

WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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Come Sunday and bring a friend

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It's almost a month since I have become your pastor and I am even more convinced that God has brought me here "for such a time as this."

As stated in my first message, "This is an opportune time for an exciting and vibrant ministry, through worship, fellowship, Sunday School, evangelism, and other ministry programs." This message has been a thread that runs through every meeting I have attended to date, and will continue for a long while.

One of my priorities is to grow our church membership through worship, fellowship, and service. Worship is the most valuable thing we may share with members of our community. Sunday worship is functionally a spiritual discipline and a primary way most people connect with the church and connect with God. Sadly, people who are disconnected from the church's weekly ministry rarely grow spiritually. I encourage you all to attend church worship services every week and invite someone to join you in worship. Church members who invite people to attend church will tend not to miss church.

With your support and the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit we can experience numerical church growth by:

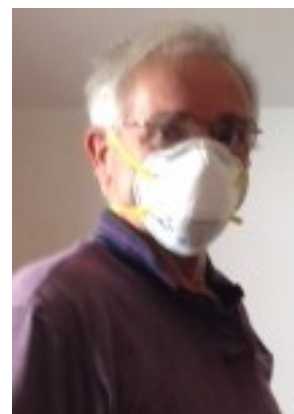
1. Demonstrating Christian characteristics that indicate vibrancy and attractional qualities of Jesus Christ;

A message from Pastor Peter



2. **Boosting church attendance;**
3. **Strengthening the quality of Bible Study;**
4. **Encouraging your family members, friends and colleagues to attend church worship services;**
5. **Encouraging you to be more earnest in prayers for the pastor and the church family; and**
6. **Sharing your faith/personal testimony with the unchurched persons with whom you come in contact. It is an undeniable fact that sharing your faith grows your faith.**

Many of us have come a long way in our Christian journey and because God will not leave us nor forsake us, the future of our church is blessed. Let us rededicate ourselves to a future filled with great possibilities. Remember God's word of encouragement and hope: *"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. I have plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope."* (Jer. 29:11) Our future is also summed up by St. Paul, "But it is written, *"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him."* (1 Cor. 2:9).



Volunteers under the leadership of Trustees Chair John Miller have been busy fixing up the parsonage. Catch a glimpse of the action inside.

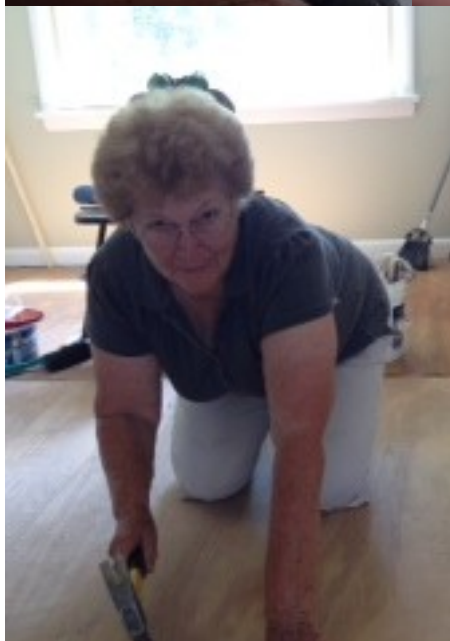
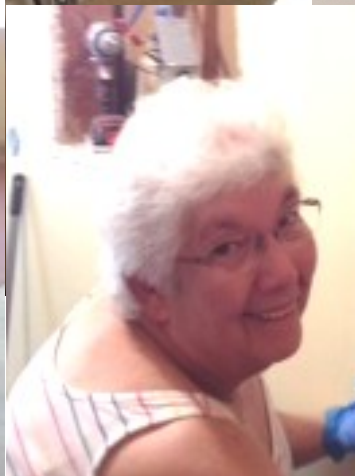
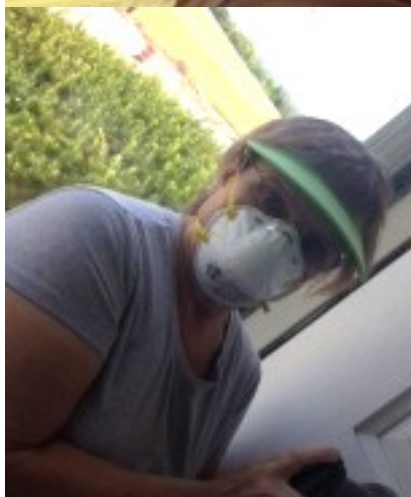
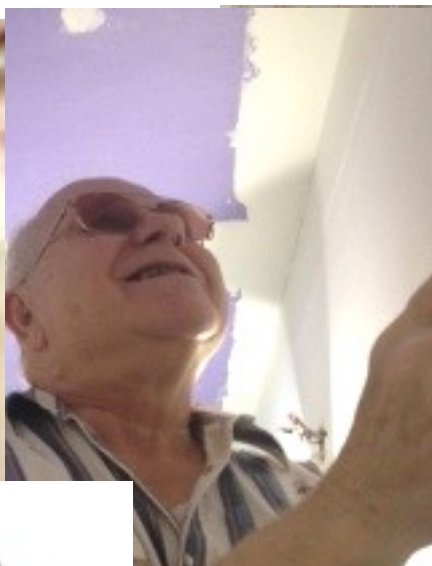
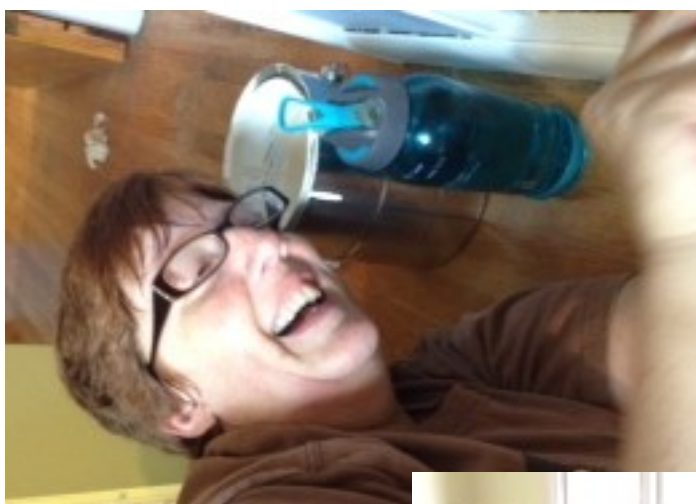
Save the Date!

The annual church retreat will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Mercy Prayer Center on Highland Avenue. The theme will be "Finding our spiritual gifts."

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Refurbishing the parsonage



You won't recognize the place

In preparation for the residency of our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion, the parsonage of West Henrietta Baptist Church has been transformed during the month of July under the leadership of Trustees Chairman John Miller. Long the reclusive domain of our late bachelor Pastor, Rev. Dr. C. David Hess, and briefly a rental property, the home on Erie Station Road now has a new face. Improvements include the renovation of two baths, wallpaper removal and painting throughout the interior, living room floor repair, and new carpeting throughout. Many electrical outlets and switches have been replaced. A tub was added to the upstairs powder room, and the downstairs tub was replaced. All windows will be replaced this fall. Yard work and a great deal of cleaning, including power washing the exterior, have been done.

Earlier this year, a new garage door was installed. A contractor did mold remediation and vent cleaning. Trees were removed to resolve a grading issue. So, WELCOME, Pastor Peter.



Sunday Servants

August 7

Invocation: Connie Necaster
Scripture: Joyce Shutts
Offering: Leanna Shirley
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Joyce Shutts

August 14

Invocation: Marti Spaker
Scripture: Betty Heisig
Offering: Clara White
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Mary Bailey
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Volunteer

August 21

Invocation: Clara White
Scripture: Dan Scurlock
Offering: Kathy Gosnell
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Kathy Gosnell
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Volunteer

August 28

Invocation: Val Bandemer
Scripture: Annette Enedy
Offering: Connie Necaster
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Evy Shoots &
 Evie Scott
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Volunteer



Cheers or Spears?

Words become weapons

When tempers uproar!

Tantrum words cut, and

The hurting will store.

Cheering words soothe

And uplift more and more!

-- Comforting hearts

With a

Healing encore!

(Use Words Wisely!)

*By Evelyn Lynn Shoots
 Poet*

July 10, 2016

Come kayaking on August 20

The Fellowship Committee will host a kayaking excursion from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 on Canandaigua Lake. The LLBean Kayaking Discovery Course will teach basic paddling and safety skills. Participants will be outfitted with a personal flotation device, kayak, and paddling equipment. Once comfortable on the water, they will be venture on a guided tour as a group, skimming across the water, learning about the ecosystem and history of the area. Cost is \$25.



Men's Breakfast

7 a.m. Tuesdays at
 Peppermints

Prayer Meeting

9 a.m. Saturdays

Business Meeting

Following communion
 Sunday, Aug. 7

Pastoral Search Cttee.

6:30 p.m. Thursdays



Aug. 2: Nancy Cappello

Aug. 4: Evie Scott

Aug. 6: Heather Jonathan,
 Carol Wilkins, & Bev Bixby

Aug. 8: Judy Evra

Aug. 10: Evy Shoots and
 Joyce Shutts

Aug. 14: Sharon Shurlock

Aug. 15: Paul Lundy

Aug. 28: Jim Harper