

Hebron Happenings

A Note From Jason,

Once again, we find ourselves at the beginning of the church calendar in the season of Advent. Advent is a wonderful time of ‘preparing the way of the Lord.’ It is a time of waiting on the Lord but also a time of looking back to what has happened and looking ahead to what is to come. Advent should create in us a kind of ‘double vision’ as we attempt to look in two directions simultaneously.

First, we look back to the ‘advent’ of Christ’s coming in the manger in Bethlehem. This is our Christmas celebration: that the “Word became flesh and dwelt among us” in the person of Jesus. We celebrate this radical concept of God becoming a human to rescue us from Sin and Death and at the same time show us what it means to live truly human lives – lives of love for God and love for neighbor. Looking back helps us to know these things.

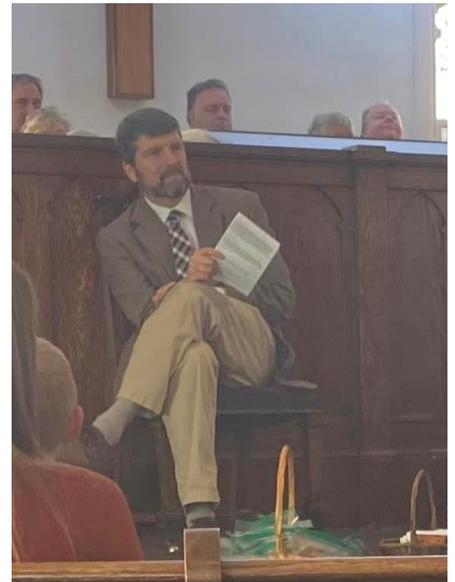
But second, we look forward to the next ‘advent’ of Christ when he will come to ‘judge the living and the dead’ and to make all things new. This looking forward gives us hope for what is to come and encourages us to not give up trying to live out the way of Christ’s kingdom in the world. This forward perspective gives us assurance that our living for God and neighbor will not be in vain – for indeed Christ will come to complete what he has started. His Kingdom will come and His will, will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

So during this Advent and Christmas Season I invite you to use this time to look back to Jesus and his teachings and learn from the great teacher how we might love God and Neighbor. While, at the same time, looking forward in hope to Christ’s making all things new. Might this sort of ‘double vision’ allow us to live faithful lives to Christ’s kingdom now while trusting that it will come in full in the future.

God Bless,
Jason

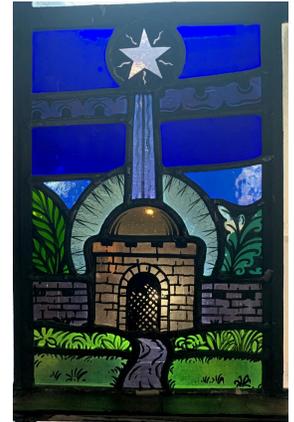
Hebron Prays Together

Hebron’s prayer group still meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm on Zoom. This has the advantage of eliminating the need to drive anywhere. We believe that we have seen many answers to prayer at Hebron. You would be welcome to join us!



Hebron—Clinton Joint Choir and Service

On November 20, Hebron joined Clinton for a combined service at Clinton Church. The impetus for this occasion was that our two pianists wanted to do a piano duet to accompany the anthem “Now Thank We All Our God” The choirs were both enthusiastic about singing together. This is a piece that the Hebron choir had done before with Aida and June Armstrong playing the piano duet about 6 years ago. The choirs also did a second anthem titled “Simple Thanks” with a flute accompaniment.



The Stories in Hebron’s Stained Glass Windows

Hebron has 11 stainless windows surrounding our sanctuary that we see each Sunday but may not pay much attention to. In each of these windows is an image formed in stained glass that tells a story. Some images may have more than one story and that story may differ from person to person.

This month’s window is: The Birth of Jesus. “Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened!” The birth of Christ changed our world. Nothing would be the same! The city of Bethlehem gave Christ a birthplace. Christ gave us hope! Christ gave us the gift of everlasting life. He walked among us to give us a sinless standard in which to live. Thank you God, for your love through your Son, Jesus.

December 4th: Luncheon and Show Choir Concert!

We are looking forward to a concert by the West Allegheny Show Choir on Sunday, December 4. This will be a very busy day since we also have a congregational meeting to elect officers, and a luncheon that will occur during the concert in the social hall. If you didn’t contribute any food—you are still welcome! We hope that you will stay to enjoy lunch and the concert downstairs.

Luncheon with Financial Analyst at Hebron:

January 15, 2023

Hebron has invited a financial analyst to speak to us after church on January 12, 2023. Patricia Rogus, First Vice President, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management will worship with us that Sunday, be our guest for lunch, and then discuss investing in today’s market. Sehe will also answer any questions we may have. Pat is known to many of us because she has managed Hebron’s investments for many years. The details for the luncheon will be forthcoming. This should be very informative.

December Game Night:

Our next game night will be on Saturday, December 17th starting at 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite games and a snack to share—just take the leftovers home with you! We have a range of ages participating in this activity. At our most recent game night the youngest was 5 and the oldest 94.

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