

HEWITT HAPPENINGS

FEBRUARY 2026



Pastor Jim's Thoughts ...

“Dawn is Ever-Approaching”

Are you ready for Christmas... I mean Easter?

Yes, as we enter into February, Lent and Easter are fast-approaching! And yet, these seasons typically receive much less intentional preparation than Advent and Christmas. This difference is understandable—Christmas arrives with a lot of cultural emphasis as decorations appear in stores months in advance and expectations are clearly thrust upon us.

Still, Lent and Easter are no less central to our life of faith. In many ways, they deserve the same level of prayerful, creative, and intentional preparation. The “Dawn of the Resurrection” is ever-approaching for us! Ash Wednesday is on February 18th and our worship service will begin at 7PM. Please plan to join us for this beginning to our Lenten season.

For our Lenten series of messages this year, I will be using a devotional, titled, “Ever Approaching Dawn” which is offered by Christianity Today.

Our intentional preparation for this entire season begins with a clear purpose. Lent is not simply about giving something up; it is about making space for repentance, renewal, and deeper trust in God. There is an expectation of God's presence in all of the practices of Lent and Easter. Worship, small groups, personal devotion, and prayer all point us to His presence and the reasons for His presence in our lives.

Easter itself, also requires more than our last-minute attention. While Easter Sunday is the high point and the destination, the Easter season extends for fifty days. Death does not have the final word for Jesus and for us!

So, a central question becomes: How does the risen Christ reshape our daily lives, our community relationships, and our church's mission in the world? These questions deserve

space and intention during these seasons of Lent and Easter.

Friends, our own grief, weariness, injustice, doubts, and fears are not abstract ideas; they are present in our lives both in the Church and outside of the pews. After all, Lent does give us a language for sorrows and for total honesty, while Easter offers us the hope that is neither shallow nor artificial.

Together, as a church family, we can encourage each other to prayerfully prepare to receive and understand the truth of God's love shown in Lent and Easter.

Here are the sermon messages and themes for our worship during this upcoming season:

Ash Wednesday, February 18th: “Safety In Our Weakness” Matthew 4: 1-11

First Sunday of Lent, February 22nd: “Feasts During Fasting” Matthew 5: 13-16

Second Sunday of Lent, March 1st: “Sweet and Serious” Matthew 17: 1-9

Third Sunday of Lent, March 8th: “Death Vs. Jesus” 1Corinthians 15: 51-58

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15th: “Joy Even In Grief” 1Peter 1: 6-9

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22nd: “Do The Next Thing” Luke 23: 50-56

Palm Sunday, March 29th: “Let There Be Light” Matthew 21: 6-11

Resurrection Day, April 5th: “Dawn Has Broken!” John 20: 11-18

Celebrate that Dawn is Ever Approaching!

*Rev. Dr. Jim Kirk, Pastor
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HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

PRAYER SHAWL/LAP ROBE MINISTRY

This ministry was begun by Hewitt Church Women last spring. Since that time, the women have distributed 75 prayer shawls or lap robes within the Congregation and the community. If you know of someone who would appreciate a shawl or lap robe,

please contact
Carol Teegarden
724-592-5892 or
Debbie Reynolds
724-966-2571



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Installation and Ordination of officers will take place on Sunday, February 8, 2026 during worship.

Elder and Deacon Training will take place immediately following worship. Lunch will be provided.



Women's Bible Study is planning to begin the first session of six weeks on Mon., March 23 @ 12:30 PM at the church. The focus of study will be "Experiencing God's Peace" based on the book of Phillipians. Please let Mona English or Ellen Pahanish know by FEB. 28 if you wish to attend so we know how many books to order. Thank you!

HCW MEETING

Hewitt Church Women Business Meeting will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, February 15. A light lunch will be provided.

HEWITT CHURCH WOMEN

HCW RECIPE OF THE MONTH

From the Kitchen of:
Donna Laskosky



SWEET 'N' SOUR MEATBALLS

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large bag frozen meatballs**
- 2 jars Sweet 'N' Sour Sauce**
- 1 large can crushed pineapple**
- 1 green pepper, chopped**

Place the meatballs in a crockpot. Stir together the sauce, pineapple and green pepper. Pour over the meatballs. Cook on HIGH for 2 hours OR cook on LOW for 4 hours.

MOVIE NIGHT

A movie night is being planned for Friday, February 20 at 6 PM at the church (weather permitting). Please plan to attend and bring a friend or neighbor! Snacks will be provided.



DARTBALL NEWS

The Hewitt Dartball Team is currently holding onto the 8th place spot in the Greene County Dartball League through 17 weeks of the regular season.

We are currently 21-23-4 (94 points).
As a team, here are our stats:

.241 batting average
.458 slugging percentage with 408 total hits, 236 singles, 31 doubles, 89 triples, 52 home runs, 776 total bases, 171 RBI's and 11 long singles.

Latest results:

Week 14 @ Bible Baptist #2
1-0 L, 5-1 L, 10-6 L

Week 15 @ Oak View Methodist
4-1 L, 9-6 W, 8-2 W

Week 16 @ Carmichaels Methodist #1
4-2 W, 4-3 L, 3-3 T

Week 17 @ Carmichaels Methodist #2
6-2 L, 4-3 L, 4-3 L

Schedule for Upcoming Weeks:

Week 19
2/2/2026 vs. Greensboro Baptist

Week 20
2/9/2026 vs. Waynesburg Methodist

Week 21
2/16/2026 at Waynesburg Baptist #2

Week 22
BYE WEEK



February Birthdays

14 Martha Noftzger

14 Bob Reynolds

15 Kathy Kirk



(If your birthday or wedding anniversary is in FEBRUARY and not listed, please contact Amy at the church office and let her know.) Thanks!

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER

to see JOSHUA

September 16 and 17, 2026

SEE REV. DON WILSON OR DEBBIE WILSON FOR DETAILS.



**JEFFERSON-MORGAN FOOD
PANTRY**

“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?”

We are a couple of weeks into the new year and the Jefferson-Morgan Food Pantry remains busy during the cold winter months. There is always a need for food for those less fortunate families in our area.

Just as a reminder, all of our donations go directly to our local food pantry!! The Food Pantry currently serves over 100-115 families in our area. Every little donation counts, so please remember the Food Pantry every month.

The next time we will collect and transport food will be on **FEB. 15**. The baskets to donate the food and the jars for the monetary donations are at both church entrances of the sanctuary.

Collections from January:

- \$100 in monetary donations
- 24 cans of Pork and Beans
- 2 cartons Ben’s Spanish Rice
- 15 pouches Knorr’s Noodles
- 1 bag flour
- 1 bag sugar
- 9 boxes Mac ‘N’ Cheese
- 3 boxes Penne Noodles
- 2 boxes Italian Five Cheese Noodles
- 1 bag marshmallows
- 1 box Crunch ‘N Munch Popcorn
- 1 box thin ribbon candy
- 1 carton Quaker Oats
- 2 cans Italian Sausage Ravioli
- 2 cans Kidney Beans
- 2 cans Chicken Noodle Soup
- 2 cans Tomato Soup

Respectfully submitted,
Hewitt Board of Deacons



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT
OF THE FOOD
PANTRY!!!**

HELLO February

2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Congregational Meeting	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Ordination and Installation of Officers	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Mission & Evangelism Meeting 9:30 AM -- HCW Meet following worship	16	17	18  Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins 7 PM Worship	19	20 Movie Night 6 PM	21
22 <u>1st Sunday Lent</u> Deacons Meeting Following worship	23	24	25	26	27	28



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