

# Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason,

The church calendar is one way the church organizes time. We do this around 'liturgical seasons' such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, and of course Easter – which is the season we are currently in. That's right, most of May is still the Easter season which lasts 50 days beginning on Easter Sunday and ending with Pentecost.

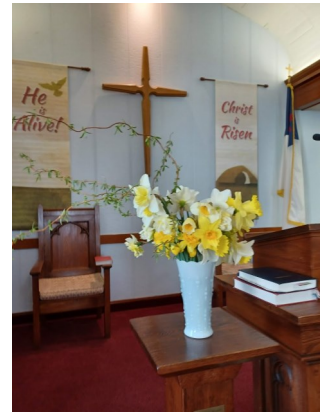
Most years Pentecost is in early June, but this year it lands on May 28th due to an early Easter Sunday. Pentecost is an extension of Easter as the Resurrected Christ supplies the promised Holy Spirit to the disciples following his ascension. The story of this special Sunday is told in Acts chapter 2: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."



This is where we get much of our symbolism around the Holy Spirit – flames, the color red, and of course wind/breath. But what is important about Pentecost is it is considered to be the 'birthday' of the church as we know it today. It was on Pentecost that Jesus passes the spiritual 'baton' to his disciples and empowers them to carry on his message of the kingdom to others. It is amazing that what began as a small group of disciples on Pentecost has grown through the power of the Spirit to the thriving world-wide, multi-ethnic church we see today.

And so, on the last Sunday of May we will celebrate Pentecost. Worship that day will be our first Pavilion worship service of the season and we invite you all to wear red. We also plan to have a special reception after the service with birthday cake honoring the 'birthday of the church.' So, we hope you will join us as we continue to serve and worship God in the power of the Spirit this Pentecost.

God Bless,  
Jason



**May Game Night:**  
Our next game night will be on Saturday, May 20 at 6:30pm in Hebron's social hall. Bring a game and a snack to share!!

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



Silent Film Series: Buster Keaton - A short Film...

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**You are invited to dinner and a movie!**  
The dinner will be one of Hebron's famous Church Dinners. The movie will be a 1922 "Not so Silent Movie" starring Buster Keaton. The video has been remastered, so the quality is excellent. The audio, not so much! 1922 was before talkies. But our movie will have great sound as Nate will create the soundtrack on the piano as the movie plays. Please join us for a great meal and movie.

### Deacon Update:

The deacons hosted a Palm Sunday luncheon. The food was delicious as usual. We played a game of Pittsburgh trivia, which according to the crowd, seemed to be a hit!

In addition, the deacons set up Communion, sent out birthday cards and get-well cards.

### Remarkable Giving to our

### One Great Hour of Sharing campaign!

Lent is the traditional time of year Presbyterian churches throughout the United States come together in giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. Hebron's 2023 donation to One Great Hour of Sharing totaled \$1,119.20!

Thank You!

What does One Great Hour of Sharing support? In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education,



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and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. (adaptation from the PC USA Special Offerings website)

### Did you know Hebron has a book club?

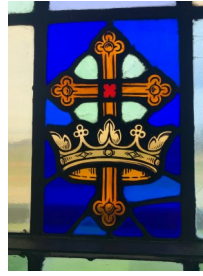
If you are a reader, you'll want to get involved in this enjoyable and social activity. **What books are being read?** All genres are recommended by the participants and a different one is selected by



a group vote at each meeting. So far, the book *Inside the O'Brien's* and *Carnegie's Maid* have been selected.

**When and where does it meet?** Meetings take place once every two months and are held at Hebron. The meeting time is either during the day or in the evening (meeting times are alternated so those who are employed during the day have an opportunity to attend)

**The next meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** and the book is *Carnegie's Maid*. If interested or you have any questions, please call Edi Davidson at 412-445-3123 or Robbie Shoup at 412-498-9009. Feel free to come on May 9<sup>th</sup> to just *check it out!*



### The Stories in Hebron's Stained Glass Windows

This month's window is: The Kingdom  
From John 18:36 – Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not an earthly Kingdom... But my kingdom is not of this World." Jesus accepted the title of 'King' but he made it clear that his kingdom was not the same as those of this world. He reigns through the Holy Spirit in each of us.



### Choral Concert at Slippery Rock

A group of us went up to Slippery Rock for the choral concert that Nate invited us to. It was a really wonderful concert with a diversity of musical offerings including a Disney love medley, two arrangements by Moses Hogan who is a favorite of the choir, a song about suicide encouraging the person to "Please Stay", and a favorite of mine titled "You are the New Day". After the concert we enjoyed a meal together in a local restaurant. Maybe you'll want to come next time!!

**Findlay Township Fair Help.** Do you attend the Findlay Township Fair in the Woodlands? Do you like to see the churches in our area have booths to provide fair attendees information about their services? Do you feel Hebron should participate in having a booth? If you answered YES to any of these questions, **HEBRON**

**NEEDS YOU!** In order to have a booth, it takes volunteers and organization. If interested, please contact the church office or talk to Rev. Jason. The fair is August 18 & 19.



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