

APRIL 2022

# HBC ALIVE!

Harrisonburg Baptist Church's Newsletter



## Preparing to Serve

REV. MATT WINTERS

We are one month away from a critical investment in the community via local mission projects. I have heard your tremendous stories of the impact this church made through Operation Inasmuch. In those projects, you enabled and empowered individuals and families to live their best. You helped address needs and increase accessibility into homes. You made tangible differences through your sweat and smiles. In the past several years, we've taken small steps to reengage the work of Operation Inasmuch. But, at the end of April, we'll have about 150 helpers serving around the community similar to Operation Inasmuch. Although it's called Mission Madness, the service and the concepts are the same.

Here's a bit of an overview of what we will be working on. We're planning to build two wheelchair ramps, help with Bag Lunch, and take cookies to first responders, paint at the BCM building, and spread mulch at several locations. We'll be working with Village to Village and the Clothes Closet at Trinity Presbyterian. We'll be working at the Simmons Dairy Farm and installing floors with Habitat for Humanity. We're building bat houses and planting pollinators at HBC. We'll be fixing picnic tables for the city and working at the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center. We'll

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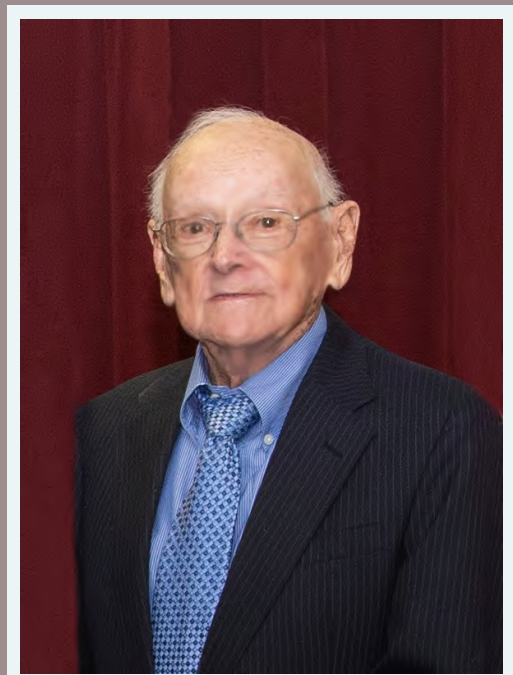
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## Neil Showalter Turns 100!



Neil Showalter will be 100 years old on April 12! We will be recognizing Neil during Sunday morning worship, April 10. Plan to stop by the gazebo following the service to greet Neil and share some birthday cake as part of the Easter Egg Hunt festivities.

We also ask that you send Neil a card offering congratulations and expressing appreciation for all he has done for HBC. Let's aim for 100 cards plus some to grow on! Drop your cards by the church office or mail them to Neil at 1200 Sharon Lane, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

be making a huge impact! If you want to help serve, just let me know. You're also welcome to worship with us in the evenings.

The basic schedule will be registration/welcome on Friday night with worship at 8 pm, worksites all day Saturday, evening worship Saturday night around 7 or 8 pm, and closing worship on Sunday morning at 8:30am.

Come, get involved and let the students know how much you appreciate their help!

## WV Mission Trip

PASTOR ELI

A group of folks is heading to Huntington, WV to serve my home church Thursday, May 12 through Sunday, May 15. We will be doing some odd jobs around the church as well as sharing with the congregation of Seventh Avenue Baptist Church what our journey has been like the last few years—from our study of *Hopeful Imagination* to finding our own opportunities to connect with both those inside our church walls and outside. We will be leading workshops where we can share our stories and encourage others to share their stories with us. Together, we will seek God's direction and guidance in our own congregations. And we want to help nurture a struggling church that is in need of some real encouragement. If you would like to be apart of this team, we would love to have you. Please talk to me and we will get you signed up! The deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 10.



## Prelude to the Passion

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 6:00PM

On April 1, as part of Harrisonburg First Fridays, HBC will offer a presentation by Biblical Storytellers David Downey and Penelope Ferguson. David and Penelope will take us through the last days of Jesus life on earth, from the raising of Lazarus through Jesus arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, telling the story as it is found in the Bible from memory. Invite your friends for this moving and meaningful prelude to Holy Week.

## Holy Week

EASTER EGG HUNT  
APRIL 10

Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place following the worship service on Palm Sunday, April 10 with a lunch afterward. If your family is able to attend PLEASE sign up on the sheet in the foyer or see Pastor Eli or Sarah Northen. We need to be sure we have enough food to feed everyone! Feel free to bring friends and/or grandkids, neighbors, etc! All are welcome!

We also need extra plastic Easter Eggs with goodies stuffed inside donated before the big day. If you're able to do that, you can turn those into Eli or the church office! Thanks so much for supporting our Children's Ministry!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE  
6:30PM, APRIL 14

Join us as we commemorate the Last Supper.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
12-6PM, GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Our Good Friday tradition of prayer stations around the sanctuary continues this year. From noon to six, you and your family are invited to go through each interactive station and have a hands on experience of prayer either on your own or with others. This is an opportunity for all ages to experience the love and sacrifice of Jesus on this Good Friday.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
7AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 17

The resurrection celebration will begin with a Sunrise Service at 7:00am followed by our regular worship service at 10:30. Let's begin even now preparing our hearts to worship God anew in this Lent and Easter Season.

EASTER FLOWER CROSS  
SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Bring fresh flowers and greenery to adorn the Easter Cross on the lawn near the Main Street entrance. *Hallelujah, He is Risen!*

## April Youth Events

### APRIL 3

9:15am Sunday School  
12pm Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser  
5:30-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Study

### APRIL 10

9:15am Sunday School  
5:30-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Study

### APRIL 13

5:45-8pm Clothes Closet

### APRIL 16

9-11am Community Bag Lunch

### APRIL 17

9:15am Sunday School  
No evening activities

### APRIL 24

9:15am Sunday School  
5:30-7:30pm Dinner & Bible Study

### APRIL 29-MAY 1

Mission Madness

## Youth Group Updates

REV. KATELYN BELCHER

We recently began a 4-week series called *Rooted*, that helps students become grounded in their faith as they follow Jesus. Rooted will help our students build a strong foundation as they study the basic fundamentals of their faith – salvation, repentance, how to grow in their walk with God, and how to share their faith. Throughout the 4-week study, we will highlight these Bible verses:

*"Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do." Psalm 1:1-3*

*"I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his*

We made a make-shift Gaga ball pit and had fun with that one Sunday night!





*Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong."* Ephesians 3:16-17

*"I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. But we must hold on to the progress we have already made."* Philippians 3:14-16

*"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."* Colossians 2:7

The youth group is also hosting a Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser following the worship service on Sunday, April 3. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer starting March 27, so we can have a rough estimate of how many people to expect. You may choose to dine in the fellowship hall or carry-out. We are asking for a free-will offering for this meal. All proceeds will go toward sending us to Passport Youth Camp this summer in Berea, KY!





## College Mission Trip

Last month, seven college students, from HBC and the BCM at JMU, spent their spring break serving the community of Wilmington, DE on a mission trip through the organization Urban Promise. The mission of Urban Promise Wilmington is to equip children and young adults through Christ with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, personal growth and servant leadership. Those that went on the trip helped local students with independent school lessons, led activities in after-school programs, and assisted in various work projects throughout the week. We also had the privilege of sharing devotional time with local students and leaders.

We were all were impacted by the hospitality and generosity of those that we encountered and in awe of the great work for Christ that Urban Promise does. We are also grateful for the time spent together throughout the trip building relationships and friendships. I am greatly encouraged by the college students who, in the midst of a busy semester, gave up their spring break to serve others and share Christ's love.

## 5K for Autism Awareness

On April 23, HBC college students will be helping with the Shenandoah Valley Autism Partnership 5k for Autism Awareness. We are so excited for the opportunity to assist our neighbors at Compass Counseling with this community event!





## 2022 College Graduates Info

On Sunday, May 8, we plan to recognize all of our college graduates. If you are or have a child or grandchild who is graduating from college, please provide us with the following information: name, school, degree, future plans if known, and any other pertinent information you'd like us to report. Please send this information to [kim@hbcalive.org](mailto:kim@hbcalive.org) by April 15.

## Mission Madness - Help Needed!

Debbie Douglas and Jane Messinger, leaders of the Kitchen Team, invite you, the members of the HBC congregation, to get involved with the Mission Madness Weekend which is Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1 at Harrisonburg Baptist Church. There are lots of ways you can help before and during this event! Some are listed below:

**#1. Prepare and donate homemade desserts** - more than enough for 200 people are needed for the Saturday dinner! Cakes, pies, brownies, or other bars that require no refrigeration will be perfect. **No cookies, please.** Please label and leave in the HBC kitchen between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 30. If you cannot deliver at that time, please contact another HBC person to deliver your item for you.

**#2. Donate cases of bottled water** - Lots of water will be needed for meals from Friday - Sunday and for all the work teams on





## Kitchen Use

Well folks, we are not quite back to full steam, but we are certainly headed in that direction! And with that, we have a few reminders and updates about kitchen use.

- Wipe down all tables and chairs used in the Fellowship Hall
- Wash and dry all dishes and utensils
- Return all dishes and utensils to their assigned places (do not leave items in the dishwasher or drainer)
- Turn off and clean all appliances used: stovetop, oven, microwave, etc.
- Clean and disinfect all counter surfaces
  - ˆClean sinks and flush garbage disposals
- ˆPut used towels in the hamper
- Take all leftover food with you (do not leave in the refrigerator!)
- Put all recyclable items in the appropriate recycling bins
- ˆGather all trash, tie trash bags tightly and put in the bins in the hall closet
- Sweep the floor
- Mop up any spills
- Turn off all lights
- ˆLock outside doors

There will soon be a check off list in the kitchen to help everyone remember what we need to do before leaving. Let's work together to make sure the kitchen is a clean, welcome space for everyone. Also, please keep Kim and the HBC office aware of any meeting space your group needs to reserve, including the Fellowship Hall and kitchen, so we can be sure we don't have any group meeting times overlapping. Thank you!

Saturday. Please leave cases of bottled water labeled for Mission Madness on the stage in the Fellowship Hall by Monday, April 25.

**#3. Donate individual serving size bottles of Gatorade** that can be sent with the teams on the Saturday workday. Please leave these labeled for Mission Madness on the stage in the Fellowship Hall by Monday, April 25.

If you can provide any of these items, please contact Lynda Lee at 540-421-3617 (text or call) or by email at [LDLWIL@comcast.net](mailto:LDLWIL@comcast.net). Encourage others to participate in this major event, too!

## Van Drivers Needed!

Did you know that HBC provides van transportation to those who request a ride to church on Sunday mornings? Help us continue this important ministry by volunteering to drive the van! Contact Dustyn Miller to volunteer or for more information. All potential drivers must be approved by HBC's insurance company.

## VBS 2022 - Help Needed!

**JUNE 27-30, 6-8PM EACH EVENING**

We can't do vacation Bible School without your help! If you would be able to help—even if only for one evening—please talk to Pastor Eli or Sarah Northen. We have a place for you to serve!



## Baptism Classes

PASTOR ELI

The kiddos of our church are invited to participate in *Becoming Like Jesus* classes where they can learn about what it means to follow Jesus, make a commitment to him, and get baptized. This class will have six sessions. As stated in the curriculum we will use, “the first three sessions explain God’s promise of Jesus (the Messiah), how Jesus’ life helps us understand what God is like, and the love of God expressed through Jesus’ death and resurrection. The last three sessions explain how children can choose to become Christians and express their obedience to God through baptism, the Lord’s Supper and personal faith practices as well as the work of the church.”

These sessions will be held at Pastor Matt and Jessica’s home beginning Sunday, May 1, 6-7pm. Following classes will be held at the same time on May 15, 22, June 5 and 12.

If you would like to register your child for this class, please sign up on a Communication Card or talk with Pastors Matt or Eli. If your child has already been baptized but would still like to come to the class, we would love to have them join us!

## Our Purpose

MARY SMITH, DEACON

*“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13*

Part of our awareness as Christians is to understand that God has a purpose for each of our lives. We are free to make our own choices, and as Christians, we have chosen to profess our faith in God and follow Jesus’ example of how we should live our lives. We are called to serve and love one another. The servant’s heart means to help others in love without expecting something in return, serving in appreciation of the gifts God has already given us and using them for the good of others.

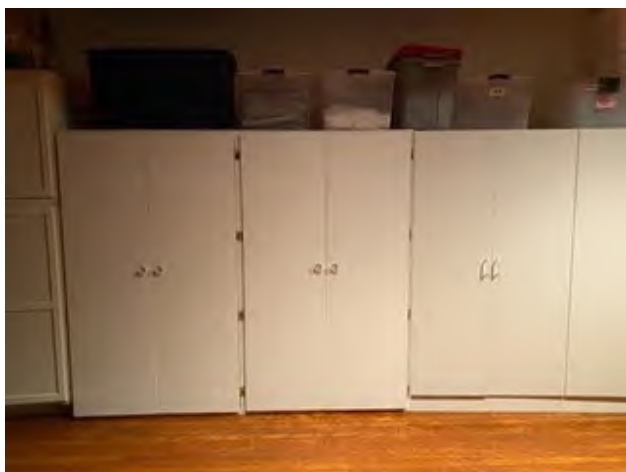
It has been my pleasure to be your Leadership Chair for the past year, and I am grateful for Jeannie Petit stepping in to take on this important position in our church. Neither Jeannie nor I look upon ourselves as leaders, but we love God and felt called to serve HBC in this way. I ask each of you to search your heart and ask, “How have I stepped up to serve and show God’s love to others? Am I using my gifts and talents to their fullest?” Remember that God will always equip His servants to do His work. My prayers continue for you and HBC, that God will bless us and continue to use us to show love and kindness to others.



## Missions Committee Update

MARY SMITH

**Fellowship Stage Cabinets:** Have you looked at the Fellowship Stage lately? Did you notice all of the clutter is gone, and there are cabinets along the back of the stage? These cabinets house our Food Pantry staples, Mercy House hygiene items, Operation In As Much supplies, and much more. Over the past year, Sam Huffman has built a line of cabinets across the back wall of the stage and now made two sets of doors to finish the project. The cabinets were paid for with 2020 end-of-year funds the Missions Committee received from the Finance Committee. Thanks to Sam and the Finance Committee for making this possible.



**Mercy House:** This past month, Chaplain Nan Kirkmeyer from Mercy House contacted HBC to see if we would consider being Pantry

Helpers and help stock their Food Pantry once a month. This involves purchasing certain items for that week and delivering them to Mercy House. The Missions Committee has agreed to take the third week each month and provide items such as eggs, milk, bread butter, flour, sugar, and oil for the twelve families housed at Mercy House. If this is something you can help us with, please contact Mary Smith (540-222-5873).

**Mission Madness:** April 29 –May 1, We need people to help greet our guests on Friday evening and support the youth as they work on 15-20 projects around Harrisonburg on Saturday. Please contact the church office or Pastor Matt if you can help during this weekend.

**Aid for Ukraine:** The HBC Missions Committee will be sending a donation to BGAV, who is channeling funds and support to Ukraine through the European Baptist Federation. You can go on the BGAV website (<https://www.bgav.org>) and read a special update on the assistance EBF is providing. On Sunday, April 3rd, HBC will be collecting a special offering for “Aid for Ukraine.” Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. Contact Mary Smith (540-222-5873) if you have questions.

**Two New Ministries:** We are still collecting donations through the end of the month of April for The Pringle House and Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your support.



## Community Grant Awards

Similar to last year, the Finance Committee allotted a portion of the end of year funds for grants to bless and benefit the community. The original amount of the grant allotment was \$5,000.00, which was subsequently matched by an anonymous donor. The grant committee was given \$10,000.00 to share with amazing partners around us. These two gifts display how faithful this church is and how much we want to make an impact in the lives around us. The community grant award team met and intends to distribute the grants to the following agencies in the coming months. We will be inviting these agencies to share their story with us in worship as we award the checks to them at that time.

**Kingsway Prison Outreach**—located in southern Harrisonburg, Kingsway touches the lives of inmates and their families. They offer worship, Bible study, and support groups to prisoners, prisoner family members, and other lives impacted by incarceration. From time to time, they host drives to deliver prisoners with items they need. Perhaps you'll remember the toothpaste drive from Christmas 2020; this drive would be an example of how they reach inmates. The \$3,000 grant will allow them to continue their ministry to change lives of those individuals within the realm of the Department of Corrections.

**New Creation**—operating in southern Harrisonburg near the bowling alley, New Creation is a store that sells items made by women who are affected by human trafficking. The wares they sell help fund numerous resources that alleviate many of the burdens caused by human trafficking. New Creation is expanding its store and ministry, and this \$3,000 grant allows them to do so in meaningful ways.

**Still Meadows Enrichment Camp**—located in Linville, SMEC offers horse riding and other outdoor adventures to individuals facing special needs or disability challenges. Their riding range, facilities, and equipment are handicapped accessible. The \$3,000 grant will allow them to upgrade some playground equipment and enhance their impact to their families.

**VOICE**—a local chorus of musicians devoted to performing concerts to benefit local non-profits remain in need of risers and platforms to assist in their concerts. HBC is working to loan them equipment for their shows as well as providing a \$1,000 grant for VOICE to use to purchase their own staging equipment.

Thank you so much for allowing us to impact our community and show our heart for the valley!



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### MEMBERS

Becky Armentrout  
Barbara Betts  
Joyce Deavers  
Don Embrey  
Liz Garber  
Dennis Greene  
Wayne & Sally Hannah  
Mac & Lola McBride  
Bill & Barbara Pond  
Karen & Kerry Potter  
Jimmy & Nancy Russell  
Constance Via

### EXTENDED FAMILY

Allen Shull  
(Lee & Sherri Chapman's friend)  
Bella (Angela Hayes' niece)  
Virginia Ruth Davis & Beth Howard  
(Sara Kate Moore's friends)  
Tom Kuster & family  
(Jackie Leonard's friend)  
Becky Morris (Ellen Shomo's friend)  
Dorothy Shenk  
(Randy Shenk's mother)

## February Stewardship Snapshot

Budget needs to date	\$ 99,243.00
Budget receipts to date	\$ 108,492.21

### Non-Budget/Designated Funds

• Cheese Ministry	\$1,050.00
• Love Fund	\$45.00
• Saturday Bag Lunch	\$370.00

## 2021 Year-End Financial Statement

The 2021 Year-End Financial Statement is available upon request. Call the church office at 433-2457 or e-mail Susan at [susan@hbcalive.org](mailto:susan@hbcalive.org).

## April Office Hours

For the month of April, the office will be open 9am-4pm Monday through Thursday, and Fridays by appointment only.

## Bible Study Materials Collection

Danny Carroll's mom, Bev, is going on an mission trip with her church, The Tabernacle Church in Danville. She has requested that we help them spread the gospel by donating new or gently used Bibles, Bible Study materials, CD's, DVD's, etc., to be donated to ministries in other countries. Place your donations in the box in the foyer by Easter Sunday, April 17.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>April Office Hours</b> 9am-4pm Mon- Thurs Closed on Fridays		<b>Staff Out of Office</b> Kim: April 4-22 Susan: April 22-May 23		1 <i>6pm Prelude to the Passion by David Downey &amp; Penelope Ferguson</i>	2
3 <i>12pm Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser</i> <i>5:30pm Youth Dinner &amp; Bible Study</i>	4 3:00 Missions Committee Mtg (Parlor)	5 6:00 Finance Committee Mtg (B4)	6	7	8	9
<b>10 Palm Sunday</b> <i>12pm Easter Egg Hunt</i> <i>5:30pm Youth Dinner &amp; Bible Study</i>	<b>11</b> 6:30 Leadership Team Mtg (FH)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>5:45-8pm Youth Clothes Closet</i>	<b>14 Maundy Thursday</b> <i>6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service</i>	<b>15 Good Friday</b> <i>12-6pm Stations of the Cross</i>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Easter</b> <i>7am Sunrise Service</i>	<b>18 Office Closed</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>May Newsletter Articles Due</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5pm Russo & Tracey Recital
<b>24 Emmaus Sunday</b> <i>5:30pm Youth Dinner &amp; Bible Study</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Mission Madness 2022</b>	<b>30</b>

## WEEKLY REOCCURRING EVENTS

### SUNDAY

9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Community Worship

### MONDAY

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
10:00am Skyline Literacy (Rm 201)  
1:00pm Staff Meeting (Parlor)  
6:30pm Scouts

### TUESDAY

10:00am ELL Class (Rm 201)  
11:00am Tuesdays Together (B4)  
6:00pm Jubellation Practice

### WEDNESDAY

10:00am Ladies Prayer Group (B4)  
10:00am Skyline Literacy (Rm 201)  
7:00pm Choir Practice  
8:00pm College Small Group (Rm 214)

### SATURDAY

10:00am Community Lunch

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 3— Phil Douglas  
April 10 — Shirley Cobb  
April 17 — Nico Nguimbi  
April 24 — Mark Griffin

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

April 2 — Petit  
April 9 — Obenschain  
April 16 — Youth/Belcher  
April 23 — Miller  
April 30 — Mission Madness

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Pat Dickens  
2 Richard Baugh  
3 Barbara Betts  
5 Shirley Cobb  
6 Patrick Fly  
12 Ellen Lohr  
12 Neil Showalter  
13 Sharon Wampler  
14 Jane Messinger  
17 Bryan Acker  
20 Heidi Ruiz  
21 Tom Hartman  
23 Rob Lovell  
25 Katherine Carroll  
25 Noah Carroll  
26 Cathy Lawrence  
28 Lynda Lee

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#### MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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Please submit articles to  
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He is  
Risen!

Matthew 25:6