

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Hebron's 2022 Finance Report

MONTH	CURRENT GIVING	INCOME	NEEDED GIVING	OVER/(SHORT) MONTH TO DATE	OVER/(SHORT) YEAR TO DATE	ATTENDANCE
January	\$3,562.00	\$5,166.60	\$9,671.22	\$(942.62)	\$(942.62)	109
February	\$4,110.00	\$2,663.19	\$9,671.22	\$(2,898.03)	\$(3,840.65)	98
March	\$4,147.40	\$6,996.80	\$9,671.22	\$1,472.98	\$(2,543.69)	137
April	\$6,352.00	\$202.00	\$9,671.22	\$(3,117.22)	\$(5,660.91)	110
May	\$4,590.00	\$5,527.38	\$9,671.22	\$446.16	\$(5,214.75)	69
June	\$2,765.00	\$4,653.40	\$9,671.22	\$(2,252.82)	\$(7,467.57)	89
July	\$6,162.24	\$6,468.50	\$9,671.22	\$2,959.52	\$(4,508.05)	93
August	\$5,164.00	\$3,128.27	\$9,671.22	\$(1,378.95)	\$(5,887.00)	68
September	\$5,062.00	\$4,038.40	\$9,671.22	\$(570.82)	\$(6,457.82)	75
October	\$5,430.00	\$6,828.53	\$9,671.22	\$2,587.31	\$(3,870.51)	73
November	\$3,812.25	\$2,769.13	\$9,671.22	\$(3,089.84)	\$(6,960.35)	75
December	\$6,651.33	\$4,038.40	\$9,671.22	\$1,018.51	\$(5,941.84)	94

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. A complete financial report will be included in the 2022 Annual Report. Copies of the 2022 Annual Report will be available at the Congregational meeting on January 22, 2023. Attendance *does not* include those who worship online via Zoom or Facebook.



PASTOR ERIC DAMON will be the local interim for Hebron and St. Paul's Highfield during this time. He will be available for pastoral care emergencies. If you would like to contact Pastor Eric, his phone number is 724-708-4142.

Congregational Meeting



PART TWO OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 10:30AM. The meeting will take place in the social hall. Brunch and refreshments will be provided. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church. The 2022 Annual Report will be reviewed. Please join us! If you are unable to attend the meeting, copies of the annual report will be available in the back of the church the following Sunday.



I WANT TO THANK YOU for the very nice goody bag. It is really appreciated! I also pray that God will grant everyone a happy and healthy new year. ~Helen Shaffer

WOMEN OF HEBRON, Thank you for the goodie bag and thinking of me at Christmas time. ~Dorothy Sober

DEAR HEBRON CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you for the Christmas Goody Bag. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is very much appreciated. ~David Bash

THANK YOU TO ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS who made donations to the "Christmas Goody Bags" project. Because of your donations, we were able to distribute 20 Christmas bags to our homebound and shut-in members. It is always heart warming to me at the generosity of our members. ~Sandy Grantz



PLEASE JOIN US for our first joint service of 2023! Hebron and St. Paul's Highfield will have a combined worship service on Sunday, January 29, 2023. *Worship will begin at 10AM*. A luncheon will immediately follow. Hebron will be providing the main dish and sides. St. Paul's Highfield will be providing desserts. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church. Please plan to attend!



PLEASE REMEMBER that Hebron's Worship Service time will be changing to **10:30AM** beginning on Sunday, March 5, 2023.



Remember in your prayers: Dave Bash and family, Brian Codispot, Denise Fulton, Lori Hileman, Shawn and Robert Jewett, Larry Jordan, Ted Klingensmith, Sarah Krouse, Brandi McCracken and family, Dave McCracken, Bob McDermott, Walter McGuire, Victoria Roberts and family, Lisa Sanchez & Lindsey Simon

Homebound/Personal Care: 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 to add someone to the prayer list, please call the church office.



Celebrating Birthdays in January!

5	Denise Bollinger
6	Lynn Stouffer
6	Melissa Klingensmith
7	Tom Stevenson
8	Jeffrey Smith
11	David Bash
14	Chase Kepple
16	Brandon Fello
20	Sara Smith
25	Dawn Ashbaugh
26	Linda Hawk
27	Burwell Shearer

Celebrating Birthdays in February!

2	Beverly King
3	Marjorie Sober
4	Lucas Vacanti
5	Amy Baudino
5	Norma Kummick
6	Judy Perez
10	Paul Shaner
12	Virginia Shaner
16	Dolores Freilino
17	Blake Wilson
18	Jacob Boarts
18	Logan Vacanti
19	Amanda (Smith) Favero
24	Judy Defilippi
27	Jill Sorisio
27	Dalton Baudino
28	Mason Scitticatt



Celebrating Anniversaries in February!

4	Robert & Bonnie Mohr	45 th
20	Lloyd & Carolyn Hickman	41 st

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly elected Council members: Judy Defilippi, Violet Stivason and Carolyn Hickman. Judy will also be serving on Joint Council. Thank you all for serving your church!



CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on alternating Sundays, from 1PM to 3PM. Five congregations will be making this confirmation journey together – First, Hebron, and Forks-Zion in Leechburg; Bethesda in Lower Burrell; and St. Paul’s Highfield in Vandergrift. Three to four consecutive classes will be held at each church during the year. Snacks are provided by the host church, and parents are invited to attend classes as often as possible. The most basic requirement is to attend classes and Sunday worship. Classes will NOT be on Zoom this year. As weather permits, some classes may be outdoors. The confirmation journey is two years, beginning at 7th grade. Pastor Jim, from First, will continue and complete the confirmation year for Hebron’s students. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jim.

January 8, 2023: Exploring Article Two and Article Three
Readings: Matthew 1:18-25; John 14:15-17; Acts 2:1-3

January 22, 2023: The Greatest Prayer; God’s Kingdom and Will
Readings: Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 1:46-55, 17:20-21; Mark 14:32-36

February 5, 2023: God Gives and Forgives: Temptation, Trial, and Deliverance
Readings: Exodus 12, 16; Matthew 18:23-24; Luke 6:35-36, 22:14-23; Luke 4:1-15, 11:1-4; Exodus 15:1-28; Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Chronicles 29:11-13

February 19, 2023: Serving Christ through Vocation; Theology of the Cross
Readings: Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Classes on January 8, January 22 and February 5 will be held at **HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH** – 201 Main Street, Leechburg, PA 15656

Class on February 19 will be held at **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH** – 358 Main Street, Leechburg, PA 15656

I WISH TO SERVE HEBRON!

There are lots of ways for our children, youth, families, and members to become involved with our congregation. Please take this opportunity to look over the many areas where you may put your gifts to use at Hebron. Please circle as many areas as you wish, and put this form in the offering or drop it off at the church. If you have any questions, please see a council member. Many hands make light work!

I WISH TO SERVE AS:

Worship Assistant

Acolyte

Usher

Council Member

Lesson Reader

Sunday School Teacher

Joint Council Member

OTHER AREAS THAT INTEREST ME:

Altar Guild

Choir

Children's Choir

Home Visitation

Synod Delegate

Other: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR:

Finance

Property

Worship & Music

Christian Education

Outreach

Hospitality

Other: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Watching the Superbowl? Need to bring something to the party? 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!

Snack Mix

6 cups of Original Bugles
5 cups of Nacho Bugles
4 cups of Cheez-Its crackers
2 cups of Crispix Cereal
2 cups of lightly salted Cashews
¾ cup of butter-flavored popcorn oil
2 1oz. packages of Ranch salad dressing mix
Plain M&Ms

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. In a large bowl combine first 5 ingredients. Combine popcorn oil and salad dressing mix; pour over cracker mixture and toss to coat. Transfer to 1 or 2 large cookie sheets (coated with cooking spray). Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until crisp. Stir occasionally. Cool pans on wire racks, then add M&Ms.

Submitted by Sandy Baudino

Chinese Coleslaw

1 large package of coleslaw
2 packages of beef Ramen noodles; break up and do not cook
1 bunch of green onions, chopped
1 cup of sunflower seeds
1 cup of almonds, sliced

Dressing:

1 cup of salad oil
½ cup of sugar
1/3 cup of apple cider vinegar
2 seasoning packets from the Ramen noodles

Combine and mix coleslaw, noodles, onions, sunflower seeds and almonds together. Mix the 2 seasoning packets with the oil, sugar and vinegar. Pour over salad and mix. Refrigerate. Best if made the night before served.

Submitted by Carolyn Smith-Hickman

New Beginnings...

The Christmas gifts have been opened and the wrapping paper is discarded. Cookies have been eaten and a few more extra pounds are being felt by many (including me). The New Year is upon us, and many individuals are pondering New Year's resolutions such as pledging to lose weight, exercise more, eat healthier, spend less money, improve personal relationships; the list goes on and on.

The New Year brings with it a feeling of a new beginning, a chance to "clean the slate" from last year and make positive changes in our lives. The closing of 2022 wraps up the mistakes and old ways of yester-year and brings us to an "advent" (coming) of something new. With the "new" there is uncertainty and a fear of the unknown. But one cannot deny that the newness, also brings with it adventure and a chance to start with a clean slate, an opportunity to effect change and realize improvement.

This past year was a difficult one at Hebron. With the carryover of the pandemic from 2021, and the continued decline of church attendance over the last several years it has been a struggle to fill church council seats and to get volunteers to support our outreach efforts and the activities within the life of our church. In addition, giving declined dramatically resulting in a deficit of fifty percent in our annual budget this year.

Change is an inevitable part of life. and it's also a part of our life within the church. With the announcement of Pastor Ryan's leaving to take a new call, we know that change is upon us. As we adjust to this change and navigate the vacancy and call process, know that each member at Hebron has a voice and a spiritual responsibility to serve in this ministry.

The first step is reclaiming ownership of your church by attending worship regularly; be visible. Let your voice be heard by those in leadership or step up and join them in leadership. Take a leap of faith and join a church committee. Offer to help with an outreach event and participate in church fellowship events. Get to know others in your church family. Commit to supporting Hebron financially so our ministry here in Leechburg can continue and flourish. And last, but not least, PRAY, PRAY, PRAY. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us, bring back inactive members, new members, and willing members. Pray that Hebron will be sustained through this change until in God's time, a pastor will answer the call to lead and grow our congregation. And pray that the new chapter that Pastor Ryan and Pastor Jocelyn are entering will be filled with new blessings, much joy and love, and the fulfillment of serving God in their new community. With grateful hearts and love, we say goodbye to Pastor Ryan, and wish him all the best, Godspeed.

Serving with you,
Barb Talmadge

THE 2023 ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSOR LIST IS NOW OPEN! If you have a specific date(s) that you would like to reserve, please send a list to the church office by mail or email: luther201@windstream.net. Dates are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Open dates will be printed in the newsletters. The cost to sponsor a bulletin is \$5.00/per Sunday. Reminder letters will be sent out prior to the date you have sponsored. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your date by phone, please call the church office.

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY: February 19 & February 26

OPEN DATES FOR BULLETINS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH: January 22, February 26, March 5 & March 26



JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WORSHIP 8:30AM	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 OFFICE OPEN 9AM-1PM	4	5	6	7
8 WORSHIP 8:30AM *Confirmation Class at Hebron*	9	10 COUNCIL MEETING	11	12	13	14
15 WORSHIP 8:30AM	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. <i>Day</i> 	17	18	19	20	21
22 WORSHIP 8:30AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Part II 10:30AM *Confirmation Class at Hebron*	23	24 JOINT COUNCIL MEETING	25	26	27	28
29 WORSHIP 10AM AT HEBRON 5 th Sunday with SPH; Luncheon after service	30	31				



DATE/DAY/COLOR	USHERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
<p>January 1 Lessons & Carols</p> <p>White</p>	<p>Marty Bash & Charlie Stull</p>	<p>Given to honor and in appreciation of PASTOR RYAN PUSCH. By: David and Marty Bash</p>	<p>Given to honor PASTOR RYAN PUSCH for his 5 years of faithful service to Hebron Lutheran Church. By: David and Marty Bash</p>
<p>January 8 Baptism of Our Lord</p> <p>White</p>	<p>Judy Defilippi & Kasey Boarts</p>	<p>In memory of Her Husband, ALBERT DEFILIPPI. By: Judy Defilippi</p> <p><i>PIANO FLOWERS:</i> In honor of the January 8th Wedding Anniversary of DAVID & MARTHA BASH, who have been married for 51 years today. By: David and Martha Bash</p>	<p>In memory of My Husband, ALBERT DEFILIPPI. By: Judy Defilippi</p>
<p>January 15 Second Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Carolyn Smith-Hickman & Tiffany Smietana-Lysell</p>	<p>In honor of the January 11th birthday of DAVID E. BASH. By: His Loving Wife, Martha (Marty) Bash</p>	<p>In honor of Our Father's, DAVE BASH, 77th Birthday. By: Rachael Borromeo, Stacy Defilippi and Family</p>
<p>January 22 Third Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Charles Klingensmith & Jean Stull</p>	<p>In memory of the January 23rd birthday of Faithful Servant, GENE MCKALLIP. By: David and Marty Bash</p>	<p>OPEN</p>
<p>January 29 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Sean McCracken & Nathan Boarts</p>	<p>In memory of parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, DALE R. AND LOIS I. SMITH. By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers</p>	<p>In memory of the January birthdays of father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, DALE R. SMITH (January 31st) and mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, LOIS I. SMITH (January 11th). By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers</p>



FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 	3	4
5 WORSHIP 8:30AM *Confirmation Class at Hebron*	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 WORSHIP 8:30AM	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17	18
19 WORSHIP 8:30AM *Confirmation Class at First*	20 	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7PM at St. Paul's Highfield	23	24	25
26 WORSHIP 8:30AM	27	28				

FEBRUARY 2023

DATE/DAY/COLOR	USHERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
February 5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Green	Violet Stivason & Nancy Fondrk	In memory of the Wedding Anniversary of BILL AND KATHY SWEITZER. By: Bill Sweitzer	In memory of the birthday of My Husband, FREDERICK STULL. By: Judy Stull
February 12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Green	Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman	Marty Bash	Marty Bash
February 19 Transfiguration of Our Lord White	Marty Bash & Charlie Stull	<i>OPEN</i>	In memory of the February 24 th Wedding Anniversary of Her Parents, BLAIR AND DOROTHY SCHALL. By: Penny Klingensmith
February 26 First Sunday in Lent Purple	Judy Defilippi & Kasey Boarts	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>OPEN</i>

The
Season
of
Lent



THE LENTEN SEASON WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF FEBRUARY – This year, Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. The Ash Wednesday Service will be held at St. Paul’s Highfield beginning at 7PM. The Maundy Thursday service will be held at Hebron on Thursday, April 6, 2023, beginning at 7PM. Service will return to St. Paul’s Highfield for Good Friday on April 7, 2023 at 7PM. The Easter Vigil will then be held at Hebron on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 8PM. Hebron’s Easter Service will be held Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 10:30AM. All dates and service times will be published in the March newsletter and the weekly bulletins.

Each week during service we have been praying for our church. Please pray for Hebron as this is a time of change and transition. The power of prayer is strong.

A PRAYER FOR HEBRON -

Let us pray,

Lord, we know that change is a part of life, and the only constant is you. Be with Pastor Ryan as he enters this new call at Perry Highway Lutheran Church. Help him to use his gifts, talents and skills there, as he did at Hebron.

Lord, we also pray that you will be with us through this change and transition. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to strengthen and guide our church council and members as we discern the future of our church. Provide effective, thoughtful members for our call committee, and send us a pastor you have chosen who will lead us to grow and further the ministry of Hebron Lutheran Church.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Michael Perez, son of Emilio and Judy Perez. Michael passed into the hands of God on January 7, 2023, in Sacramento, California.



THE HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH congregation and council would like to welcome back to its membership, Dave Bash!



INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A NEWSLETTER? The cost to sponsor a newsletter is \$65.00. This helps cover the cost of postage. If you have a month you would like to sponsor, please call the church office today!

HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER? Please send any announcements or celebrations that you would like recognized to the church office at luther201@windstream.net. Call the church office if you have any questions!

PLEASE NOTE that our worship services will *not* be live streamed on Zoom or Facebook at this time. Council is working to find a solution and to have the worship services accessible to all members of our congregation, here at Hebron and those who join us from home. Updates will be published as they are made available.





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2022 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS:

President:	Nathan Boarts
Vice President:	Barb Talmadge
Secretary:	Nancy Fondrk
Treasurer:	Jean Camp Stull
Financial Secretary:	Lori Hileman
Endowment Fund:	Marty Bash

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Barb Talmadge	Judy Defilippi
Charles Klingensmith	Marty Bash
Violet Stivason	Carolyn Smith-Hickman
Sean McCracken	

HEBRON'S MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

Christian Education: Charles Klingensmith

Outreach: Barb Talmadge

Finance/Stewardship: Martha Bash
Nathan Boarts

Property: Sean McCracken
Martha Bash

Worship & Music: Barb Talmadge

Personnel/Mutual Ministry: Nathan Boarts
Barb Talmadge

Joint Council: Nancy Fondrk
Velma Knell
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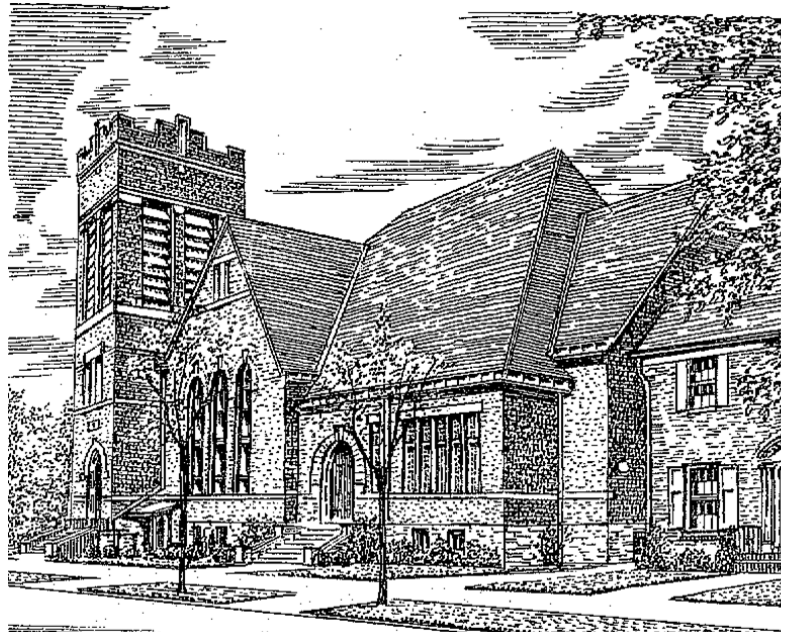
*~At the time of publishing, 2023 Council Officers have
not yet been elected~*

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