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CELEBRATING 96 YEARS YOUNG

My Mom, Evy Lynn, was born in Cuba, NY, Aug. 10, 1924, the first of 5 daughters. She has loved words as far as back as she could remember. Mom would give creative names to all sorts of items. She called her Mother "Apron Strings, Ketikotykassies"! Her favorite passion was and is writing uplifting poetry and had a dream to have a book published. Her dream was realized in her book "Grove of Grace". She praises the Lord for Bonita Healy, for the achievement of this life time hope; Joyce Shutts for the cover photo, and all who encouraged her. With such a gift of great words, she won many contests she entered years ago. Prizes ranging from appliances, to a car, to a dream home. She worked diligently for many years, including sales of fine jewelry, fashion, and caregiving. My Mom and Dad even had a business called "Jay Craft" of handmade wood and plexus glass artistry. She also studied fashion arts and design at Buffalo State University, and also wanted to pursue that possibility. We praise our Lord for being a loving, hardworking and thanks filled Mom, always sharing



In Thankfulness to Our Mom Evy Lynn

Filled with genuine love and prayers for all
Thoughtful, caring, forgiving and sharing
Of her God-given creativity as she
expresses

Words of inspiration, encouragement and
hope

To everyone through her uplifting
Spirit-filled poetry.

With a sweet loving smile on her face
She greets each new day as a treasure

We love you, dearest Mom ♥

Happy 96th Birthday and many more!

Your appreciative family,
Evy, Evy, Jay and Jim



words of encouragement.
Our tower of faith!

Her favorite Bible scripture is:
"Then he said to them, 'Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength'" Neh. 8:10.

By Evie Scott

"Wonderful Kingdom!"

By Evelyn M. Shoots

God holds His Kingdom
For necessities and joy
We all live with Him.

Just thinking of how
Honored we are just to be
All His forever.

His Kingdom spreads wide
Through time endless centuries
History tells!

Father has told us
Whenever we have any needs
We must just ask Him!

Our Directory
Is Father's Holy Bible
Which helps Faith to grow!

Implanting Scripture
With our memorization
Offers endless Hope!

We bless and praise Father's
care.
Amen.

Neh. 8:10
Ps. 121



Aug. 4 ~ Evie Scott
 Aug. 6 ~ Thisie Schisler-Do
 Aug. 6 ~ Heather Jonathan
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"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me".
2 Corinthians 12:9

Hi friends,

I wanted to shout out to the body of Christ. Do you also struggle worrying with how things will run when you're not there? Will hubby take out the trash? Will co-workers mesh? Will our children find faith? Are you, like me, afraid of what you cannot control; afraid of surrendering detail -obsession to the Lord?

This is our kid's program in Kimbwe-la. Another missionary is helping the local guys build this church building. Jospeh, the pastor, is coordinating the kids program with the enthusiasm of a toddler on Christmas morning. Petro is 16 years old and is sharing the Bible lesson. He has been listening to the Word of God all his life. Now it's time to let Petro teach. Teachers and the pastor are guiding him in this new gifting. Ladies prepare a meal for the kids which was provided by donations from our supporters. Other churches are catching the vision.

I did not see how this could be a reality, but God is bigger than our personal limitations. We are not in Tanzania at the moment, and yet God is showing off. Kids are coming to Christ.

We are trusting God to lead the kiddos to His saving grace, even when we are not present. God is raising a generation of teens and young adults with a passion to share His love in their humble communities. Young people are stepping up to the plate, sharing the reality of Jesus.

I wanted to let you know of our beautiful "letting go of control" testimony. As we allow ourselves to trust Christ in the unknowns, in the big details and small, there will be many more testimonies to celebrate! Every testimony helps us to trust God more, surrender control and abide in supernatural peace. Peace comes as we dare allow Jesus to be Lord of our situations, instead of freaking out.

Please continue to pray for Anastazia, our student who was hit by a motorcycle. She is still in serious condition at the hospital. That's all we really know on her.

Thank you for standing with us..

In His love,
 Michelle and family

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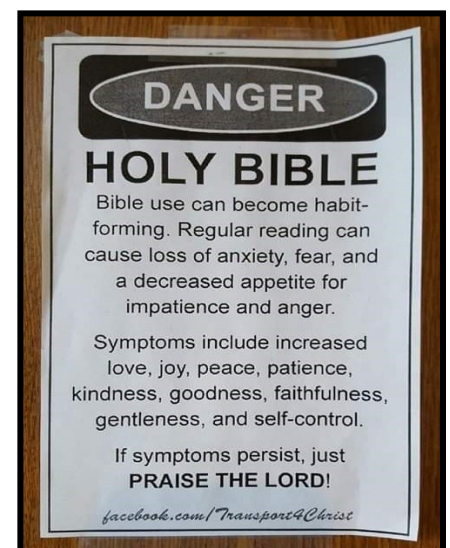
Prayer 9 a.m. Saturdays has resumed.

September *Link* Inputs due to Joyce Shutts August 18th.

It has been a long time since we have worshipped in person in our Church on a Sunday morning. Due to the COVID-19 Virus, we continue to worship on Sunday morning through electronic media.

Rev. Grinion has continued to bring us his wonderful sermons. His message offers the perfect solution for these troubled times for each of us.

The video is posted on our website (whbaptist.org) and Facebook page (West Henrietta Baptist) as usual. It can also be viewed on a Smart-tv on the YouTube Channel.



Dear Friends,

We hope you are well, and Corona virus isn't driving you mad!

Let me tell you about a change that is happening with the way we practice our mission. Thank you for supporting all that God is doing in Kigoma Tanzania. In the last year, we have seen over 1,000 children raise their hands to receive Jesus as Lord. The kid's programs have tripled in number! Thank you for your prayers, offerings, and encouragement as we move forward with our mission. We are very excited for this new season of multiplication in our ministry.

We feel touched to continue our mission, with full energy and focus. However, because of family concerns, we are going to shift our home base to Rochester, NY. I (David) will continue to make short term trips to Kigoma throughout the year to give continued training, encouragement, and oversight to the ever-multiplying children's ministries that are happening in Tanzania. In doing so, we are allowing the Tanzanian leaders to step up and "own" the programs. This is already beginning to happen. In the long run this is best, because it will allow the ministries to grow and sustain far beyond our reach.

By making short trips, we are welcoming volunteers and would love to talk with you about that.

I will still be considered a full-time missionary under Elim Fellowship, backed by our overseers, as I step into this new role. All projects will continue, such as the construction of the Elementary school, kid's programs, and the college students' education. We will supply health insurance to poor families in the villages, as we have seen this as making a monumental decrease in the rate of illnesses and deaths of our loved ones. Isn't that amazing?!?

As I am called on to teach the Word of God more, I desire to be well-grounded in the Scriptures and will attend Regent University in the Master of Divinity program online. I was accepted into the program last week.

Michelle functions as an advocate for the kid in trouble, and even now is involved with this. She considers advocacy to be like a treasure hunt, finding the one in need. She will join me on short term trips as able. She speaks life to women concerning their identity and intimacy in Christ. Michelle grows in her gift of writing, as a means for advocating for the "least of these," who have no voice, to bring truth to the heavy burdened.

As we have bathed this decision in prayer and council, we believe that our family and ministries will abound in God's good plans. We invite you to continue with us, as we move forward in our journey with our mission. Again, we thank you sincerely.

Love, your friends on assignment,
David, Michelle, and Olivia Heed

WHBC TRUSTEES CORNER ~ AUGUST 2020

Happy August to you all. I know you have NOT heard from me since that "Bogus column" I dropped on you last May. OK, not my best work but I can't give what I don't have. I could take pictures of Joyce and Peter doing the weekly sermon, or I can embarrass our local top Trustee, Steve Wenthe, with all the jobs he has done to keep the building up: trimming hedges, pulling old bushes out, etc. Steve also worked on the main A/C unit in the church which saved us a few hundred bucks (I don't mean deer) in contractor costs. Yes, I'm sorry for that shameless pun; we still have a Church to maintain.

PLEASE, if you can keep your pledges and tithes coming to the Church, you can mail them to Laurie Heisig at her home: 67 Parkview Dr. Avon NY 14414. It is important to realize we still have a building to maintain in this crisis: A/C, electric, phone and trash, along with mowing, still have to be done whether we like or not.

In the middle of June a few of the ladies were able to get together to plant flowers in front of church and around the sign; whose message, thanks to Val, is STILL changed weekly. The "ladies" included: Leanna Shirley, Joyce Shutts and Linda Heintz, who tackled that chore to make the building look nice.

Rev. Grinion submitted a Grant Application, documentation and bid prices for scraping and painting the outside of the church, along with replacing the roof on the Fellowship Hall. Do NOT be discouraged if we are turned down, this is the 1st round of a lengthy process involving Federal, State and Local Governments and Boards, who make the decisions based on various criteria, and funds disappear quickly: Without Warning. According to the prices gathered in March 2020 we will need about \$75,000.00 for the entire painting and roofing job.

Pastor Peter came to Dan Scurlock and myself back in May with a Federal Payroll Program to assist Small business during the Covid-19 crisis. We were looking at \$7,500.00 that would be given without repayment or risk to the church. We hammered out the application on a Friday afternoon. I signed off on the paperwork because there was NO risk or impact to the Church and to NOT to lose the Grant due to the deadline. I felt that the rest of the Trustees would agree with me. A few weeks later Dan got back to me stating the money ran out of the Program in no time and we were left empty handed. A few weeks later Dan contacted me again about "Federal Payroll Grant" version 2.0. This time the grant "might" have to be repaid. As Dan looked into it, it looked like a dud. After another meeting with a Grant Coordinator, Dan got back to me saying he had one more meeting with his contact at the bank to find out more. What looked like a dud turned into a program that gave us \$7,500.00 toward our payroll and utility expenses. Because of the risk of this becoming a loan to the Church, I polled the rest of the Trustees with all of Dan's information and the minimal risk to the Church before signing the new application. In the event we had to pay it back we would get 6 months' notice, and repayment would be over the course of 5 years at 1% interest, which Dan stated would be a minimal risk to the Church: we could cover the funds without a problem.

Last, but not least, I have been involved in the possible re-opening of one of our Sister Churches in the Rush-Henrietta League of Churches, HUCC at 1400 Lehigh Station Rd. My contact and good friend of over 40+ years, Bob Day, one of my contacts at the WHFD, asked me to assist him, along with Pastor Jason Boyd. We got together in the middle of June to layout "Rules of Social Distancing Guidelines from the United Church of Christ Ministries" and "Rules from the State of New York". We took a meeting room which held 60 persons based on the Fire Marshal Posting, now could hold only 12. We spent over 3 hours with masking tape, tape measures and chairs to get a layout for the room. Keep in mind, the rules handed down in June, are constantly changing almost on a daily basis.

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Copies were emailed to members of the Board and I asked Leanna if our local Baptist Church Association has anything coming down in the pipeline and she said "Not that she was aware of at this time".

Keep in mind that these rules are in flux: changing as NEW information is found out about Covid-19 with changes or mutations found almost daily. Don't Shoot the Messenger, but the following things have NOT been removed from anything that has been revised: 6' Social Distancing, Masks Required, NO singing, NO Touching or contact of any kind, NO food to be shared, NO coffee pots. The Church will have to be disinfected after each use including Church services or small group meetings. I have yet to hear how or what the proper chemicals or cleaners are recommended by the State. Other problems the Board will have to consider is a possible "Hold Harmless Letter" which is signed before entering our facility, which might keep us out of Court in the event someone contracts the virus in our building and tries to SUE us for contracting the viruses. Reopening will be a difficult process, at best, with all the rules and regulations we are facing. It will NOT be cheap and record keeping WILL be a nightmare. With our elderly population, it's NOT in the foreseeable future. We will also ask our Insurance company for their input and recommendations for reopening so as NOT to jeopardize our coverage.

In closing, this Board is actively involved in trying to come up with answers about re-opening the Church BUT we will do it according to the rules provided by the CDC, State, County or Town, as well as Our Greater Rochester Baptist Church Association. I received a memo last week, July 17, 2020, from Bob Day at HUCC. Due to their elderly population in their Church, similar to our situation, they are suspending ALL Church and Operations UNTIL JANUARY 2021. This tells you how Covid-19 is posing a DANGER to all of us. This Board WILL NOT rush to re-open until all questions have been answered. We will NOT be the cause of Sickness or Death to any of our Members in a rush to re-open; it's NOT worth it.

In His Service,
Mark
Mark F. Heintz Sr.
Chairman WHBC Board of Trustees

Harvest Home/Thrivent Build Summary, July 26, 2020

Aug. 1st is the date selected for the dedication of the 96 Holworthy St. home in the Josana neighborhood. It will be held at 119 Holworthy Street on the corner of Holworthy & Dakota. Our coalition can have two people attend due to the COVID restrictions; they will be live-streaming the event on Facebook, and the recording will be available for anyone who can't watch live. This is the latest completed build Harvest/Thrivent Home, and has been funded financially by (FCCH, the sponsor Coalition with \$30,000 and a grant from Thrivent). The home is for a multi-generational family from Somalia.

New build at 395 Campbell St. being built for Dana Ortiz is just underway. The golden shovel blessing will be scheduled for mid-August, and may be streamed online. The agreement is another \$30,000 from Harvest Home as sponsor with a grant from Thrivent. FCHH currently has \$8100 toward the \$30,000. We will receive partial funding from Thrivent as soon as we submit the sign-in sheets for our first on-site volunteers. The link to register to build is: <https://give.rochesterhabitat.org/ge/thriventhharvest2020>. There can be one supervisor and five volunteers at a time wearing masks, socially distanced, using sanitizer, etc., and build will resume early Aug.

The Coalition is looking ahead to 2021 with the goal of another home in the greater Josana neighborhood coupled with plans to create and celebrate a Tyshaun Caldwell Memorial Garden next to the Thrivent/Harvest home previously built on Whitney St. Tyshaun was the ten-year old who perished in the river when he wandered off from school. A build in 2021 would be the 100th home. There is a goal of adding more churches who are not part of the Coalition to join and support the faith builds going forward.

The online FCHH Gala was very successful! They raised \$129,099 for future Habitat builds. I have posted a homebuyer's testimonial video on our Facebook Page, and it is posted on the FCHH website (Rochesterhabitat.org.)

I trust that we can continue to support these efforts to put more families in homes of their own, and hope that previous fundraising will commence soon; i.e., the Uno's Dough Raisers, etc.

Submitted by: Joyce Shutts

MAINTAINING YOUR PASSION FOR JESUS

To the faithful brethren in Christ who are at West Henrietta:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

My prayer for you is that you are maintaining your passion for Jesus, enjoying good health, enjoying time with family, listening to my weekly sermons, and that you are sending to Laurie your financial support to our church. We must keep up with our monthly financial obligations, notwithstanding no weekly meetings in the building for almost 5 months.

Undoubtedly, we are all feeling the effects of social isolation. Loneliness is painful and distressful and consequently, we do not choose or enjoy being lonely. The truth is that we are all getting tired of being bored and lonely at home. I know you miss our weekly gathering for Sunday worship, Bible study, and prayer meetings. I miss seeing your smiling faces and hearing your laughter. I do feel very sad when I learn about your illness and I am unable to visit you at the hospital or at home. All I can do is pray for you and/or call you. Part of my pastoral experience is simply to be there, to listen, and give comfort and words of encouragement. Given the aforementioned, let me share the following words of encouragement with you.

We are living in difficult and uncharted times and we should practice the spiritual disciplines of daily prayers, study of the Scriptures and private devotions in order to stay present with God. We should not practice these disciplines out of a sense of duty, but out of a desire for an ongoing vibrant relationship with God. Failure to depend on the power of prayer and the daily enabling of the Holy Spirit, is an indication that we are depending on our own strength. When we depend on our own strength, we can get dried up, weary, and we easily become discouraged. In other words, any attempt to be a Christian on our own strength requires greater effort, and strength that we don't have, and we get tired and want to give up. Satan would have a temporary victory to lead members of the church to a defeated life during this time.

We must be vigilant, especially living in this age of inactivity at our church. Vigilance is primarily keeping up with prayer, reading of the Scriptures, and practicing other spiritual disciplines. Vigilance is an awareness of being grounded fully in the truths of our faith. The Apostle Peter exhorts us: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus knows ahead of time what the enemy is up to and He will keep us ahead of what the devil may be trying to do against us.

We have to be paying attention. We cannot afford to have our faith in God diminish for any reason. Let's pray that during this difficult time of COVID-19, we reach that place in our spiritual journey, where we pray, read God's Word, and do our daily private devotions, simply because we love our fellowship with Jesus. When was the last time you felt passionate about the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ? Let us pray for a deep passion to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with victorious living.

It would be remiss of me to end my message without saying something about reopening our church. This will be a complex undertaking. Please be patient with us! Some of you might be thinking that we should rebel against authority and return to Sunday morning worship services. I want to make the following point very clear: My weekly sermons are posted on our church website and YouTube, and hard copies are distributed to members who are not connected to the internet. We are holding off any meeting at church, particularly because we are concerned about our people with pre-existing conditions and those 65 years and older, who are at greater risk of contracting the virus. In the meantime, we will clean and disinfect the church, and stock masks and hand sanitizer for you.

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Please pray for me, the moderator, deacons, trustees, other officers, choristers, and all members of our church family in general. We are one family in the Lord. Keep praying, keep studying the Scriptures, and keep up your daily private devotions! What a day of rejoicing it will be when we eventually return to church! My prayer is that while we wait, we become closer to the Lord, closer as a church family, and more passionate for the person and work of Jesus, our Lord.

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God (Psalm 42:1).

In His Service

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor

CHERISHED FOREVER

By Evelyn M. Shoots

We are dearly loved
By our Heavenly Father
Far past any words!

When we birthed this earth
Father's love infilled our souls - -
Ready for life's roles!

Talents may involve
Which could help to end the trend
Of feared fatality.

There must come an end
To the virus we contend
And help lives extend.

We must use wisdom
To safeguard in every way
Masking, cleansing, distancing - -

Knowing all we should do
Will extend the time to bring
An end to COVID's cling.

Father sees this all
And we know that His Power
Holds us every hour!

We are thankful!
Amen.

Forgive Me When I Whine

Today upon a bus, I saw a lovely maid with golden hair; I envied her-she seemed so gay, and how, I wished I were so fair; When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle; she had one foot and wore a crutch, but as she passed, a smile. Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two feet, the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets, the lad who served me had such charm; he seemed to radiate good cheer, his manner was so kind and warm; I said, "It's nice to deal with you, such courtesy I seldom find"; he turned and said, "Oh, thank you sir." And then I saw that he was blind. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Then, when walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue; he stood and watched the others play, it seemed he knew not what to do; I stopped a moment, then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?" He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear. Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two ears, the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go; with eyes to see the sunsets glow; with ears to hear what I would know. I am blessed indeed. The world is mine; oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

Submitted by Richard

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"...and I never get a busy signal."

CARROTS, EGGS, AND COFFEE



A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans.

She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft and mushy. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hardened egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its deep flavor and inhaled its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What's the point, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity – boiling water – but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin, outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" She asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit but, after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water – the very circumstance that brings the adversity, the pain, the hardship – into something quite wonderful. When the water gets hot, it releases its fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you for the better.

When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity?

ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG, OR A COFFEE BEAN?

(Somehow, wake up and smell the coffee takes on a whole new meaning)

~ Author Unknown