

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason,

Happy New Church Year! You might think I have jumped the gun a little on saying this. Maybe you're thinking – the New Year begins next month Jason! You would be right if talking about the calendar year, but our Church calendar ends with Christ the King Sunday (celebrated this past Sunday) and the new year begins with Advent.

This Church calendar makes sense – Advent is the season of expectant waiting for our Lord to arrive. In it we look both backward to his birth and forward to his coming again to make all things new. So, this is the beginning of the church calendar cycle culminating in Christmas Eve services that celebrate the arrival of the Messiah Jesus who is Emmanuel – God with us. So each year in Advent we begin again and renew our watchful waiting for our Lord. Both remembering His arrival in the past but also waiting for Him to come again in Hope.

It is important to repeat this cycle each year because as humans we tend to get distracted by other pressing events in our lives. Not that this isn't normal or even to be expected but this is why we follow a church calendar and each year celebrate these great events of God's salvation history for the world. Experiencing Advent and Christmas anew each year brings new perspectives and reminds us once again that our God is truly with us no matter where we find ourselves on our personal life calendar. We celebrate this New Church Year by reminding ourselves of these facts – Christ has come, is with us now, and Christ will come again to make all things new! Happy New Year!

God Bless,
Jason

West Allegheny Choir Performance

The West Allegheny High School Show Choir will be performing at Hebron on Sunday, December 10th at 12:30. There will be a reception with snacks and drinks after their performance. We hope to see many congregation members present to support these young musicians. If you have any questions, ask Nate.



Slippery Rock University Concert

Join Slippery Rock University's choirs on Monday, December 4th at 7:30pm for their annual holiday concert. This performance will include the Concert Choir, University Chorus, and Chamber Singers, who recently performed a ten-day tour through Italy and France this past summer. Please reach out to Nate or Edi if you have any questions about transportation or Ticketing information. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.



Hebron Book Club News

Members of the Hebron Book Club recently read the book, *You Don't Know What War Is: The Diary of a Young Girl from Ukraine*. A moving diary of 12-year-old Yeva who details twelve days in Ukraine when Russia invaded her country and changed her life forever. A field trip to see the Ukrainian Room and learn more of its culture was a natural outgrowth for this group. On Tuesday, Nov. 28th the group traveled to Pittsburgh for a guided tour of 10 of the 31 rooms that represent and celebrate the cultures of various ethnic groups that settled in Allegheny County. The photos show the group in the Ukrainian Room, the doorway into the Ukrainian room and looking



down into the main floor of the Cathedral of Learning from the 3rd floor. The Hebron Book Club is a fun group whose participants enjoy reading many different genres while socializing and having a great time together. It is open to anyone. Our next book is *Lessons in Chemistry*. The group is meeting for breakfast to discuss this book on Saturday morning, Jan. 13, 2024 at 10am, location to be determined. Call either Edi Davidson or Robbie Shoup for more information.



Mission Update

- Donations of \$500 have been sent to each of the following area food pantries: West Allegheny Food Pantry and Southside Area Community Food Pantry to assist them helping those experiencing food insecurity
- Provided \$350 in gift cards to the Beaver County Women's Shelter
- Provided an opportunity for the congregation to give various gifts to the children and youth of the Mars Home for Youth Family Services
- On Christmas Eve the Presbyterian Christmas Joy Special Offering will be taken. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Special offering envelopes will be provided for your contributions.



Homecoming Sunday

Our Homecoming Sunday on November 5th brought some old friends back to enjoy the worship service and a luncheon with us. It just happened to fall on the end of Daylight Savings Time, so we all got an extra hour of sleep!! We had a couple extra voices for the choir—Nora (Davidson) Kinzler and Jennifer Beaumont were able to sing with the choir. The lunch was lovely and the cookies were spectacular. Many thanks to the deacons who got things organized for the luncheon.

Clinton Community Game Night in November will be on December 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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