



# HBC ALIVE

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## Leadership Team Update

By Faye Lohr Ritchie

As the season of Fall comes upon us, we notice the shortening of the days, we feel and breathe in the crisp morning air and we see the leaves around us changing into brilliant colors. Take time to enjoy the nature and beauty of Fall in the Shenandoah Valley!

In John 6:35 Jesus declared: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." When we partake in Holy Communion, we are reminded that Jesus said "do this in remembrance of me." October 6<sup>th</sup> is World Communion Sunday, a celebration observed by Christians all around the world. This one significant act unites us all as believers. This year we will again participate in this celebration with the Kachin Church members. Join us as we incorporate into the service multiple languages, songs and prayers from around the world as a reminder of how diverse and yet how alike Christian believers are.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Merriam Webster's Dictionary defines "gather" as *to bring together, assemble, collect*. In this spirit, HBC is planning its second annual "Gather Service." This will be a time of fellowship where all members of the congregation are invited to assemble together so we can collect our hopes and dreams for the future of HBC as we prepare to enter a new chapter in the life of our church. Please join us on the church lawn (weather permitting) at 6:00 p.m. on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We will gather around a firepit for the service and afterwards we will enjoy "sacred s'mores." We hope to see you there!



# Fall Church Business Dinner & Meeting

Sunday, November 10th

The dinner menu will include your Thanksgiving favorites and will be served at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Business meeting will begin immediately after the meal. Please sign up on the Communication Card if you plan to attend so we'll know how much food to prepare. Also sign up on the Communication Card for childcare, if needed.

## The following is the agenda for the Business Meeting:

- Recognition of Those Members Lost by Death This Year
- Community Conversation (Time Limit of 30 Minutes)
- Vote on Trustees
- Vote on Deacons
- Vote on 2020 Budget
- Financial Report
- Recognition of 150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary
- Ministry Highlights – Eli
- Report from the Trustees
- Update from the Pastoral Search Committee
- Committee Reports (Highlights) (See Booklet)
- Report from the Leadership Team
- Blessings & Thanks
- Announcement of Vote Results
- Closing Prayer and Song

*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun  
a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.  
Philippians 1:6*



# Opportunities to Grow, Share, & Serve



## World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 6, HBC will celebrate the Lord's Supper with Christians around the world. We will be sharing this service with the Kachin Church that also worships in our church building. In addition to the Kachin Choir, we will have other music from around the world and a special anthem by our choir. Rev. Eli Withers will preach, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

## HBC Creation Care Team

God is at work in so many wonderful ways at HBC! One of those ways is the newly formed Creation Care Team (CCT). This group desires to "help HBC to worship God through caring for His creation and being good stewards of the earth." Psalm 24:1 reminds us that "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it" and, along with many other Bible passages, calls us to honor God by joining Him in caring for His creation. Three sub-teams of CCT will focus in three areas: Action, Education and Connection. Want to join us or find out more about CCT? Contact Kathy Ritcher (540-908-0699 or [gkcdrit@aol.com](mailto:gkcdrit@aol.com)). Looking for a step you can take today? Why not start by reading Psalm 104 and praising God our Creator for all that this "Creation Hymn" tells us about Him! Then ask Him to show us how we, as new creations in Christ, can better care for this amazing creation of the earth and everything in it that He has made.

## Hopeful Imagination Continues...

On Sundays, **October 13 and 20**, Skip Wallace will lead us during our Sunday School hour through a wrap up of the *Hopeful Imagination* book. Together, all the classes that have been studying this book will have time to share our own ideas and insights on how God is speaking to us and leading us into the future. Plan on joining us in the Fellowship Hall for this exciting conversation.

## Mission Trip Fundraiser

An HBC mission team will be traveling to the Nasaruni Academy for Maasai Girls, Narok, Kenya in March 2020. To help with the cost of the mission trip a fundraiser will be held **October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at Dairy Queen Grill and Chill, 78 S Carlton St. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the mission trip. Bring your family and friends and spread the word!

## Fall Discipleship Classes

Our Discipleship Classes will begin on **Wednesday, October 16**. Join us for a time when we will continue the conversation started by the study of *Hopeful Imagination* as well as the visit from Culpeper Baptist Church, Dr. Dan Carlton in September. We will look at the beginnings of the church in the book of Acts and look at the state of the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Join us for an encouraging look at all that God is calling us to do in this day and in this place.



## Singers Glen Field Trip

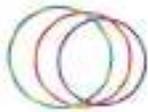
As part of the ongoing celebration of HBC's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are planning a field trip on **Thursday, October 24**, to Singers Glen to learn the history of some of the other Baptists in our area. Local historian Dale MacAllister, former president of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society, will present a brief program on early Baptists in Singers Glen and their relation to the musical Joseph Funk family. He will then guide us on a walking tour of the village and early church sites. We will then go to the Italian Touch Restaurant in Broadway for lunch.

Please indicate on the communication card in the weekly church bulletin if you are planning to go. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church parking lot and return after lunch. Please bring money to pay for your lunch.

## Gather Service



Join us once again on **Saturday, October 19 at 6 pm** for our Gather Service on the lawn (weather permitting). Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come prepared to share our hopes and prayers and wishes for the future of Harrisonburg Baptist Church and plan to stay afterwards for a time of fellowship and s'mores!



## CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE UPDATE



Fall is heating up for the Children's Committee as the weather cools down. September will wrap up with the children's activities at the Homecoming Celebration on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>. We will offer games from long ago, such as jacks, marbles, hoops, red rover, horse shoes, cats cradle, and so much more.

Our next **Family Fun Night** is scheduled for **October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm**. This could very well be our last outside Family Fun Night of the year, so be sure to come and enjoy the weather while it lasts! We will be playing board/table games to involve both children and adults.



## Missions Committee Updates

 **Blessing Box**—We wish to thank Phil Douglas, Bill and Daniel Sanger, and Sam Huffman for their assistance in making our Blessing Box a reality. All are welcomed to help fill the box. Suggested items are: canned food with ring-pulls, non-perishable food, bottled water, small snacks, socks, mittens, hand warmers, crackers, toilet paper, toiletries, and baby wipes. We need a team of people to monitor the box weekly. If you would like to help, contact Mary Smith (540-222-5873).

 **Owsley, Kentucky Mission Trip**—From Nov. 4th through Nov. 8th, we will return to Owsley, Kentucky to help the people in one of the poorest communities in the U.S. We will provide a breakfast for the teachers and staff of Owsley County Elementary School, visit in nursing homes and senior centers bringing prayer shawls knitted and crocheted by our members, and help prepare the food bank for the winter. We are excited to report that we have a team of 8, possibly 11, of our members interested in going on this trip. Praise the Lord!

 **Operation Christmas Child**—We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child at HBC. You can pick up box(es) in the foyer. There have been changes in what can be placed in the boxes so please be sure to pick up the list of suggested items. **All filled boxes must be returned by Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

 **Christmas Angel Tree**—Once again we will participate in the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Christmas gifts for children and families of Spotswood Elementary. Our Christmas tree with tags will be up in the foyer by mid-October. Please be sure to identify which tag number you took on the sign-up sheet provided. **Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Bag Lunch Ministry 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### THANK YOU!!!

On September 7th we celebrated “**25 years of Friendship**”—the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saturday Bag Lunch Ministry. Bag Lunch was first served at HBC on Saturday, September 10, 1994. God has enabled us to continue to show Jesus' love to our neighbors through this ministry for 25 years.

Bag Lunch ministry would not be possible without the faithfulness of many people who have served over the years. **THANK YOU** to...

Annette Sprinkel, who started bag lunch ministry;

All who have led the ministry over the years – Laura Logan, Debbie Sprouse, Cindy Skelley, and Kathy Ritcher;

Our current team leaders: Katelyn Belcher, Kimberly Bruce, DD Dawson (St. Stephen's Church), Sharon Miller, Faye & Jeff Obenschain, Jeannie Petit, Kathy & Gary Ritcher, Becky & Kirt Ritchie (Stanley New Hope Church), Heidi Ruiz, Cindy Skelley, and Graham Witt (Bridgewater/Dayton Methodist Youth);

ALL who have served on teams and as floaters or made contributions to the ministry; and

All of HBC for hosting and supporting Bag Lunch Ministry for 25 years!

And a big **THANKS** to the businesses that supported our “25 Years of Friendship” celebration through their generous donations:

Chanello's Pizza, Costco, Domino's Pizza, Food Lion, Martin's Foods, Mr. J's Bagels, Red Front Supermarket, Rockingham Cooperative, Strite's Donuts, and Walmart (Burgess Rd. & John Wayland Hwy. Locations).

*“...whoever is kind to the needy honors God.”*

*Proverbs 14:31*



# TRIVIA

The September Trivia answer was *Fred Cooper*. He sketched the various locations of HBC from the time it was constituted in 1869.

Our winners of the September Trivia drawing are **Sherry Miller, Bill Lee, and Mike Renfro**. Congrats to each of these folks who will receive a Kline's Dairy Bar gift card.

Here is your  
HBC Trivia question for October:

## Who is HBC's College Intern?

Get your answer to the church office by way of phone, e-mail or communication card by **October 27th** to be entered into a drawing for a Kline's gift card.

If you don't know – find out!!  
If you do know – tell a friend!!

**Remember!**  
**You can't win if you don't play!!**



We extend a warm welcome to Kim Brubaker who joined the HBC support staff on September 3rd as our new Administrative Ministry Assistant. Kim is a native of

Rockingham County, having graduated from Berea Christian School. Her hobbies include reading, traveling and camping. She and her husband, Leon, reside near Elkton along with their favorite playmates—their dogs, Kassi, Bonhomie and Zoe.

Kim comes to us with great office management skills and experience. She holds an A.A.S. in Paralegal Studies and a Certificate in Office Systems from Lord Fairfax Community College.

Many of you have met Kim and are aware that she has already made herself at home on the staff. If you have not had the opportunity to meet Kim, we hope you will find a time to do so.

We are looking forward to many years of shared ministry with Kim as our Administrative Ministry Assistant.

## Did You Know?

Did you know that Tony and Marie Graham have refinished the tabletops in the Kids Alive! area and in the Preschool rooms downstairs? They spent many trips carrying the tables back and forth to their house to do the work and the results are amazing! Thanks to these two for giving of their time to make things nicer for the children of HBC.





**Our sincere thanks to Kathy Ritche** for the fantastic 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Community Bag Lunch Ministry! What a fun way to celebrate twenty-five years of ministering together and growing friendship in our community! Kathy, we know this celebration would not have happened without you and we know it wouldn't have been half as special as it was without all of your hard work to make it happen and we want you to know that we appreciate it and you so very much! May God continue to bless this ministry!

**We also thank Heidi Ruiz** for taking on the abbreviated office Ministry Assistant role for the summer, following Amy's leaving. Heidi's help in the church office and her interactions with the staff were invaluable. (Just ask Susan!) It is comforting to know that though we might not see her smiling face in the office, we will still be seeing her in worship, working with the children and participating in college activities. Thanks A Million, Heidi!!



## Prayer Concerns

### Members:

Paul & Glenna Steagall, Julie Aittama,  
Jimmy & Nancy Russell, Regina Ingram,  
Cecil Gilkerson, Leena Smith,  
Karen & Kerry Potter

### Extended Family:

Sara Gregory— Grandmother of Sara Kate Moore  
Luanne Long— Friend of Nancy Shomo  
Margaret Straw— Mother of Courtney Shiffer  
Timothy Clopton— Grandfather of Sarah Northen  
Father of Richard Baugh  
Charles Cavallo—Friend of Noelle Carroll  
Phil Douglas, Sr.—Father of Phil Douglas

## Our Sympathies To. . .

The family of Norris Weaver upon his death.  
Chris Belcher and family upon the death  
of his stepbrother.

## THANKS!

We wish to thank our church family  
for all the calls, cards, and prayers you  
sent on the passing of Aunt Pauline.  
You have brought us great comfort  
during this difficult time.

Love,  
Mary and Ron Smith





# October Birthdays!

1	Debbie Douglas	18	Neese Spitzer
	Sherry Ryman	19	Evelyn Hoover
2	Suzanne Shirley	20	Hudson Griffin
4	Marsha Renfroe	21	Brian O'Dell
6	Julie Aittama		Daniel Sanger
9	Robby Burke, Jr.	24	Vickie Westlake
10	David Ingram	26	Carol Lynch
	Sherry Miller		Dustyn Miller
	Brent Leffel	27	Lyn Weaver
16	Roi Ji Phaga		Becky Armentrout
	Barbara Pond	28	Anna Fega
	John Helbert	29	Tom Reynolds

## Deacons & Greeters Schedule

### Deacons

- October 6—Faye Ritchie
- October 13—Mary Smith
- October 20—Laura Fly
- October 27—Pattie Alvis

### Greeters

- October 6—Gary & Ellen Lohr
- October 13—David & Angela Hayes
- October 20—Emily Hartman & Ellen Shomo
- October 27—Sam & Susan Huffman

## ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

**Your fall committee reports are due on Friday, October 18.** Bring your reports to the office or email your reports to Kim at [Kim@hbcAlive.org](mailto:Kim@hbcAlive.org) by the end of the day on October 18 to have them included in the Fall Committee & Team Reports.

## Plenti-Niners Calendar

October 1 (Tues): **Book club**, “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens, led by Joan Sanger, 7:00PM at HBC.

October 9 (Wed): Trip to **Swift Creek Mill Playhouse** for a matinee performance of “**Holmes and Watson**”, facilitated by Dennis & Judy Simmons, cost \$54 per person.

October 10 (Thurs): **Quarterly meeting**, Traditions restaurant, 6:00, \$14 (note day change).

November 1 (Fri): “**Leader of the Pack**,” 7PM at the Schultz Theater. See Dennis Simmons for tickets.

November 5 (Tues): **Book Study** led by the other HBC book study group--“The Paris Architect” by Charles Belfoure.

## Financial Snapshot as of 9/22/19

Pro-rated Budget needs to date \$ 317,186.76  
 Budget Receipts to date \$ 303,169.24  
 Budget Expenses paid to date \$ 250,028.02

## Contribution Envelopes

Please let the Financial Secretary know if you would like to receive contribution envelopes for the year 2020. Options are for weekly or monthly envelopes. Please designate your preference. [susan@hbcalive.org](mailto:susan@hbcalive.org) or 433-2456.

## Up-coming financial dates to remember:

- 📅 **October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm - Budget presentation**
- 📅 **November 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm - Business meeting & dinner (vote on 2020 budget)**



# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6 pm Safety Seminar	3	4	5
6 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 12-3pm Budget Prep (FC+LT+PC)	7	8 12:30 pm 150 <sup>th</sup> Team	9	10	11 <b>Middle School Retreat</b>	12
13 Middle Sch Retreat <b>5-7pm Church Family Fun Night</b>	14 7 pm Leadership Team (Rm B-4)	15 5-8 pm Mission Committee Fundraiser at DQ 7:15 pm Finance Committee (Rm 111)	16	17	18 <b>Fall Committee Reports Due!</b>	19 4 pm Cantata Rehearsal <b>6 pm Gather Service</b>
20	21 <b>November Newsletter Articles Due!</b>	22	23	24 9:30 am 150 <sup>th</sup> Field Trip to Singers Glen	25	26
27 6 pm Budget Presentation	28	29	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: #2e7d32; margin: 0;"><i>Staff Vacations</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.9em; margin: 5px 0 0 20px;">Eli: Sept. 30-Oct. 5 Gary: Oct. 10-12 Susan: Oct. 16-23</p> </div>	

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## Weekly Events



### SUNDAYS

2-6 pm Katchin Baptist Church (First & Third)  
6-8 pm Youth Supper & Frontline

### MONDAYS

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
(Sentara RMH Café)  
1:30 pm Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm Scouts

### TUESDAYS

6-7 Jubellation

### WEDNESDAYS

10 am Ladies Prayer Group (Rm B-4)  
6 pm Discipleship Study (Beginning 10/16)  
7:15 pm Adult Choir

### SATURDAYS

10 am Community Bag Lunch



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Dr. Gary Ritcher, Choir Director

Ebony Cleveland, Praise Band Leader

Rev. Katelyn Belcher, Minister of Youth

Dr. Tonya Holland, Pianist

Rosemary Lonberger, Organist

Susan Kiser, Financial Ministry Assistant

Kim Brubaker, Administrative Ministry Assistant

**November Newsletter Deadline: October 21, 2019**

Please submit articles to  
Kim Brubaker at [kim@hbcalive.org](mailto:kim@hbcalive.org)

*Pray ye therefore  
the Lord of the harvest,  
that he will send forth  
laborers into his harvest.*

*Matthew 9:38*

