

# Hebron Happenings

## A Note from Jason,

March is upon us and despite what Punxsutawney Phil says the season of Spring officially begins on March 20th. We might not always think of March as the beginning of Spring (more as the last month of winter) and yet with our having such a mild winter we are already starting to see signs of Spring sprouting up. This is what is so exciting about Spring – signs of new life rising from the dormancy and ‘death’ of winter.



The Bible often uses agricultural metaphors for describing the life of faith and life in the Kingdom of God. Prominent among these metaphors is the concept of new life springing forth from seeds in the ground. In fact, in the Gospel of John chapter 12 Jesus discussing his own death states: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds” (John 12:23, 24). Jesus compares his death and resurrection to the planting of a seed. Once planted it springs forth to new life and then produces an abundant harvest which produces even more seeds that when planted produce even more and so goes the exponential growth of God’s kingdom!

So, as we progress through this season of Lent towards Holy week when we remember our Lord’s life, death and resurrection – might we also notice the exponential growth of new life springing forth from the ground all around us. And might

this new growth remind us of this spiritual reality - that this exponential growth of the Kingdom of God continues to this day. As Christ’s kingdom seed continues to be ‘planted’ in each of our hearts and we rise to new life in him producing a bountiful harvest.

God Bless,  
Jason

### Lenten Study

**We continue to have our Lenten study on Sunday nights at 6pm during Lent.** (concluding on March 26th). Each Sunday we will meet at 6pm in the fellowship Hall and work through a study by Max Lucado entitled: “He Chose the Nails.” Meals will not be provided but you are welcome to bring your own with you. We hope you will join us!

### Church Directory

Just a reminder, your information for the new Hebron Church Directory is due by March 31, 2023. We want to make sure all are included and believe an up to date directory will help us stay connected. Please speak to Mike Litvak for more information.

### Hospitality has a sign up list.

We hope that you can bring something to nibble on, maybe a healthy choice too (like fruit), and stay there to greet people. It’s not possible for everyone to spend time greeting people down there, since they are busy also doing something else, but please come in a little early and spend some time talking to your Hebron family members.

## Hebron Gives a Helping Hand...

### To the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake near the Turkey-Syria border struck in the early hours of February 6, 2023. This earthquake is estimated to affect more than 23 million



people. Hebron has responded to this crisis by sending \$1,500.00 through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is helping to meet immediate

needs in Turkey and Syria by distributing winterization items (blankets, mattresses), food items and medicines. This agency works alongside communities as they recover from disasters.



### To local women seeking shelter at the Women's Center of Beaver County.

Hebron has made a contribution of needed material items like paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, and Clorox wipes and ten \$25 Walmart gift cards to the women and their families.

### Did You Know...

Did you know Hebron dedicates 10% of each week's offering to missions? That means YOU sustain this commitment to missions though your generous giving.

10%

Thank you.

### Upcoming in Missions



Beginning Sunday, March 5th, 2023 through Palm

Sunday, April 2nd you will

have the opportunity to give to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in need throughout the world.

### March Game Night:

TBD. 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.



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

Hebron has 11 stained glass 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 Cup.' In Luke 22:42-44 Jesus cries out: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup of suffering from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Then the angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. Jesus was both fully God and fully man. He truly suffered to give us the gift of eternal life.

### Hebron Book Club

The first meeting of Hebron's book club will be on Friday, March 10 at 12:30. You are invited to bring a bag lunch and join us at Hebron. We will be discussing our first book "Inside the O'Brien's" by Lisa Genova.

We plan to start by meeting every other month. It is not possible to pick one regular meeting date that will suit everyone, so we may alternate morning and evening, weekday and weekend times so more individuals can participate.

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