

HEWITT HAPPENINGS FEBRUARY 2021



Pastor's Message

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

Hewitt Presbyterian Church
1206 Crucible Road
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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	Carly Orris
Kenneth Breakiron	Hayden Jack	John Ozohonish
Marge Breakiron	Bob Kelly	Lucianna Rach
Dorothy Burwell	Allison Kiger	Marhea Ruzanic
Travis Burwell	John Krajnak	Addy Shaffer
Carol Christen	Linda Krajnak	Colby Simkovic
Abby Cipoletti	Keith Krause	Patty Simkovic
Joey Cipoletti	Marilee Lanxner	Pat Snyder
Shelby Clark	John Laskosky	Tom Spishock
Kim Cottle	Jackie Lindeman	Gary Stevenson
A.J. Curler	Marlene Link	Doug Suhoski
Loretta DiBiase	Mary Ann Mauck	Patty Vincent
Betty Dick	Shawn Mayle Family	Tom Willis
Bob English	Ruth McCollum	Patricia Yeager
Linda Enstrom Fetig	Marjorie McKnight	Heather Zuccoolotto
		Bebeka Church

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

The congregation of Hewitt Church would like to extend its sympathy to Cathy Murrall and family. Cathy's father Myron Thompson died on January 10, 2021 at the age of 93.



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS—Continued**CONGRATULATIONS ON BABY BOY**

Angel Jeffries and Donny Workman recently became the parents of a baby boy. Kaleb Price Workman was born on December 15, 2020. His great- grandparents are Ralph and Diana Jeffries.

**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.

A PRAYER FOR PUTTING ON A FACE MASK

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love,

In Your Name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator,
Presbyterian Church of Canada

HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN

Women's Bible Study Now Forming

A Women's Bible Study called "Life Lessons from 1 Corinthians" by Max Lucado will be starting on Monday, March 15 at 12:30 PM. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Mona English at 724-592-6929 or Ellen Pahanish at 724-377-2012 as books need to be ordered soon.



Hewitt Church Women are having a collection again this year for Shoebox items.

Here is a list of items for each month:

January	Toothbrushes/covers
February	Hand Towel/Wash Cloth
March	Bar of soap in holder
April	Calculator (solar powered), flashlight and battery
May	Soccer Balls, pumps
June	T-shirts, socks
July	Flip Flops
August	Tablets, coloring books, crayons
September	Toys such as match box cars, small dolls
October	Small stuffed animals

These items are to be brought to the Church and placed in the basket in back of sanctuary.

Thank you, Diana Jeffries, Moderator

HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN—CONTINUED

Prayer Concerns for February

“To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.”

Proverbs 21:3

- Pray that we will become a more tolerant society and accept people with racial, national ethnic and gender differences. (Book of Order W-5.0304).
- Pray for a peaceful transition of power and for the President of the United States and his administration to work effectively to provide protection and services for all people.
- Pray for an end to the pandemic. Pray for all of those who are fighting to recover and for everyone who has lost a loved one.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

DONALD P. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP
NOW AVAILABLE

The Scholarship Committee would like to announce that applications for the Donald P. Wilson Scholarship are now available for 2021. This Scholarship is awarded directly to the student and is open to those enrolled in a college or technical school. For more information, including criteria and application, please contact Amy Weinschenker at the church office at 724-592-6111 or contact Cassie Teegarden @ cassiebryan03@gmail.com.

DO NOT HESITATE!
DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 11, 2021.

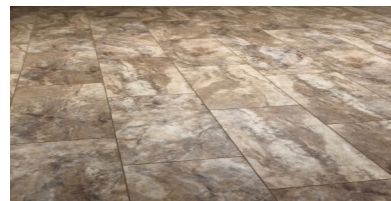


SESSION, MISSION AND EVANGELISM

A Note From the Session:

The new flooring has been installed in Fellowship Hall. However, baseboards need to be installed. Following that, the entire basement will be cleaned and returned to a “new normal.”

We appreciate your patience and are fortunate (which seems a strange word to use) that COVID has prevented us from the need to use Fellowship Hall.



Message of Hope:

Mike and Sheri (niece of Virginia Wainwright) Johngrass are serving in Scotland. An e-mail received from them informs us that they are again in lockdown due to COVID. They continue reaching people through podcasts, weekly Zoom Bible Studies and online Church services. During the Christmas season they partnered with other Christians to provide food baskets for Syrian refugees now settled in Scotland.

They say: “Thank you for being a part of the Message of Hope Family.”

NOTE: Last year we partnered with Message of Hope to provide \$100 per month for Mike and Sheri Johngrass as they ministered in Scotland. Hewitt Church Women would like to continue this partnership but we need **YOUR HELP**. Could you—would you—donate \$10/month (\$120 for a year) to continue this partnership. We have four donors so far, so we need additional partners.

If you can help with this ministry, please see or call Debbie Wilson (724-852-6417). We do not want to contact them until we have enough participants. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

PLEASE DONATE!
THANK YOU.

SESSION, MISSION AND EVANGELISM—CONTINUED**PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

OPEN DOORS reports that 340 million Christians live in places where they experience high levels of persecution just for following Jesus...that's 1-8 believers world wide.

There are 50 places around the world where it costs most to be a Christian. I Corinthians 12:26 "If one part (of the Body of Christ) suffers, every part suffers with it."

The first 5 countries on Open Doors' list are: North Korea; Afghanistan; Somalia, Libya and Pakistan. Please pray for those persecuted for being a Christian – we are truly One Church – One Family.

For more information about Open Doors just type in Open Doors on your computer.

WYCLIFFE ASSOCIATES – *Accelerating Bible Translation*

Because we contribute to Wycliffe Associates, we received the following prayer requests for Bible Translators...

***Ask the Holy Spirit to guide national Bible translators especially as they are able to use computer tablets.**

***Pray they are strengthened and protect them and their work when they face opposition to their work.**

***Pray for translators with the skills needed for translation; for safe places to work and for funding.**

Not everyone can give BUT everyone can pray.

For more information on Wycliffe go to www.wycliffeassociates.org.

Rev. Don and Debbie Wilson

J-M Food Pantry News

Donations received during the month of December were, as in the previous month, very generous. A variety of foods filled our baskets – hot and cold cereals, pancake mix, soups, mac and cheese, hot cocoa mixes, peanut butter, canned sauerkraut, and canned yams to mention a few. This was such a blessing to the families, especially with the upcoming Christmas holiday and a distribution taking place on a very cold and snowy day. We know the families appreciated being able to prepare a warm meal for their children on a cold day. We can also hope that our donations enabled them to enjoy a warm holiday meal. Thank you so much.

December's food distribution took place at our Food Pantry location where boxes could be filled with our donations as well as food that was delivered from our Central Food Bank. This, we feel, is our best way to distribute food because it allows for a greater amount of food to be distributed in a more personal way. However, the pandemic has sometimes caused changes to be made to that manner of distribution due to safety concerns. Therefore, January's food was, once again, given to our families at the Jefferson Fire Hall. This means that pre-packed sealed boxes are given to each family in a drive-thru type distribution. That does not mean that your donations are not helping.

Although the donations from Hewitt were down considerably, they were still greatly appreciated. They will be placed on the shelves at our Food Pantry location. It is important to keep our shelves stocked.

From this pantry cupboard, families in need who did not receive food on distribution day for whatever reason, or those who find they are in need of food before the next distribution day rolls around, are able to receive extra donations if they contact our coordinator, George Nutt.

Please continue to donate, either filling our baskets with your grocery donations or monetarily. It is needed more than ever as our families continue to suffer in this economy during these dark days of the pandemic. Pray for those in need, give from your hearts, and may God be with you and keep you safe.



FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Every Sunday 11:00 Am Worship</i>	<i>1</i>	<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>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14 Valentine's Day</i>	<i>15 Presidents' Day</i>	<i>16 Session Meeting 6:30 PM</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>
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February Birthdays

- 5** **Angel Jeffries**
7 **Amanda Komula**
14 **Robert L. Reynolds**

"Early" March Birthdays

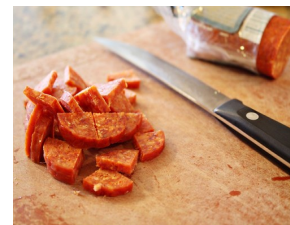
- 3** **Christian Wilson**
8 **Austin Clark**
8 **Virginia Wainwright**



HCW RECIPE OF THE MONTH
Submitted by: Cathy Brewer

PIZZA PASTA CASSEROLE

- 2 lb. ground beef
- 1 large onion
- 2 jars 28 oz each spaghetti sauce
- 1 box 16 oz. pasta cooked and drained
- 4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 large stick of pepperoni



In a large skillet cook ground beef and onions until meat is no longer pink, drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and cooked pasta.

Transfer to two greased 13-inch x 9-inch baking dishes. Top with mozzarella cheese and sliced pepperoni. Cover and freeze one casserole for up to 3 months. Bake the second casserole uncovered at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

If anyone would like to submit a recipe for this newsletter please call
Cathy Brewer @ 724-592-6817.

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