

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason,

There is a longstanding joke about Presbyterian churches and food – really about most churches and food: we like to eat! And we tend to do it well. But the reality is this isn't something we just enjoy but it is central to who we are as the church. Let me explain.

Have you ever noticed how often Jesus is eating with people? In fact, it often gets him into trouble because some of the religious leaders of his day thought he was eating with the wrong people – those who had poor reputations like prostitutes and tax collectors. But joining with people around the table was central to Jesus's teaching about the Kingdom of God – all are welcomed at Jesus's table. In fact, Jesus says in Luke 13:29: "People will come from east and west and north and south and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God." And it is at the table with his disciples that Jesus gives us one of the core practices of the church – the Lord's Supper. In this meal he reminds us that whenever we gather as the welcoming church, as Kingdom people, he is there with us, and we remember his presence and what he has done for us on the cross.



Coming together as the church and eating meals together is so central to the church that many of the first church theological debates centered around the importance of everyone in the church eating together. In 1 Corinthians 11 Paul chastises the wealthy in the Corinthian congregation for starting the church meal before the poor and slaves who were truly hungry could get there due to their work. Paul states that they are taking this communion in an unworthy manner by not waiting and including everyone – especially those in need!

Also, the entire early church controversy over whether Gentile converts to Christianity needed to be circumcised and follow the Kosher laws was about the ability to eat together in unity as one church. Of course, Paul and others fought for the truth that in Jesus all are one and able to join in table fellowship whether Jew or Gentile, male or female, slave or free!

So, on the second Sunday of August, we will be having our service outside at the pavilion and celebrating the Lord's Supper and then extending this celebration into our church picnic. What a wonderful witness this will be to the unity of the church as we gather around the table knowing that Jesus is with us – because it is his kingdom table. So why not invite a friend and join us, because in the kingdom all are welcome!

God Bless,
Jason



Hospitality

You can sign up to bring snacks for hospitality. Please also take any leftovers home with you!

Pavilion Worship and Church Picnic:

August 13th

We hope you will join us on the second Sunday of August for our worship at the Pavilion and our church picnic that will follow. The church will be providing drinks and a main dish and you are invited to bring a side, salad or dessert to share.

We will see you at the pavilion!

Findlay Township Fair Help.



Do you attend the Findlay Township Fair in the Woodlands? Do you like to see the churches in our area have booths to provide fair attendees information about their services? Do you feel

Hebron should participate in having a booth? If you answered YES to any of these questions, HEBRON NEEDS YOU! In order to have a booth, it takes volunteers and organization. If interested, please contact the church office or talk to Rev. Jason. The fair is August 18 & 19.

Hebron Book Club News



The Hebron Book Club participants recently enjoyed an afternoon guided tour of the Clayton Mansion on the grounds of the Frick in Pittsburgh. Clayton was the home of

the family of Henry Clay Frick from 1882 – 1905.

The Clayton is a meticulously preserved mansion showing the lifestyle of the wealthy Frick family during the Gilded Age time period. “Guided tours of Clayton immerse visitors in the year 1892, a critical year for our nation, Pittsburgh, and the Frick family. Considered to be the height of the Gilded Age, the early 1890’s brought the era’s extremes into stark relief— both the progress of technological advancements and economic growth, and the harsher realities of issues like wealth disparity, social unrest, and environmental degradation. Nowhere were these extremes more pronounced than in Pittsburgh— America’s industrial powerhouse and one of the era’s most influential cities. Tours of Clayton explore how these extremes affected the lives of everyone who lived in Pittsburgh at the time, though in dramatically different ways.” Carnegie’s Maid, the historical novel the book club had completed, took place during this same time period.



Square Dancing at Hebron’s Pavilion

Hebron is hosting a square dance on Friday night, September 8th from 6:30-8:30pm at Hebron’s Pavilion. The entire community is invited. Never square danced? No problem! The caller will teach you and the rest of the square will help you out. We hope you will join us!



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