

*"In everything do
to others as you
would have them
do to you; for this
is the law and the
prophets."
Matthew 7:12*

HEWITT HAPPENINGS SEPTEMBER 2021



Pastor's Message

Greetings,

September is the month of transition. Vacation-back to school, ending of summer-beginning of fall, baseball-football, short sleeve-long sleeve. It begins with a final outing on Labor Day weekend and ends with preparation for cooler fall temperatures. It is the normal cycle we go through every year. It is the same in the church. We will say goodbye to corn roasts and look toward choir resuming and fall programming. However, we are blessed that one thing remains the same. **God!** His love for us and His hand upon us is constant and unchanging no matter what season we are in. What a comfort that is in these very uncertain times. We will undoubtedly have challenges as we go forward, but rest assured, we are not alone.

Pastor Bill

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

CORN ROAST/PICNIC

The Hewitt Church Corn Roast/picnic was held on Sunday, August 15 in the church's lower parking lot at 4 PM. Due to the weather conditions of the day the picnic had to be moved inside to the Fellowship Hall. There were 31 people who attended this event. The fellowship and food was enjoyed as always! Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success!



Randy and Rachie
Teegarden
overseeing the
roasting pit.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Bayard
Peggy Behm
Tyra Braden
Kenneth Breakiron
Marge Breakiron
Carol Christen
Shelby Clark
A.J. Curler
Scott DeBerry
Loretta DiBiase
Rosemary Dittman

Donna Elliott
Don Elmore
Linda Enstrom Fetig
John Green
Glenn Hall
Hayden Jack
Bob Kelly
Allison Kiger
Marilee Lanxner
John Laskosky
Marlene Link

Mary Ann Mauck
Shawn Mayle Family
Maggie Miller
Jim Minor
Joann Morrow
Julie O'Mara
Carly Orris
Gary Stevenson
Doug Suhoski
Virginia Wainwright
Patricia Yeager
Bebekka Church

We would like to bring our Prayer List as up to date as possible.

Please let Amy at the church office know if someone has recovered from an illness so that their names can be removed with praise!

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

**Sympathy is extended to the family of
Ruth J. McCollum.**

Ruth died on Friday, August 27th at the age of 91.



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS—Continued

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Donny and Angel Jeffries Workman** who were married in the Sanctuary of Hewitt Church on Friday, August 13th, 2021.



Congratulations to **Don Wilson, Amy Wilson, Chelsey Wilson Conner, Lilly Conner and Keith Conner** on winning ribbons at the Greene County Fair for various items entered. **Great job!!**

CHOIR NEWS!

We will begin having choir again after this long hiatus caused by the pandemic. Those of you who are “regulars”, prepare yourself mentally to return to practice on **Wednesday, September 8 @ 7:00 PM.** (It is a habit.)

We want to recruit anyone who likes to sing to be a part of our group. You don't have to be a soloist or read music. That's what practice is all about—helping you learn the music! You would be most welcome.

Also, we need three new bell ringers. I'm sure all of the Hewitt ringers would recommend the bell choir. It is lots of fun and so satisfying when the music “comes together” correctly. Please talk to Mona if interested.

Remember: God loves a joyful noise!

HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN
Women’s Bible Study Meeting

A Women’s Bible Study
“Life Lessons from 1 Corinthians”
by Max Lucado will resume meeting on:

Mon., Sept. 20, 2021, 12:30 PM
@ the church.

We will start with **Lesson #7** where we left
off last spring.
Hope you will join us again!
Please contact **Ellen Pahanish** at
724-377-2012 |
f you wish to join or have any questions.

HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN MEETING
will take place following worship on
Sunday, September 12, 2021. Please
make an effort to attend as there will
be much to discuss and decide upon
concerning fall/winter events.

FALL GATHERING OF PRESBYTERY WOMEN
IN WASHINGTON PRESBYTERY:

Thursday, October 14, 2021
Church of the Covenant, Washington, PA
Registration: 9:00 AM
Meeting begins: 9:30 AM
Boxed Lunch—\$10
Reservations by Sept. 30 to Debbie Wilson

Hewitt Knit Whits

The Hewitt Knit Whits
delivered 40 hats on July 21st
to Washington Hospital’s Neo
Natal Unit.

Many thanks to
Debbie Reynolds,
Ginger Wainwright and
Marie Ozohonish for their
generosity and devotion to
this project.

Anyone who is interested in
joining this group is very
welcome. See or call Ellen
Pahanish for details. More
hats will be delivered in early
December in time for
Christmas.
Love in Christ,
Ellen Pahanish
(724)377-2012



SESSION, MISSION AND EVANGELISM

PRAYERS FOR AFGHANISTAN

From Open Doors as of Aug. 16, 2021: “Our field is closely monitoring the situation in Afghanistan and again is asking for urgent prayer for the country and the small group of secret believers there who follow Jesus in the country ranked No. 2 on Open Doors’ 2021 World Watch List. It’s a heartbreaking day for the citizens of Afghanistan and an even more dangerous time to be a Christian, says Brother Samuel, Open Doors Field Director for Asia. Samuel tells us that the vulnerability for secret believers in Afghanistan—our family—has increased tenfold.” Open Door, the voice for persecuted Christians, gives us 5 prayer points for Afghanistan:

1. Pray for an end to the violence and for God to give wisdom to the leaders and all those involved in peace negotiations.
2. Pray for the hungry.
3. Pray for the sick.
4. Pray for the displaced.
5. Pray for our fellow believers.

PRAYERS FOR HAITI following the earthquake in early August. Prayers for those in Samaritan’s Purse who are going to or are already in Haiti to offer help.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



FIRST DAY SCHOOL

The Session is considering having First Day School during the Worship Service. If you would be interested in helping out, please see Amy Wilson.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Amy Wilson and all those who helped her from the Session for the “**Grab Bag VBS**” which included a Christmas in July bag and a back to school bag for students and teachers.

2021-2022 PW/HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

What My Grandmother's Taught Me.

Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

By Merryl Blair

Lesson Two

Tamar

“...Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar...”

Main Idea

Tamar's story takes us into the world of a powerless but resourceful outsider. Tamar's actions will be a strong lesson for the patriarch, Judah, and will contribute to the continuation of the family line that leads to David and, ultimately, to Jesus.

Scripture:

Genesis 38

Opening Prayer:

Creating and loving God, as we read your Word together, may we allow it to read us. As we enter into your story, may we understand our own stories with more clarity and wisdom.

Help us to remember that you have always worked through the lives of ordinary women and men, with all their faults and failings--people like us.

We bring our ordinary lives before you today. Transform our expectations, so that as we study stories of the past, we may be open to your extraordinary future. Amen

Introduction

Tamar's story is a tale about sexual transgressions. Tamar is a powerless woman from a foreign territory who uses her sexuality for the survival of her family. As we read this story, can we find compassion for women who are abused, lonely or lack power and choice in their own lives.

The Story

Judah married a Canaanite woman and they had three sons. Er, Onan, and Shelah. Judah “takes a wife...” for the oldest son Er. Er “was wicked in the sight of the Lord and the Lord put him to death.” (Gen. 38:7). The custom at that time was that if a husband died without children, it was the duty of the brother to marry the widow to provide children so there would be offspring for the dead man. This also insured the widow would not be destitute and unprotected. Onan knew the children would not be his so he “spilled his seed” on the ground. This made God angry so God put Onan to death also.

Judah tells Tamar to go to live with her father until the younger son is old enough to marry. Judah is afraid that it is the foreign woman who has caused the deaths of his two sons (Genesis 38:9-11). Tamar is sent to her father's house as a widow, while she officially belongs to Judah.

Later Judah's wife dies and he completes his period of mourning. Judah goes to Timnah to check on his sheep business with his friend Hirah. Tamar has also learned that Shelah has grown up, but Judah has not sent for her.

Tamar is tired of waiting and decides to take action herself. She changes her mourning clothes, she covers her face with a veil and wraps herself up to hide her identity. When Tamar was Judah's daughter-in-law, she was invisible to him. He wrongly assumed she caused the deaths of his sons and sent her out of his sight as he was ignoring her rights as a widow. Now he involuntarily fulfills his duty to her and to his deceased son. Judah does not recognize her as his daughter-in-law and gives his seal, cord, and staff which are symbols of his patriarchy and he head of his family to this person that he believes is a prostitute.

Judah later learns that his daughter-in-law has "played the whore". Now he remembers his duties as head of the house and demands the honor price, death by burning. As Tamar is brought out to be burned, she sends the cord, seal, and staff to Judah with a message. "It was the owner of these who made me pregnant"

Judah recognizes that Tamar has taken action to ensure Judah's own family will continue and makes the statement "She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah."

Reading Tamar's story, we learn that worldly power is not absolute; that God's promises can be fulfilled through the most unexpected people, in surprising ways; and that those the world considers worthy of contempt can show us God's grace, if we only have eyes to see.

Prayer

God, courage is such a difficult word. We so often find it easier to remain within the safety of others' expectations rather than dare to challenge, even when we know that injustice is all around us. Help us to have Tamar's courage and insight to see the wider vision of justice for all. Help us to dare to change whatever keeps us bound and silent, so that we may stand with our bound, silenced sisters and brothers and allow your vision and promise to move toward fulfillment. Amen.

You can order this Bible Study online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop

**For more information about the in-home study contact Virginia Wainwright @ 724-317-6685.
The study begins at Ginger's home on Tuesday, September 21 @ 7 PM.**

RADA ORDERS



We are taking orders from the RADA catalog. You can order *cutlery, helpful utensils, kitchen gadgets, seasonings, marinades, cheeseballs, party dips, soups and cookbooks.* *Hewitt Church cookbooks* are also still available for purchase.

Please see Rachie Teegarden or Debbie Wilson if interested.



J-M Food Pantry News

**JEFFERSON-MORGAN FOOD
PANTRY**

Isaiah 58:10 If you give some of your own food to [feed] those who are hungry and to satisfy [the needs of] those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.

We just want to thank everyone in the congregation who, for the last two months donated money and food to the Jefferson-Morgan Food Pantry. It's always a humbling and fulfilling emotion when there's money in the jars and food in the baskets every month. Here are the totals for July and August:

July:

- \$57 monetary donations
- 2 boxes of cereal
- 1 bag of muffin mix
- 4 boxes of rice
- 1 bag of Tootsie Pops
- 2 bags of crackers
- 3 cans of pasta
- 4 boxes of noodles
- 4 cans of corn
- 4 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of sweet peas

August:

- \$60 monetary donations
- 12 bags of noodles
- 2 cans of mixed vegetables
- 1 jar of peanut butter
- 1 can of oatmeal
- 4 boxes of cereal
- 4 cans of beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 1 bottle of pizza sauce
- 10 cans of hot cocoa mix.

And once again, 100 percent of the money and food received goes directly to the Jefferson Food Bank. We collect and transport the food every third Sunday of the month. We know that money can sometimes be tight and it's always tough to remember to bring food in on Sundays, but we urge everyone to help in any way they can with the Food Bank. The Food Bank still donates to over 100 families every month.

The Food of the Month for September is Canned Fruit. And like with any month, any non-perishable food items are accepted. Some popular items that are always welcome are boxes of cereal, peanut butter, Jell-O mix, candy for kids and boxes of Mac & Cheese.

If anyone has any questions or suggestions for the Jefferson Food Bank, please do not hesitate to contact a Deacon.

Thank you and God bless!!

Respectfully submitted,

Hewitt Board of Deacons



Thank You

"Thank you for your gift to the Jefferson-Morgan Food Pantry. It was greatly appreciated and will be used wisely. The people have been picking up their food by driving by the back of the (Jefferson Baptist) Church in their cars and we take the food out to them. We find it is better this way and it saves them from standing in line. Again, thank you and God bless all of you. George Nutt, Coordinator."

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Worship</u> Every Sunday @ 11:00 AM			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8 <u>Choir</u> <u>Practice</u> Every Wed. @ 7 PM.	9	10	11
12 HCW Meeting after worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Women's Bible Study Resumes 12:30 PM @ church	21 Bible Study at Ginger Wainwright's 7:00 PM Session Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Allan Pahanish
- 3 Kara Parker
- 6 Cassie Teegarden
- 9 Cole Tretinik
- 16 Joan Brichetti
- 20 Rev. Don Wilson
- 25 Cory Tretinik
- 30 Eric Cottle



SEPTEMBER Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Mr. and Mrs. Pete Reynolds
- 9 Mr. and Mrs. John Dickens
- 10 Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Teegarden
- 16 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kubasik
- 21 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jeffries



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SEPTEMBER 2021 HEWITT HAPPENINGS



Join us Sunday Mornings-
WORSHIP @ 11 AM
IN SANCTUARY