

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, our adult Sunday school class is studying the Ten Commandments. I'm sure we are all familiar with the scene whether from the Bible or from the movie of the Israelites encamped around Mount Sinai and Moses receiving the commandments. As we know, things got a bit messy with the golden calf situation, but even after that, there was the wandering and complaining in the wilderness for forty years.

When we think of this part of the story, we often think of the complaining and shortcomings of the Israelites, who over and over again complain and want to go back into slavery. However, the real message of this story is the faithfulness of God in the midst of a difficult time. No matter how poorly the Israelites behaved, God hung in there with them and met their needs, even if it wasn't in the exact way the people anticipated.

While it has not been 40 years (although at times it might feel like it has been!), this season of the Covid-19 pandemic has definitely felt like wandering in the wilderness. We are unsure of what's next and even when things look to be heading in the right direction, they suddenly seem to take a turn. I don't know about you, but I have definitely felt myself getting grumpy about all of this and like the Israelites, doing my fair share of complaining to God. It seems at times if the Covid-19 virus itself doesn't get us, we are going to do each other in with all our fighting about how to deal with the situation.

In the midst of this situation, maybe we should all remember God's faithfulness to the Israelites even in the midst of their unfaithfulness, bickering, and complaining. The same God that brought them out of slavery, also stuck with them through the hard times and I believe is doing the same for us today - if we are willing to pay attention. It is amazing to me that God listens to our cries for help even when they are more like complaints and responds to our needs - so don't be afraid to lift those needs to God! We might feel like Israel wandering in the wilderness right now, but may we always remember that while we might not know where we are going, God does and will be with us every step of the way.

Upcoming Special Events:

October 10th – Pet blessing! We will have our 11am worship service at the Pavilion with a Pet blessing as part of the service! So feel free to bring your pet to the service or a picture of your pet if you are unable to bring them!

October 30th – Congregational Meeting to elect officers. Please note that immediately following the 11am service, we will have a congregational meeting to elect officers who will begin their terms in 2022. Please plan to attend the service and stay after that day!

God Bless,
Jason



A Note From the Deacons

We are always looking for ways to reach out to our congregation, and would value any suggestions that you may have. We hope you enjoyed our gift/ remembrances presented during church service on Mother's and Father's Day this summer.

We continue to keep in touch with Hebron's homebound members by sending greeting cards, making phone calls, and now being able to make some home visits since COVID 19 vaccinations made those involved comfortable. We want to be sure that you also get to know our homebound members so we want to profile them in our updates to you:

Meet Ada Murin! Ada was born in Moon Township and grew up on a farm in Findlay Township along with four sisters and three brothers. She's lived on Potato Garden Road for the past 68 years in a home that she and her late husband, Steve (Blackie) built. Ada and Blackie were married for 58 years and she has two daughters, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. After a kitchen fire in 2019, Ada and her daughter Stevie had to spend over a year out of their house while it was renovated so she feels blessed being back home again! Ada enjoys crocheting and is always working on another beautiful afghan when we visit her!

Anne Buchanan is turning 100 on October 24th! We ask that you help her celebrate this milestone by sending her an encouraging/celebratory card to:

Anne Buchanan, C/O Constance Purdy, 475 Anderson Hozak Rd. Clinton, PA 15026



Is it Time to Gather Again?

The Congregational Life Team would like to plan a congregational dinner for November—and we're hoping that gathering indoors will be a safe thing to do at that point. So we haven't set a date yet, but we would like you to start thinking about what you are passionate about, that you would like to share with your Hebron family.

Last time we did this, we heard about Phyllis and her sewing, the Davidson's and their biking, Alf and his passion for honoring the American flag, Nan and her quilting. Both James Dimirack and Frank Coulter talked about being a fireman. I just know there are other things that Hebron members are passionate about, so let's plan to get together and share what we are enthusiastic about!!

Our Little Free Library

I do take a look at the library from time to time and I can tell that books are coming and going pretty regularly. This is just another way we are reaching out to our community. Feel free to take a look—you might find something you would enjoy reading!!



News from Enrique & Didi

Hello Dear Friends of Hebron,
How the time flies. It's almost 10 years since Didi and I moved to Germany. We are expecting a second child in December. Sofia goes to the kindergarten every day from 8-3:30 PM. Tuesdays and Thursdays, I pick her up and do several activities. Tuesdays every two weeks, we meet a Spanish speaking group, although the kids rather speak in German most of the time. Thursdays, Sofia goes to ballet. Didi picks Sofia up on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and they usually meet some friends in a park. I hope Sofia and the future baby can meet you in person sometime soon. We'll keep you posted. All the best to you.
Enrique, Didi and Sofia

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