

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason,

November is mostly known as a time for 'Thanksgiving' here in the United States. This of course is due to the national holiday of that name which resides in this month. However, within the church calendar the first Sunday in November is often 'All Saints' Sunday. Both All Saints and Thanksgiving are times of celebration and of saying thank you to God for our blessings and for those in the church who have gone before us and shared the faith and now have entered the 'Church Triumphant.'



However, we might ask why is it so important to remember and give thanks for our blessings and especially those who have gone before us in the church? I think this question is answered quite well by the author of Hebrews. In Hebrews chapter 11 the author lists numerous folks from the Old Testament who were our predecessors in faith. For example: "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know



where he was going" (Hebrews 11:8). After a long list of the faithful in chapter 11 the author concludes with these well known words in Hebrews 12:1-3: ***"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."***

You see when we remember those who have gone before us in faith we are not simply remembering the past but recognizing and giving thanks for the 'great cloud of witnesses' who surround the church here and now. This reality helps us to run the race set before us as we fix our eyes on our Lord and Savior Jesus. And so we do not look back in order to return to their day and time, but we look back on their lives with thanksgiving that the Lord took care of them in their time and helped them in their calling and will also be faithful to us during our day and time. So this November might we give thanks to God for all the faithful saints of Hebron's past and might their stories encourage us for the ministry that is marked out for us today.

God Bless,
Jason

Advent and Christmas Decoration:

The first Sunday in Advent is December 3rd and Brian McCullough will be leading a group to decorate the church on Saturday December 2nd starting at 9 am. There will be a sign up for volunteers.

Hospitality

You can sign up to bring snacks for hospitality. Please also take any leftovers home with you!



October Bonfire at the Pavilion

We had our first bonfire at our pavilion on Saturday October 28th. It was a great turn out. We had between

25-30 people show up. It was a cool windy night but perfect for a bonfire. It was great to get to talk to everyone. It was a fun time. We had hot dogs, marshmallows, all the items needed to make s'mores, hot chocolate, coffee, hot apple cider and a table full of goodies that people brought for everyone to enjoy. There will be more fires at the pavilion to come. We want to say thank you to everyone for showing up and to everyone that helped make this possible. It takes many people to put together gatherings like this and we appreciate everyone's help. (forgot to get picture of table with goodies but it was filled totally)

Thanks Congregational Life Committee

Mission Updates:

Thank you for your generous donations towards the campaign to provide a Garden Well to a needy community in a developing country. The Mission Committee matched the funds donated. With the matched funds the total amount equaled \$3,000 which provided not one, but two wells. These garden wells are being provided to needy communities through the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.



Christmas Gifts for Mars Home

The Mission Committee is providing an

opportunity for you to purchase a Christmas gift for the children and youth at the Mars Home for Youth in Mars, PA. Below is the MHY Family Services Christmas Gift List. Purchase an item from the list then bring it UNWRAPPED to Hebron no later than Sunday, Dec. 3rd. You do not need to include a gift tag. All the items will be transported to MHY during the first week in December.

MHY Christmas Gift List:

- URGENT NEEDS are gift cards to Walmart, Giant Eagle, and Target
 - Lego sets
- Craft Kits including Origami books & paper
 - Pokémon card & card games
 - Family board games
 - Candy & holiday treats
 - AA & AAA Batteries
- Sports balls – football, soccer, basketball
 - New reusable water bottles
 - Hoodies – youth and adult sizes
- Hygiene items – body wash, shampoo & conditioner, perfume & body sprays



November Hebron Book Club News

The next meeting of Hebron's Book Club will be on Monday, November 6 at 1:00 pm at the church. The books for this month are both nonfiction—

one written by a young girl about her experience of the war in Ukraine titled You Don't Know What War Is. And American Sirens is about the first paramedics—that started right here in Pittsburgh!! We are planning to have an outing to the Strip District and the Nationality Rooms on Monday November 13th. Contact either Edi Davidson or Robbie Shoup for more details.

Homecoming Sunday

We are looking forward to seeing some new/old faces on Homecoming Sunday to be celebrated on November 5th. We have invited people who were a part of the Hebron family in the past to come back for a Sunday to worship with us and to enjoy a fellowship meal after the service. The deacons are arranging for a light lunch and are asking us to make cookies for this special occasion. We will be asking everyone to please wear a nametag.

Game Night in November will be on November 18th at 6:30 pm. We have a range of ages!! You can bring your favorite game and a snack to share....or just bring yourself.

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