

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason,

Happy New Year! It is interesting to me that we celebrate the start of something new each January. Many set goals or resolutions during this time. Maybe it's to get into better shape or to start learning something new. In many ways we look at each New Year as a chance to put the failings of our past behind us and look forward to a fresh start. The book of Revelation shares a vision of just this kind of newness when Jesus comes again. Revelation 21:5 states: "And he who sat upon the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'"

This statement comes during John's description of the new heaven and new earth that are brought about by Jesus, the Alpha and Omega. However, this isn't simply a personal goal to get into better shape, but a renewing of the entire cosmos! While much of Revelation is difficult to understand, this section is crystal clear! There will be a time when the world will be set right again and completely renewed. All that is broken will be wiped away and only what is good, right, and loving will remain. This is the promise of the Gospel.

So maybe we who call ourselves Christians could set another kind of goal along with our pledges to improve our fitness or learn something new. Perhaps we should renew our motivation to live out the hope of this new creation now. How do we do this? It is easy say and hard to accomplish (much like joining a gym vs. actually going!). To put it in the words of Jesus, we simply try to do a better job of 'loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.' Because in the end, when Christ comes to make all things new, the only things that will truly last are those things that reflect God's love in the world. Might this be all our New Year's resolution.

God Bless,
Jason



Congregational Meeting: January 22nd

Please note that the Hebron session has called for our next Congregational meeting to take place on January 22nd following the 11am service. This meeting will include year end reports from our committees. We hope you will attend.

Hebron Book Club Forming!

JoAnn Cox, Robbie Shoup and Edi Davidson are planning to start a book club at Hebron. Meetings will initially be every other month. There will be a sign up in the back of the church to find out who else might be interested and when people would be available to meet.

Thanks to those who made our
Christmas brighter!

Our church was decorated for Christmas with some lovely quilts made by Nan Butler, with the Christmas tree put up by Brian McCullough, with a nativity set donated by Brian McCullough, and with our poinsettias. Our Christmas Eve service had special music with a string quartet recruited by Nate Persutti, as well as a lovely anthem by Hebron's choir. Christmas at Hebron looked beautiful and sounded beautiful!!



Thank You!

Thanks to those who helped remove the organ from the sanctuary and freeing up that space for our Christmas Eve service! Your Hard work is much appreciated!



December Game Night:

Game night was cancelled due to rampant illness in December, but we plan our next one for January 21 at 6:30 pm in Hebron's social hall. Bring your favorite games and a snack to share—just take the leftovers home with you! We have a range of ages participating in this activity. At our most recent game night the youngest was 5 and the oldest 94.



**The Stories in Hebron's
Stained Glass Windows**

Hebron has 11 stainless windows surrounding our sanctuary that we see each Sunday but may not pay much attention to. In each of these windows is an image formed in stained glass that tells a story. Some images may have more than one story and that story may differ from person to person.

This month's window is: The Seven Seals of Judgement. From Revelations 6: "As I watched, the Lamb broke the first of the seven seals on the Scroll." The seven symbols shown are the seven seals that secure the scroll that John of Patmos saw in an apocalyptic vision. Revelations 5-8 reveal the opening of the seals and the second coming of Christ.

**Luncheon with Financial Analyst at Hebron:
January 15, 2023**

Hebron has invited a financial analyst to speak to us after church on January 12, 2023. Patricia Rogus, First Vice President, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management will worship with us that Sunday, be our guest for lunch, and then discuss investing in today's market. She will also answer any questions we may have. Pat is known to many of us because she has managed Hebron's investments for many years. The Church will provide the main meat course others are asked to sign up to bring sides or deserts. Sign up is on the table in the back of the sanctuary

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