

**Embrace God \* Engage All People \* Empower Disciples for Jesus Christ**

## KEEP IT ALIVE!!

In our attempts to kill our pain we can deaden our compassion. In our efforts to control our risk we can put out our fire. In our fear of change we can forge lives of apathy. As Christians we share a journey of faith. For all of us, that journey has taken different twists and turns. Traveling through life can become so confusing or wearisome that some become passengers, just along for the ride. Others become so agitated as to refuse any invitation to enjoy the journey. Of all people, we, the church, have reason to be optimistic and hopeful. For we are on a journey to happily ever after. For many people, happily ever after is the stuff of fairy tales. Not for the Christian. We know the destination described for us in the Bible and it is so amazing as to exceed any of the fairy tales we make up. Question, do you live like you are on a journey to happily ever after? Or is your attitude more akin to that of the character in the cartoon.

Mt. Hebron is an amazing community of faith. We should tell our stories and celebrate our victories. We have the choice, will we let the world around us dictate how we perceive our journey or will we reflect the power and teaching of God? February is a great time to consider the quality of our faith as we move to Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. God's Word is clear about how the journey should be experienced for people of faith: Romans 12:10-12, *"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. when you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful."* Keep it alive!

Rev. Dr. Gerald Watford



(See Exodus 14)

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**I THINK THAT YOU HAVE SOME SERIOUS FAITH ISSUES**

## Mt Hebron Girl Scouts

Girls Scouts at Mount Hebron has had a strong start this year. We have a very active group of 17 Brownies and Juniors. This year we learned about friendship, reverence for our country, how our bodies work, astronomy, and science that is in our kitchen. We ran a booth at the Mt. Hebron Country Fair, sang at nursing homes, and made cards for our troops.



This Spring we will donate food to Go Forth, help at a pet shelter, and brainstorm other ways to reach out in our community. Next year we plan to open our troop up to K5 and have a Daisy troop! We will serve K5 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We are seeking volunteers to help lead the Daisy program as well as help across all grade levels. We would like to thank Mt. Hebron for its generous support to help develop young leaders ready to serve in our community!

## Adult Fellowship

On Friday, February 14th at 9:15 AM, join Adult Fellowship on a trip to Epworth Children's Home for a tour and to take Valentine goodies from Mission Possible. We will go to lunch following our Epworth visit. Cost is your lunch. Sign up now in the Gathering Area!

### UMW Update

The UMW is committed to providing help and service to women, youth, and children. Our unit's annual Call to Prayer & Self Denial program will be February 8 from 10:00-12:00. This is an opportunity to become educated and reflect on how we can best serve others in need.

Our UMW conference Legislative Day will be February 11 at Epworth Children's Home. This is an opportunity to gain knowledge of organizations and legislation which support women, youth, and children in need. Lastly, our Columbia District UMW is hosting a Limitless Event on February 29 which supports and encourages our teenage UMW members. At Mt. Hebron, we're honored to have a strong, active teen circle, the Thirsty Thursdays circle!

## Thank You!

The family of Buster Senn would like to thank the pastors, the musicians, Nicole Campbell, and the church family for all the love and support you have shown us during this difficult time. Easing our loss through your prayers, your participation in the funeral service, your concern, cards, calls, visits, and food have helped us face the days ahead knowing you will be there to help us through.

### Coffee Connect

**Sunday, February 9th**

**10am, Cornerstone Room, Rm 406**



If you have been visiting Mt. Hebron and are interested in getting to know more about our church, we invite you to **COFFEE CONNECT!**

## Mt Hebron Financial Update

**1/15/2020**

On behalf of the Finance and Heritage Committee, we would like to give the congregation an update on the Church's current financial position.

### Operating Budget:

The operating budget for 2019 finished with a surplus of \$13,054 (income versus expenses). Although contributions were less than 2018, everyone in the Church did an outstanding job of being fiscally responsible, so expenses came in lower than budgeted and we finished with the surplus. We would like to thank each member for their prayers and support during the year to make this surplus happen.

The Finance committee has worked diligently to trim the proposed 2020 budget, where possible, without reducing funding for ministries. Again, the budgeted expenses for 2020 exceed the annual giving from the prior year. This congregation through its prayers and generosity has allowed the operating fund to finish with a surplus, each of the last three years and we are confident the congregation will continue with its amazing support.

### Building Fund

Through the generosity of the Church we were able to reduce the principal balance of the loan for the new building by \$185,696 in 2019. The current balance is \$2,169,126. Please continue to support the Building Fund with your gifts and donations. The Family Life Center is a wonderful facility we have added to our buildings to meet the needs of our ministry and missions.

We know God is doing some amazing things with the talents and gifts of Mt. Hebron. It is only through your generosity that we can make these things happen. We express our sincere appreciation to Mt. Hebron for its support of our church in the past and we ask for your continued support in 2020. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vaughan Dozier, Finance Chair or Troy Blalock, Heritage Chair.

### Hebron Day School Happenings

It has been a great start to 2020 at HDS! We have been busy teaching our students "It's about Jesus!" We are excited to announce that registration will begin this month! Church members will begin registration from 8:00-11:30, on February 3. We will then have currently enrolled Registration on February 4 at 8:00 and siblings of currently enrolled at 9:30. Our registration will open up to the community on February 6 at 8:00. Please help us spread the word about registration. We are also available to give tours anytime between 8:00-11:30. We are very proud of our school and want to reach as many children in the community as possible.

Hebron Day now has a "sharing library." It is located in the hallway of the day school. Please feel free to take a book and/or leave a children's book. A huge thank you to Ben Welch for building us this wonderful library to share with our families and members of the church.

We would also like to thank Donna Jones, from the Mt Hebron Counseling Center, for doing in service for our teachers, in January. She discussed encouraging ways to communicate with our peers.

We will be closed February 17 for President's Day. We will have chapel on February 5 and 19 and we will also have Puppet Playhouse and spirit day February 27.

As always HDS appreciates all your support.



*Thank to all who have served our church as an acolyte! We had fun celebrating our Acolytes, past, present, and future on Jan 5th. If you or anyone in your family would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact Melisa O'Connor at 313-515-1300 or melisaconnor70@gmail.com.*



## DONATE TOILETRIES FOR OUR TROOPS

HELP CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND MISSION POSSIBLE COLLECT TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES FOR OUR DEPLOYED TROOPS

*Collection Bins located in the Gathering Areas*

**Friday**  
**2.21.20**  
**6pm**

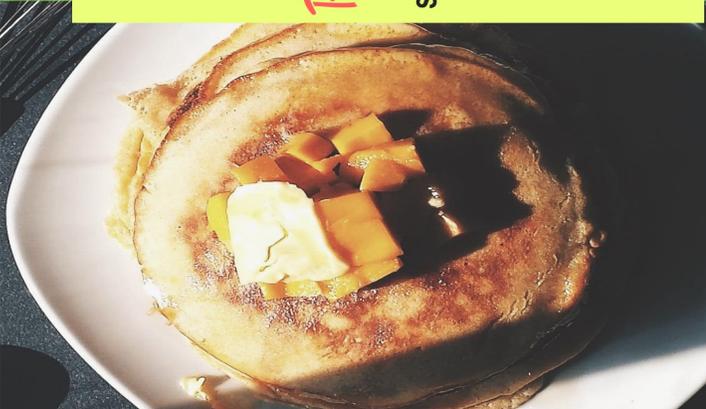
**\$10 adults**  
**\$8 children**

*Dancing*  
through the  
**DECADES**

**PRESENTED BY CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

### Children's Wing Caregivers

Date	Early Nursery	Early Wee Worship	Children's Hall Greeter	Late Nursery
2-Feb	Beth Warren and Jenny Gallo	Shannon and Kent Parsons	Tyler Gallo	Bob Cline
9-Feb	Rachel O'Dell	MacKenzie O'Connor	Nicole Donaghy	Matt and Jenny Patterson
16-Feb	Raleigh Hafer	Kennedy Poole		Aubrey Ellisor
23-Feb	MacKenzie Hafer	Shannon and Kent Parsons	Nicole Donaghy	Lauren Tolcher



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**Boy Scout  
Pancake Fundraiser**

**SATURDAY, FEB 8, 8-10AM**

Tickets cost \$10/person  
Get yours this morning in  
the Gathering Areas!



**BOY SCOUT TROOP 331  
FOOD DRIVE**

**JAN 12 - FEB 9**

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