

# HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thought I would take some time this month to talk about an essential part of our life of faith: stewardship. Stewardship is probably an unfamiliar word to many folks outside of the church context. I remember an old friend of mine worked for the “Land Stewardship Project” up in Minnesota, which is an organization that promotes sustainable agriculture and a healthy relationship with the land that supports our livelihood. I think this is a useful way to think about the concept of stewardship- taking care of the land and the world which God has created to sustain us and all creatures. Genesis 1 tells the creation story wherein God commands human beings to have dominion over the earth- and what this really means in Hebrew is not to dominate, but to care for and protect the whole earth.

The stewardship of our church is connected to and an extension of our stewardship for God’s creation. We are called, as baptized and confirmed members of the Body of Christ, to serve, care for, and protect God’s church- both the church as a whole (the catholic or universal church), and the local churches that we call “ours”. There are many ways that we can serve our churches. An important way is to share our resources with the church- our time, our money, and our energy. Some of us have more of one kind of these resources than others, and that’s ok. Some folks would rather give money to support the church, and others would rather give time and energy. The church needs both kinds of people. We are all called to share with the church- and it is discerning our vocation, our calling, to determine how and what is the best way to share our gifts with God’s church.

Tithing or giving 10% is an ancient tradition. It was the earliest form of taxation, though of course in our day and age it has become voluntary instead of compulsory. Sometimes in the bible this was called the “first fruits”- when people of God would share the first part of their harvest- and this could be literally fruit, grain, or animals- with the temple and the community. There is nothing magical about 10%- it was simply a rule of thumb in the ancient world as a way of designating a portion of one’s wealth be shared for the greater good. Nowadays, some folks can only afford 5%, and some folks can give more than 10%. You’re not a better person if you give more- but, at the same time, it might feel good and freeing to do so. Giving doesn’t make us better or holier people- but it can help us experience God’s generosity in a real and tangible way, and this is the *real point* of stewardship: recognizing that so much of life and this world is not in our control, and yet God shares abundant life with us. We don’t deserve or earn it, but still, God gives to us out of unconditional love. God wants each of us to experience that kind of grace and desire to give in our daily lives- the desire to share what we have to support others- not only our own children or loved ones, but with your neighbor, church, and community. God wants us to *actually feel generosity in our hearts* not just give because it’s a social expectation- for fear and generosity are diametrically opposed. To give generously is to overcome the fear of “not enough”.

So much of our lives feel the pinch and threat of scarcity- but this is, according to the good news- a delusion that the world and the devil have cast over our eyes so that we can’t see the abundance of God’s creation and the possibility of sharing all that God has shared with us. It’s not easy by any means to make financial decisions in our world, but when we are inspired by the Spirit, we can make decisions that free us from delusion and help us to see that no matter what, everything belongs to God, and we don’t need to cling so tightly to our own sense of “I, me, and mine”. This is the way that Jesus demonstrates to us in giving his life out of love for the sake of the world God loves. Amen.

-Pastor Ryan

# 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

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. Copies are available upon request. Attendance *does not* include those who worship online via Zoom or Facebook.



**THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING** will be held *Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 6PM* in the Berean Room. If you are interested in joining council or have questions about the process, please contact Pastor Ryan, Nathan Boarts, or Barb Talmadge.



**WE WILL BE CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** on November 6, 2022. Please join us for this service where we will be remembering all of our faithful loved ones.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Part 1

Hebron will be holding our annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2022, immediately following worship. Those who are unable to attend in person can participate through Zoom. The Zoom link is as follows: <https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/6196761687>. Or you can call: 646-558-8656, then enter meeting ID number: 6196761687, followed by pound twice (##).

The following agenda items will be discussed and voted on:

1. 2023 Budget
2. 2023 Council nominations (3 seats)
3. Joint Council nomination (1 seat)

If you are interested in serving on either council, please see Pastor Ryan or Nathan Boarts. Please consider serving your church!

Copies of the 2023 budget will be available to review prior to the meeting, and will be placed in the back of the church.



## Celebrating Birthdays in November!

1	John King
1	Kenneth Smith
5	Nathan Boarts
5	Jessica Wofford
8	Jacob Fello
9	Diane Klingensmith
11	Bonnie Mohr
11	Karysn Amelia Rogers
11	Lori Smail
11	Leah Voyten
16	Larry Baudino
24	Kasey Boarts
24	David Smail
26	Judith (Stevenson) Michael



## Celebrating Anniversaries in November!

16	Butch & Terry Roofner	53 <sup>rd</sup>
19	Phillip & Dawn Rearick	30 <sup>th</sup>
21	Bill & Velma Knell	52 <sup>nd</sup>
28	Paul & Marjorie Sober	70 <sup>th</sup>



The food bank is an organization that depends on volunteers and donations. Soon the holidays will be coming to the Leechburg Area Foodbank. **Please consider donating non-perishable items that can be used to compliment the upcoming holiday meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas.** Please, no expired foods. Donations can be placed in the donation box in the back of the church on Sundays or dropped off in the church office during office hours.



**WE WILL BE TAKING PART** in the Glade Run Christmas Angel Program again this year. With a focus on education, mental health, autism, and unique therapeutic offerings, Glade Run has a long tradition of linking faith and service. Last year, Glade Run served over 5,000 individuals with impactful, innovative services in school, home, and community settings. There will be a tree placed in the back of the church decorated with tags for the program. Each tag lists the child's gender and gift wish. If you can help, please take a tag! Unwrapped gifts must be returned to the church office with the original tag by **Monday, December 5, 2022.** The gifts will be delivered to Glade Run on December 9, 2022. If you take a tag, please notify Chelsae Hickman. The children and staff were very grateful for the gifts they received last year!



**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be held on Saturday, December 24, 2022, at 6PM. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!



**CHRISTMAS GOODY BAGS** will once again be made for the shut-in members of our church. Monetary donations will be accepted this year. These donations can be mailed to Velma Knell at 1194 Maple Road, Vandergrift, PA 15690 or Sandy Grantz at 1352 Maple Road, Vandergrift, PA 15690. Donations will also be accepted through weekly offering. Please clearly mark the envelope "CHRISTMAS GOODY BAGS." Checks can be made payable to Velma or Sandy. **Donations will be accepted until December 10, 2022.**



**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 7<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Ryan. The October classes and location are listed below:

**November 6, 2022:** The Commandments: Part 3 & 4  
*Readings:* Matthew 6:19-21; Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 23:34-40

**November 20, 2022:** Law & Gospel, Sinner & Saint, Love Your Neighbor  
*Readings:* Luke 10:29-36; Matthew 5:43-47; Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:28-34

Both classes will be held at: **Bethesda Lutheran Church – 3086 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068**



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE DATES:**

Thursday, November 24, 2022  
Friday, November 25, 2022  
Monday, November 28, 2022

**THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9A – 1P ON THESE DATES:**

Wednesday, November 2, 2022  
Tuesday, November 22, 2022  
Tuesday, November 29, 2022



**WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of *Jan Sowers*. Jan passed into the hands of God on October 12, 2022.



**THE GILPIN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** will be holding a blood drive on *Tuesday, November 15, 2022, from 12PM to 5:30PM*. The blood drive will be located in the fire hall – 113 Fire Hall Road, Leechburg, PA 15656. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter GTVFD to schedule an appointment.



**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PREPARE HEBRON** for the Christmas season on **Sunday, November 27, 2022**, immediately following worship. We will be putting up our Christmas trees and decorations, and polishing the items on the Altar. Doughnuts and coffee will be served. There will also be a small advent activity for the kids! If you have any questions, please call the church office.



**THANK YOU** to *George and Penny Klingensmith* for donating the materials for the new railing at the handicapped entrance. Many thanks to *Matthew Defilippi* who built and painted the railing for us. We are very grateful for these wonderful donations!

**THANK YOU** to *Barb Talmage, Judy Defilippi, Ashley Rogers, Kenley Rogers, and Carolyn Hickman* for providing the beautiful harvest home decorations displayed throughout the church!



# 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 Nancy Fondrk. **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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The holidays are right around the corner! Many of us will begin the marathon of cooking and baking soon. Need a new recipe? Here is one from our cookbook *Tastefully Hebron*. If you have a recipe that you would like to share, please send it to the church office!

### MARINATED VEGETABLES:

1 can kitchen-cut green beans, drained  
1 can LeSueur early peas, drained  
1 can white shoe peg corn, drained  
1 tbsp. chopped pimento, for color  
1 cup chopped celery  
1 cup chopped onion  
¼ cup green pepper

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl.  
Then prepare marinade.

### MARINADE:

1 tbsp. water  
½ cup oil  
1 cup sugar  
¾ cup cider vinegar  
½ tsp. pepper

Blend marinade ingredients in a blender. Pour over vegetables and mix gently. Refrigerate covered for 24 hours. Stir gently before serving. Will keep for 2 weeks covered in refrigerator.



Submitted by Sandy Baudino



# NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 OFFICE HOURS 9A-1P  CHOIR PRACTICE 6PM	3	4	5
6 WORSHIP 8:30AM  * All Saints Sunday*	7	8 COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	9 CHOIR PRACTICE 6PM	10	11	12 "TURKEY TROT BINGO" at LVFC
13 WORSHIP 8:30AM  *Congregational Meeting*	14	15 GVFD BLOOD DRIVE 12P-5:30P	16 CHOIR PRACTICE 6PM	17	18	19
20 WORSHIP 8:30AM	21	22 OFFICE HOURS 9A-1P	23 CHOIR PRACTICE 6PM	24 OFFICE CLOSED  HAPPY THANKS- GIVING!	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 WORSHIP 8:30AM  *Decorating the sanctuary*	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE HOURS 9A-1P	30 CHOIR PRACTICE 6PM			



**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](mailto:luther201@windstream.net). Dates are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Letters will be sent out again in mid-December to see if anyone is interested in the remaining open dates. We will also be trying something new next year, if enough people are interested. Hebron is considering having artificial arrangements available to use for the Sunday you have sponsored flowers. There would be a small fee for the use of the flowers and there would be multiple arrangements to choose from. More information on this will be included in the letters sent out in December. Thank you for your continued support of your Hebron church! Questions? Please call the church office.



# NOVEMBER 2022

DATE/DAY/COLOR	USHERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
November 6 All Saints Sunday  White	Marty Bash & Charlie Stull	In memory of the November birthday of <b>LAVERNA V. SMAIL</b> . By: Shirley Camp	In memory of My Mother's, <b>LAVERNA A. SMAIL</b> , November 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday. By: Shirley Camp
November 13 The 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  Green	Nathan Boarts & Sean McCracken	In honor of the November birthdays of their daughter and their granddaughter, <b>RACHEL AND KATIE BORROMEIO</b> . By: David and Martha Bash	In memory of <b>HUGH AND BETTY STEVENSON</b> . By: Tom and Dan Stevenson
November 20 Christ the King  White	Nancy Fondrk & Kasey Boarts	In memory of her Father's 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday on November 17 – <b>RICHARD BIRCH</b> . By: David and Martha Bash	In honor of <b>HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> . By: Charles Klingensmith
November 27 The First Sunday of Advent  Blue	Carolyn Smith-Hickman & Tiffany Smietana-Lysell	In memory of the Wedding Anniversary of <b>HUGH AND BETTY STEVENSON</b> . By: Tom and Dan Stevenson	In memory of the Wedding Anniversary of Our Parents, <b>HUGH AND BETTY STEVENSON</b> . By: Tom and Dan Stevenson

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS RECITAL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022, AT 6:30PM, HERE AT HEBRON!



The recital will be hosted by our organist, Gregg. It will be an evening filled with beautiful music. A reception will immediately follow in the social hall. This event will be open to the community. If you are interested in joining this project, there are a few ways to get involved! Gregg will be organizing a joint choir to perform at the recital. Rehearsals for the choir will begin **Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 6PM**, and will be held at Hebron. The rehearsals will continue every Wednesday evening up until the event. They are also looking for people to bake cookies or prepare desserts for the reception following the recital. If you are interested in helping out, please see Gregg.

## OCTOBER 2022 COUNCIL MEETING NOTES:

### **HOSPITALITY:**

- Hebron will be selling Ham BBQs/Chips/Water at the Leechburg Halloween Parade from 5:30-7PM
- Soup sale pick-up date is October 29
- Harvest Home will be held on October 16; refreshments will be served after service
- Discussed use of social hall for events

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

- Third Sunday School teacher found; Gabrielle Passino volunteered to help

### **FINANCE:**

- Budget is being reviewed by the finance team and will be presented at the November council meeting

### **OUTREACH:**

- Reevaluate mission giving at next meeting
- Motion made and carried to purchase large print devotionals for shut-ins
- In communication with Glade Run about participating in the Christmas Angel Program again this year

### **PERSONNEL/MUTUAL MINISTRY:**

- Will be presenting to council the outcome of the annual review at November meeting

### **PROPERTY:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Handicapped Entrance railing was paid for by Penny Klingensmith, and put up by Matthew Defilippi. Will be finished (painted) soon
- Lighting on the front steps will soon be fixed; wiring for lights/outlets that do not work downstairs will also be checked
- Motion made and carried to hire Mike Skinner to do the lighting work for \$60/hour
- Discussed snow removal contract

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC:**

- Will have a meeting on October 5

### **JOINT COUNCIL:**

- Recommended accepting the shared agreement and pastoral compensation plan
- Christmas Eve Service Times: HEBRON at 6PM and SPH at 8PM
- One service will be held on Christmas day for both churches; Service will be at 8:30AM at HEBRON

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Received an invitation to join several other churches for Reformation Sunday; Service will be held at St. John's in Ford City at 10:30AM on October 30; HEBRON will have a service this Sunday at 8:30AM
- Offering money will not be counted Christmas Eve/Christmas Day; Council members will count money when banks open after the holiday
- Carolyn Hickman and Violet Stivason agreed to run for council for the 2023 year; Open seats still available
- Chelsae presented information regarding the current office printer and purchasing a new one. Current lease will be up in November for the Riso machine; 3 printers/copiers are currently being used in the office to complete tasks
- An estimated \$244/month is being spent on supplies for all current printers
- Chelsae and Barb met with Precision, Inc. regarding a new printer; an updated model that would replace the 3 current used printers, would cost \$149/month; this price includes toner/ink, training on how to use the machine, service calls, delivery, and installation. Motion made and carried (with 1 abstention) to sign a new contract with Precision, Inc and cancel the contract with Wells Fargo (Riso Machine).
- Part 1 of the Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 13, 2022, immediately following worship.





# 2022 POINSETTIA ORDERS

The Christmas season is right around the corner, and its time to order your Poinsettias! This year our poinsettias will be \$10.00 each. They are available in red, pink or white. Please use this order form and submit payment in full. Checks can be made payable to: Hebron Lutheran Church Flower Fund. Please print clearly! If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**IN HONOR OF:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please designate choice of color, and how many of each:**

**RED**  # needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHITE**  # needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PINK**  # needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ORDERS TO:  
Judy Defilippi  
111 White Plains Lane  
Leechburg, PA 15656

**NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022.**

Please remember to take your poinsettias home AFTER the Christmas Eve Church Service. Any poinsettias left at the front of the church will be distributed to local nursing homes.

## HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Pastor Ryan Pusch:** PH: 262-707-3038  
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**Ms. Chelsae A. Hickman,** Church Secretary  
Office Hours: Monday, Thursday & Friday 9A-1P  
**Mrs. Kasey Boarts,** Church Sexton

### OUR 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

### 2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Nathan Boarts	Barb Talmadge
Charles Klingensmith	Marty Bash
Nancy Fondrk	Carolyn Smith-Hickman
Sean McCracken	

### HEBRON'S MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

**Christian Education:** Nancy Fondrk  
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

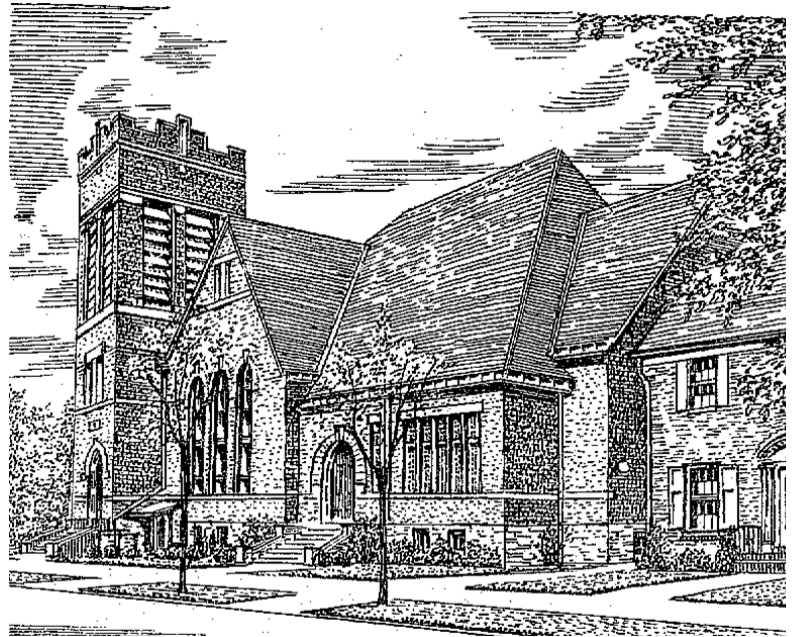
**Joint Council:** Nancy Fondrk, Joint Council President  
Velma Knell  
Pauline Bish

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