

## HEWITT HAPPENINGS MARCH 2022

Pastor's Message

#### Greetings,

This year March ushers in the season of Lent. March 2 is Ash Wednesday and we will begin our journey of reflection and analysis of our walk of faith. I always look forward to the season of Lent for that very reason. I never want to take my faith or God's presence for granted. Actually, I never want to take anything for granted. If we do, we may very likely drift away from loved ones, friends, organizations and even God. It is easy to go through the motions of Lent like giving something up or attending special services.

However, a serious evaluation of our faith requires a great deal more, most importantly time. We need to be honest about how much time we are actually spending in prayer, the Word, and yes, even alone time with God. I believe it is in the silent times when we can do the most reflection and take inventory of our spiritual disciplines. I pray that this year's Lenten journey will provide each of you an opportunity to draw nearer to God. If you do, He will draw nearer to you.

#### **Pastor Bill**

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#### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

#### **UPDATED ADDRESSES**

Christian and Emily Wilson along with their son Flynn now reside at:

Elinor Hoyle now resides with her daughter at:

200 Cumberland Avenue Masontown, PA 15461

810 East Church Street Masontown, Pa 15461

#### PRAYER CONCERNS—HEWITT FAMILY & FRIENDS

Conor Asplund
Mary Bayard
Peggy Behm
Kenneth Breakiron
Marge Breakiron
Carol Christen
Shelby Clark
A.J. Curler
Loretta DiBiase
Rosemary Dittman
Linda Enstrom Fetig
Fred Gaggani
John Green
Glenn Hall
Hayden Jack

Bob Kelly
Allison Kiger
The Lanxner Family
John Laskosky
Mary Ann Mauck
Maggie Miller
Joann Morrow
Cathy Murral
Julie O'Mara
Carly Orris
Terry Pyles
Gary Stevenson
Doug Suhoski
\*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!

A Free Event!

## He's Alive! A Musical Passion Play

Palm Sunday Weekend—2022 April 8 & 9 7:30 PM April 10 3:30 PM

Capitol Theatre, 1015 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

For more information:

(304)233-4470 (304)232-6122 (724)883-2241 Heavenboundministriesinc.org

#### **HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN**

Café Chocolat "where women delight in God's grace"

A Women's Spiritual Retreat sponsored by Presbyterian Women of Synod of the Trinity-Northwest region.

Come join us on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at:

Friendship Community Center Rt. 108 Slippery Rock, PA

Registration begins at 8:30 AM Sessions 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Cost is \$45.00 which includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and materials.

All ladies from Beaver-Butler, Shenango, Kiskiminetas and Lake Erie Presbyteries are invited. Please invite sisters in faith to join this event. We will be the only group in the facility and we can practice safe protocols. Come be enriched and enjoy chocolate.

	IcElhinny, 510 Courtney Mill Road, v, PA 16127						
Name	Phone Number						
Address:	E-mail						
Registration deadline is <u>May 1, 2022</u>	Checks payable to <u>PW Snyod of</u>						

(Contact Ginger Wainwright at 724-317-6685(cell) if you plan to attend or have questions.)

#### **HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN**

#### **WOMENS BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Bible Study "The Word Lives" will begin a new study on March 21, 2022, 12:30 PM at the church. Max Lucado's "Life Lessons from Genesis" will be the focus of study. Please let Ellen Pahanish or Mona English know if you plan to attend. Books for the study will be ordered in February. Ellen can be reached at 724-377-2012.



#### **HEWITT KNIT WHITS**

The Hewitt Knit Whits plan to deliver more infant hats on April 1. Please contact Ellen Pahanish @ (724)377-2012 for more information.



#### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

## **Taco Pie**

#### Ingredients:

1 8 oz pkg. refrigerated crescent rolls 1 pound ground beef

1 (1 oz) pkg. taco seasoning 8 oz. shredded Mexican-style Cheese blend

### **Optional toppings:**

Sour cream
Shredded lettuce
Diced tomatoes
Green Onions
Avocado
Black Olives



#### **Directions**:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Cover round or square cake pan with the crescent dough flat on the bottom. Bake according to package directions.
- 3. While crust is baking in the oven, heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook beef until no longer pink. Add the taco seasoning and combine. When crust is done baking, add beef to the crust and layer with cheese. Return to oven and bake for another 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.
- 4. Top with toppings of your choice! ENJOY!!

SUBMITTED BY: DEBBIE WILSON

# SESSION, MISSION AND EVANGELISM PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Afghanistan remains the #1 country for persecution of Christians. A note from Lindy Lowry, Managing editor of Open Doors, USA, reports that "recently had the rare opportunity to speak with a believer who was forced to flee his home in Afghanistan. He said, 'I want every American to know: There is love of Jesus working Afghanistan.' But he didn't mince words about the danger that Afghan followers of Jesus are facing: '(Christians) are the first

target for Taliban. If they find out about you, it's like a death warrant.'

Pray for Christian refugees who have left everything they know and are struggling to rebuild their lives. Pray that God will be everclose to Afghan believers both inside and outside the country."



#### Thank You

"On behalf of our Board of Directors, Rev. Bob Hedges and his staff, and most especially our brothers and sisters in Christian recovery who benefit from your generosity, I extend deep thanks for your recent gift to Resurrection Power of \$300 (from Hewitt Church Women) on December 29, 2021. Your donation is making the impossible possible in His name! Because of you, Resurrection power is moving faithfully forward....

- We moved our administrative offices into the New Hope City Center. This will give us greater access to help those in active addiction and recovery.
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- We are implementing a volunteer program to allow our community to interact and love our residents.
- We are continuing to pray and plan for our fifth and sixth house projects."

Keep Resurrection Power - Hope for Addiction - in your prayers. Blessings, Sarah Angelo, Ministry Advancement Manager

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### **NURSERY**

The Nursery is now available for Children ages 1-6 during worship.



#### **OLDER CHILDREN**

For the older kids, we will be trying to have an activity (craft type) for them to take home each month until April. These (take home bags) will be activities and Bible lessons. available for them to pick up at each entrance to the Church.

(See Amy Wilson for more information or if you have auestions.)

#### **BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN**

Also available each Sunday are Children's Worship bulletins. Please check each entrance for them. These bulletins contain

There are two different bulletins for two different age groups. (ages 3+ and ages 7+)



## What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Bathsheba, Lesson 7 Learning from Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair

#### Main Idea:

Mary is a young girl who is in danger of complete disgrace but has the courage to say "Yes!" to God. She meets difficulties with thoughtfulness and steadfastness.

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-2:23

## **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 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:

Mary is the final name in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. Instead of the customary naming of Joseph as the father, Joseph is called the husband of Mary. Mary does not have a speaking role, yet something important is being proclaimed here.

## The Story:

Matthew tells the story of Mary straight forward and factual. This lesson brings out some of the details that are more subtle regarding old testament laws. Joseph is described as a righteous man and behaves through mercy. An angel of the Lord speaks to Joseph in a dream and calls him, "Joseph, son of David." Son of David recognizes Joseph's place in the genealogy of Jesus. "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife..." Matthew tells us that this fulfills the prophecy given to King Ahaz in Isaiah 7:14, 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel."

Mary has been spared shaming and she will be honored by bearing the savior (Yeshua in Hebrew, Jesus in Greek) longawaited by God's people. This child has not been conceived in sin but will save the people from their sins.

The story continues in Matthew 2 and we read how Mary, Joseph and the child who was born to be our savior have become refugees, fleeing to Egypt where the Israelites once were in bondage there. We read about Herod's slaughter of children and are reminded of the horror and grief of those mothers.

Are there stories in the news currently that might parallel the horror and grief these mothers have experienced?

Eventually Herod is dead and this little family returns and settles in Nazareth.

In the end of the lesson we are reminded that family is not based on blood relationships but on obedience to God.

## Prayer:

Creating God, whose spirit moves to bring life in the midst of barrenness, find me when, like Mary, I am vulnerable and uncertain. Say the words of angels to me, "Do not be afraid!" Help me find ways to be family to the lonely and outcast even as I accept the compassion offered to me unexpectedly. When I face uncertain times, let me look back through history to the strong mothers and fathers who have gone before me, so that I may see my own place in your never-ending story of salvation. Amen

This study can be ordered online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge your flesh, but through love serve one another.

As the cold months of the winter are hopefully behind us, the folks at the Jefferson-Morgan Food Pantry are just as busy distributing foods to families in the community. The leadership and the total organization of the Food Pantry is still the same as in previous years and they are eager to continue to serve the community!!

#### **February donations:**

2 bags of tuna 10 bags of hot cocoa mix 2 bags of smart milk 2 cans of beans 10 cans of pasta 5 containers of applesauce 1 can of peas 4 cans of corn 3 cans of green beans 1 box of shells 1 box of hot chocolate mix 2 cans of tomatoes 1 jar of peanut butter 5 boxes of noodles 2 boxes of cookies 2 containers of oatmeal 1 container of coffee mix 1 box of raisin bran 2 boxes of cake mix 1 can of blueberry pie filling 1 box of jello mix.

Once again, 100 percent of the money and food received goes directly to the food pantry!!!

We collect and transport the food the Sunday before the third
Wednesday of every month. Also, please make sure all of your donated food is not expired! If the food is expired, then the food bank will not be able to take it.

We know that money can sometimes be tight and it's always tough to remember to bring food in on Sundays, but we urged everyone to help in any way they can. The baskets to donate the food and the jars for the monetary donations are at both entrances of the sanctuary.

The Deacons are currently working on a more well-rounded list of foods to donate instead of the food schedule we have used in previous years. We are hoping to complete that in the coming weeks. But like with any month, any non-perishable food items are welcomed at any time!

If anyone has any questions about the Food Bank, please do not hesitate to ask a Deacon. Thank you and God bless!!

Respectfully submitted,

**Hewitt Board of Deacons** 



## DONALD P. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee would like to announce that applications are now available for the Donald P. Wilson Scholarship. This Scholarship will be awarded directly to those enrolled in a college or technical school.

For more information, including criteria and application, please contact Amy at the church office or Cassie Teegarden at 724-809-4038 or e-mail cassiebryan03@gmail.com.

The deadline to apply is APRIL 10, 2022 PLEASE DON'T HESITATE— APPLY SOON!!



#### **DARTBALL NEWS**

With four weeks (three games) left of the regular season of the Greene County Church Dartball League, Team Hewitt is playing their best Dartball down the stretch run!! As of Feb. 19, our record is 35-19-3 (130 points) and we are in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the 17-team league. We are 11-3-1 in the last five weeks!!

As a team, we have a total batting average of .260 with a total slugging percentage of .510. Altogether as a team, we have hit 274 singles, 48 doubles, 149 triples and 54 home runs.

In our Week 18 matchup against Crabapple Community on Jan. 31, we set a team

record for runs in a single game with 15 runs. The previous record set by our team was 13 runs in a single game in the 2018-19 season.

#### Here are our past results:

Week 17 (1/24) vs. Crosspoint Assembly of God 4-1 win, 8-6 win, 8-3 win

Week 18 (1/31) at Crabapple Community 4-3 loss, 8-2 win, 15-2 win

Week 19 (2/7) vs. Waynesburg Baptist #2 7-2 win, 4-1 win, 5-0 loss

Week 16 Makeup (2/10) vs. Carmichaels Methodist #2 5-3 win, 4-2 win, 4-0 loss

Week 20 (2/14) vs. Oak View Methodist 5-3 win, 1-0 win, 3-3 tie

And here is our upcoming schedule:

Week 21 (2/21) vs. Jefferson Baptist #2

Week 22 (2/28) vs. Waynesburg Nazarene

Week 23 (3/7) at Waynesburg Baptist #1

Week 24 (3/14) Off Week

## March 21 is the First Round of the Playoffs!!!



## MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Every Sunday 11:00 AM		<u>1</u>	2 Ash Wednesday 7 PM Service	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
6 1st Sunday in Lent	<u>Z</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Bells- 6 PM Choir—7 PM Every Wednesday	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
13 2nd Sunday in Lent (Daylight Saving Time Begins)	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	17 Garden Club 6 PM	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
20 3rd Sunday in Lent	21 Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
27 4th Sunday in Lent	<u>28</u>					

## **MARCH 2022**

#### **Birthdays**

- 2 Amy Weinschenker
- 3 Christian Wilson
- 8 Virginia Wainwright
- 14 Tom Teegarden
- 22 Adam Brewer
- 23 Mike Brewer
- 23 Mona English
- 30 Diana Jeffries



#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Doug Wilson (Amy)
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. John Laskosky (Donna)
- 23 Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Donald Wilson (Debbie)
- 31 Mr. & Mrs. Robert English (Mona)



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## MARCH 2022 HEWITT HAPPENINGS

Ash Wednesday Service March 2, 2022 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday

— Lent Begins

Join us Sunday Mornings-WORSHIP @ 11 AM