

# Hebron Happenings

## A Note from Jason

Resurrection is an interesting concept. Of course, we celebrate Jesus's resurrection each year during the Easter season but before we get there, we do the hard work of repentance during lent and walk with Jesus through Holy Week ending at the cross on Good Friday. That is the difficult truth hidden in the hope of the resurrection – for someone to be resurrected they first must die. This was true for Jesus, and it will most likely be true for us.



The cycle of the seasons reminds of this reality – at least in areas like ours that have different seasons! Each fall and winter we witness leaves and plants seemingly dying only to be resurrected in full bloom come spring (just look at some of the beautiful bulletin pictures we have had submitted). This cycle helps remind us that God has built the reality of resurrection into the fabric of creation.

The apostle Paul points us toward this reality in 1 Corinthians 15: *“What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each*

*kind of seed he gives its own body... So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.”*

Paul reminds us, while our current ‘perishable’ bodies might be hard to work with at times and may even feel like they are failing us, there will be another body that is imperishable in the resurrection! A body of glory and power as he puts it. I think this is especially pertinent as we look at the news and have experienced so much death over the past several years. So, this spring as we watch new life rise from the dead all around us might it remind us of the promise of Holy Week and Easter Sunday – that “what you sow does not come to life unless it dies” – and give thanks to our gracious God for this resurrection hope.

God Bless,  
Jason

### April Special Worship Services and Events:

- April 10th—Palm Sunday luncheon sponsored by the Deacons following the 11am service
- April 14th—7pm Joint Maundy Thursday Service with Clinton Presbyterian Church at Clinton UP.
- April 17th—7am Easter Sunrise Service at the Pavilion with continental breakfast to follow. 11am Easter worship in the Sanctuary
- April 23rd—Game night 6:30-9pm—bring your own games or play those provided. Children are welcome it will be a fun time for all ages!

### Mission Matters! Hebron's mission initiatives update

Hebron gives \$1,500 to **Pittsburgh's Brother's Brother Foundation for relief for Ukrainian refugees.**

Hebron's Mission Committee recently voted to donate \$1,500 to the North Side based Brother's Brother Foundation, which is currently working with partners on the ground to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and to assist displaced refugees in surrounding countries. At this time, working with Ukrainian relief organizations, the response is focused on supporting mobile medical units and preparing to launch additional emergency medical teams. In addition to expanding existing programs in Ukraine, Brother's Brother efforts include assessing opportunities to respond to the refugee crisis at the borders of Poland and Romania. Areas of potential activities include providing non-food items, such as hygiene kits, blankets and other critical items for refugees at special reception centers. (Information about Brother's Brother Foundation comes from WPXI News Staff, 2/20/22.)



After refugees from Ukraine arrived at the Polish-Ukrainian border crossing in Medyka, they waited for a place in one of the buses that will take them to large sites or collective shelters. (Photo by Frank Schultze of ACT Alliance)

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 10th, 2022. A percentage of this offering is funneled to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and among other humanitarian efforts, uses its funds for



emergency humanitarian aid to Ukrainian refugees for food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, and other hygiene items. You can donate to this effort by collecting change in the Fish Banks or using the One Great Hour of Sharing donation envelopes, both of which are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

**During the Month of May** there will be a special collection to help the refugees from Ukraine. Details will follow at a later date.

**June, July, and August** you will have an opportunity to make donations for Hebron to purchase a Water Well for a community in a third world country that does not have access to clean water close to home. A well provides a reliable and convenient source of clean water for drinking, bathing, washing and irrigation for those living in areas without access.

#### Do you have a special photograph?

Hebron is planning a "share your photo dinner" after church in the near future. This photo can be a special vacation, a group of five generations, a distant relative, a historical photo, a wild buffalo, or just about any thing that interests you that you would like to share with others. The event is not yet on the schedule so you have time to locate and decide which photograph you would like to showcase.

#### Did You Know?

Did you know that Hebron Church is now on its third location? The first Hebron Church building was built on the Eaton land grant where Greg and Lenore Eaton now live. The second building was opposite the old cemetery on top the hill across Hebron road. But after the Civil War was over, a southern sympathizer burned the church down. The present building was established in 1869. We have quite a history but we are still making more each day!

**FLEA MARKET-** come on out and grab a spot to sell your wares! Spring clean those basements and barns and send on to new owners unneeded possessions! Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Event held by 8 Bays Learning Center & Sanctuary. See Michelle Wilson at 412-559-0989 for your 10 ft space—each \$10.

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