. It is a time of preparation for the Christ event each year and for the second coming at the end of the age. Advent is a looking back to the miracle of the incarnation, a celebration of Christ here today and a looking forward to his coming again.

Originally a time of fasting and special devotions leading up to Christmas, the celebration of Advent has been part of much of the larger church for over fifteen hundred years. We celebrate it in most Christian churches by special decorations, special music, and for many, the Advent wreath. Some histories say the wreath was adopted first by the Roman Catholic Church over a hundred years ago as a symbol of the crown of thorns or Christ's heavenly crown. There are many different ways the wreath can be configured, but for most of us it is a garland of evergreen branches and five candles.



In most Protestant churches there were four purple candles, one for each Sunday in Advent and central white candle, the Christ candle lit on Christmas Eve. The Roman Catholic church exchanged a pink for one of the purple a century ago. The pink candle, the Gaudete, was from the word rejoice used in the opening of Mass. Many retailers adopted the arrangement of three purple, one pink, and one white, and so many denominations just bought what was offered.

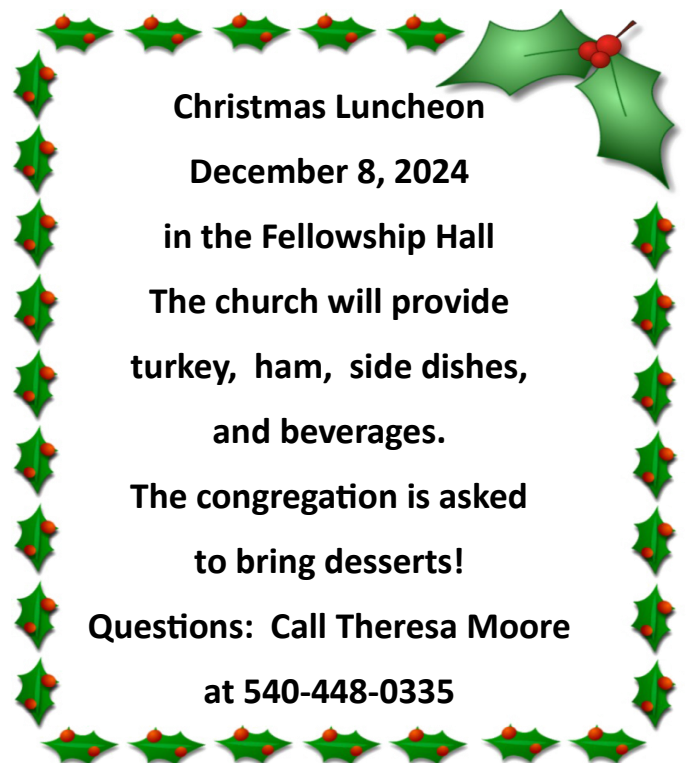
As many of you know I prefer not to use a pink candle since pink has only been a liturgical color for Roman Catholic Cardinals and the Roman Catholic

Advent wreath. I prefer the traditional purple-the symbol of Royalty. Some Protestant churches, including Presbyterian and Methodist, have included blue as an optional color for the candles and the Paraments during Advent. The Lutheran Book of Worship lists blue as the preferred color for Advent as a more hopeful color as opposed to the somber purple of Lent. I think the use of blue for Advent will continue to grow, but I don't think I'm going to get another stole at my age!

What I am sure of is that Advent is a blessed time of anticipation, of encouragement towards deeper faith, to share what we have with others-including the meaning of what we celebrate- the coming of the Christ Child and our salvation. And to God be the Glory.

Blessings and peace,

*Preecha*



**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**

## Advent Readers

December 1: Larry and Gail Mayer  
December 8: Mike and Shirley Fallin  
December 15: David and Joyce Obenschain  
December 22: Randy, Donna, Nathan, and Lacey Moyer  
December 24: Karen Highlander and Brantley Whitmore



## Celebration of Holiday Lights

For the 19th year in a row, beautiful Gypsy Hill Park's 214 acres will be aglow with holiday lights from Monday, November 25 until January 1, 2025., each evening from 5:00-11:00 P.M. And this year, Hebron Presbyterian Church will have its first entry!. The Outreach Committee, spearheaded by Randy Moyer, has planned this entry for some time, and it will become a reality this holiday season. Hebron's display will be on the left side just around the bend from the park's Thornrose Avenue entrance. Entrance to the park is free.



You may recall that the Outreach Committee placed an entry in the ***Celebrate America*** parade this past July in an effort to familiarize the community with our church. We thank Randy and his committee members for all that they are doing to publicize Hebron's role in the community!

## Red Kettle Bell Ringing Schedule

Hebron volunteers will be at the Kroger in Staunton on December 7 beginning at 10:00 A.M. and ending at 7:00 P.M. ring the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive. Drop by Kroger and support the drive if you have a chance!



10:00 A.M.: Guy and Joan Wright  
11:00 A.M.: David and Theresa Moore  
12:00 P.M.: Anita Tuttle  
1:00 P.M.: Mike and Shirley Fallin  
2:00 P.M.: TBD  
3:00 P.M.: John and Denise Lyle  
4:00 P.M.: Greg and Lina Smith  
5:00 P.M.: David and Joyce Obenschain  
6:00 P.M.: Larry and Gail Mayer

## Christmas Joy Offering

Hebron will be collecting the Christmas Joy Offering during the Advent season. This offering is one of the four special collections of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Fifty percent of the offering supports current and former church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

*Joy*

God is calling new leaders for our Church and world to use their talents to serve God, the Church, and the world. Therefore, the remaining fifty percent collected makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian – related schools and colleges.

Make your donations payable to Hebron Presbyterian Church and write *Christmas Joy Gift* on the memo line.

## Clean-up Day is December 14

The Property Committee has designated Saturday, December 14, as the church clean-up day. Leaf raking, mulching, brush and weed removal from the fire



pit and flower bed areas, securing the building for winter are among the chores that need to be addressed.

The committee can use all kinds of helping hands—men, women, and youth. So bring your rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, trimmers, and any other tools you might use to clean and prepare the church property. If you have questions, please contact Robert Christian at 540-290-5040.

## SACRA Donations For November

For the month of November, Hebron donated fifty-four food items to the SACRA pantry. A collection box is located in the hallway of the Educational Building for SACRA.



We want to thank David and Joyce Obenschain for taking the collected food each month to the SACRA facility located at St. Francis Catholic Church.

## Dr. Scoggins On Vacation

Dr. Scoggins will take a week of vacation during the last week of the year, and Mark Wilson, a familiar face and our faithful substitute, will be serving as our guest speaker on December 29.



We hope that Hank enjoys his time away from Hebron, and we welcome Mark to our fold.

## Treasurer's Report

### Hebron Presbyterian Church

January through November 24, 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
<b>Income</b>		
General Giving	180,747.77	231,510.00
Benevolent Giving	<u>3,307.65</u>	<u>5,220.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>184,055.42</b>	<b>236,730.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Administrative	36,884.99	41,728.00
Christian Outreach	11,679.25	18,920.00
Congregational Life	339.06	1,100.00
Worship & Music	984.95	1,335.00
Pastor Comp.	37,527.97	42,954.00
<b>Property Committee</b>		
Church Build. & Ground	93,323.32	118,230.00
Manse	442.59	640.00
Scout Hut	282.23	290.00
<b>Total Property Com.</b>	<u><b>94,048.14</b></u>	<u><b>119,160.00</b></u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>181,464.36</b>	<b>225,197.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>2,591.06</b>	<b>11,533.00</b>

M. Hannah Bush, Treasurer

## Valley Mission Donations

Valley Mission received eighteen food items from Hebron during the month of November. The mission previously had put out a plea for breakfast cereals and pasta. With the possibility of serving over 125 people three times a day, food items are especially needed as well as personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies.

A box is located in the Educational Building to place items for the Mission. Also, Valley Mission has a "wish list" on Amazon. Don't forget to support the thrift store located on Coalter Street which takes gently used clothing and household items. The mission uses 100% of the profits from the store to care for its many residents.



# HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## STATED SESSION MEETING

(Draft)

November 10, 2024

12:00 PM

**Present:** Elders Glenn Mader, Lina Smith, Anita Tuttle, Robert Christian, Sandy Showalter, Randy Moyer, Liz Brown, Mike Dundas, Larry Mayer, and Clerk of Session Robin Moyer

**Excused:** Tracy Mayer

**Guest:** Treasurer Hannah Bush

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:08pm. A quorum was declared present. The moderator opened the meeting with a devotional reading from Isaiah 6 and prayer.

### Clerk's Report:

- The Session approved the agenda for this meeting.
- Session approved the minutes from the Stated Meeting of September 22, 2024.
- Session approved removal of Wilda Shover from church roll due to her death, and moving Karen Highlander from the inactive to the active list.

**Treasurer's Report:** Hannah Bush presented members of Session a Treasurer's Report Year to Date, October 15, 2024. Net income is \$-6,685.22.

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

### Old Business:

- Incoming officers were examined. Installation of new officers is scheduled for Sunday January 12, 2025.
- Thanks to Liz Brown and Mike Dundas whose terms are ending, and thanks to Glenn Mader and Randy Moyer for agreeing to work another 3-year term.

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

### Committee Reports:

- **Administrative Committee:** Sandy handed out a summary of the Hebron Growth Survey sent to chairs of the committees. Sandy would like for all committee reports submitted by January 10, 2025, to Joan Wright for the 2024 Annual Report. Sandy set a deadline of December 1, 2024, to have all committees submit updated responsibilities for the personnel manual.
- **Christian Outreach Committee:** Randy reported he has everything needed to move forward for the Celebration of Lights in Gypsy Hill Park starting Nov. 25, 2024.
- **Congregational Life Committee:** No report
- **Property:** Larry reported our current insurance Church Mutual will be dropping our coverage as of December 13, 2024. Larry has contacted and compared 4 insurance companies, and the committee recommends Erie Insurance through Staley Insurance in Staunton, VA. After discussion, the Session approved unanimously. Fall clean up is set for December 14, 2024. Incorporation has been finalized.

**Worship:** Anita reported All Saints Sunday was observed November 3, and the flags were displayed in the sanctuary on November 10 to commemorate Veterans' Day. Communion will be served November 24, and after worship will be the Hanging of the Greens followed by lunch and carol singing in the Fellowship Hall.

### New Business:

- E. Anne Willard has reserved the Fellowship Hall for January 7, 2025, for the Tuesday Club.
- Sarah Grove-Humphries is working on concerts featuring the organ around Easter and Homecoming, and special music for Christmas Eve.
- Motion was made and seconded nominating Robin Moyer as Clerk of Session for 2025. Session approved unanimously.
- After thoughtful discussion, Session approved unanimously to renew Pastor Scoggins

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 contract for another year with a 10 percent increase  
 in salary and two additional weeks of vacation.

**Closing and Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer from  
 the Moderator at 2:04pm.

**Our next Stated Session Meeting will be January 26,  
 2025, at 12:00pm.**

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Robin Moyer  
 Clerk of Session

**Shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse**

Randy Moyer, chairman of the Outreach Com-  
 mittee reported that twenty shoeboxes were pre-  
 pared this year for **Samaritan’s Purse**. Of the twenty  
 boxes submitted, eleven boxes were designed for  
 girls and nine boxes designated for boys.

The committee appreciates the generosity of the  
 congregation to complete this project. Please keep  
 this project in mind for another year  
 as you go about your weekly shop-  
 ping. You might just find a bargain  
 or two that would be appropriate  
 for the shoeboxes!



**PW Updates**

The Presbyterian Women (PW) have completed  
 their food drive and will pack boxes for twelve fami-  
 lies in the area on Tuesday, December 10, at 9:00  
 A.M. Without the help from the congregation, this  
 project would not be possible. Thank you for your  
 support.

Don’t forget to see Maxine Carpenter if you are  
 interested in making a donation for a chance at a  
 drawing for the items given by Larry and Gail Mayer  
 at our Christmas luncheon on December 8!

**Hebron’s Special People**

Jon Arneson The Retreat at Fishersville 25 Old Oaks Drive Fishersville, VA 22939	Helen Breedon 1594 Parkersburg Tpke. Swoope, VA 24479
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Nancy Durham 846 Parkersburg Tpke Staunton, VA 24401	Elton (Junior) Hewitt Blue Ridge Christian Home 85 Beulah Land Drive Raphine, VA 24472
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Louise McGavock 1410-A N. Augusta Street Apt. 3011 Staunton, VA 24401	Catherine McNeal 287 Shuey Road Swoope, VA 24479
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Jean Miller 501 Oak Avenue Apt. 124 Waynesboro, VA 22980	Betty Piner 725 Greenway Drive Waynesboro, VA 22980
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John & Peggy Puffenberger 811 Fisher Circle Staunton, VA 24401	Ruth Rathburn Blue Ridge Christian Home 85 Beulah Land Drive Raphine, VA 24472
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Bill Sellers 505 Miller Farm Road Staunton, VA 24401	Helen Shiflet 111 W. Rainbow Drive Bridgewater, VA 22812
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Charles Shomo 1237 Cedar Green Road Staunton, VA 24401	Patsy Shull 1394 Parkersburg Tpke. Swoope, VA 24479
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Janet D. Wiseman  
 Shenandoah Nursing and Rehab  
 339 Westminster Drive #408W  
 Fishersville, VA 22939

## Local Holiday Events

We have received notice of several holiday events and concerts during the month of December in our immediate area.

**November 24-January 1, 2025-Celebration of Holiday Lights** in Gypsy Hill Park Staunton. Hebron Presbyterian Church will have its first entry. Admission is free.

**December 5- Riverheads Middle School Choral Department** presents **A Red Pride Christmas** at 6:00 P.M. in at Riverheads Elementary School . Our own Brantley Whitmore will be participating.

**December 9-SACRA Holiday Benefit Concert** at Memorial Baptist Church from 7-9 P.M. Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken to support SACRA. (See poster in the next column for further information.)

**December 14-Wreaths Across America** at Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church. The Colonel James Patton Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will be helping Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. The service wreath ceremony will be presented by the American Legion Post 340, Boy Scout Troop 11, the Colonel James Patton Chapter, NSDAR, the Colonel Thomas Hughart Chapter, NSDAR and members of the community. Children's activities will be available before the ceremony for teaching about the importance of remembering and honoring our veterans. All ages are encouraged to attend and participate with the laying of the remembrance wreaths. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**December 16-The Stonewall Brigade Band** presents their 2024 Holiday Concert **Hope for the Future** at St Paul's Church. (See poster in the next column for info)

**THE STONEWALL BRIGADE BAND**  
2024 Holiday Concert  
*Hope for the Future*

Monday, December 16, 2024 St. Paul's Church 2000 Shutterlee Mill Road  
Staunton VA

6:00 pm The Flutes of the Shenandoah  
6:45 pm Luke Haynes, organ  
7:00 pm The Stonewall Brigade Band  
Director, Kevin Haynes

featuring the winners of the **2024 Bob Hanson Young Artist Competition**

Derek Mickelson, marimba  
Allison Steven, trombone  
Grace Dabback, violin  
and  
The Crozet Community Hand Bell Choir

*Christmas Benefit Concert*  
for  
**SACRA**

**Memorial Baptist Church**  
224 Taylor Street, Staunton  
540-885-8033

**Monday, December 9**  
7:00 pm  
doors open at 6:30

Come join us for a time of music, fellowship and an offering to SACRA (Staunton Augusta Church Relief Association)

A "Meet and Greet the Artists" time with refreshments will follow the concert

*Featuring Local Musical Artists*

*The Faithful Men*  
Male Vocal Ensemble

*The Boogie Kings*  
Ragtime, Boogie & Rockabilly Trio

*Mr. Jefferson's Bones*  
Trombone Fun



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat1
<b>1</b> <b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Riverheads</b> <b>Middle School</b> <b>Choral Concert</b> <b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Second Sunday in Advent</b> <b>Christmas Luncheon</b>	<b>9</b> <b>SACRA</b> <b>Benefit Concert</b> <b>Memorial Baptist Church</b> <b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>10</b> <b>PW Pack</b> <b>Food Boxes</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Church Clean-up Day</b> 
<b>15</b> <b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Stonewall Brigade Band</b> <b>Concert</b> <b>St. Paul's Church</b> <b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>First Day of Winter</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</b> <b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> 				

# HEBRON HERALD

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YouTube:  
[www.youtube.com/HebronChurch-Staunton](http://www.youtube.com/HebronChurch-Staunton)

Website: [www.hebronpres-stauntonva.org](http://www.hebronpres-stauntonva.org)

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 December Joan Clemmer Wright  
and Joann Weikert



## In Case Of Snow Or Bad Weather...

If winter weather is ever severe enough that we think it necessary to cancel church, we will notify television station WHSV-TV3 in Harrisonburg to announce the cancellation.



Also, if church is canceled because of severe winter weather, we will put a message on the church's answering machine so you can call the church office at 540-885-1648. A decision to cancel church will be made by 9:00 A.M. Therefore, check after 9 o'clock to be sure.

In any case, please use your common sense when we have severe winter weather even if you don't see an announcement on Channel 3.

Above all, be safe! If your own walkway or drive way, street, or road is hazardous, please do not take any unnecessary risks!

## December Birthdays

Billie Jean Banks	1
Liz Brown	1
Charles Buchanan	15
Louise McGavock	15
Polly Hewitt	15
Joann Weikert	17
Robert Christian	17
Nancy Davis	24
Helen Shiflet	31
Joyce Coleman	31
Nancy Durham	31