

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



In the back of the church at Hebron recently, we had Easter eggs hanging on a tree with pieces of paper inside them listing one of the “fruits of the Spirit” from Paul’s letter to the Galatian church (Gal 5: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). When I took down one of these eggs, the word inside my egg was joy. I wonder- do we give ourselves the opportunity to experience joy in our lives from day to day? Whether it’s the ongoing difficulties of planning vacations or gathering with loved ones because of COVID, health problems of extended family members, or other everyday struggles, joy sometimes feels out of reach. And this makes it harder to have a heart full of gratitude. Gratitude isn’t named as a fruit of the Spirit, but it is connected to several, if not all of them, including kindness, patience, gentleness, and generosity. There is a natural flow from joy, to gratitude, to generosity and the other fruits, so if we have trouble experiencing deep, heartfelt joy, all the other gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are going to feel out of reach. One thing that has been harder for me to do, which always brings me joy is dancing. As you can imagine, over the last couple years, opportunities to dance have been either less frequent or non-existent. In the fall, I even attempted to start teaching a Wednesday evening “contact improvisation” dance class but had to discontinue teaching after only a few months because we didn’t have enough people attending.

It’s important, when one window to experiencing joy is closed, to find another one- otherwise that natural flow from joy, to gratitude, to generosity will be interrupted or closed off. This is something I think we’ve all had to learn and keep learning how to do over the last few years since so many of the ways we normally do things have had to change. For instance, when my group of friends wasn’t comfortable with indoor dance classes, for a while we gathered outside to run around and play frisbee in the park. The excitement of running together, jumping around, laughing, and sweating are all essential things that each of us needed to experience deep, physical joy for the gift of this life.

As the weather begins to warm, I hope that each of you can find ways to tap into the fruits of peace and joy. We just had the opportunity to celebrate the end of our confirmation class year by jumping on trampolines, and soon we’ll be confirming 6 of our students on Pentecost, the birthday of the church. In June we’ll have our collaborative VBS in Leechburg (SPH’s will be in July) and then head up Lutherlyn for confirmation camp. Each of these opportunities is always filled with the joy of being with other young people, singing, playing games, learning, eating good food, and just giving thanks to God for being a part of God’s beautiful creation. Being out in God’s creation also reminds us of the fruit of self-control, or stewardship- making sure that the world that we are a part of is taken care of as the precious gift from God that it is. When each of us learns how to live more simply, more people around the world and creation itself others around the world will have the resources to simply live. If you’re interested in learning more about how our faith calls us to care for the earth, look up the organization “Lutherans Restoring Creation” at <https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>.

As we witness the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let us remember Jesus words to us as his disciples: Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20) We are called and sent out to share Jesus’ resurrection joy and new life with all of God’s creation.

-Pastor Ryan

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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

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 was included in the 2021 Annual Report. If you would like a copy of the report, there are copies placed in the back of the church.



LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE! We are still collecting for our "*Coins for Cancer*" challenge. It's our goal to raise \$500 in coins within the next five months to add to our Pink Day Fund. Look for the bucket in the back of the church and throw your coins in!! If you're unable to attend worship to deposit your coins, please keep collecting at home and contact Barb Talmadge, who will come to you and bring your coins to Hebron! Her phone number is 724-594-6117.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held this June! The theme is "*Monumental*" and the program will be held from June 20 to June 24, 8:30AM – 11:30AM. VBS will be taking place at First United Methodist Church – 251 Main Street. Check out the flyer in the back of the church or our Facebook page for more information. To register, contact Pastor Ryan or Nancy Fondrk.

The VBS team is also looking for volunteers to help out during the week. You ***MUST*** have current and appropriate clearances. Please contact Nancy Fondrk for more information.

OUTREACH SERVICE PROJECT FOR JUNE!

The Outreach Committee is highlighting the Leechburg Ministerial Association this month for contributions to the general fund. This fund provides vouchers for local businesses that are given to individuals and families in our community who urgently need groceries, gas, or lodging.

The Leechburg Ministerial Association is comprised of seven local churches and their pastors who meet regularly and work together to nurture faith and spirituality in the Leechburg community and collaborate to plan joint activities between our churches. The churches included in the Ministerial Association include First Lutheran, United Methodist, First Presbyterian, Hebron Lutheran, Forks Zion Lutheran, Christ the King, and Holy Innocents. Pastors of each of the churches retain vouchers and distribute them at their discretion.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause. It's a wonderful way to help your neighbor and keep the funds in the Leechburg community. Checks should be made out to "Leechburg Ministerial", and all loose offering for the month of June will be directed to this fund.

Thank you to everyone who donated to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine! Because of you, we were able to do our part and help by donating over \$1,000 to the ELCA Ukraine Disaster Relief Fund.



Celebrating Birthdays in June!

3	Dorothy Sober
7	Pam Roberts
12	David Bollinger
12	Zachary Toy
20	Aimee Baudino
22	Lori Hileman
28	Nancy Fondrk
28	Charlie Rogers
29	Keegan Kepple



Celebrating Anniversaries in June!

6	Larry & Sandy Baudino	52 nd
8	Burwell & Yvonne Shearer	54 th
11	Dave & Pat McCracken	56 th
13	Robert & Linda Hawk	35 th
25	Andy & Cindy Smietana	34 th

THE JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY JUDY DEFILIPPI in

loving memory of the 57th wedding anniversary of **ALBERT AND JUDY DEFILIPPI – June 5, 1965.**

If you are interested in sponsoring a monthly newsletter, please call the church office. The cost to sponsor a monthly newsletter is \$65.00, which helps cover the cost of postage.

QUESTIONS ABOUT DONATING BLOOD?

Call me! Barb Talmadge: 724-594-6117

Vitalant – <https://www.vitalant.org>
Red Cross – <https://redcross.org>



RIDDLE : What doesn't belong to you, but you can give it away time and time again? And when you give it away, you get more to replace it? Everyone has it and it cannot be manufactured or created.

Did you guess what it is? It's blood.

As Christians, we believe that we are created by God. He formed us in our mother's womb and knit together every part of us including the blood that flows through our veins. We also know that God created us to love and help others. When we share the gifts that God has given us, we help our neighbors and bring glory to God. We often think of ways to help our brothers and sisters through the giving of our time and money. But do you ever think about the body that God has given you and how marvelous it is? How you may potentially be able to literally provide life to someone through the blood in your body? The blood that God has loaned to you for your time here on earth, which will be useless in eternity. As, all we take with us from this world is God's word, our souls, and the love that we shared. We are charged with using all that God has given us for the good of others and for His glory.

Currently, there is a critical blood shortage. As advanced as science is, there still is no substitute for blood and blood products. Vitalant (formerly Central Blood Bank) along with the Red Cross, works diligently to secure the necessary blood inventory for trauma patients, surgeries, cancer patients and others. Vitalant has mobile units that set up in churches, schools, fraternal clubs and even in parking lots. It's easy to find a location close to you and to schedule an appointment. In some cases, walk ins are also accepted.

Anyone in good health, age sixteen or older weighing at least 110lbs. is eligible to donate. A small amount of blood from the finger is used to test the hemoglobin level, your temperature is taken, and a detailed questionnaire will be completed. The actual needle stick hurts no more than having a blood test, it just takes a little while longer to collect the blood. The entire process only takes approximately one hour from start to finish. Not bad for potentially saving someone's life.

I can't convey the joy I have received over the last 40 years in being a blood donor. Several times, I know my blood was used for a pediatric patient. It made me feel like my blood was a prayer for that sick child, but also a prayer of gratitude for the three healthy children that God gave to me and my husband, Larry. Please continue to explore ways to give glory to God through all the blessings that He has given you, but also think about how you may be able to help someone through the life- saving blood that flows through the body that he has blessed you with.

Serving with you,
Barb Talmadge

COUNCIL NOTES FROM THE MAY 2022 MEETING...

HOSPITALITY TEAM:

- The Easter Brunch went well and was well received

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

- The next VBS meeting is Thursday – May 12 – 6:30PM at First United Methodist Church
- Anyone wanting to help is welcome – VBS dates/time: June 20-24—8:30AM-11:30AM
- Hebron is in need of teachers for Sunday School

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP:

- New deposit form created for recording offering on Sundays
- Chelsae can scan/deposit checks

OUTREACH:

- LVFC is hosting a kid's event on July 23 – Motion made and carried to sponsor a bouncy house for \$250.00
- Outreach project for June will be to collect for The Leechburg Ministerial Association

PROPERTY:

- It would cost approximately \$1,600/\$1,700 to fix the broken light at the bottom of the steps
- Nathan and Sean found the original light posts and flower pots that were there; To use the old light posts and flower pots would only cost approximately \$120 to fix; Motion made and carried to replace current lights with the light posts and flower pots – will be shined and cleaned before installation

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

- Meeting on May 19, 2022 to pick hymns for the rest of the year
- Will schedule a day in the fall to polish fixtures/clean up church
- Need to upgrade the wi-fi due to continued issues during the worship service live stream
- Right now—Windstream is about \$80/\$90 per month; with the upgrade it would be \$240
- Xfinity would be \$159 per month; Motion made and carried to switch to Xfinity
- Synod Assembly is June 18, 2022 via Zoom; Need a representative

JOINT COUNCIL:

- Planning a night out event; June 4, 2022 – Faith Night/Pittsburgh Pirates
- 5 Church picnic at SPH on June 25- 4PM-7PM

NEW BUSINESS:

- One Call Now needs renewed; Hebron is responsible for half (\$300); Motion made and carried to renew contract
- Next meeting—June 14, 2022 at 6PM

PLEASE NOTE that the church office will be closed on *Thursday June 9, 2022* and *Friday, June 10, 2022*. Please call Pastor Ryan at 262-707-3038 for any pastoral emergencies during this time. The office will reopen on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 9AM.



Offering Envelopes



IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF OFFERING ENVELOPES, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

We are in the process of ordering new envelopes, and are hoping to have the new sets shipped directly to your home. Call or email the church office if you need a box, and please verify that we have the correct address on file.



OUR 2nd YEAR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022.

During worship our young members will be confirmed in front of their families and congregation, where they will also read their faith statements and conclude their two-year journey of faith. Immediately after service, there will be a reception to celebrate the students and their wonderful accomplishment! Please join us on this exciting Sunday and help welcome these new members of Hebron's congregation.

The confirmation students attend classes each month during the school year, complete activities and assignments given to them by the pastors, and join youth from other churches during their confirmation journey. This year the students had an "End of the Year Party" at Altitude Trampoline Park, which was very much enjoyed by all. At the conclusion of their 2nd year, Pastor Ryan asks the students to write a "Faith Statement." The students are given a list of questions and are told to answer according to what they have learned and what they believe. Through this list of questions, they create their own personal "Faith Statement." This year Hebron has three 2nd year confirmation students: **JILLIAN BOARTS, MASON SCITTICATT, and LOGAN TOY**. We would like to recognize our students and congratulate them on this important achievement. Listed below are the students' personal "Faith Statements." Hebron's council and congregation are very proud of you Jillian, Mason and Logan, and will always be here to support your spiritual journeys!

JILLIAN BOARTS: "One of the most important things I have learned over the past two years on my confirmation journey is the Bible is all about relationships. It is amazing how much we are loved by God, so much so he gave his only son, Jesus, who was crucified and died on the cross, and later resurrected from the dead to grant us eternal life and forgiveness of our sins. God the Father/Creator made Heaven and Earth. It is amazing that he created all living and nonliving things, which can be referred back to from The Creed, "I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth." He created everything in six days and on the seventh day, also known as the Sabbath day he rested. I believe that the Father, Son, and Holy spirit are one. The Holy Spirit created the church and will resurrect us from the dead as proof through witness of Easter, and blesses us with our talents and gifts to be used to carry out the will of God. Living as a Christian means that I believe in the Holy Trinity, I will follow the Ten Commandments to the best of my ability, and repent and ask for forgiveness when I fall short as we are all sinners in our earthly journey. God has blessed me with many gifts. I have been blessed with amazing parents, and a brother. I have also been blessed with many musical talents, I am able to read notes and sing solos in front of people. Most importantly I have been blessed with life by being placed in this body and on this planet. I feel it is very important to be thankful the body we are given, no matter what it may be no seek out the desire to change it. We were created who we are for a reason, and we as Christians need to find that reason and embrace it. Someday, I will serve God as a mother with children. I will be responsible to teach my children about God just the way my parents did, by attending church services and activities, taking church out into the community through volunteering and loving my neighbors. The Bible will always be my tool to navigate relationships with all those who are in my life and most importantly God."

MASON SCITTICATT: "I believe that God the Father/Creator created Heaven and Earth. I believe he made us all able to love one another. I believe that God the Son/Redeemer forgives our sins. I believe that God the Holy Spirit/Sanctifier forgives our sins. Living as a Christian means that I love God and my neighbor as myself and being kind to others. I am saved because Jesus died on the cross out of love for everyone. I believe the Bible is story of God and his life. God has given me the gifts of loving others. Someday, I will serve God as a good Christian and adult by helping others and showing them how to be kind to everyone. The most important things I learned in confirmation: To serve God and be helpful to others."

LOGAN TOY: “I believe that God the Father is the creator of all life and nonliving things in the universe. I believe that God the Son was born of the Virgin Mary and is both human and God. He taught us how to love God and showed God's power by showing miracles. He also died on the cross to show his love for us, giving us eternal life, and forgiving us for our sins. I believe that God the Holy Spirit shows the forgiveness of sins, created our churches, will raise us up from the dead and give us eternal life. The Spirit is calling us, gathering us, enlightening us, making us holy, and giving our lives joy. Living as a Christian means that I believe in God, and Jesus, love our neighbors and follow the 10 commandments. I am saved because Jesus died on the cross out of love for everybody and all creation. I believe the bible is the library of learning about God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God has given me the gifts of joy by doing the things we are passionate about and enjoy. I believe God has given me the gift of allowing me to have friendships, be intelligent, enjoy learning about new things, be kind to others, and given me the gift of being able to run track, which is one of my favorite things to do. Someday I will serve God by serving my neighbors, going to church, having a family, and creating new and helpful things to help and love my neighbors. The most important thing I learned in confirmation is relationships: God is in every one of our relationships and wants to have a relationship with you and your neighbors. I am thankful for what I have learned in confirmation class and will use it throughout my life.”



HEBRON AND ST. PAUL'S HIGHFIELD will be hosting a summer picnic on **SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022** from **4PM to 7PM**. It will be held at SPH's pavilion – 1595 Dime Road, Vandergrift. The churches will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream! We invite our congregation members to bring side-dishes or desserts to share. There will be music, games, and other fun surprises. We have invited other churches in the area to join us for this opportunity to reconnect with others in our Christian community.



THE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6PM in the Berean Room. There are still two seats open on council. If you are interested in serving or have any questions about volunteering, please see council president, Nathan Boarts, or vice president, Barb Talmadge.

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE FOR JUNE:

- Week of June 5 – Darlene Danka
- Week of June 12 – Paula Henry
- Week of June 19 – Kasey Boarts
- Week of June 26 – Chelsae Hickman

If you are interested in helping out with Altar Guild, please see Paula Henry!



THE FOOD BANK IS IN URGENT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS to drive to Kittanning, load/pick up the food, and haul it to the Leechburg Food Bank. They are looking for any help, even if you cannot commit monthly, in performing this pick-up. If you can help, please call Pastor Ryan as soon as possible.



INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A NEWSLETTER?

There are still a few months left that are without a sponsor – October, November and December. If you are interested in sponsoring a newsletter, please call the church office. The cost to sponsor a monthly newsletter is \$65.00, which helps cover the cost of postage.

THERE ARE STILL OPEN DATES to sponsor Altar Flowers. The open dates are: July 10, August 14, August 28 and October 30. Please call the church office if you are interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers for any of these dates!

THE LACA WILL BE HOSTING “Mingle on Market,” on Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 4PM – 8PM. There will be a farmer’s market, live music, and a beer/wine truck along Market Street in Leechburg!



June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 GAME NIGHT 6PM @ HEB	3	4
5 WORSHIP 8:30AM *Reception for Confirmands after service*	6	7	8	9 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	10 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	11
12 WORSHIP 8:30AM	13	14 COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	15	16	17	18 SYNOD ASSEMBLY
19 WORSHIP 8:30AM HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	20 VBS at First United Methodist 8:30AM- 11:30AM	21 VBS at First United Methodist 8:30AM- 11:30AM	22 VBS at First United Methodist 8:30AM- 11:30AM	23 VBS at First United Methodist 8:30AM- 11:30AM	24 VBS at First United Methodist 8:30AM- 11:30AM	25 Church Picnic @ SPH 4PM-7PM
26 WORSHIP 8:30AM	27	28	29	30		



June 2022

<i>Date/Day/Color</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>	<i>Bulletins</i>
<p>June 5 Day of Pentecost Red</p>	<p>Nancy Fondrk & Kasey Boarts</p>	<p>In memory of R. MILLER and VERNA SOBER. By: Dorothy Sober and Paul & Margie Sober</p> <p><i><u>PAINO FLOWERS</u></i> In memory of CHARLES G. CAMP. By: Shirley Camp</p>	<p>In remembrance of the June 2nd birthday of CHARLES G. CAMP. By: Shirley Camp</p>
<p>June 12 The Holy Trinity White</p>	<p>Paula Henry & Tiffany Smietana- Lysell</p>	<p>In memory of the 76th wedding anniversary of DALE R. and LOIS I. SMITH – June 3, 1946. By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers</p>	<p>In memory of R. MILLER and VERNA SOBER. By: Dorothy Sober and Paul & Margie Sober</p>
<p>June 19 The Second Sunday after Pentecost Green</p>	<p>Charles Klingensmith & Jean Stull</p>	<p>In memory of My Husband, WILLIAM BRECHBILL. By: Theresa Brechbill</p> <p><i><u>PIANO FLOWERS</u></i> In memory of My Dad, ROBERT D. HILEMAN, My Brother, BUBBA HILEMAN, and My Grandfathers, DON HILEMAN and CHARLES MCKALLIP. By: Lori Hileman</p>	<p>In memory of WILBERT D. HILEMAN on Father's Day. By: His Daughters and Their Families</p>
<p>June 26 The Third Sunday after Pentecost Green</p>	<p>Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman</p>	<p>In memory of June 25, 1983 – the day I married the love of my life, LARRY TALMADGE. By: Barb Talmadge</p>	<p>In honor of our Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. By: Jack and Nancy Erwin</p>



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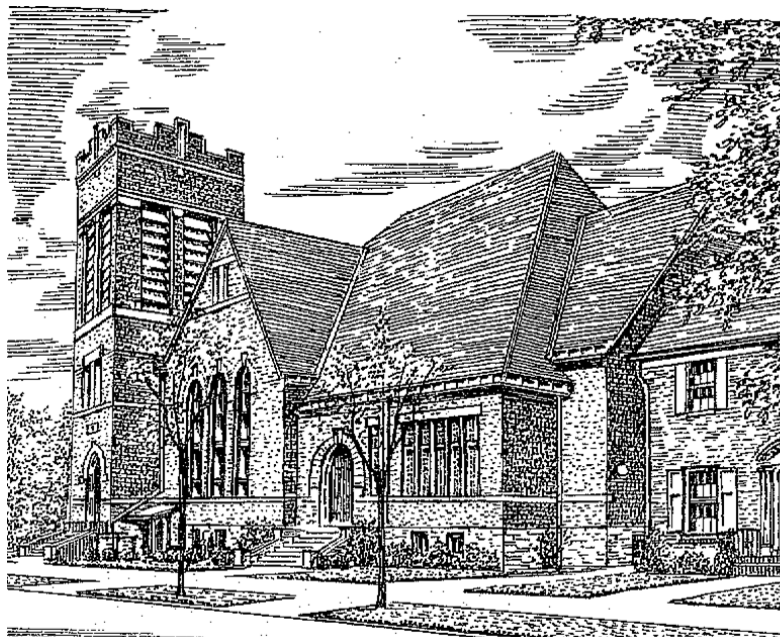
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