

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason,

February is an interesting month of celebrations this year. On the 14th many will celebrate Valentine's Day, a day meant to celebrate love, often romantic love but also our love for our friends and family. Then, on February 22, we Christians celebrate Ash Wednesday. A day we recognize our own fallenness and frailty. During services on this day we mark our foreheads with ashes while the pastor reminds us of the words from Genesis 3:19: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

At first, these two days might seem to have nothing in common. Yet upon reflection perhaps one can inform our understanding of the other. It is indeed true that our lives are fragile and that we "all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God" as Paul reminds us in Romans. However, it is also true that God loves and cares for us even in this lowly state. That we are God's workmanship and that He continues to care for His creation despite our sinful condition. As Paul goes on to state in Romans 5: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us."

Therefore we must remind ourselves that despite our 'dusty' sinfulness God still cares for us and yes loves us. This reality of God's love for us then leads us to love God in response. But not only to love God but to also love those around us and even all of creation. So, this February, whether you celebrate Ash Wednesday and /or Valentine's Day might they at least serve as a reminder of God's compassion and love for us, as broken as we might be, and might that spur us on to love one another, 'warts and all', as God has first love us.

God Bless,
Jason



Ash Wednesday Service and Lenten Study

We will have our Ash Wednesday service on February 22nd at 7pm in the Sanctuary. The service will include the

imposition of ashes for those who desire to receive it.

Starting on Sunday, February 26th at 6pm we will have our Lenten study for the five Sundays during Lent. (concluding

on March 26th). Each Sunday we will meet at 6pm in the fellowship Hall and work through a study by Max Lucado entitled: "He Chose the Nails." Meals will not be provided but you are welcome to bring your own with you. We hope you will join us!

Hospitality has a sign up list.

We hope that you can bring something to nibble on, maybe a healthy choice too (like fruit), and stay there to greet people. It's not possible for everyone to spend time greeting people down there, since they are busy also doing something else, but please come in a little early and spend some time talking to your Hebron family members.

New Book Club at Hebron

The first meeting of Hebron's book club will be on Friday, March 10 at 12:30. You are invited to bring a bag lunch and join us at Hebron. The book we are starting with is "Inside the O'Brien's" by Lisa Genova. You can check your library for this book, or talk to either Edi Davidson or Robbie Shoup if you need help with getting a copy.

This book provides the opportunity to discuss family dynamics and faith in the context of a life changing health diagnosis. Here is a brief synopsis:

Joe O'Brien is a forty-four-year-old police officer from the Irish Catholic neighborhood of Charlestown, Massachusetts. A devoted husband, proud father of four children in their twenties, and respected officer, Joe begins experiencing bouts of disorganized thinking, uncharacteristic temper outbursts, and strange, involuntary movements. He initially attributes these episodes to the stress of his job, but as these symptoms worsen, he agrees to see a neurologist and is handed a diagnosis that will change his and his family's lives forever: Huntington's Disease.

We plan to start by meeting every other month. It is not possible to pick one regular meeting date that will suit everyone, so we may alternate morning and evening, weekday and weekend times so more individuals can participate.



February Game Night:

Game night is scheduled for February 18. Phyllis Suehr will be in charge, so check with her if you want to make sure it's not cancelled due to bad weather.

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.



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 Covenant'. Matthew 26:26-28 states: "As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples saying, 'Take this and eat it, for this is my body.' And He took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, 'Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.'" In Jesus Christ we are truly forgiven!



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