

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason:

Every September churches around the USA ‘kickoff’ their regular programming. This is somewhat unique to us as we follow the academic calendar of our nation and launch Sunday School classes, Youth Groups, and many other regular activities of the church that have been on break during ‘Summer Vacation.’ As I think about Fall Kickoffs, I remember fondly my years of youth ministry and the first youth group of the school year. Often, we would divide students into teams and have a kind of friendly competition with a series of silly relay events so that everyone would be involved.



My favorite of these relays would usually be the last event which often decided the winner (although often I would set things up to give the younger team the advantage). This relay involved using an air mattress and then having teams lay down in the yard side by side in a head-to-toe fashion. Then the first person in the line would stand up, lay on the mattress and would be passed down the line by the students laying on the ground (adult leaders spotting them of course). What makes the game work is that the air mattress allows each person’s weight to be spread out over several students’ hands laying on the ground, so that even a group of smaller middle school students could carry me on the air

mattress.

In a way, this game is a wonderful metaphor for the church and why it is important for us to “not neglect to meeting together” (Hebrews 10:25). Each of us at times will go through hardships and difficult times and each of us will need others to come along side us and help ‘carry’ us. In the same way the ministry of the church is too big a calling for any one person to do on her or his own and so God tells us to spread the weight of this calling out over the many members of the church body (1 Cor. 12:14 ff). If there aren’t enough of us, there will be the danger of dropping the proverbial mattress and one another.

The scriptures are clear that the church wasn’t meant to be an individual sport. We are to as Paul states in Galatians 6:2: “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” So, as we enter a new ministry year this September, I hope we will all continue to meet together and bear one another up just like those students on an air mattress – remembering it takes all our hands to carry the ministry God has given us and one another as well.

God Bless,
Jason

Hospitality

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



Pavilion Worship and Pet Blessing
September 10th

We hope you will join us on the second Sunday of September for our worship at the Pavilion which will include our annual pet blessing. You are welcome to bring your pets to worship that morning or bring a photo for the blessing.

We will see you at the pavilion!

Hebron Book Club News



Hebron's book club plans to meet at Hebron on Monday, September 25th at 6:00 pm. We'll use the corner room downstairs unless there are too many of us to fit in there! The book we're reading this time is

The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel. If you need help getting this book, contact Robbie Shoup or Edi Davidson. You can bring your dinner with you. We'd be glad to welcome new members to our book club!!

A Homecoming Sunday is being planned for Sunday November 5. It's a chance to invite those who used to be a part of Hebron to come back for a visit—especially those that still live in the area and aren't attending church anywhere else. It's a chance to see old friends. The church service will be followed by a luncheon. (of course!!) Please put this date on your calendar and plan to be a part of this special church service.



Some ways you can help are: to suggest names and give us contact information. You can also help by looking through your old photos for ones of Hebron's past. We'd like to do a slide show after the luncheon.

Another event coming up will be a performance of the Evening in December cantata by Hebron's choir and others. It is tentatively scheduled for Sunday December 17th at 2:00 pm. We hope to put together a luncheon for after the church service as well.

Upcoming Mission Campaign to bring Clean Water to Third World Countries – Small Gift, Big Impact



A well and hand pump provide a reliable and convenient source of clean water for drinking, bathing, washing and irrigation.

Access to clean water, close to home, can transform a life — improving health, hygiene and daily living. Through the mission outreach of the Presbyterian Church USA, Hebron's Mission Committee will provide members with an opportunity to donate a garden well and a hand pump for a community in need.



The cost of this well and hand pump is \$1,500. **The Mission Committee will donate \$750.00**, half of what the well and hand pump costs from the Mission Tithe Fund. **The congregation is asked to donate the remaining \$750.00.** This campaign will last for six-weeks beginning



Sunday, September 10th. Special envelopes will be provided for donations. If your donation is by check, please include "Garden Well" in the memo line.

Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to Hebron.

Square Dancing at Hebron's Pavilion

Hebron is hosting a square dance on Friday night, September 8th from 6:30-8:30pm at Hebron's Pavilion. The entire community is invited. Never square danced? No problem! The caller will teach you and the rest of the square will help you out. We hope you will join us!



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