

January 2022

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

It's the final stretch before our Christmas celebration, and I'm sure all of us are busy making sure we're ready for the fulfillment of our Advent waiting with the birth of Jesus and the start of a new year. Christmas is a season of joy, when we are hopefully able to be close to the people we love, as well as a season of longing, when we remember those who we have lost and wait for the promised time that we will be together again with them. Last year, we were unable to worship together in person at Christmas due to an upsurge of COVID cases, and while today we hear about variants of the COVID which do continue to plague our world, we are continuing to faithfully worship both in person with masks as well as online. If you haven't gotten your booster yet, please consider doing so. Every little thing we do to keep ourselves safe we also do to keep our neighbors and loved ones safe, too. We have learned, through these difficult years of pandemic, that there are no easy answers, no one method to keep everyone safe, but God blesses us when we do make choices out of care and love for our neighbors- especially our vulnerable ones. I hope that all of you can gather with your loved ones this year, though I'm sure that some of you won't be able to, or at least not in the same way that you're used to. Jocelyn and I will be traveling to see her mother Joyce in Brookville, then heading up to Cleveland to visit aunts and cousins before continuing to Wisconsin to see some of my family. We wish that we could bring Joyce with us, but the difficulties of her health and mobility prevent our doing so. Jocelyn will also especially be missing her dad this Christmas. Grief moves on its own time, until we have learned every bit of the lesson it has to teach our hearts. Meanwhile, my little nephew Owen is taking his first bites of solid food (and really enjoying broccoli, of all things!), and my sister Whitney is preparing to give birth to her first child in Tel Aviv, Israel! We just saw pictures of her and her husband Daniel visiting the town of Nazareth, where Jesus grew up, and the church of the Annunciation, built on the site where it was believed that Mary had lived and received the news from the angel Gabriel. So, while we are still feeling the loss of Jocelyn's dad Jack and the challenge of not being able to bring all the family together, we are still finding ways to be excited for new life. We're planning on seeing a performance of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" in Pittsburgh, which was a family tradition of mine since I was a child. We'd always go down to Milwaukee to the old Pabst Theater and see the performance, and then take a ride on the "jingle bus" to see some of the different spots around the city where lights had been put up for the Christmas season. This was the favorite tradition of my mother, who will still talk fondly about the "jingle bus" every year (though I think those lights paled in comparison to the one set up on main street in Leechburg every year- which never ceases to amaze me!).

I hope that all of you have a chance to dwell on the gift of Jesus' life to us, the gift that gives us new life, and life everlasting. As crazy as the world is in this year (approaching years) of pandemic and division, let's all remember to have some hope for 2022- not for what we will do, but for what our God-with-us is inviting us to be a part of.

Amen.

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**PART TWO OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on January 23, 2022, immediately following worship. A luncheon will also be held and a sign-up sheet will be placed in the back of the church. Please join us and sign up so that enough food can be prepared for everyone! If you have something that will need included in the annual report, please have it to the church office by January 10, 2022.

**A MINISTRY REVIEW/MUTUAL MINISTRY MEETING** will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6PM.

**THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6PM.



**HEBRON CONGREGATION AND WELCA** – What a wonderful surprise. Thank you so much for the bag of goodies, love and prayers. We are happy here but miss the church and all the people. Thank you again. ~Love, Milo & Judy Perez

**I'D LIKE TO THANK** the members of the congregation for the wonderful gift at Christmas. It was greatly appreciated. ~Love and prayers, Bonnie Hinderliter

**PLEASE EXTEND** our gratitude for your congregation who supported The Leechburg Rotary "Pajama Project." We collected 230+ pairs of pajamas and 50+ children's books. The pajamas and books were very much appreciated by the 4 agencies. Bless you all! ~Patricia Gerheim/Leechburg Rotary Club Secretary

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Glade Run Christmas Angel Program. Because of your generous donations, fifteen kids were able to have a Christmas while being away from home. The Glade Run staff was extremely grateful.

**OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES FOR JANUARY 2022:** Sunday, January 23, 2022

**OPEN BULLETIN DATES FOR JANUARY 2022:** Sunday, January 9, 2022



**PLEASE JOIN US** for our first joint service of 2022 on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. We have invited St. Paul's Highfield to come join us for worship and fellowship. **Church service will begin at 10AM.** A luncheon will immediately follow. Hebron will be in charge of providing soup and salad and SPH will be providing desserts. Please join us and sign-up on the sheet in the back of the church. Please write your name and number attending so we know how much food to prepare!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newly elected Council member, Sean McCracken, and Joint Council member, Nancy Fondrk! Thank you for serving your church. Thank you to Marty Bash who was also appointed to council!



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Dave Bash and family, Jerry Bish, Denise Fulton, Lisa Goodwin, Beth Heider, Ted Klingensmith, Sarah Krouse, Walter McGuire, Lisa Sanchez & Lindsey Simon

**HOMEBOUND/PERSONAL CARE:** Bonnie Hinderliter, Mildred Hoch, Laura Ludwigsen, Emilio & Judy Perez, Helen Shaffer, Virginia Shaner & Lyda Jane Shuster

**FIRST RESPONDERS AND THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Grant Imbarlina, Audra Sensor & Jeff Toy

If you would like someone added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Celebrating Birthdays in January!

- 5 Denise Bollinger
- 6 Lynn Stouffer
- 6 Melissa Klingensmith
- 7 Tom Stevenson
- 8 Jeffrey Smith
- 14 Chase Kepple
- 20 Sara Smith
- 23 Gene McKallip
- 25 Dawn Ashbaugh
- 26 Linda Hawk

## OUTREACH SERVICE PROJECT FOR JANUARY!

This January, the Outreach Committee will be collecting gently worn, clean, and wearable coats. The collected coats will then be distributed to the Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center. The HOPE Center is an organization of social change whose mission is the safe elimination of domestic violence through intervention, prevention, and collaboration. Please do not donate any coats with holes or stains. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Fondrk. There will be a collection box placed in the back of the church.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** While Hebron's council works year round, January is the time when new officers are elected and new committees are formed. However, committees are not just for council members. Below are some descriptions of what some of the committees do. If you are interested in joining one of these committees, talk to any council member or Pastor Ryan!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The Christian education committee oversees the Sunday School program and all its activities. This committee is also involved with the planning of VBS and the children's programs. Recently, Sunday School lessons have been taught online. This is an essential part of Hebron and keeping the youth involved is very important!

### OUTREACH/SOCIAL MINISTRY:

The outreach committee is in charge of planning all of the social events at Hebron! This committee is always active and looking for others to help. Along with social events, this committee is also in charge of helping decide where we send our mission funds. Each month, the committee reviews requests for mission money and brings recommendations to council.

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

The property committee oversees the proper maintenance, improvement and protection of all property of Hebron. The property committee is called if there is something wrong with the church building or outside grounds, along with the parsonage.



### FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

The finance committee oversees the church's finances and investments. Each year the committee prepares a draft budget and presents it to the congregation. Along with the budget, the finance committee reviews funds if there is a big purchase needed to best utilize our monies. If you like money or are good with numbers, this might be the spot for you!

### WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE:

The worship and music committee is in charge of picking hymns for all services, along with helping plan any special services throughout the year. This committee also oversees the changing of the Altar and all other aspects of worship.

# Hebron's Finance

MONTH	CURRENT GIVING	INCOME	NEEDED GIVING	OVER/SHORT MONTH TO DATE	OVER/SHORT YEAR TO DATE	ATTENDANCE
January	\$3,648.35	\$2,548.79	\$8,155.30	\$(1,958.16)	\$(1,958.16)	ONLINE
February	\$4,098.60	\$38.25	\$8,155.20	\$(4,018.35)	\$(5,976.51)	ONLINE
March	\$5,075.25	\$7,368.21	\$8,155.20	\$4,288.26	\$(1,688.25)	47
April	\$3,341.00	\$2,596.91	\$8,155.20	\$(2,217.29)	\$(3,905.54)	NO DATA
May	\$6,034.65	\$2,640.05	\$8,155.20	\$519.50	\$(3,386.04)	89
June	\$4,197.00	\$7,347.57	\$8,155.20	\$3,389.37	\$3.33	111
July	\$3,983.00	\$2,550.17	\$8,155.20	\$(1,622.03)	\$(1,618.70)	106
August	\$4,843.30	\$3,028.92	\$8,155.20	\$(282.98)	\$(1,901.68)	69
September	\$3,278.00	\$7,880.94	\$8,155.20	\$3,003.74	\$1,102.06	91
October	\$5,116.25	\$3,146.96	\$8,155.20	\$(3,038.95)	\$(1,936.89)	112
November	\$3,082.00	\$2,542.87	\$8,155.20	\$(2,530.33)	\$(1,320.26)	85

Above is the updated finance report that will now be included in the newsletter! This was created by the finance team and approved by council in order to give the congregation a view of our monthly finances. It is noted that the income column includes monies the church receives from endowments, gas well royalties, and the monthly SPH reimbursement check. If you have any questions, please see any member of the finance team.

Need a new recipe? Here are two from our cookbook *Tastefully Hebron*. If you have a recipe that you would like to share, please send it to the church office!

## Italian Oven Fried Crispy Chicken:

Chicken pieces, preferably boneless & skinless  
 Cracker meat or bread crumbs  
 Melted butter or margarine  
 Garlic Powder  
 Parmesan Cheese  
 Salt  
 Pepper  
 Italian Spice (Optional)

Rinse and pat dry the chicken pieces. In a large sealable plastic freezer bag pour enough bread crumbs/cracker meat to coat chicken pieces. Add desired amount of spices and parmesan cheese. Seal the bag and shake to mix. Melt butter or margarine in a shallow baking pan. Dip chicken pieces in melted butter then place in plastic bag. Seal bag and shake until chicken is coated. Place in baking pan in single layers. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes or until golden brown and crispy.

Submitted by Judy Defilippi

## Tuna Noodle Casserole:

½ bag of egg noodles  
 1 can of cream of chicken soup  
 1 can of tuna, drained  
 Potato Chips  
 2 to 3qt. baking dish

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook noodles in salt water. Heat soup and ½ to ¾ can of water. Add tuna to soup then add soup to drained noodles. Pour ½ into dish. Crush potato chips over top. Layer in second ½ of noodles. Top with more potato chips. Bake for about 15 to 20 minutes uncovered. Enjoy!

Submitted by Cindy Smietana

# A note from your Council President...

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## Christmas is over.....or is it?

It's only been a little over a week since we celebrated Christmas, but the gifts are opened and already put away, the cookies are eaten (and those that aren't are starting to get stale). The gift receipts have been discarded if "the sweater fits" and people are contemplating the un-decorating of their homes. The Christmas radio station, 99.7 FM has discontinued the continual flow of Christmas music and resumed their standard tunes. The lights that brightened neighborhood streets are starting to dim as some residents decide that it's time to "put Christmas away".

Christmas never has to be "put away". We can continue celebrating the Christ child who isn't in the manger anymore but lives in eternity and in our hearts and is present every time we love one another. We celebrate Christmas every time we send a card to a lonely person, or someone grieving to remind them of God's love for them, and that we love them too. We can remember those less fortunate and give generously to the homeless, unemployed and those who are homebound. We can offer our gift of time to volunteer organizations, our church, or anyone in need. We can dig deep into our pockets, like we do at Christmastime and continue to support worthwhile charities and community organizations who promote good will. We can even remember to give a card or say "thank you" to our mail carrier, refuse worker or hairdresser throughout the year, not only at Christmas. We can also give generously in our prayer life, praying for those who are hurting or in need of healing or encouragement.

The star of Bethlehem may not shine like it did on that celebrated night so many years ago, but we can be that star, and shine God's light in the lives of others so they may see Jesus in us and accept Him as their Lord and Savior. The shepherds aren't here anymore to announce the good news, but we are, and we can lead people to Christ by sharing the good news of what Jesus has done in our lives and His death on the cross for our sins which gives us eternal life. The Wisemen aren't bringing gifts to the Christ child today, but we can. We can share the gifts with others that Jesus gives to us: love, joy, peace, and hope in the promise of eternal life. These gifts are worth much more than gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Yes, the secular aspect of Christmas may be over – the shopping, baking, decorating, wrapping, etc....but the spiritual and divine live on. Christ is alive, not in a manger as on that first Christmas night but here, every day. Let's keep Christmas alive and celebrate Christ's birth continually in our hearts and lives all year long.

Serving with you,  
Barb Talmadge

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**HEBRON COUNCIL** is looking for people to help out during worship! If you are interested in running the TV screens, reading the lessons, helping usher, or being Worship Assistant, please talk to any council member or Pastor Ryan! Any help would be greatly appreciated.



# January 2022

<i>Date/Day/Color</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>	<i>Bulletins</i>
January 2 2 Christmas  White	Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman	In memory of Her Husband, <b>ALBERT            DEFILIPPI.</b> By: Judy Defilippi	In memory of My Husband, <b>ALBERT DEFILIPPI.</b> By: Judy Defilippi
January 9 Baptism of Our Lord  White	TBA	In honor of their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. By: David and Martha Bash	<b>OPEN</b>
January 16 2 Epiphany  Green	TBA	In memory of the January 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday of His Mother, <b>DONNA R.            CAMP.</b> By: Shirley Camp	In memory of His Mother, <b>DONNA R. CAMP.</b> By: Shirley Camp
January 23 3 Epiphany  Green	TBA	<b>OPEN</b>	In memory of <b>ROSE ANNA            HILEMAN</b> on her January 24 <sup>th</sup> birthday. By: Her daughters and their families
January 30 4 Epiphany  Green	TBA	In memory of parents, grandparents, and great- grandparents, <b>DALE R.            AND LOIS I. SMITH.</b> By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers	In memory of the January birthdays of father, grandfather, and great- grandfather, <b>DALE R.            SMITH</b> (January 31 <sup>st</sup> ) and mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, <b>LOIS I.            SMITH</b> (January 11 <sup>th</sup> ). By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers

# December Council Meeting Notes:

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

- Nancy completed Sunday School Schedule for Spring 2022
- Our committee is still looking for “guest teachers” willing to lead a single virtual Sunday School session, or participate on a rotating basis as their schedule permits. Please contact Nancy Fondrk if interested, or for more information.

## OUTREACH:

- Outreach committee recommended to donate mission money to the following agencies: \$100 to Lutherlyn; \$250 to God’s Global Barnyard (ELCA); \$250 to the Leechburg/Gilpin Park; Council voted and approved all donations
- Considering having a collection through the congregation to further support the Leechburg/Gilpin Park
- Project for January: collecting gently worn coats which will be donated to Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center

## PERSONNEL/MUTUAL MINISTRY:

- Motion made and accepted to keep Chelsae Hickman as secretary on a permanent basis with the same salary as the previous position.
- Ministry Review/Mutual Ministry Meeting: January 20, 2022 at 6PM.

## PROPERTY:

- Motion made and accepted to replace 1 toilet in the men’s restroom and 2 toilets in the women’s restroom; Estimate given by Valley Heating and Plumbing: \$940-\$1240 (price dependent on internal plumbing)
- Bulb in light fixture under the bell tower has been removed; Will contact Voytex Electrical to replace bulb and check light fixture
- Property Insurance through Brotherhood Mutual will renew in January 2022; price decreased about \$2,800 with coverage increasing
- Parsonage – a few sink fixtures need replaced

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP:

- Hymns are picked until January 20, 2022

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Congregational Meeting: Part 2 will be held on January 23, immediately following worship. Will also include brunch
- January 30<sup>th</sup> – Joint service SPH at Hebron; Hebron will provide soup and salad, SPH will provide dessert; Service will be changed to 10AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Welcome to new council member Sean McCracken


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Mrs. Kasey Boarts, Church Sexton

**2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS:**  
Barb Talmadge  
Charles Klingensmith  
Sean McCracken  
Nancy Fondrk  
Martha Bash  
Paula Henry  
Nathan Boarts



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9 WORSHIP 10:30AM	10	11 COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	12	13	14	15
16 WORSHIP 10:30AM	17 	18	19	20 Ministry Review/ Mutual Ministry Meeting 6PM	21	22
23 WORSHIP 10:30AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Part 2 & Brunch!	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 WORSHIP 10:00AM  Joint Service with SPH at Hebron; Luncheon to follow!	31	<p><b>THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY DAVID AND MARTHA BASH</b> in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.</p> <p>If you are interested in sponsoring a newsletter, please call the church office. The cost to sponsor a newsletter is \$65.00, which helps cover the cost of postage.</p>				



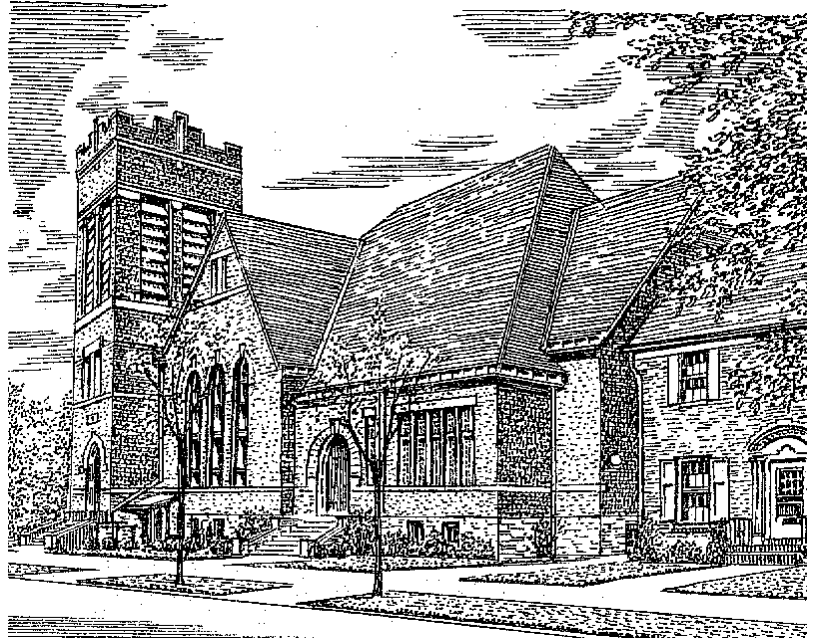
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