

HAPPY "THANKS" GIVING!

Is gratitude and thankfulness important in a Christians' life? It must be, because the bible contains many references to it in several books. The theme of giving thanks is repeated time and again in the following verses:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 5:20

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Psalms 107:1

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Phillippians 4: 6-7

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

Colossians 3:15

I have learned that a heart full of gratitude can cure many ills. When one's heart is filled with gratitude, there is less room for grief, pain, pride, anger, disappointment and greed. Thankfulness softens the heart and renews the spirit so that God can plant seeds which will grow love, faith and generosity. Even during difficult times in life, we can be grateful, knowing that we have a God who created us and loves us, and a savior who gave his life on the cross so that no matter what we must endure on earth, we are certain grateful that there is a place reserved for us in heaven. Happy Thanksgiving!

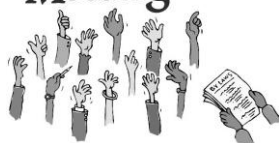
Serving with you,
Barb Talmadge

HEBRON'S 2023 FINANCE REPORT

MONTH	CURRENT GIVING	INCOME	NEEDED GIVING	OVER/(SHORT) MONTH TO DATE	OVER/(SHORT) YEAR TO DATE	ATTENDANCE
JANUARY	\$4,021.00	\$5,663.58	\$9,185.58	\$499.00	\$499.00	109
FEBUARY	\$1,984.00	\$512.71	\$9,185.58	\$(6,688.87)	\$(6,189.87)	55
MARCH	\$3,211.00	\$1,499.27	\$9,185.58	\$(4,475.31)	\$(10,665.18)	77
APRIL	\$5,695.25	\$1,513.65	\$9,185.58	\$(1,976.68)	\$(12,641.86)	151
MAY	\$1,843.00	\$168.00	\$9,185.58	\$(7,174.58)	\$(19,816.44)	67
JUNE	\$1,158.00	\$113.75	\$9,185.58	\$(7,913.83)	\$(27,730.27)	80
JULY	\$6,288.00	\$122.05	\$9,185.58	\$(2,775.53)	\$(30,505.80)	62
AUGUST	\$1,935.00	\$122.21	\$9,185.58	\$(7,128.37)	\$(37,634.17)	60
SEPTEMBER	\$2,354.00	\$118.40	\$9,185.58	\$(6,713.18)	\$(44,347.35)	68
OCTOBER	\$1,646.00	\$111.95	\$9,185.58	\$(7,427.63)	\$(51,774.98)	72

It is noted that the income column includes monies the church receives from endowments, gas well royalties, etc. If you have any questions, please see any member of the finance team. A complete financial report was included in the 2022 Annual Report. Copies of the Annual Report are available upon request.

Congregational Meeting



THE 1st PART OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will *not* be held in November. The meeting has been delayed and will be held on Sunday, **JANUARY 7, 2024**, per Synod recommendation. Part 2 of the Annual Congregational Meeting will then be held on Sunday, **JANUARY 28, 2024**. If you have any questions regarding the meeting or the agenda items, please see a member of council. The following agenda items will be discussed and voted on during the first part of the congregational meeting:

- 1- Changes to Hebron's Constitution per Synod guidelines
- 2- 2024 Budget
- 3- Endowments
- 4- 2024 Council Nominations

If you are interested in serving on council, please see Carolyn Smith-Hickman or Barb Talmadge. Please consider serving your church in this time of need!

Copies of the 2024 budget will be available to review prior to the meeting.



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PREPRARE HEBRON for the Christmas season on **Saturday, December 2, 2023, beginning at 9AM**. We will be putting up our Christmas trees and decorations, and polishing the items on the Altar. Doughnuts and coffee will be served. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



HEBRON'S CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held on **Sunday, December 24, 2023, beginning at 7PM**. Please note that there will be no morning service at Hebron on this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS ABIDING MEMORIALS are due to the church office no later than **Friday, December 15, 2023**. If you have any questions, please call.



Celebrating Birthdays in November!

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



Celebrating Anniversaries in November!

16	Butch & Terry Roofner	54 th
19	Phillip & Dawn Rearick	31 st
21	Bill & Velma Knell	53 rd
28	Paul & Marjorie Sober	71 st

**THE NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
2023 NEWSLETTERS ARE GIVEN
IN MEMORY OF MY LOVING WIFE,
MARY GENE SHANER.**

By: Her Husband, Paul Shaner



HEBRON CHURCH'S STAFF AND COUNCIL would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who donated their time, donated goods or who made monetary donations to the many projects we had this year! Hebron would not be a church without **ALL** of you!



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.



WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of *Walter (Gene) McGuire*, step father-in-law of Barb Talmadge. Walter passed into the hands of God on November 15, 2023.



Remember in your prayers: Nancy Erwin, Denise Fulton, Rhiley Gasper, Lori Hileman, Shawn and Robert Jewett, Larry Jordan, Meghan Key, Ted Klingensmith, Sarah Krouse, Brandi McCracken and family, Dave McCracken, Lisa Sanchez, Anna Shaffer, Ken Smail, Allison Smith & Lindsey Vettorel

Homebound/Personal Care: Marjorie Henry, Laura Ludwigsen, Emilio & Judy Perez, Helen Shaffer, Virginia Shaner, Lyda Jane Shuster & Sandy Silliman

First Responders and those serving in the Military: Grant Imbarlina, Audra Sensor & Jeff Toy

If you would like a loved one added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.



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 is 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 Tuesday December 5, 2023. The gifts will be delivered to Glade Run on December 7, 2023. If you take a tag, please notify Chelsae Hickman. The children and staff were very grateful for the gifts they received last year!

If you would like to come pick a tag off of the tree but cannot make it to worship, please call the church office. Arrangements can be made to pick up or come in and choose a tag!

HEBRON'S 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS:

President: Carolyn Smith-Hickman
 Vice President: Barb Talmadge
 Treasurer: Jean Stull
 Financial Secretary: Lori Hileman

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Barb Talmadge Carolyn Smith-Hickman
 Charles Klingensmith Larry Baudino
 Velma Knell

HEBRON'S MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

Outreach: Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman

Finance/Stewardship: Carolyn Smith-Hickman, Barb Talmadge, Larry Baudino & Jean Stull

Worship & Music: Carolyn Smith-Hickman & Chelsae Hickman

Property: Barb Talmadge, Lloyd Hickman, Velma Knell & Sean McCracken



Celebrating Birthdays in December!

- 1 Kendra Smail
- 3 Tiffany Smietana-Lysell
- 3 Oliver Smith
- 5 Daniel Bollinger
- 9 Johnathan Toy
- 10 Martha Bash
- 12 Sarah Imbarlina
- 14 Velma Knell
- 14 Elsie Taylor
- 15 Ralph Kilgore, Sr.
- 15 Charles Klingensmith
- 15 Kelly Klingensmith
- 16 Michael Henry
- 16 Al Smail
- 17 Christine (Roofner) Wilson
- 19 Shirley Camp
- 29 Becky Bollinger
- 30 Kristi Garrone
- 31 Barb Talmadge



Celebrating Anniversaries in December!


- 7 Louis & Gina Bono 31st
- 10 Mike & Pam Nuttall 18th
- 16 Robert & Melissa Sproull 25th

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S STAFF:

Chelsae A. Hickman, Church Secretary
 Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 9A – 1P
Kasey Boarts, Church Sexton
Jean Stull, Treasurer

Church Phone #: 724-842-0801
 Email: luther201@windstream.net

NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 WORSHIP 10:30AM	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 WORSHIP 10:30AM	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 WORSHIP 10:30AM	20	21	22	23 	24	25 LUMINATE LEECHBURG 6PM
26 WORSHIP 10:30AM	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	29	30		



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT LINGROW FARM will be held on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3. Breakfast will be served from 10AM – 12PM.

Tickets can be purchased prior to the event and can be found at www.lingrowfarm.com/breakfastwithsanta. Some tickets will be available at the door the day of the event. A very yummy breakfast and fun activities have been planned for all who attend. All proceeds from this event will be donated to our local first responders: Gilpin Volunteer Fire Department & Southern Armstrong Regional Police Department.



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

- Thursday, November 23
- Monday, November 27
- Thursday, December 14
- Friday, December 22
- Monday, December 25
- Friday, December 29
- Monday, January 1



NOVEMBER 2023

DATE/DAY/COLOR	USHERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
November 5 All Saints Sunday White	Carolyn Smith- Hickman & Lloyd Hickman	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>Sponsored by Barb Talmadge</i>
November 12 The 24 th Sunday after Pentecost Green	Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman	<i>OPEN</i>	In memory of HUGH AND BETTY STEVENSON. By: Tom and Dan Stevenson
November 19 The 25 th Sunday after Pentecost Green	Charles Klingensmith & Jean Stull	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>Sponsored by Barb Talmadge</i>
November 26 Christ the King White	Velma Knell & Larry Baudino	In memory of the Wedding Anniversary of HUGH & BETTY STEVENSON. By: Tom and Dan Stevenson	In memory of the Wedding Anniversary of Our Parents, HUGH & BETTY STEVENSON. By: Tom and Dan Stevenson



THE LEECHBURG AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will be hosting *Luminate Leechburg!* This event will take place on **November 25, 2023**, with the parade beginning at **6PM**. The parade route will be from First Street to Main Street, to Third Street and down Market Street. There will be a stop at the Leechburg Christmas tree so Santa can light it up! Cocoa Coffee House will be hosting letters and pictures with Santa. Leechburg Pizza Company will be holding a ribbon ornament making activity. The GRINCH will also be in town! Stop by Honey Bees to check him out!



THE 2024 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. Letters will be sent out in mid-December to see if anyone is interested in the remaining open dates. Thank you for your continued support of your Hebron church! Questions? Please call the church office.



DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 DECORATING HEBRON 9AM
3 WORSHIP 10:30AM	4	5 GLADE RUN TAGS & GIFTS DUE	6	7	8	9 LVFC CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW 3PM
10 WORSHIP 10:30AM	11	12	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 ABIDING MEMORIALS DUE	16
17 WORSHIP 10:30AM	18	19	20	21	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7PM	25 	26	27	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30
31 WORSHIP 10:30AM						

PLEASE NOTE that there will be no morning worship service on Sunday, December 24, 2023. Hebron's worship service will take place in the evening with a **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service beginning at 7PM.**



DECEMBER 2023

DATE/DAY/COLOR	USHERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
December 3 First Sunday of Advent Blue	Carolyn Smith- Hickman & Lloyd Hickman	<i>OPEN</i>	In honor of HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH. By: Charles Klingensmith
December 10 Second Sunday of Advent Blue	Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
December 17 Third Sunday of Advent Blue	Charles Klingensmith & Jean Stull	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
December 24 Nativity of Our Lord White	All Members of Council	<i>OPEN</i>	In memory of Her Mom, MARY CLAIRE HILEMAN , and Her Dad, ROBERT D. HILEMAN. By: Lori Hileman
December 31 First Sunday of Christmas White	<i>TBD</i>	<i>OPEN</i>	In memory of the December 29 th birthday of grandfather, great-grandfather, and great- great-grandfather, SILAS W. SMELTZER. By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers



**Remember
Our Homebound Members**

Dave Bash

P.O. Box 435, Leechburg, PA 15656

Teresa Brechbill

4218 Frederick Drive, Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Shirley Camp

341 Godfrey Road, Leechburg, PA 15656

Dave Klingensmith

308 Beale Avenue, Leechburg, PA 15656

Ralph Kilgore

204 Dolores Drive, Apollo, PA 15613

Emilio & Judy Perez

Concordia – 112 Marwood Road, Haven 1-APT 4341,
Cabot, PA 16023

Laura Ludwigsen

5071 Shearsburg Road, Leechburg, PA 15656

Paul Shaner

403 Pershing Drive, New Kensington, PA 15068

Helen Shaffer

1474 State Route 356, Leechburg, PA 15656

Lyda Jane Shuster

Concordia – 134 Marwood Road, Lund Building –
RM 2255, Cabot, PA 16023

Sandy & Kevin Silliman

102 Schall Lane, West Leechburg, PA 15656

Virginia Shaner

100 North Grant Avenue, APT 1F, Kittanning, PA
16201

Paul & Margie Sober

Concordia – 1871 Highpointe Lane, APT 1128, Allison
Park, PA 15101

Dorothy Sober

Concordia – 112 Marwood Road, Haven 1 – APT 4118,
Cabot, PA 16023

Lynn Stouffer

Concordia – 134 Marwood Road, Bachman Hall – RM
2043, Cabot, PA 16023



THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6PM**, in the Berean Room. There are seats available if you are interested in serving on council. If you have any questions, please contact a member of council!



THE LEECHBURG AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will be hosting a Train Show every Saturday, starting November 25, 2023, and concluding on December 23, 2023. The show will be located in the Leechburg Plaza, next to Sprankle's and China King, and run from 12PM – 4PM.

THE LVFC WILL BE HOSTING A CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW on December 9, and December 10, 2023, at the firehall – 268 Canal Street, Leechburg. The show will start at 9AM and finish at 3PM. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Melissa Aller by text at:724-332-9090 or email: allermelissa@comcast.net.



CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER:

November 5: Samuel and Saul; King David

November 19: A Split Kingdom; Exile and Return

These classes will be held at First Lutheran Church – 358 Main Street, Leechburg.

December 3: Prophets of Israel; Prophets of Judah

This class will be held at Hebron Lutheran Church.

December 17: Christmas Caroling at Pine View Nursing Home – CLASS WILL MEET AT THE NURSING HOME – 1113 Pine View Road, North Vandergrift.

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023

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**If you would like to be removed from our
mailing list, please call or email the church
office.**



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