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SERVING OUR RISEN KING

BY: HENRY KNAPP

This year, April begins with a bang! I don't mean the weather (though maybe), or the Pirates baseball season (doubtfully), or fireworks celebrating tranquility in political life (come on, seriously?). No, this month begins with the "bang" of Holy Week, one of the most important times of the year. In addition to our Sunday Easter worship services, we will also gather for Maundy Thursday (with communion) and our Good Friday worship. We will be celebrating, remembering and praising the events leading up to and including the death and resurrection of our Lord, Savior, and King, Jesus Christ.

As we spend this time in worship, we will hear over and over of our Lord's ministry and service to His people—how at His last supper Jesus served His disciples; on the cross He ministered to our greatest need; resurrected, He shares that grace with us. This week will be dominated by an emphasis on the service Jesus gave to His people—a service Christians both benefit from and seek to follow in their own lives.

This past year we have stressed

"Worship + 2" at Hebron as our focus in making disciples—

- through our worship: Loving the Lord together
- through +1 our nurture: Learning the Word of God together
- through +2 our service: Serving our King together

Service in God's Kingdom is a natural responsibility to our citizenship there. Our Savior-King has ministered and served us, and so we also minister and serve Him. As we do so, not only do we please our Lord, not only do we assist others to know Him more, but we also grow ourselves—ministering to others impacts our own lives in tremendous ways. Anyone who has given to others in grace knows of the transformative influence that has on our own walk with Christ.

So, our idea here is that every disciple would continue to grow as a disciple in part through our outreach to others. As we minister, so we grow. Part of our work here at Hebron is to ensure that

everyone connected with our fellowship has the opportunity to experience this kind of disciple-forming ministry. So, what opportunities are out there? So many in every way! Where might you speak with an elder or staff member about getting involved?

- Leadership and participation in our worship services is a key opportunity: join the choir, handbells, offer to share a testimony, play in the band, help with set-up, the sound board, so much more.
- Our ministries here at Hebron are oriented around committees and teams: serve by helping out with our Adult Christian Education Team, Stewardship Team, Mission and Outreach, Connections, Deacons, Trustees, Personnel, and others.
- How crucial is our task in ministering to the children and students? Volunteer on Sunday mornings, Wednesdays, VBS in

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- June, mentoring, teaching, loving on the kids.
- Through our Mission and Outreach Team, you have the chance to be engaged in local ministries of compassion, evangelism, love and hope. Internationally, your prayers are needed for missionaries around the world, some of whom we get a chance to visit and serve where they are.
- There are so many in our very midst who need to experience anew the love and care of Christ—help

visit those in need, reaching out in emergencies, offering a meal, expressing God’s love.

Of course, these are just a few of the ways in which you can serve our King here at Hebron; and there are so many others we haven’t even thought of yet! So many ways to grow and to love others!

Please join me in service to our King, as we minister before Him and are transformed more and more into His likeness—all to the praise of His glory!

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

BY: THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

...guard the deposit entrusted to you...

(1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 1:14)

Lent is a good time to consider Paul’s charge to maintain the purity of true doctrine and avoid godless ideas.

While some consider what to “give up” for Lent, the essence of the Gospel is what we “receive.” To paraphrase Paul, what the Father planned, the Son purchased and the Spirit preserves (Ephesians 1:3-14). The Gospel calls us to “turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God” (Acts 26:18). “Repent and believe” is an invitation to an entirely different Kingdom with entirely different values and under an entirely different authority. No longer do we need to languish in guilt and shame, but joyfully embrace our redemption and new life in Christ Jesus.

Paul’s concern was false teachers leading Christians astray with claims of superior “knowledge” and people being more interested in listening to what suits their deceitful hearts. Hello 2023! Hedonism abounds and distorts the Gospel by mocking God’s created order, the Lordship of Christ Jesus and the power of the Spirit to bring our lives in line with holiness.

Paul’s prescription was “preach the Word” (2 Timothy 4:2). The great Puritan Matthew Henry stated, “The Christian doctrine is a trust committed to us...It is committed to us to be preserved pure and entire,

and to be transmitted to those who shall come after us, and we must keep it, and not contribute anything to the corrupting of its purity, the weakening of its power, or the diminishing of its perfection.” You can’t sever orthodoxy from ethics.

The Gospel rests on what God has accomplished for us. After all, is that not why Good Friday is good?

Dan Gallagher
Stewardship Team

***What do you have that you did not receive?
(1 Corinthians 4:7)***

Please prayerfully consider increasing your gifts by \$25/month in 2023, and another \$25/month in 2024 in support of Hebron’s ministries.

<u>Operating Fund - February 2023</u>	
Year-to-Date Recurring Revenues	\$ 142,343
Year-to-Date Expenses	(162,443)
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (20,100)

RUF SPRING BREAK

BY: HANNAH KERN

My name is Hannah Kern, and I am currently a senior at Penn State in RUF's (Reformed University Fellowship) campus ministry . Our mission trip this year was filled with hard work, fellowship and insightful conversations. We are very grateful to Hebron Church for hosting us and supporting us on this mission! I am thankful for the group of students who gave up their spring break to work in an impoverished community near my hometown of Pittsburgh.

We partnered with Open Hand Ministries, a group in East Liberty, who teaches financial literacy to people in poverty to improve generational wealth. We spent five days renovating a home in Garfield, as well as serving dinner at the weekly financial class. Throughout the work week, our group installed a front porch, added drainage to the house, and renovated a back patio. This week we met people who pushed our ideas on wealth, safety and joy. Our group had the opportunity to see God's providence and blessings at work. He was so good to us!

Thank you all for giving our group the opportunity to learn lessons and develop further in our walk as Christians. We are grateful for your hospitality and prayers for us – and for Pittsburgh!

Editor's Note:

Hebron hosted this group from RUF in the Barclay Building while they worked/served. The pictures below are of their trip.



One way in which Hebron is serving the global Church of Christ is by sending the Knapps in late May to the Central African Republic to teach, encourage, and spend time with Wycliffe missionaries in a spiritual retreat setting. Obviously, this will require a lot of prayer support from the congregation, so please keep us in mind. More information will be coming from the Mission and Outreach Team in the weeks ahead.

During Sunday school, since we have come back in 2023, we have been learning about the Life of Jesus and so far we have covered:

- Session 1: Jesus was born—Why it was important that He came the way that He did
- Session 2: Jesus was dedicated—He was set apart so that all of the rest might be done
- Session 3: Jesus was baptized—He was affirmed as being God the Son
- Session 4: Jesus was tempted—He experienced what it was like to be like us
- Session 5: Jesus called His disciples—He called people who were unlikely

We will continue to focus on the life and ministry of Jesus throughout the spring as well.

During Youth Group we have spent time learning and working through the following:

A 4-week series about resilience – what it takes to follow God when times get tough.

Series Bottom Line: How hope changes everything – placing our hope in Jesus

- WEEK 1: Resilience helps us never give up – Examples from the life of Paul
- WEEK 2: Never give up on God – In this world there will be trouble, but God has overcome the world
- WEEK 3: Never give up on others – Walking their lives of faith with others
- WEEK 4: Never give up on you – Even when you fall, God is there

Students spent time sharing with one another about the challenges they face and committed to supporting one another when hard times come.

And

A 3-week series about prayer

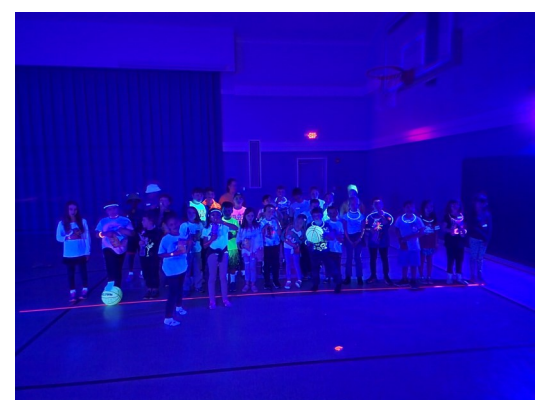
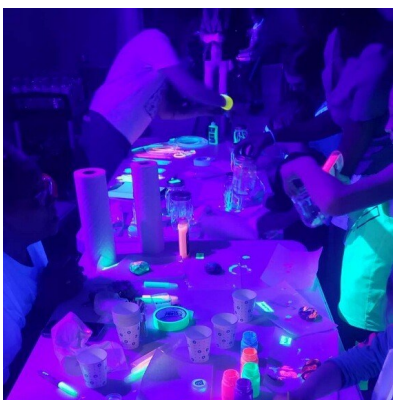
Series Bottom Line: The right way to pray – How Jesus taught us to pray

- WEEK 1: Prayer connects you to God – His promise is that He is near to us
- WEEK 2: Prayer isn't about the words you say, but the way you pray – Not big fluffy prayers, but real ones that come from a humble place.
- WEEK 3: Ash Wednesday – The Experience: 6 Different Prayer exercises that help us connect with God

Students spent time sharing with one another about the difficulties they encounter when they try to pray and looked inwards as they did the prayer exercises on Ash Wednesday.

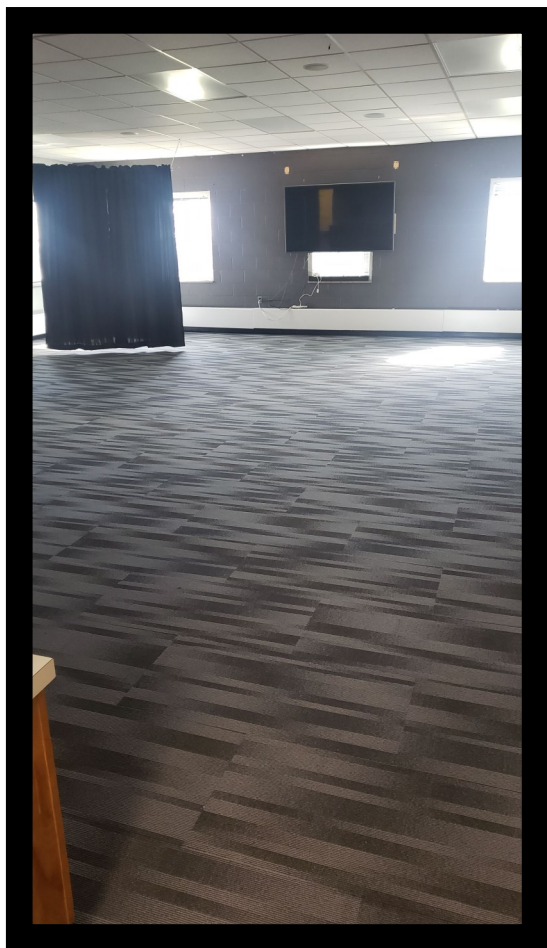
GLOW NIGHT

Over 20 middle and high school students came together on Wednesday, March 1, to bask in the neon glow produced by the black lights hung up on the walls of the Barclay Building. This evening was designed to give the students a night to enjoy one another's company, play some amazing rounds of GAGA Ball and get out of the cold. There were opportunities to play some glow board games and even the snacks glowed thanks to Ms. Christina and Mr. Sean! A huge thanks to the anonymous donors who provided glow game materials and the inflatable GAGA BALL pit that was absolutely a hit. The Kids' Club kids also were able to have their own time slot of glow night so check out the pictures!





Register today for Surf City at hebrononline.org/family-life/surf-city-2023



Many thanks from Kids Club and Kids Sunday Small Groups for the update of adding carpet in our Large Group Worship Room on the 3rd Floor. Not only does it make the space that much more welcoming, but it really helps with sound and provides a nice place as kids sit on the floor during Large Group on Wednesdays and Sundays! Thanks to everyone who made this happen!



Sunday Reminders:

April 2 – Palm Sunday—No 10:15 AM small groups for preschool or elementary

April 9 – Easter Sunday—9:00 & 11:15 AM nursery—4 year olds meet only.

What kidz are talking about in April...

Elementary:

Theme: Humility – Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

We live in a “me-centered” world, where people act as if the world revolves around them. It can be hard to figure out how to be humble throughout the different circumstances we face. Thankfully, we don't have to figure this out on our own. When Jesus was on earth, He gave us the ultimate example of humility. Jesus is God, and He put that aside for us. Through His life and death, Jesus also showed us how to serve others and put them first.

- *Palm Sunday/Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet—John 12:9-16; 13:1-17*
 - *Bottom Line: Jesus puts others first.*
- *Crucified and Risen—John 18:12-20:23*
 - *Bottom Line: Celebrate because Jesus is Alive.*
- *Being Humble Like Jesus—Philippians 2:3-8*
 - *Bottom Line: Put others first because Jesus put you first.*
- *On the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-35*
 - *Bottom Line: Put others first by helping them understand.*
- *Jesus Restores Peter—John 21:1-19*
 - *Bottom Line: Put others first by making things right.*

Memory Verse: *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourself.”*
Philippians 2:3

Preschool:

The greatest love is to give one's life for someone else. And that's what Jesus did for all people. He died for us. But that's not the best part of the story. What happened after Jesus died is what changed everything. Jesus came back! Jesus is ALIVE, today, and He wants us to follow Him!

And we are SO excited to share with our preschoolers that Jesus is alive! We want our preschoolers to know that Jesus isn't just a character in stories. Jesus is alive, and He wants to be their friend forever! This month, we are sharing the most important event in history with our preschoolers. Jesus changed the world, and He still has the power to change people's lives today. Why? Because Jesus is alive!

- *Palm Sunday—Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16*
 - *Focus: We celebrate Jesus because He is special.*
- *Easter—Matthew 26:20-50; 27:1-2; 28:1-7, John 13:33; 14:1-3, 28*
 - *Focus: Jesus is alive!*
- *Breakfast on the Beach—John 21:1-4*
 - *Focus: Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever.*
- *The Great Commission—Matthew 28:19-20*
 - *Focus: Jesus wants me to tell others He is alive.*
- *Early Church—Acts 2:42-47*
 - *Jesus taught us now to love one another.*

Memory Verse: *“I am alive for ever and ever.”* Revelation 1:18

SERGE

BY: MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM

Emily Shrader is one of the mission workers we support here at Hebron. She works for and through a mission agency known as Serge. She and her husband, Dave, who is now a chaplain in the USAF have been with Serge for a number of years. Previously they served in 2 different North African countries where they shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people in those cultures. They also mentored other Christians to help prepare them to go into the mission field. After Dave felt a calling to come back to the States to train to be a chaplain, Emily chose to continue working for Serge but in a slightly different capacity.

Emily now recruits and mentors people who God is calling to go into the mission field. She has recently traveled to Germany and The Czech Republic to meet with and mentor a woman who will serve in The Czech Republic. Emily also participated in "Sonship Weekend" training and renewal seminar while in Germany. She is also mentoring a couple who is planning to serve in the medical mission field in Southeast Asia, and there are several others with whom she is currently meeting.

Emily also helped to lead a "Gospel Centered Life" weekend conference here in the Pittsburgh area just last month. Emily is the daughter of Tim and Shirley DeBeau, who attend Hebron. She and Dave have 3 children and currently reside in North Carolina.

Below are a couple of mission statements from the Serge website:

- ❖ Serge Missionaries around the world are spreading the gospel in *creative* and *innovative* ways – Everything we do can be summed up in three words: Reach, Renew, and Restore.
- ❖ We want [the Holy] Spirit to teach us how to pray with power, to give us a love for the lost, to enable us to witness with *risk-taking boldness* and plant churches that are missionary churches.

Dan Brown
Mission and Outreach Team member

Keep praying for All Moms! We have about 28 women registered and the ministry has been going great with young moms (birth to K ministry). This semester we have had speakers on anxiety, marriage, and will tackle "The idolatry of Busy!" We have also had an exercise/dance class and talk on body image by Tara Conaway, as well as other movie night gatherings, coffee chats for parenting conversation, etc. Spread the word about this important and vital Christ-centered, Gospel-saturated ministry everywhere—all women are welcome! Thanks for the solid support, Hebron. This is really blessing many of our own Hebron women, as well as many from the greater community. God is on the move!



For more information
visit us at
wixsite.com/allmoms

Join us as we remember the sacrifice and celebrate the resurrection of our Savior.

Holy Week Worship

4/6 - Maundy Thursday - 7:30 PM - Barclay
(Communion Served)

4/7 - Tenebrae Service - 7:30 PM - Sanctuary

4/9 - Easter Sunday - 9:00 AM - Barclay
(No Sunday School Classes)

4/9 - Easter Sunday - 11:15 AM - Sanctuary

