

# Hebron Happenings

## A Note from Jason

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that 2022 is upon us. Time really does seem to “fly by” as they say. This is often due to how busy we all are, which is why it is important every now and again to stop and take stock of all that has happened and especially recognize how God has been at work around us. We might say to theologically stop and smell the roses!

In Joshua chapter 4, the Israelites cross the River Jordan into the promised land after their long 40-year journey in the wilderness. After they cross over, Joshua instructs that one member from each of the 12 tribes is to go back into the river and get a rock and those rocks are to be assembled into a pile. I’m sure the Israelites were wondering to themselves ‘what on earth for?’ But Joshua has an important reason: to remember.

Joshua tells the people: *“In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”* (Joshua 4:6-7). This pile of rocks was to serve as a reminder of what God had done for the people in the past, in order that future generations would know that God was present in the past with the people and that God would continue to be present in the future.

Now you might not want to assemble a large pile of river stones in your yard (or maybe you do 😊), but there are many ways of remembering what God has done for you and for us as a church in 2021. The simplest might be to stop and take time to think about how God has been faithful to you and to our church family in 2021 and maybe write a few of these things down. Then pray and give thanks to God for these things even while acknowledging the many struggles we have been through in 2021. In doing this simple act of remembering, we acknowledge what Jesus says is true: “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

God Bless,  
Jason



### New Banner

This beautiful banner was made by Nan Butler and donated to the church. The 23rd Psalm is beautifully represented on this quilted piece. It will be hung in the church.

## West Allegheny Show Choir

After church on Sunday, December 19, we enjoyed a luncheon with soup and salads. It was really wonderful to have a time of food and fellowship—something we have really missed doing. The reason the West Allegheny Choir came to us is because Nate arranged this for us. What a gift!! The choir has 28 members. They were wearing their Christmas sweaters and clear masks to protect both themselves and us.



## Giving Statements

Thank you for your faithful giving to Hebron in 2021. God has blessed our church financially this year in that we did not need to withdraw money from investments to cover any expenses.

Autumn is working to prepare 2021 giving statements and will have them ready as soon as possible.

## Mask Announcement

In light of the upsurge of COVID cases amongst the community, the Session has voted to reinstate the mandatory mask policy for any gatherings. The Session will continue to observe the CDC guidelines and pray for a decrease in cases. Thank you for your understanding. We are trying to keep all of our members and their families safe. Please remember that if you don't feel well, stay home and stay safe. All services are offered on Facebook Live and YouTube.

## Hospitality

There is a sign-up sheet for hospitality in the lobby. This is something we all enjoy—so feel free to take a turn to welcome Hebron members on Sunday mornings.

## Church Cleanup

In the spring, Edi Davidson would like to lead a cleanup effort to look around the church and eliminate or rehome some of the clutter that accumulates. I'd like to recruit some helpers for this task. Let me know if you are interested.

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 30th immediately following service.

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