

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Siblings in Christ,

Though the weather is still quite warm now, the cooling breezes of the fall are already beginning to make themselves felt on our periphery. It's hard to believe how quickly time keeps spinning on, but here we are, beginning a new school year, and a whole new year of catechism classes! Just like last year, Pastor Jim and I are going to teach rotating classes at the various churches that participate, but unlike last year, we are dropping our zoom option this year in favor of in-person class. We found that zoom, while necessary in the initial stage of the pandemic, was not as effective in building the relationships between the young people who participate in class. We will continue also to add fun and exciting activities into our curriculum, so that it's not just a matter of coming to hear Pastor Jim and myself prattle on and on about Jesus. We'll keep incorporating games into our classes, as well as snacks/meals, so that we get a good balance of intentional learning, and intentional socializing and fun.

Perhaps it's just because I come from a family of teachers, but there's something about the fall and the return of the school year that always brings me a sense of joy and anticipation. It's not that our learning ever stops as children of God, but to rededicate ourselves to learning is something very deep and connected to our experience of God's Holy Wisdom, which the scriptures name *Sophia*. Wisdom is of course, different than knowledge- it's less about content and more about quality. To me, God's wisdom is present when we are open to understanding something in a new way- when we bring a posture of interest and curiosity to our lives and our work. This is especially important for young people to experience because it increases confidence and patience, which both make learning and growing that much more successful and fun. Without frequent and consistent positive learning experiences both at school and at home- which requires a supportive and loving environment- the struggles that children face can feel overwhelming and even paralyzing. I'm sure all of us can remember a moment in our lives when we felt underprepared for a test or a quiz and felt that we had fallen short. God's wisdom reminds us that when we make mistakes, God forgives us and encourages us to try again and ask for help.

Because we are made in God's image we can learn, change, and grow like no other creatures on earth. Other creatures can learn and grow too- but no other creature has the innate capacity to learn and grow to the same extent as human beings. We are miraculous because we have the super-power of learning at our fingertips- and it's God's wisdom that guides us and empowers us to grow in our learning.

Wisdom also reminds us that we can never fully complete our understanding- we can't know everything because we're not God! Wisdom encourages us to expand our minds while reminding us of the humility of our finite human experiences. Wisdom always points us back to the mystery of God's presence in our world- in our worship and communion, in our vocation to serve others and the world, and in our sacred relationships with one another. May we all be reminded of the presence of *Sophia* in our hearts.

In Christ's Peace,
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
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

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.



PLEASE NOTE that Pastor Ryan will be on vacation from Monday, September 5, 2022, until Thursday, September 15, 2022. If you have any pastoral care emergencies during this time, please contact Pastor Eric Damon. He can be reached at 724-708-4142. Worship on Sunday, September 11, 2022, will begin at 8:30AM, and will be led by Pam Augustine.



THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL MEETING THIS SEPTEMBER. A quick huddle will be held before church service on Sunday, September 18, 2022, if needed. If you are interested in joining council or have questions about the process, please contact Pastor Ryan, Nathan Boarts, or Barb Talmadge. There will be **4 OPEN** seats on council for the 2023 year.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday school. If you are interested or have questions, please see Nancy Fondrk or Charles Klingensmith.



IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP AND/OR PICK UP YOUR ALTAR FLOWERS, please make arrangements for the flowers to be picked up the following Monday during office hours. If you are unable to drive or would like to have them given to someone else, please call the church office the week before. We will help get your flowers to you!

THE CARNIVAL IS COMING TO TOWN! The Leechburg Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting a carnival with rides, food, and quarter bingo! It will be held from Tuesday, September 20, 2022, until Saturday, September 24, 2022, beginning at 6PM and closing at 10PM. The event will be held in the parking lot at 268 Canal Street.



Celebrating Birthdays in September!

1	Lloyd Hickman
1	Sean McCracken
3	Bill Sweitzer
7	Bonnie Hinderliter
8	Polly Bish
10	Chelsae Hickman
10	Anne Sorisio
13	Barbara Manifest
14	Helen Shaffer
16	Caroline Simon
20	John Sorisio
24	Rhonda Boarts
27	Dave Fello
28	Sandy Baudino
29	Sandy Grantz



Celebrating Anniversaries in September!

2	Jack & Nancy Erwin	55 th
6	David & Dianne Klingensmith	42 nd
8	Clay & Pam Sorisio	43 rd
8	Keith & Jackie Kepple	22 nd
12	John & Paula Moore	35 th
15	Nathan & Kasey Boarts	15 th
21	James & Tracy Frank	37 th
22	Charles & Ashley Rogers	10 th
28	David & Mary Ann Fello	37 th

THE SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER IS IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM JOHN AND BETTY JANE BOLLINGER. GIVEN BY: David and Denise Bollinger, Lindsey Brown and grandchildren, Charlotte and Addison Brown.



PINK DAY 2022 WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022. Like the many years before we will have a booth set up with baked goods, donating all profits back to Pink Day's final donation to breast cancer research. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with Pink Day. There are many ways to help! If you can volunteer your time on Saturday, please let Nathan Boarts know as soon as possible. We need multiple people to help set up the booth, sit throughout the day and help sell, and then take down everything at the end of the day. You do not have to sit all day! If you want to come help for an hour or two, we would love that! Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

If you cannot be there on Saturday, no worries! Hebron needs those wonderful baked goods to sell. If you are interested in baking cookies, brownies, or any type of treat, contact Barb Talmadge! Please let her know what you are making so that we have an idea of the variety of goods we will have. We are asking that all baked goods be dropped off to the church office by **12PM on Friday, September 16, 2022.**

We are also asking for donations of baking supplies. Volunteers will be baking at the church a few days before Pink Day, and we are in need of some simple baking necessities:

- All Purpose Flour
- Sugar
- Unsalted Butter
- Pure Vanilla Extract
- Eggs
- Mini Marshmallows
- Oreos
- Pretzel Rods
- Vegetable Oil
- Plain M&Ms
- Rice Krispie Cereal
- Powdered Sugar
- Corn Chex Cereal

Please drop off any of the above listed donations to the church office by **Friday, September 9, 2022.** Monetary donations can also be made. Please place in a separate envelope labeled "PINK DAY BAKING" and place in the weekly offering or send in to the church office. Please call the church office if you have any questions! Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

THE 7-UPS

1. **WAKE UP** – Decide to have a good day. “This is the day the Lord hath made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)
2. **DRESS UP** – The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your appearance. “The Lord does not look at the things man does. Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)
3. **SHUT UP** – Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. “He who guards his lips, guards his soul.” (Proverbs 13:3); “Gossip betrays confidence, avoid men who talk too much.” (Proverbs 10:19); “Listen to advice, accept instruction, and in the end, you will be wise.” (Proverbs 19:20)
4. **STAND UP** – for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. “Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good.” (Galatians 6:9-10)
5. **LOOK UP** – To the Lord. “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13)
6. **REACH UP** – For something higher. As Jiminy Cricket sings, “High Hopes,” Always try to better yourself.
7. **LIFT UP** – Your prayers. “Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.” (Philippians 4:6)

Serving with you,
Barb Talmadge

AUGUST 2022 COUNCIL MEETING NOTES:

FINANCE:

- Monies transferred from savings to checking
- Postponing \$3,000 camera bid until after finance meeting/new budget discussed
- Hebron will be receiving several endowments over the next months; finance meeting scheduled to also discuss where monies must be distributed to

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

- Continued discussing need for Sunday school teachers

PROPERTY:

- Bolts need purchased to fix lighting outside
- Offers have been made to pay for outside railing on 2nd Street
- Sump pump by the kitchen failed; a new kit was ordered and replaced

WORSHIP/MUSIC:

- Hymns picked until the end of September

PERSONNEL:

- Gregg LeMay will fill-in as organist for August and September
- Will publish open organist position; accepting resumes until September 1 and then will decide path depending on applicants



CONFIRMATION CLASS IS BEGINNING AGAIN! Classes 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. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Ryan. The September classes and location are listed below:

September 11, 2022: Introduction to the Course/Getting to Know You – *Parents are encouraged to attend.*

Readings: Matthew 16:13-20; Luke 4:18-19; Romans 3:21-26; Ephesians 2:8-9

September 25, 2022: Martin Luther and Reformation/Introduction to the Commandments

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; John 15:8-17; Joel 2:12-14; Exodus 3:13-15, 32:1-20; Leviticus 25:1-12; Isaiah 43:1-17

Both classes will be held at: Forks-Zion Church – 253 Forks Church Road, Leechburg, PA.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring

people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. Seminars will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church – 358 Main Street, Leechburg, PA – from 6PM – 8PM. GriefShare will begin Monday, September 12, and continue weekly on Mondays, until December 5, 2022. If you would like more information, please visit: www.servinggodgracefully.net/griefshare.



**LEECHBURG BLUE DEVILS!
COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL STUDENTS AT THE FOOTBALL GAMES THIS FALL.**

VARSITY:

- September 3, 2022 @ 12:30PM:*
vs. Summit Academy (A)
- September 9, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Bentworth HS (H-National Guard Day)
- September 16, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Springdale (H-Elementary Night)
- September 23, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Clairton HS (A)
- September 30, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Frazier HS (H)
- October 7, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Jeannette (A)
- October 14, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Riverview HS (H-Homecoming)
- October 21, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Shenango HS (H-Senior Recognition)
- October 28, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Greensburg Central Catholic (A)

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- September 14, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Apollo-Ridge (H)
- September 21, 2022 @ 3PM:*
vs. Shady Side Academy (A)
- September 28, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Springdale (H)
- October 5, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Valley (H)
- October 12, 2022 @ 3:45PM:*
vs. Riverview Middle School (A)
- October 19, 2022 @ 4PM:*
vs. Deer Lakes Middle School (A)



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. The office will open Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 9AM.



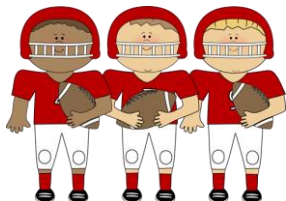
**KISKI CAVALIERS!
COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
STUDENTS AT THE FOOTBALL GAMES THIS
FALL.**

VARSITY:

- September 2, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Pine-Richland High School (H)
- September 9, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Laurel Highlands HS (A)
- September 16, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Hampton HS (H)
- September 23, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. North Catholic HS (A)
- September 30, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Indiana Area HS (H)
- October 7, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Mars HS (A)
- October 14, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Highlands (H)
- October 21, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Fox Chapel HS (H)
- October 28, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Armstrong Jr/Sr HS (A)

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- September 1, 2022 @ 4PM:*
vs. Mars (H)
- September 7, 2022 @ 3:45PM:*
vs. Fox Chapel (A)
- September 8, 2022 @ 4PM:*
vs. Cannon-McMillan HS (H)
- September 15, 2022 @ 4PM:*
vs. Highlands (H)
- September 21, 2022 @ 7PM:*
vs. Butler HS (A)
- September 28, 2022 @ 5:45PM:*
vs. North Allegheny (A)
- October 6, 2022 @ 4PM:*
vs. Pine-Richland HS (H)
- October 12, 2022 @ 3:45PM:*
vs. Hampton HS (A)
- October 20, 2022 @ 4PM:*
vs. Plum HS (H)



ST. PAUL'S HIGHFIELD WILL BE HOSTING A FALL FESTIVAL!! This event will take place on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 10AM to 4PM. Food will be available for eat-in or take-out. There will also be a rummage sale, vendors, music, homemade items, and a basket raffle! Proceeds benefit the Community Outreach fund.



Looking ahead to the next few months and the activities that come with them:

OCTOBER:

- Harvest Home & Fellowship breakfast
- Food Bank Donations

NOVEMBER:

- All Saints Sunday
- Congregational Meeting for budget/new council members
- Poinsettia orders for Christmas Eve

LOOKING FOR HAY RIDES AND CORN MAZES THIS FALL? Check out Renshaw Family Farm Pumpkin Fest! The 14th Annual Pumpkin Fest will be held September 24 & 25, and every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October. It will be open from 11AM until 6PM and admission is \$7/person, with 3 and under free. CASH ONLY. Admission includes: hayrides, corn pit, corn maze, bounce pillow, giant rope spider web, animal park, 9 hole mini golf, and so much more! The farm is located at 314 Ford City Road, Freeport, PA 16229.





IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW that we mourn the passing of our beloved organist, Bob Danka. Bob passed into the hands of God on August 3, 2022.

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Jerry Bish. Jerry passed into the hands of God on July 31, 2022.



SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 WORSHIP 8:30AM	5 OFFICE CLOSED Pastor Ryan on vacation	6	7	8	9 Baking donations due to the church office by 12PM	10
11 WORSHIP 8:30AM Led by Pam Augustine	12	13	14	15	16 Baked goods due to the church office by 12PM	17 PINK DAY! 
*Happy Grandparents Day!						
18 WORSHIP 8:30AM	19	20 Leechburg Carnival	21	22 	23	24
25 WORSHIP 8:30AM	26	27	28	29	30	



SEPTEMBER 2022

DATE/DAY/COLOR	USHERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
<p style="text-align: center;">September 4 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paula Henry & Tiffany Smietana- Lysell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In memory of OUR PARENTS. By: Ralph Kilgore</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In memory of WILBERT D. HILEMAN. By: His Daughters and Their Families</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 11 The 14th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charles Klingensmith & Jean Stull</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In memory of HOWARD & DONNA CAMP and MELVIN & LAVERNA SMAIL. By: Shirley Camp</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In memory of HOWARD & DONNA CAMP and MELVIN & LAVERNA SMAIL. By: Shirley Camp</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 18 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In honor of the September 16 birthday of My Granddaughter, CAROLINE SIMON, and the October 4 birthday of My Granddaughter, EMILIA SIMON. By: Nancy Fondrk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In memory of Our Parents: JESS, WILLIAM, VIRGINIA, and RUTH. By: Dave and Pat McCracken</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 25 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marty Bash & Charlie Stull</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In honor of the 10th Wedding Anniversary of CHARLIE & ASHLEY ROGERS – who were married at Hebron on September 22, 2012. By: Chelsae, Kenley, Karsyn, Mom and Dad</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In honor of HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH. By: Charles Klingensmith</p>

REMEMBER THE HOMEBOUND:

Dave Bash

107 Skyview Drive, Sarver, PA 16055

Thresea Brechbill

4218 Frederick Drive, Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Shirley Camp

341 Godfrey Road, Leechburg, PA 15656

Delores Freilino

414 Third Street, Leechburg, PA 15656

Majorie Henry

826 Evergreen Road, Leechburg, PA 15656

Bonnie Hinderliter

Concordia - 148 Marwood Road
Haven 2 – RM 1231, Cabot, PA 16023

Mildred Hoch

Concordia - 615 North Pike Road
Oertal RM 102, Cabot, PA 16023

Ralph Kilgore

204 Dolores Drive, Apollo, PA 15613

Dave Klingensmith

308 Beale Avenue, Leechburg, PA 15656

Laura Ludwigsen

5071 Shearsburg Road, Leechburg PA 15656

Emilio & Judy Perez

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

Helen Shaffer

1474 State Route 356, Leechburg, PA 15656

Paul & Mary Gene Shaner

403 Pershing Drive, New Kensington, PA 15068

Virginia Shaner

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

Lyda Jane Shuster

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

Sandy & Kevin Silliman

102 Schall Lane, West Leechburg, PA 15656

Dorothy Sober

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

Paul & Margie Sober

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

Lynn Stouffer

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

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OUR CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS:

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

2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Nathan Boarts	Barb Talmadge
Paula Henry	Charles Klingensmith
Nancy Fondrk	Marty Bash
Sean McCracken	

HEBRON'S MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

<u>Christian Education:</u>	Nancy Fondrk Charles Klingensmith
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<u>Outreach:</u>	Barb Talmadge Paula Henry
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<u>Finance/Stewardship:</u>	Martha Bash Nathan Boarts
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<u>Property:</u>	Sean McCracken Martha Bash
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<u>Worship & Music:</u>	Paula Henry Barb Talmadge
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<u>Personnel/Mutual Ministry:</u>	Nathan Boarts Barb Talmadge
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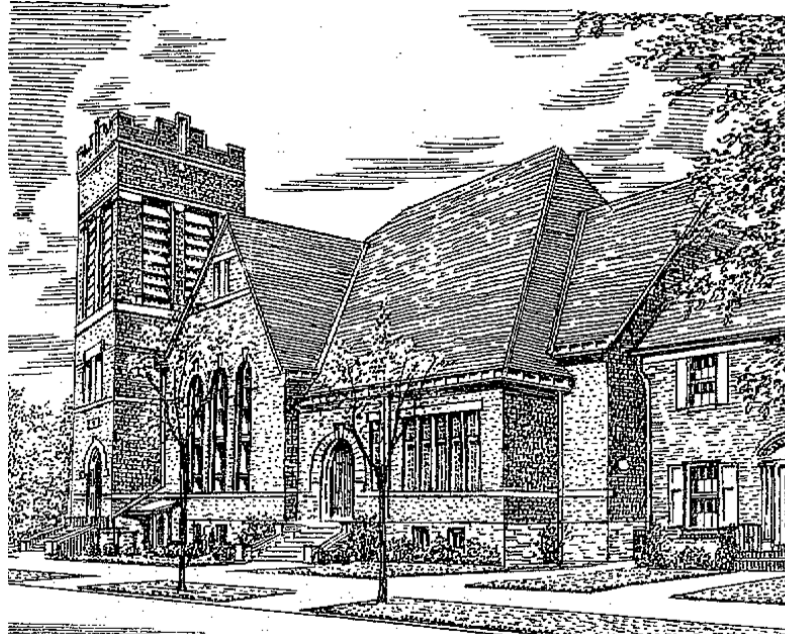
<u>Joint Council:</u>	Nancy Fondrk, Joint Council President Velma Knell Pauline Bish
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