

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason,

On February 14th we will have an Ash Wednesday service here at Hebron at 7pm. As you all know Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day season of Lent in our Church year calendar. Often this season is seen as a downer time in the life of the church. It is a time of repentance, fasting, and denial. A time that emphasizes the fact that, as is said during the imposition of ashes: “you are dust and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). Compared to the celebrations of Christmas and Easter it really does seem to be dreary!



However, at its core, Lent is a season of humility—something I think our world desperately needs. On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent we emphasize the fact that we are the creatures and not the creator, that we are sinful and imperfect people, and that we are dependent on God for all we have. While this might seem like a form of beating ourselves up, what it's really about is recognizing the reality of our situation. This leads us to humble ourselves before God and others. This kind of humility when properly understood leads to true freedom.



How does it lead to freedom? It frees us from thinking that the weight of the world and even our own life is entirely on our shoulders. When we humble ourselves before God and others we don't have to hold onto our own ideas and opinions quite so tightly and it opens us to being changed by the Holy Spirit and even appreciating other people's perspectives. Scripture reminds us again and again that to be humbled is not to be beaten down and be considered worthless, but instead it is to get to a place where we might be lifted up – “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up” James reminds us (James 4:10)!

So, as we enter this season of Lent, I hope that as a church we at Hebron will collectively choose to humble ourselves before the Lord. Because when we do, God will open us up to all He has for us and indeed lift us up.

God Bless,
Jason

Lenten Bible Study

We will begin a Thursday Bible Study on February 22nd at noon. We will meet each Thursday through Lent. All are welcome to bring a lunch and join us!

Hospitality

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



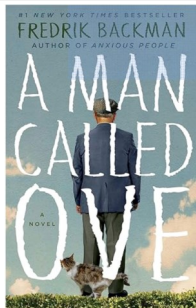
Did You Know.....

For several years now, a small group has gathered weekly to pray for the requests shared during Worship. We meet over Zoom on Wednesday evening from 7 – 8 pm. You are welcome to join in as you are able. Email the church office: Hebronchurch1767@gmail.com and you will be emailed the zoom link. Cari and Larry will gladly answer any questions about Hebron's Prayer Group



Hebron Book Club News

Do you enjoy reading and fellowship with those who enjoy reading? If you answered "yes" then Hebron's newly formed book club is for you. There's no membership, no pressure, just fellowship, fun, and enlightenment. Books of a wide variety of interests are read. If there is an opportunity for a "field trip" to learn more about what has been read, the group gladly schedules these adventures. If you are interested, contact Edi Davidson or Robbie Shoup.



Mission Update

A \$500 donation, made possible from your generous weekly offerings, has been given to a local Pittsburgh nonprofit organization called the Foster Love Project. This organization was formed to show love in action to children impacted by foster and kinship care through care provision of goods, services, and support.



Little Pantry Notice.

If you plan to donate items for our Little Pantry, please be advised we are no longer putting canned goods in due to freezing temperatures. If you want to make donations please consider giving boxed items that will not freeze such as Ramen Noodles, boxed meal kits, hot chocolate mix packets, cornbread mixes, muffin mixes, toiletries like deodorant, shampoos, toothpaste, and paper products. Thank you.



Volunteers Needed!

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering with Hebron's 2024 VBS program on Sunday, Feb 18 at 5 pm in Hebron's Fellowship Hall. A Zoom meeting link can be provided for anyone not able to attend in person. Any questions, please talk with Rochelle Moore.

Clinton Community Game Night in November

will be on February 17th 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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