



HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2021 Newsletter

Grace and Peace to you, Hebron!

This has been a grace-filled first month of ministry at Hebron, and I am grateful to all who have reached out in welcome. I look forward to continuing to get to know you all in the months to come.

In this note you will find information about plans for Lent, responses to the church-wide survey, an update on our drive-in service, and how we are moving forward.

Ash Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. A special service of prayer to mark the beginning of Lent will be posted on the Hebron YouTube channel and emailed out on this day.

Lenten Study:

Please join me for a lenten study and reflection time on Monday evenings beginning February 22nd, from 7:00-8:00pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join. Access through the church website Zoom link. Please sign up to participate by calling or emailing the church office.

Survey Summary:

Thank you to so many of you for your responses to the re-gathering survey sent out. Below I will share a summary, and how we hope to move forward. Please continue to reach out to me by phone or email if you'd like to discuss further, or just want to say hello. Each conversation is a blessing to me, and every voice is vital to the life of the church.

Results:

- 44 Members / Households responded directly to the survey. Many additional emails and phone calls were also made directly to Pastor Cassidy.
- Both those who would return to worship with protocols, and those who would not, agree that the current Covid-19 community infection rate is too high to safely gather for worship at this time.
- 50% of the congregation will return when it is safe with protocols in place. 50% of the congregation is unsure, or will wait until vaccine rates are high and community spread is no longer a concern.
- Many respondents expressed concern about the community's willingness to follow protocols consistently, such as masking over nose and mouth, and distancing. These concerns were expressed by both respondents who were hesitant to return, and also by those who plan to return with safety measures in place. In addition to properly fitting face coverings and distancing, members also would feel more comfortable with no congregational singing, no contact worship practices, sanitizer available, proper cleaning between gatherings, requiring sign-ups to attend, and assigned seats.

- Many requested fellowship and study opportunities over Zoom, return of Drive-In service, and opportunities to gather in small groups.

Plan for Action:

1. Hebron's Scouting has returned to meeting in small groups on Monday evenings in the Education Building, with agreed upon protocols.

2. **Beginning February 1st, small groups may begin gathering in The Hut** with the following protocol:

- Groups are limited to 10 participants or less, for one hour or less
- Groups must schedule meetings through Cathy in the Church Office
- Participants must practice social distancing
- Participants must wear masks covering nose and mouth at all times
- Participants must clean all surfaces upon leaving
- Participants must be free of fever and other Covid-19 symptoms, and not exposed to others who have tested positive in the last 14 days
- An attendance log must be kept

3. **Beginning February 7th, Drive-In services will return** with the following protocol:

- Participants must practice social distancing and wear properly fitting masks if they get out of their cars. (It is strongly suggested that participants remain in their cars in colder months).
- Ushers will remain masked and distant
- Participants must be free of fever and other Covid-19 symptoms, and not exposed to others who have tested positive in the last 14 days
- Virtual worship will continue to be offered, and anyone who is over the age of 65, not fully vaccinated, or immunocompromised, is advised to remain home for worship

4. We hope to eventually offer an open independent prayer time each week in the Sanctuary, cleaning processes and planning pending. All protocol would be followed. Information will be provided at such time as we are ready to offer this option.

5. We continue to do the work needed to prepare for offering indoor worship opportunities when the 7-day rolling average infection rate is at 8% or below, and steadily improving. At that point, we hope to offer worship for those who wish to participate, adhering to all protocol, in a limited capacity. As plans are made, more information will be provided.

6. I will begin to add Zoom opportunities for study and fellowship. Look for more information and how to sign up soon.

Financial Update:

While we are physically distant, please remember to continue to support the church with your offerings. Hebron has received very few commitment cards this year. If you are able to make a commitment to the church for giving in 2021, please return your commitment card to the church office. Offerings can be made online through the secure link on the Hebron website, or by mail.

Pastor's Update:

My family will be moving to Mebane the first week of March, and we look forward to being more a part of the community. And, know that I am available by phone, text or email if needed.

(919) 523-3297

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Peace,
Pastor Cassidy

Pack and Troop 36 updates

Our Cub Scout Pack and Troops have remained active during the Pandemic. Scouts have met virtually and in-person in small groups. Both of our Troops attended summer camp this summer at Cherokee Scout Reservation in Yanceyville, NC. Our Pack has gone on many socially distanced trips like fishing and to see the Tanglewood Festival of Lights! Our Scouts have continued to earn their rank advancements and are on their trail to Eagle. If you are interested in helping us with our camp card fundraiser please feel free to contact Jennifer Allred and Sarah Powell cards are \$5 and support sending their young people to camp! We would like to thank the Methodist Men for their support during the pandemic. If you know anyone that would like to join Scouts from 5 years old to 16 please contact me at 336-214-3626.

Our Scout Troop is selling Camp Cards (Discounts Cards) again this year. If you would like to purchase one, a few of our own youth are selling them. Please contact Taylor and Jessica Arizmendi or Mason Allred if interested.

Monthly Average Attendance for January 119

January-December Receipts \$8,877.31

January 1ST-24TH Income: \$8,877.31

2021 Budget \$189,944.00

Pledges from 2020 39

Pledges from 2021 13

January 2020 Receipts \$11334.00

January 2021 Receipts \$8877.31

Please keep each other in your thoughts and prayers as we all go through this difficult time so that we can all come through it together. We have a listing of several people that have volunteered to pick up any items that are needed, please see the list below and it is also on our webpage.

Nikki Crews (270)484-0241 (if no answer, please leave a message, she will call back)

Paul Crews (931)249-1767 (if no answer, please leave a message, he will call back)

Captain Bob Swanson (305)992-6926

Lori Pisani (914)263-1720

Lynn Walters (336)675-7118

Donnie Mitchell 336-260-6739

Upcoming Events

SPRC and on Administrative Council will NOT meet in February.

Our Drive-In service will begin on February 7th at 10:30 am. You must follow the rules about wearing a mask, staying in your vehicle and social distancing.

The United Methodist Men will be having a Brunswick Stew sale on Saturday, March 13th Pick up will be at 12 noon. Cost is \$8.00 per quart. Limited quantity available.
Pre-order by calling the church office at 919-563-3375 by March 10th.

Birthdays for February	15th	Bonnie Smith	26th	Betty McDaniel	
	16th	Ashlea Fields	27th	Greg Martin	
1st	Joannie Wilson	Laura Jones		Jeannie Jester	
	Michael Chatfield	17th	Linda Williams	28th	Phil Hundley
4th	Paul Crews		Rory Van Hoewyk		Dillon Williams
6th	Brenda Moss	18th	Megan Warren		Gage Overbey
	Leon Summers	19th	Caroline P. Ray		
9th	Alan Wilson		Camryn Ray		
13th	Dianne Lunsford	23rd	Violet Sykes		
15th	Bonnie Mitchell	24th	Odell Creekmuir		

PRAYER REQUESTS

Marjorie Thompson	Military – Mark Caylor, Caleb Culberson, Blake Russell, Shannon Long & Brian Freshwater	Jane Williams & Family
Jo Ann Sykes	Family of Mary Ann Sinatra	Louise Zumer
Tom Snipes	Those fighting cancer	Teresa Dallas
Catherine Freshwater	Jesse Raines	Mickey McDaniel
Lori Pisani	Blake Russell & Family	Leon Summers
Betty McDaniel	Gloria & Dennis Martin	Cedar Glasgow
Bruce & Jean Mullis	Buddy Allred	Sandy Muller
Maggie Edmonds	Hazel Ward	Carolyn Toney
Michelle Lankford Lee	Greg & Theresa Kontoulas	BB & Ann Crowder
Roger Moore	Jerry & John Kelly	Ann Jessup
Michael Phillips	Jean Swanson	Deanne Greeson
Jamie & Jenny Allred	John Wayne Kenyor	Betty Albright
David Baker	Mike Frese and his family	Donna Hall
Mike Blalock	Jimmie Carmichael	Brenda Moss
Tim & Mary Caylor	Dianne Lunsford	Alan Forrest
Jennifer Warren	Jeff Anderson	Margaret Lankford

If you know someone that needs to be added to the list or you would like to mail our military, please call the church office at 919-563-3375 or email to hebronchurch469@gmail.com or fill out a card.

Please note that each month we will be removing names from the prayer listing if you have not requested to keep them on the list.

In an effort to connect with our military we requested addresses for anyone that would like to touch base with them and here are the results.

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