

HEWITT HAPPENINGS DECEMBER 2021/ JANUARY 2022

Pastor's Message

Greetings,

December for the young is a time of excitement and anticipation. They can't wait for Christmas and Santa to arrive. However, for many adults it doesn't hold that same magic. With all that has gone on in the last year, it may be a time that holds painful memories such as loss of work, illness, passing of loved ones, and financial hardship. That is why it is so important for us to see and embrace the true meaning of Christmas. It is about Emmanuel, God with us. This month of celebration is not about gifts and lights, trees, parades or anything else. It is about God with us, in good times and bad. A God who is there to comfort us, forgive us, and renew us. A God who gives strength and peace for every single day. If we realize the real meaning of the season, I believe we can regain some of the excitement and anticipation we had in our younger days. I pray that all of you have a blessed and happy Christmas.

Blessings, Rev. Bill Parker

Verse of the Month

*"Let the heavens be
glad, and let the earth
rejoice"*
Psal'm 96:11

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

HEWITT CHURCH **INFORMATION UPDATE**

Hewitt Church is in the process of updating Church Directory information for 2022. If you have had any changes in your contact information in 2021 please provide us with that information (name, address, phone numbers, e-mail

address). There are forms located at both church entrances. If you are unable to attend worship and pick up the form, you may call Amy Weinschenker at the church office (724)592-6111 and give her the information.

**DUE BY DEC. 12—THANK YOU
FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!**

PRAYER CONCERNS—HEWITT FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mary Bayard
Peggy Behm
Kenneth Breakiron
Marge Breakiron
Eck Buratti
Carol Christen
Shelby Clark
Bill Comer
A.J. Curler
Scott DeBerry
Loretta DiBiase
Rosemary Dittman
Linda Enstrom Fetig
Fred Gaggani
John Green
Glenn Hall

Hayden Jack
Bob Kelly
Allison Kiger
Marilee Lanxner
John Laskosky
Mary Ann Mauck
Maggie Miller
Joann Morrow
Cathy Murrall
Julie O'Mara
Carly Orris
Terry Pyles
Gary Stevenson
Doug Suhoski
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!**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**There will be a
Congregational Meeting held
on Sun., Dec. 12,
immediately following
worship. This purpose of this
meeting is to elect
Elders, Deacons and other
church officers.**



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
cancellations. Please use your
best judgment when traveling
during inclement weather.**

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS—CONTINUED

Sympathy Extended

The congregation of Hewitt Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy to the family of Tricia Silbaugh. Tricia's husband Steve died suddenly on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.



THANK YOUS

Thank you to all who helped to decorate the Church and Sanctuary for Christmas. Special thanks to those who volunteered (or were volunteered) for the Hanging of the Christmas Greens Service.

“Dear Hewitt Church Women”, Thank you so very much for allowing me the opportunity to share about Mission from Mars with your congregation. The Thank Offering Service was just beautiful! Everyone was so very warm and welcoming, too. I could not have felt more cared for. Thank you for the generous donation too. It will be used to bless others for sure! Many thanks to
Rev. Parker, Mona,
Virginia, Diana, Amy and so many more. It was beautiful to see God at work in you all! In His Love, Jennifer Zebo”

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, Dec. 12 during worship followed by a Congregational Meeting to elect officers for 2022.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE GREENE COUNTY MUSEUM

918 Rolling Meadows Road,
Waynesburg

SAT., DEC. 4 and SUN., DEC. 5
3-7 PM

Trains, trees, live music, Santa, auction “baskets”.
Access Greene County Historical Society
Facebook page to bid on trees and ornaments.

HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN

WOMEN'S ADVENT BRUNCH

Saturday, December 4, 2021

10:30 AM

HARTLEY INN, CARMICHAELS

Hewitt Church Women have been planning their annual Advent Brunch. This year it will be held in Carmichaels at the Hartley Inn. We will be seated in the large room to the right which will afford some privacy.

The Chef has given us three options for brunch each at the price of \$10 (includes tip and tax)

We'll have a game or two and end with a carol and enjoy lots of loving friendships.

Looking forward to a joyous Christmas!

***Chef's Special** (2 pancakes, 2 eggs and 2 strips bacon)

***Light Lunch** (Chicken Salad Sandwich with choice of soup: Potato, Chicken Noodle or Chili)

***Hearty Lunch** (Stuffed Pepper and mashed potatoes)

Please contact Mona English at 724-592-6929 with your food choice. Payment due at the restaurant.

**Reservations
are due to
Mona English
by Wednesday,
Dec. 1**

**Thank you and
hope to see
you there!!**



POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you would like to order a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve please send this order form along with payment to: Amy Weinschenker at the church office. **ORDERS DUE BY**

DECEMBER 5, 2021.

Name _____

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

The cost of each flower is \$7.00 and your payment is due with your order.

No of poinsettias: _____

Amount Due: _____

HEWITT KNIT WHITS

The "Knit Whits" of Hewitt Church will deliver baby hats to Washington Hospital the first week of December.

**Thanks to all who have
contributed to this
project!
Ellen Pahanish**

SESSION, MISSION AND EVANGELISM

WANT TO HELP SUPPORT AN ONGOING MISSION PROJECT?

We have supported the Johngrass Family as they work on Church planting and prison ministry in Scotland. It seems strange to send missionaries to Scotland where the Presbyterian Church began but they have found a need there. We would like to continue this mission project. To do so, we need to raise \$100 per month for 2022- that would be maybe YOU donating \$10 per month for 12 months. Interested?? See or call Debbie Wilson, 724-852-6417. Several have already expressed their interest. This money is sent through Hewitt Church Women.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of Hewitt Church,

We are celebrating your church's generosity in and for the Presbytery's Unified Mission Giving Program. Thank you so very much for this tangible display of our connectedness! We value being connected in Christ (Eph. 4:15-16) and in His Mission (Matthew 28:19-20), and are truly grateful for your contribution to our cause.

**Yours In Christ,
Craig Kephart
"for the Presbytery"**

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Please continue to pray for Persecuted Christians throughout the world. They are counting on you to remember them.

For additional information on Persecuted Christians go to the Open Doors website:
usa@mail-opendoorsusa.org

MISSION FROM MARS PROJECT IN JANUARY, 2022

**Please contact Amy Ankrom for more
Information. More info. in bulletins.
Amy- Home (724)592-5240
Amy - Cell (412)720-6939**

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 available for them to pick up at each entrance to the Church.

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

BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN

Also available each Sunday are Children's Worship bulletins. Please check each entrance for them. There are two different bulletins for two different age groups. (ages 3+ and ages 7+)

We hope all have a wonderful holiday season!



What My Grandmothers Taught Me

Learning from Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair

Lesson 5

Ruth and Redemption

Main Idea

Ruth and Naomi, who started out empty and bereft, are filled and redeemed through the honesty and care they show one another. The foreign daughter-in-law is praised for her faithfulness and, in the end, Ruth is shown to be the main reason King David's family line can continue.

Scripture: Ruth 3-4

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

Ruth and Naomi have returned to Bethlehem. They have found relief from the famine and family connection, yet they still feel the loss of family and they do not know what their future will bring. This lesson introduces us to the idea of a "redeemer." We are made aware of a deeper understanding of the gift of a "redeemer." We are asked to think about the word redeemer- what this means to each of us at this moment?

The Story Continues

Naomi is able to turn from her grief and loss and look forward with the assets she has: wisdom, experience and a new family contact that might be useful. Naomi has a plan and she tells Ruth to wait until the end of harvest and gives her instructions to seduce Boaz as he is sleeping on the threshing floor. Ruth does as Naomi has told her. When Boaz becomes aware of Ruth's presence, he asks, "Who are you?" Ruth introduces herself as "your servant." When Boaz hears that it is Ruth, he praises her loyalty, he recognizes the merits of Ruth's character and understands that her actions fulfill the responsibilities of her dead husband. Ruth names herself "servant." Boaz renames her as "worthy wife."

Boaz informs Ruth there is a closer kinsman to her husband's family than he, Boaz tells her he will talk to the other kinsman. He then urges Ruth to get some sleep and she will be able to leave before dawn without being seen. Before Ruth leaves, Boaz fills her cloak with grain as a symbol and promise of the fullness to come. When Ruth returns home, she tells Naomi all that has happened. Naomi is confident of a good outcome.

Boaz meets the kinsman at the city gate and informs him of a plot of land belonging to Naomi's husband that is available for purchase. The kinsman is eager to enlarge his own holdings. When he finds out that Ruth the Moabite comes with the land, he declines the offer. The lesson discusses the legal code from Deuteronomy 25:5-10 levirate law. Boaz publicly announces that he takes responsibility for both Ruth and Naomi

The witnesses sing a song of praise and blessing in verses 11-12 to Ruth. Praying that she may produce children "like Rachel and Leah, who together built the House of Israel..." Ruth has been accepted into the house of Israel, and is no longer considered as a Moabite foreigner who is barely tolerated.

In the final paragraph, we are informed that "Ruth's is a story of a journey: from home, to a foreign country, back to home; from famine to fullness; from emptiness into community; from prejudice into openness; and from hopelessness into possibility."

PRAYER

God of the outsider, let me stand with Ruth when I sense my own difference or that of another. Help me to see through the closed shutters of preconceived ideas, or of my own hopelessness, to the small kindnesses of strangers. When I am stuck in my small world, let Ruth bring me to a wider space where I can see the worth of every person. Most of all, let me never underestimate the power of ordinary goodness, and let me live this in every ordinary moment. AMEN.

(This Study can be ordered online at www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop)

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Proverbs 14:31 “Whoever oppresses the poor insults his maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors him.”

Proverbs 21:13 “Whoever shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will call and not be answered.”

With the holiday season around the corner, the fine folks at the Jefferson-Morgan Food Pantry will once again be busy for the month of December.

We want to thank the congregation for the donations we received last month as it was greatly appreciated!!

For the month of November we received \$50 in monetary donations. Also, the following food items were donated:

- 7 boxes noodles, 3 bags noodles
- 2 cans tomato sauce
- 3 boxes Jell-O
- 4 boxes Chicken Stuffing
- 1 can sweet peas
- 1 can salmon
- 1 can corn
- 1 can cream of mushroom
- 1 box cake mix, 1 can frosting
- 1 can fruit cocktail
- 1 can pineapples
- 1 jar Italian sauce
- 1 container oatmeal
- 2 cans pasta

Once again, 100 % of the money and food received goes directly to the Jefferson-Morgan Food Bank. We collect and transport the food **every third Sunday of the month.**

Please be sure your donated food is NOT EXPIRED! The Food Bank will not accept it.

We know that money can sometimes be tight and it isn't always easy to remember to bring food in on Sundays, but we urge everyone to help in any way they can with the Food Bank. The baskets to place the donated food items in is located at both church entrances. The glass jars for monetary donations are also at both entrances.

I had the opportunity this month to help out with the food distribution at Jefferson-Baptist on Nov. 17. The five hours were busy and throughout the whole experience I was really happy to see the organization and the communication of helpers. It takes a lot of work and those folks do a great job for the community. **If you are ever interested in volunteering at the Food Bank on the third Wednesday of the month, please contact a Deacon!**

December Food: Canned Soup
January Food: Boxed Hot Chocolate & Hot Cereal

(Any non-perishable food items are welcome!)

If anyone should have any questions or suggestions regarding the Jefferson Morgan Food Bank, please do not hesitate to ask a Deacon. Thank you and God bless!

Hewitt Board of Deacons

SAVE A STAMP!
BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS
CARDS TO CHURCH!

The Hewitt Board of Deacons will be trying something new this Christmas season as we are encouraging the congregation to save money and instead of buying stamps for your Christmas Cards, just bring your cards to church during the first three Sundays of December with no postage required!

We will have a table in the back of the sanctuary with names of members of our congregation labeled on the table so that you can leave your Christmas cards for them. The congregation can begin to bring their Christmas cards on Sunday, December 5. The final Sunday to bring them in will be Sunday, December 19.

Any time between Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 feel free to see if you have a Christmas card by your name. You are encouraged to pick the cards up at your convenience. On the final Sunday, Dec. 19, we will deliver cards to those who have not picked theirs up.



Please be mindful to only drop off Christmas Cards to those who attend church regularly and live in the local area. There will be a list provided in the back of the sanctuary of the members who attend church regularly and live locally.

If anyone has any questions about our Christmas Card Exchange, please contact a Deacon. Thank you to the congregation for all of their support and Merry Christmas!!



DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Every Sunday 11:00 AM		Bible Study @ Ginger Wainwright's home 7:00 PM on Tuesdays	1 Bells- 6 PM Choir-7 PM Every Wednesday	2	3	4 Advent Brunch HCW 10:30 AM Hartley Inn
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Cantata Congregational Meeting following worship	13	14	15	16 Garden Club meets @ 10:00 AM	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

DECEMBER Birthdays

2 Carol Teegarden
6 David Hall
8 John Dickens
15 Kaleb Workman
15 Richard Teegarden
22 Susan Tretinik
23 Alexis Teegarden
28 Marilee Lanxner
29 Chelsey Wilson
30 Abigail Ankrom
30 Doug Wilson

DECEMBER Wedding Anniversaries

15 Mr. and Mrs. John Nedley



JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Worship</u> Every Sunday 11:00 AM		<u>Bible Study</u> <u>@ Ginger</u> <u>Wainwright's</u> <u>home</u> 7:00 PM	<u>Bells- 6 PM</u> <u>Choir—7 PM</u> Every Wednesday			<i>1</i> New Year's Day
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Garden Club</i> <i>Meets 10 AM</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>					

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 Marilyn Curler
 6 Linda Beck
 7 Ryan Bates
 8 Nicholas Teegarden
 10 Laci Myers
 11 Mathew Ludrosky
 18 Ellen Pahanish
 20 Brenda Ludrosky
 21 Amanda Yocco
 26 Cathy Brewer
 27 Jane Cooley
 28 Chad Ludrosky

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVESARIES

20 Mr. and Mrs. Allan Pahanish
 (Ellen)
 23 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rizzo
 (Johnsie)

HEWITT CHURCH DARTBALL NEWS

As we enter our bye week on Nov. 22, the Hewitt Dartball Team remains in second place in the 17-team Greene County Church Dartball League with an overall record of 17-9-1 (62 points, three points shy of first place.)

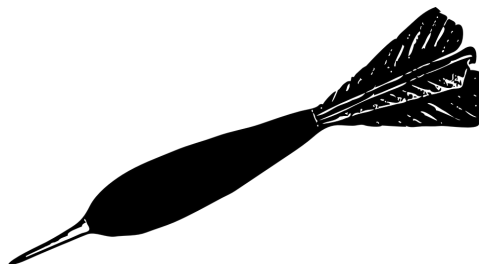
As a team, we have a batting average of .23 (228/935) with a team slugging of .479 (449/935). As a team we have racked in 119 singles, 25 doubles, 54 triples and 30 home runs. We have also scored a total of 92 runs so far this season.

Here are our past results:

Week 6 (10/25)	at Carmichaels Methodist #1	(1-0 loss, 1-0 win, 7-3 loss)
Week 7 (11/1)	vs. Waynesburg Baptist #1	(5-2 win, 4-2 loss, 4-0 loss)
Week 8 (11/8)	vs. Jefferson Baptist #1	(7-6 loss, 3-2 loss, 9-3 loss)
Week 9 (11/15)	at Jefferson Methodist	(4-3 win, 1-0 win, 9-3 loss)
Week 10 (11/22)	Bye Week	
(11/29)	League-wide Off Week for Thanksgiving Holiday	

Here is our upcoming schedule:

Week 11 (12/6)	vs. Waynesburg Bible Chapel
Week 12 (12/13)	at Greensboro Baptist
Week 13 (12/20)	vs. Waynesburg Methodist
(12/27)	League-wide Off Week due to Christmas
Week 14 (1/3)	at WWJD Christian Center
Week 15 (1/10)	vs. Bible Baptist
Week 16 (1/17)	at Carmichaels Methodist #2
Week 17 (1/24)	vs. Crosspoint Assembly of God
Week 18 (1/31)	at Crabapple Community (Rogersville Church)



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DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022 HEWITT HAPPENINGS

SAVE THESE DATES:

<u>Saturday, December 4</u>	Women's Advent Brunch
<u>Sunday, December 12</u>	Christmas Cantata Congregational Meeting (election of officers)
<u>Friday, December 24</u>	Christmas Eve Service

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