



# Hess Road Wesleyan

## Spring 2022



# Celebrate Easter

## AT HESS ROAD WESLEYAN CHURCH

### TUESDAY APRIL 12

Movie BARABBAS (1961) 6:30 PM  
*Note: 2 hours and 24 minutes long*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Sanctuary Open for Prayer Noon—6:00 PM

Maundy-Thursdays Service\* 6:30 PM  
*at Lockport Wesleyan Campus: 7433 Chestnut Ridge Road*

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Communion Service 6:30 PM

### RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Drive-In SonRise Devotional 7:30 AM In Parking Lot (stay in cars)  
Morning Worship Services 8:45 & 11:00 AM  
Pancake Breakfast 10:00 AM

### Road Runner Olympics Wednesday, April 27 5:30-7:30

End of year celebration  
with a variety of games and  
activities like Gaga & Nitro  
Ball, Mini Golf, minute to win  
it games and more!

Theme Week Collection:  
Lockport Care Net Pregnancy  
Center

Hot dogs, mac & cheese,  
macaroni salad, chips and baked  
beans for dinner

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS



10:00 AM  
APRIL 24 & MAY 1

Many of you are part of the church family, but not official members. I (Pastor Matthew) invite you to a fun and informative 2 week class where we'll talk about the value of official membership. One of the advantages of membership is the right to vote in church elections. **This year, our Local Church Conference will be held on Sunday, June 5th, at 1pm.**

## MAKING MEMORIES



*February's SNOW DAY, making snow men, relay races, and a marshmallow war before relaxing with a movie and popcorn.*



*Road Runners Fun! Lincoln Atwater (far above) on crazy hat night, and Silas Bachman (above) debating if he should build with or eat his marshmallows!*



## GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

Pastor Matthew Rose

During the pandemic, we started having occasional grief gatherings to meet the needs of those who had lost loved ones. More recently, we have begun to use a curriculum called GriefShare. This is a 13 week course that helps people through the grieving process. Meghan Waters, Cameron Fitch and Pastor Matthew have been facilitating the discussion. Attendance has been strong. Please be praying for all those who are grieving. If you're interested in joining the group, they meet each Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:30pm through mid-June. We plan to offer the course again in the future.

## 101 SEMINAR SERIES LINE UP

Save these dates for the 2022 Seminar Classes, starting soon! Classes are Wednesdays evenings (dates specified below). Courses are \$15 each, including dinner. Childcare available upon request.

Nathan's first 101 will be **"What is the Church?"** In this class he will explore what scripture teaches about the church, how the church has viewed itself in history, and how to think about the church going forward into the rest of the 21st Century. **Class runs May 11, 18, 25**

Pastor Matthew's 101 this year will be a fun one, but also (hopefully) spiritually stimulating. We'll be **looking at numbers...** not the Book of Numbers (the 4th book of the Bible), but how 'numbers' are used in the whole Bible. It might sound boring, but he says it will be neat! **Class runs June 8, 15, 22**

Nathan's second 101 of the year will be an in depth look at Ezekiel. **Class runs June 29, July 6, 13**

The image displays a vertical stack of five promotional posters for church activities. The first poster at the top is blue with white text and a dumbbell icon, advertising an 'EXERCISE CLASS WITH ROZ' on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. The second poster features a pickleball paddle and ball on a green background, advertising 'PICKLEBALL' on Fridays from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM for ages 8-99. The third poster shows a person's legs walking on a path, advertising a 'WALK & TALK GROUP' on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, starting May 4 at Day Road Park. The fourth poster shows hands holding various colored mugs, advertising 'FILL YOUR CUP' on Monday, May 16, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM, described as a casual ladies evening with snacks and drinks. The bottom poster shows a plate of food including eggs and bacon, advertising 'MEN'S BREAKFAST' on Saturday, June 4, at 9:00 AM.

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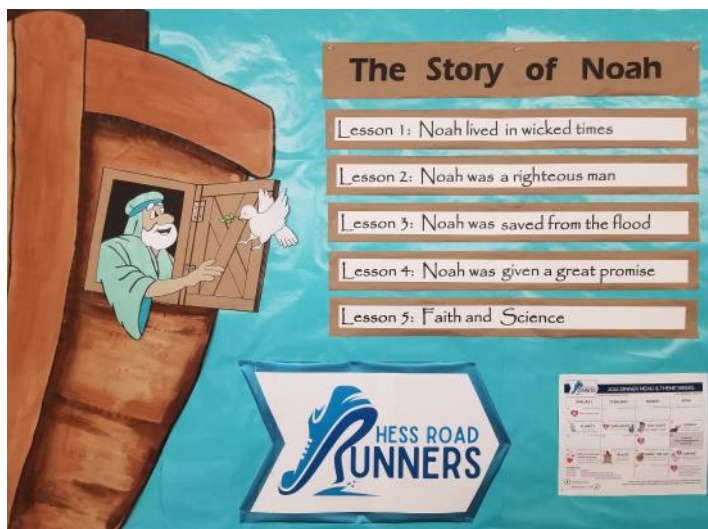
**FILL YOUR CUP**  
MONDAY, MAY 16  
7:00 (ish) to 10:00 (ish)  
*Casual Ladies evening with snacks and drinks*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 4  
9:00 AM

## READING WITH FRESH EYES

Cheryl Detschner

On Wednesday nights at Road Runners we were studying about Noah, the ark, the flood and the covenant God made with the sign of a rainbow for a reminder. I can't even say for sure how many times I have heard and read this account in the Bible, but this time I learned something new. Genesis 9:13 "I set my rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth". Sheila Harris reminded us that this verse states the covenant is between God and the earth. In my mind I've always thought the covenant was between God and man only. But..."In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth" (Genesis 1:1) "Then God saw everything that He had made; and indeed it was very good" (Genesis 1:31a). I know that we are a part of the earth's inhabitants and because we are made in the image of God, we are a big deal to Him. However, God loves all that He created, which included the earth. He has designed and entrusted this planet to us to use its natural resources for food, energy and living each and every day. Let us not forget to thank God for providing us this earth as home and to remember to take care of His creation! This is also a great reminder that no matter how many times we read or hear the Bible, we can learn something new, that's how God designed it for us, His word is amazing! I thank God for Shelia and her wisdom and insight and willing heart to share, she is a true treasure to all she encounters.



*Special thanks to Vera Pearson for our Bulletin boards!*

## ROAD RUNNERS MISSION PROJECTS

Each month our students have collected both money and items for various ministries! Here is a look back at what they have accomplished this season:

SEPTEMBER, for the PB&J Drive: \$63.37 as well as several boxes full of Peanut butter, Jelly, and Fluff.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER for Operation Christmas Child: \$450 for shipping for 50 shoeboxes

DECEMBER, for the Newfane Food Pantry: \$61.43 plus food items

JANUARY, for the Newfane Rehab Center, & Absolut Care in Gasport, several boxes of care items for residents (plus \$90 used to buy more)

FEBRUARY, for Deployed American Soldiers, several boxes of care items and notes of appreciation, shipped through a soldier we know for him and his team. (\$193 for shipping)

MARCH, for our Share the Joy of Easter projects, several items to fill baskets for our community, plus \$627 to contribute for more.

APRIL, we are currently collecting for the Lockport Care Net Pregnancy Center for wipes, diapers, formula, toiletries, etc. as well as starting the "change for life" baby bottle campaign!



## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Team Meeting Wednesday, May 4 5:30 PM

Starting our own Kid ministry program wouldn't have been possible this year without everyone willing to pitch in or being patient as we worked out the kinks. After our last Road Runners gathering of the season (April 27) we would like to gather together all our volunteers for dinner and a team meeting about the year. Come ready to share feedback of what worked, what didn't, and any ideas you have to make Road Runners even better.

Childcare will be provided for the children of those on the volunteer team. Please RSVP to the office if you will be able to attend. Thank you!

On behalf of the residents and staff at Absolut Care of Gasport, thank you for the very generous display of goodies for the residents. Everyone loves snacks, which you graciously gave and they will enjoy them as they don't get much!

2 Corinthians 9:7:

*You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."*

Dear Hess Road Runners,

Thank you SOOO much for the extremely thoughtful and wonderful donations! The smiles and happiness you have brought so many residents can't be put into words. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!

-From your friends at  
Newfane Rehab

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

*By Shelly Adams*

Since becoming a Nurse I have followed the path that God has laid before me. To help others to be better and to do better as a healthcare professional. That has lead me in a kaleidoscope of different nursing opportunities over the course of the last two years. Recently becoming an Assistant Director of Nursing in a facility that needed some TLC and guidance. I started this new journey at the peak of the giving season, Christmas.

So many of my residents had no family, and no funds to buy the things they need. Some had only a few articles of clothing to be recycled through the week. The facility decided to do an adopt a resident for the holiday season. 110 residents in total and by the time December 1st rolled around there were still 24 residents in need of adoption. I know everyone is struggling and especially over the holidays with all sorts of pressures. I made the choice to take the last 24 residents and Adopt Them ALL!

I knew I couldn't provide myself for all of them but I could hear Gods words in my heart and in my head telling me to put this out for others to know of the needs in the community. And as most of you know here is where YOU all as a church family here at Hess Road came together to change lives of those who maybe have forgotten what kindness was and show God's love to perfect strangers! The out pouring of love, support and caring was overwhelming! My residents received some very generous gifts for Christmas of items they needed, wanted and were spoiled a little bit with!

To see the work of Gods children coming together is priceless. I am truly humbled by the show of support. This makes the gift and ability to help others so much sweeter on those days it's a challenge. One of the truly amazing things is to see the retired clergy that I have in residence and my veterans show such appreciation for the acts of kindness and love that they have received. To see the recognition on their face that they are in fact not forgotten but Loved beyond measure. Thank you all who have prayed, donated their time, have adopted a resident, who have donated items each and every act has been a blessing and changed lives.



Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you and your families safe and warm this winter. We're happy to report that 2021 was a record year. Over 40 million pounds of clothing were donated to our clothing sheds. That's over 200,000 pounds of clothing collected every business day!

Every clothing shed is an important part of the big picture. Here are some numbers to show you the impact your own shed made in 2021...

- **14,511** pounds of clothing were donated to your shed.
- This was enough to clothe an estimated **2,673** people all over the world.
- Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received **\$580**.

Thank you so much for partnering with us on this. We truly appreciate all the support you continue to give to the clothing shed program!

Sincerely,  
The team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

## COME TO CHRIST IN PRAYER

Julie Goldbach

With so much going on with our families, our country, and other nations, we are so Blessed to have our Church family praying to lift us up and be there for us in our time of need. There is rest for the weary as we read in Matthew 11: 28 & 29.

***Come to me, all who are weary  
and burdened and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart and  
you will find rest for your souls.***

Come to Him in Prayer! In John 16:33 it says we will have trouble in the world, but take heart because Jesus has overcome the world. No matter what bad things happen, Jesus already has the Victory over them by dying on the Cross for our sins. Our world is broken, but we keep the Faith and build our Trust in Him. Come to Him in Prayer!

### PRAYER MEETING

SUNDAYS: LIVE AT FIVE

HESS ROAD CHURCH FAMILY FACEBOOK GROUP



### SIGHT & SOUND THEATER

We are planning a 2022 Bus Trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for their new performance *David*.

The trip is planned for August 16-18, but **registration forms and \$100 deposit are due now to reserve your seat.**

The total cost is \$441 per person, which includes the 2-way bus trip, 2 night hotel stay (based on 2 people per room), show ticket, two buffet breakfasts and two buffet dinners.

On the trip, you are responsible for buying your own lunch each day. There will be opportunities to shop on Wednesday and Thursday.

Registration forms are available in the church office. Special thanks to Nancy Huntsman for all her hard work organizing these fun events!

### QUARTERLY GIVING REPORT

*\$23,240—Approximate Monthly Giving  
Needed to Meet Budget Goals\**

JANUARY	\$35,881
FEBRUARY	\$23,156
MARCH	\$29,806

\*Budget does not include Roof Project

Our New Roof Project was completed in December and cost just under \$50,000. Currently, we have raised \$43,696 to cover the cost. If you still have an envelope to make a donation specifically for this project, please return them soon!

We would love to have this balance covered by the end of this conference year (May 2022). Stay tuned for information on a fun "Raise the Roof" music night to help raise additional funds!

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## NEED SOMETHING TO LISTEN TO DURING THE WEEK?

Audio of Sunday morning sermons are available at  
[hrwchurch.org](http://hrwchurch.org) or through the Soundcloud app.

For Video of the full service, we go live on Facebook  
@HRWCHURCH, Sundays at 8:45 AM

**Sunday Services**  
**8:45 & 11: 00 AM**



## WAYS TO GIVE



Give in Church



Give by Phone



Give Online



Give by Mail

Mail to 2514 Hess Road, Appleton, NY 14008  
[www.HRWchurch.org/give](http://www.HRWchurch.org/give) or download the Tithe.ly app

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