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Greetings from Our Pastor

Greetings in the name of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ!

It is indeed a pleasure to be called 'at such a time as this' to serve as pastor of this historic church. I join you as a fellow follower of Jesus Christ in ministry. I believe that God has placed each one of us here because He has good things He wants accomplish in our world through our lives together here.

This is an opportune time for an exciting and vibrant ministry, through worship, fellowship, Sunday School, evangelism, and other ministry programs. We are entrusted with the treasures of the Gospel-Good news! If we share it, we are investing it wisely, so others might come to believe and be saved. Let's follow the admonition of Jesus, "...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone" (Mark 16:15).

As your pastor, I pledge to lead, stand with you, love you, support you, and encourage you to "sink your roots deeply in our church, and bloom in ministries where you are planted." Let's be the church for all people, where everyone is welcome. Let's rededicate ourselves to expressing our love for Jesus by participating actively in the life of the



REV. DR. PETER GRINION

church, and the wider, local community. With much certainty, God will bear an abundance of good fruit through us.

Finally, I ask for your support, encouragement and prayers.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion
Pastor
West Henrietta Baptist Church

Congregation Calls Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion

West Henrietta Baptist Church voted June 12 to call Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion as its permanent pastor. Dr. Grinion is the former pastor of Parsells Community Church in Rochester and a licensed clinical social worker. He will begin his ministry here on July 1.

The father of 11-year-old twin sons, Ayden and Bryce, Dr. Grinion plans to live in the parsonage once repairs there are completed. The Pastoral Search Committee is planning a fall installation. Anyone wishing to help plan that event, please see Joanne Wilbert.

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Sunday Servants

July 3

Invocation: Kathy Gosnell

Scripture: Val Bandemer

Prayer: Clara White

Greeter: Mary Bailey

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Volunteer

July 10

Invocation: Marti Spaker

Scripture: Mary Bailey

Prayer: Leanna Shirley

Greeter: Roberta Miller

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Volunteer

July 17

Invocation: Clara White

Scripture: Kathy Gosnell

Prayer: Val Bandemer

Greeter: Pat Floyd

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Volunteer

July 24

Invocation: Marti Spaker

Scripture: Mike Shirley

Prayer: Leanna Shirley

Greeter: Joanne Wilbert

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Volunteer

July 31

Invocation: Val Bandemer

Scripture: Don Peoples

Prayer: Clara White

Greeter: Kathy Gosnell

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Volunteer



The Hand of God

The Hand of God has done all things,

For in His Hand is Life;

Oh, come to worship and bow down

Amidst this world of strife!

Reach out and clasp His Loving Hand

So ready to receive,

When troubles mount, and worries count,

His touch will soon relieve.

God's fingers fashioned moon and stars,

His Hand brought Man to be;

How excellent His Name remains,

Life strength for you and me.

With His Right Hand, our Father God

Exalted Christ His Son

As Savior Prince above this world,

Salvation had begun!

Within our caring Father's Hand,

We are forever blessed;

He offers shelter so secure

We have Eternal Rest.

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Men's Breakfast

7 a.m. Tuesdays at
Peppermints

Prayer Meeting

9 a.m. Saturdays

Deacon's Meeting

10 a.m. July 22
at church



July 5 - Randy Heintz

July 9 - Christine Statts

July 13 - Mary Bailey &
Gene Becker

July 14 - Helen Howlett

July 15 - Marshall Smith

July 16 - Ayden & Bryce
Grinion; Laura Stone

July 19 Dan Scurlock &
Annette Eney

July 20 - Valerie Fogarassy

July 24 - Pastor Peter
Grinion

July 28 - Jesse Becker

July 31 - Desirae Relyea

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God's mighty Hand keeps tides in tow
And holds the world on course;
Yet gently touches fevered brow
With tender Healing Force!

His opened Hand provides supply
To every living thing:
Because God formed them, one and all,
He loves foot, paw and wing.

Prayer:
Our wondrous Potter, help us yield
Within thy Shaping Hand:
Infill us with thy saving strength,
That we for thee will stand!

Your Hand is Love, and Light and Life,
Dear Master, let us stay
So close to You, we cannot stray
Or ever lose our way.

When we are weak, how strong you are!
Your promises hold us sure. . .
You bear our burdens faithfully,
Our praises will endure.
Amen

By Mrs. Evelyn Lynn Shoots
August 2005

O Lord, Our Lord,

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8 (Read the rest!)

Church News

Council Appoints Music Committee

The Advisory Council appointed a music committee at its June 7 meeting. Members include two choir members, Anne Greco and Dan Gress; one trustee, Joanne Wilbert; one deacon, Clara White; and one at-large member, Sharon Scurlock. The committee is now responsible for hiring music staff for the fall and arranging for an accompanist and special music during the summer. Thank you to each of them.

Fellowship Committee Formed

Joanne Wilbert, Mike Shirley, and Joyce Shutts have volunteered to serve on a Fellowship Committee approved by the Advisory Council at its June 7 meeting. The committee is responsible for implementing the town hall brainstorming idea that we have a fun social activity monthly. They want your ideas. Email Jo at jwilbert3@rochester.rr.com, Mike at m.shirl@yahoo.com and Joyce at rjshutts@gmail.com

Deacons Going on Retreat

Deacon Chair Leanna Shirley has announced that the deacons will go on their annual retreat on Saturday, June 25 at the Mercy Prayer Center. Dr. Lynn Acquafondata, a Christian counselor, will lead them in looking at ministering to themselves to allow them to be better servants to the church.

Date Set for Fall Church Retreat

A Church Retreat is scheduled for Oct. 15 at the Mercy Prayer Center. The deacons will work with our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion, to develop a theme and program. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Are Needed

If you would like to volunteer for Sunday Coffee Hour during July or August, please sign up on the bulletin board. Signing up helps prevent duplication. Thanks so to Barb Zima who handles this schedule the rest of the year.

Make a Connection that Matters

The Coffee Connection is asking 100 people to give \$10 a month to create another part-time job for a woman with a history of drug abuse and sometimes incarceration. Rev. Joy Bergfalk, who preached here recently, employs and counsels recovering women in coffee houses in Rochester.

The Beginning of Our Walk



West Henrietta Baptist met its new permanent pastor the weekend of June 4-5 when Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion visited for a Meet and Greet Weekend. Above, Mary Bailey gives Peter a warm welcome during a Saturday luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

hosted by the Pastoral Search Committee. Some day these photos by Joyce Shutts will show us how we were at the start of a long road together. Peter was called June 12 and begins his ministry July 1.

Prayer Time

It has been said that all of us
Are pencils in God's hand;
Oh, may our writings ever show
His Heart to bless our land.

He wants to fill us with his peace
As promised in His word;
All we need do is listen to
His voice: our prayers are heard.

By Mrs. Evelyn M. Shoots

Petition available to oppose rezoning

A petition opposing the rezoning Henrietta rural residential/farmland to industrial/commercial is available for signing in the Fellowship Hall, if you are interested.

The town is considering rezoning more than 900 acres in the town's southwest quadrant. West Henrietta Baptist Church sits in this more rural part of town, and several of our members live in this less developed area.

Town officials maintain that development would be good for the

economy and provide jobs. Opponents say not enough has been done to bring business to unused and underutilized commercial properties that are already available in developed areas of the town. Once the rural landscape is lost, it will be gone forever with a diminished quality of life for all for years to come.

A hearing on a Generic Environmental Impact Study needed prior to rezoning will be held July 20 at the town hall. No public vote is planned, so the petition is an important way to voice opposition.