



HEWITT HAPPENINGS DECEMBER 2020/ JANUARY 2021



Pastor's Message

Greetings Everyone,

*"When they saw
the star had
stopped, they were
overwhelmed
with joy."*

Matthew 2:10

December is a month of anticipation. We have come through Thanksgiving and immediately turn our eyes to Christmas. In that action, we make December a month of lists. Children make their wish list, adults make their shopping list, and many people have their "to do" list. Santa has his list too and he checks it at least twice. We are always afraid we are going to forget something on the list or we won't get everything done on the list or we lose the list.

One item that often gets left off of the list, is time with God. Through all of the planning, buying, anticipation, and worry about getting everything right, we forget the real focus for this month. It is Emmanuel, God with us! If we look to Him, all of the "list" stuff will fall into place.

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Have a blessed Christmas!

In His Service,
Bill

Please note that you may continue to mail your offerings to:

**Hewitt Presbyterian Church
1206 Crucible Road
Rice's Landing, PA 15357**

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Church services are now being held in the sanctuary. Until further notice all other church activities will be cancelled due to COVID-19 and the need for social distancing. The “Good News” of the church will not be silenced. Reverend Parker will continue to record his sermons and upload them onto YouTube (www.YouTube.com) and Facebook so that you may listen to them from your homes on Sunday mornings. If utilizing YouTube you will need to search www.YouTube.com for Hewitt PC or Pastor Bill Parker on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM. If using Facebook you will need an account and friend request Bill Parker. Also, an Evening Meditation will be given by Rev. Parker @ 8:00 PM, Monday thru Friday on Facebook and YouTube. We will rely on God to help us through these uncertain and stressful times.

If you should need anything, please call the church office at 724-592-6111 during office hours. Call Amy Ankrom @ (412)720-6939 or Bill Ankrom @ (412)370-3827 for things such as rides, groceries or computer assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEWITT CHURCH FAMILY and FRIENDS

Erica Bastilone	Gene Franks	Maggie Miller
Mary Bayard	John Green	Jim Minor
Peggy Behm	David Hall	Joann Morrow
Glen Bistlina	Glenn Hall	Sabrina Murrall
Kenneth Breakiron	Hayden Jack	Carly Orris
Marge Breakiron	Bob Kelly	John Ozohonish
Robert Bryan	Allison Kiger	Rev. Bill Parker
Dorothy Burwell	John Krajnak	Lucianna Rach
Travis Burwell	Linda Krajnak	Marhea Ruzanic
Carol Christen	Keith Krause	Addy Shaffer
Abby Cipoletti	Jill Kubasik	Colby Simkovic
Joey Cipoletti	Marilee Lanxner	Patty Simkovic
Shelby Clark	John Laskosky	Pat Snyder
Kim Cottle	Jackie Lindeman	Tom Spishock
A.J. Curler	Marlene Link	Gary Stevenson
Loretta DiBiase	Mary Ann Mauck	Doug Suhoski
Betty Dick	Shawn Mayle Family	Patty Vincent
Bob English	Ruth McCollum	Patricia Yeager
Linda Enstrom Fetig	Marjorie McKnight	Heather Zuccoolotto
		Bebeka Church

REMINDER—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING PACKETS DUE

Please begin preparing your reports for the annual congregational meeting which will be held in the month of January. A date has yet to be determined for the meeting. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS—Continued**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather please tune in to KDKA (1020 AM/TV2/kdka.com) or WANB (1210 AM/105.1 FM) for information on Sunday morning worship or other church event/meeting cancellations. Please use your best judgment when traveling during inclement weather.

**HEWITT CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

PLEASE let the church office know if there have been any changes in your address, phone number, email, etc. since last year. We would like to have the 2021 directory as accurate as possible. Also, please include any birthday or wedding anniversary updates. You can call the church office at 724-592-6111, e-mail hewittpc@windstream.net or mail to Hewitt Presbyterian Church, 1206 Crucible Road, Rice's Landing, Pa 15357 with new information. Thank you for your cooperation!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

GREENE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
918 Rolling Meadows Road, Waynesburg
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
VIRTUAL TOURS ON FACEBOOK
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AND 6



Videos of trees, trains, circus display, music, Santa, old-fashioned Christmas in Log Cabin; door prize and opportunities on trees (virtual bidding) and other items.



HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN

LOVE IN A BASKET

Love In a Basket is a mission outreach project of the Presbyterian Women of Laboratory Presbyterian Church, Washington, PA. This project distributes baskets filled with baby supplies and other items to new, unwed mothers, or other new mothers who lack significant family or other support systems.

This mission is based on the fact that we are all God's children and that God loves each one of us. We hope these baskets filled with care and love can convey that God loves each one of us very much. Most of all someone is praying for them.

We receive referrals for baskets from local churches, community members and all distributions are confidential.

Items included:

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| *Medium or large baskets | *Small plastic baby bottles |
| *Baby blankets/quilts | *Sleepers/Onesies |
| *Receiving blankets | T-shirts |
| *Diaper Wipes | *Outfits (0-3 months or 0-6 months) |
| *Baby Shampoo, soap/lotion | *Socks/boots |
| *Baby Towels/Wash cloths | Hats |
| *Baby Comb/Brush set | *Books |
| *Pacifiers | *Rattles/toys |

We also include a gift for the mother:

Body lotion/Body spray
Shampoo/other toiletries
Picture frame/parenting magazine
Socks/One size slippers



These gifts do not have to be wrapped. Please put them in a small bag and place under the tree in the sanctuary.

HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN—CONTINUED

SESSION, MISSION & EVANGELISM

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE

If you would like to order a poinsettia please pick up an order forms located at both church entrances. The cost per poinsettia is \$7.00 which is due with the order form. The orders may be placed in offering plates or put in the “Secretary” mailbox. If you aren't attending “live” church services you may phone the office with your order.

724-592-6111

or mail to:

HEWITT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1206 Crucible Rd.

Rice's Landing, PA 15357.

**Prayer Concerns for December**

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39.

- Please pray for the country for a smooth and peaceful transition to the next administration.
- Pray that social justice issues in our country may be recognized and addressed as the needs of every person are met effectively and quickly.
- Pray that our nation will quickly come together. Even as we disagree on politics, let us agree to live as one united through our faith in God.
- Pray for all individuals and families who are affected by the coronavirus, either by becoming infected, loss of loved ones or loss of jobs and income.
- Pray for an end of the spreading of the Corona virus through social distancing, vaccines and effective medical treatment.

SESSION, MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Kuchariks on Campus

We have received a “letter” from Nate and Linsey as they work with students – especially foreign students – at Purdue University. This letter is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the Sanctuary.

They write: “Many of our students are still back in their home countries due to the virus, so we launched a virtual Bible study which meets in the early morning our time so that it would be more accessible to them. Through the Bible study, we’ve even been able to connect with a few new freshmen students in eastern Asia. We are trusting that as we remain faithful to do what we can, that God will continue to transform lives here at Purdue and around the world.”

Message of Hope – the Johngrass Family in Scotland

We completed our year of support for Mike and Sheri Johngrass as they work in Scotland. If you would like to continue your support for this ministry for another year, please contact Debbie Wilson or Virginia Wainwright. Sheri is Virginia’s niece. Your support would amount to \$10 per month or \$120 for the year. Last year we pledged \$100 per month. Several have already volunteered their support but we need 10 participants. Thank you for considering this mission.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

NEPAL

Population: 29,624,000

Christians: 1,225,000

Main Religion: Hinduism

“Most of the persecution of Christians in Nepal comes from Hindu radical groups. Christian converts from Hinduism are put under intense pressure for betraying the faith of their ancestors. At time, Hindu radicals take advantage of the ongoing political instability by attacking Christians – often with impunity. Churches where foreigners gather experience the least persecution, while converts and Protestant churches are under higher levels of pressure.”

Prayer points:

- Pray with converts from Hinduism...pray for their protection and discernment to know when and where to share their faith.
- Pray with Hindu Christians who face the ever-present threat of violence and attacks from Hindu radicals. Pray for safety and for them to sense God’s presence and love for them.

The Session authorized from the Community Outreach portion of the Church Budget gifts of \$500 to Jefferson-Morgan Food Pantry; Corner Cupboard Food Pantry; and Rices Landing VFD.

The following note was received from George Nutt, Coordinator, Jefferson-Morgan Food Pantry: “Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Jefferson-Morgan Food Pantry. It was greatly appreciated. Last month (October) we had a total of 96 families and we are expecting more in November. May God bless you and the members of the Hewitt Presbyterian Church.”

SESSION, MISSION AND EVANGELISM—CONTINUED

SHOEBOX REPORT

On Monday, November 16, Virginia Wainwright delivered 59 shoeboxes to the Church of the Nazarene, our local collection location.

Thank You.....

- * to all who prepared Shoeboxes.
- * to all who donated items for the shoeboxes that HCW prepared.
- * to all who donated toward the cost of mailing these Shoeboxes.

Pray for Samaritan's Purse as they prepare to distribute these Shoeboxes within the USA and around the world. Pray for those children who receive these Shoeboxes and the Gospel message that is included in each box.



J-M Food Pantry News

We must begin with a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the Hewitt congregation. Contributions were more generous this month than ever!! The baskets were overflowing! There were so many varieties of contributions that we want to share the types of foods that were donated: 14 boxes of cereal, 16 cans of soup, various cans of fruits and vegetables (including a variety of beans, yams, carrots, corn, beets, and pineapple), a variety of pastas, rice, packaged dip, several jars of peanut butter, jam, mustard and salad dressing, 4 quarts of boxed milk, a few cans of evaporated milk, 2 cans of Ensure, a box of banana bread mix and 4 cans of cookies. What a blessing you were to the Food Pantry for the month of November! Thank you for truly stepping up to help the needy in these troubled times.

As we have shared in the past, our Food Pantry has always donated turkeys and other items for a complete Thanksgiving dinner for each family we serve. However, we were unable to do that this year due to food shortages and not being able to purchase those items in such bulk quantities. To make up for that, each family was given a gift card to purchase the foods that they need. Therefore, they could choose to purchase a turkey and other Thanksgiving items or they could purchase items that are much needed by their families. In this way, those of you who have given monetary donations have also helped tremendously. A huge thank you goes out to you as well.

With the Christmas season approaching, we trust that you will continue to give freely from your hearts in the month of December. It is so greatly appreciated and certainly needed. Remember that even a generous amount of donations, although wonderful, must be distributed among approximately 100 families, so we can never feel that we have given too much. Equally important are your prayers for those in need, many in these times for the first time in their lives. If you know of anyone who may be in need but is hesitant to come to the Food Pantry, please advise them to contact George Nutt, the Coordinator. To quote a famous line we all know, "God bless us, Every one!"



**Feeding the
Community**

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Every Sunday</i> <i>11:00 Am</i> <i>Worship</i>		1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Second Sunday</i> <i>of Advent</i> <i>Deacons— meeting</i> <i>following worship</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Third Sunday of</i> <i>Advent</i>	14	15 <i>Session</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>6:30 PM</i>	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Fourth Sunday</i> <i>of Advent</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Day</i> <i>(Office</i> <i>closed)</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31		

December Birthdays

2 Carol Teegarden
 6 David Hall
 8 John Dickens
 15 Janet Cunningham
 15 Gwyneth Komula
 15 Richard Teegarden
 22 Susan Tretinik
 28 Marilee Lanxner
 29 Chelsey (Wilson) Conner
 30 Abigail Ankrom
 30 Doug Wilson



December Wedding Anniversaries

15 Mr. and Mrs. John Nedley



January 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Session Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January Birthdays

1 Nancy Reynolds	20 Brenda Ludrosky
4 Marilyn Curler	21 Amanda Yocco
6 Linda Beck	26 Cathy Brewer
7 Ryan Bates	27 Jane Cooley
7 Nicholas Teegarden	28 Chad Ludrosky
10 Matthew & Laci Myers	
18 Ellen Pahanish	

January Wedding Anniversaries

20 Mr. & Mrs. Allan Pahanish
23 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rizzo

HCW RECIPE OF THE MONTH
Submitted by: Carol Teegarden

TEXAS SHEET CAKE

2 sticks of Oleo

1 cup Water

4 TBSP. cocoa

Boil and remove from heat.

ADD: 2 cups flour, 2 cups sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt.

BEAT: 2 eggs, 1/2 pint (1 cup) sour cream and 1 teaspoon baking soda.

COMBINE all ingredients. Grease 15 x 10 cookie sheet, bake at 375 degrees 20 minutes. Let cool.

ICING:

1 stick of Oleo

2 TBSP. cocoa

2 TBSP. whole milk

Stir until it comes to a boil.



THEN ADD:

2 cups (powdered) Confectioners' Sugar

1 teaspoon Pure vanilla extract

TOP with 1 cup finely chopped nuts

A delicious slice of
Texas Sheet Cake!

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**Join us Sunday Mornings-
WORSHIP @ 11 AM
IN SANCTUARY**