

# THE LINK

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July & August 2014

## Save the Date:

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

That's when the culminating celebration of West Henrietta Baptist Church's bicentennial will be held. The day will begin with a special worship service followed by an open house and hors d'oeuvres at the church. At 1 pm, a banquet will be held at the RIT Inn and Conference Center on Wet Henrietta Road. Roy Medley, general secretary of the American Baptist Churches USA, has agreed to speak. Tickets will be \$25. The bicentennial committee is still brainstorming a guest list, and your suggestions on whom should be invited are welcome.

## OTHER DATES TO SAVE:

Our yearlong celebration will launch officially at the Deacons' Retreat on Saturday, October 11, 2014 with "Mystic Sweet Communion." The identities of our fellow church members in the stained glass windows and the 1911 McFarlane Class hanging in the Fellowship Hall will be revealed. Be sure to come learn their stories and who in today's congregation claims ancestors among them.

Observing the bicentennial across calendar years makes sense because our church actually began worshipping in 1813 in homes along the Genesee River. They formalized their organization 1815 with the adoption of a covenant. Starting our celebrations in 2014 recognizes that pre-1815 history. Events are being planned for each month from October 2014 through September 2015. Other 2014 events include:

\*On Tuesday, November 25, with our Christmas greens beautifully laid, we plan to

host the annual interfaith Thanksgiving service and highlight our historic connections with other churches.

\* On Saturday, December 13, we will host an old-fashioned caroling party for our neighbor churches. After singing, cookies and hot chocolate will be served at our church.

We need help:

Volunteers will be needed to plan and host the open house on Sunday, September 20, 2015, but before then we are looking for anyone who would be willing to chronicle our celebration by taking pictures at the month events and displaying them at the banquet. Any age can volunteer!

Speaking of photos, volunteers are needed to help Roberta sort through, identify, and organize the church's collection of old photos. It is hoped that this project can result in a photo display for the 2015 open house. So if you have a good memory for faces, please see Roberta.

Finally,. If anyone has their lawn treated or has a neighbor whose lawn is treated, please save the plastic warning markers that are stuck in the ground. Save them with the yellow cardboard squares intact. They will be useful in a way not yet explainable. So please save them...and stay tuned. (give them to Bonnie.)

Your suggestions and ideas are welcome. Please share them with any bicentennial committee member.

We are: John & Roberta Miller, Dan & Sharon Scurlock, at Floyd, Lynne Stewart & Bonnie Healy.

# WHAT HAPPENING IN JULY at The West Henrietta Baptist Church

## We're making history!

Recognize anyone in the picture below? Chances are you will guess at least two. As the church's 2015 bicentennial nears, *The Link* is printing a photo each month that includes one or more individuals who still attend at least occasionally. Enjoy identifying friends and family – and maybe yourself!

June's historic photo was of Leanna Shirley with her late husband, Joe, and her children, Joe, Katie, and Mike, when they were small.



*Keep guessing!  
Our bicentennial is coming!*

- July VOLUNTEERS:**
- GREETERS:**  
July 6 Roberta Miller  
(thank you Robert Miller for taking over the Greeters Coordinators position.)  
July 13 Loretta Hirschman  
July 20 & July 27th Patricia Floyd
- FELLOWSHIP HOST:**  
A big THANK YOU to all our Hosts who provided snacks and beverages during the Fellowship time. There will be no "formal" schedule through the summer months. However, if you would like to bring something to share, please sign up on the sheet by the nursery staircase to avoid duplicates. Thanks, Barb Zima
- CHILDREN'S MOMENT:**  
6th: Tim VanDerMeid  
13th: Clara White  
20th: Leanne Shirley  
27th: Roberta Miller
- SCRIPTURE READER:**  
6th: Mary Bailey  
13th: Betty Heisig  
20th: Joyce Shutts  
27th: Patricia Floyd
- NURSERY HELPER:**  
Debbie Covill

## July BIRTHDAYS:

2nd: Mimi Babcock	19th: Dan Scurlock	
5th: Randy Heintz	20th: Valerie Fogarassy	
9th: Christine Statts	26th: Betsy Lundy	
13th: Mary Bailey	28th: Jesse Becker	
Gene Becker	31st: Desirae Relyea	
14th: Helen Howlett		
15th: Marshall Smith		
16th: Laura Stone		

## HELP IS NEEDED:

WE NEED  
VOLUNTEERS FOR  
CHILDREN'S  
MOMENTS.  
IF YOU HAVEN'T  
ALREADY BEEN ASKED TO  
DO ONE AND WOULD  
LIKE TO DO ONE PLEASE  
CONTACT  
KATHY JUBY.

# WHAT HAPPENING IN AUGUST at The West Henrietta Baptist Church

**CHOIR PRACTICE:**

Our choir is on vacation until September.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:**

Every Tuesday at 7 am at the Peppermint.

**MORNING PRAYER:**

Every Saturday morning at 9 am.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

For September will be August 17th.



**August BIRTHDAYS:**

- 2nd: Mary Ellen Lundy  
Nancy Cappello  
Matt VanDerMeid
- 4th: Evie Scott
- 6th: Heather Jonathan  
Beverly Bixby  
Carol Wilkins
- 8th: Judy Evra
- 9th: Linda Knapp
- 10th: Evy Shoots  
Joyce Shutts
- 14th: Sharon Scurlock
- 15th: Paul Lundy
- 27th: Kyle Babcock
- 28th: Jim Harper
- 31st: Nicholas Cheong

**August VOLUNTEERS:**

**GREETERS:**

- 3rd: Chris Statts
- 10th: Mary Bailey
- 17th: Kathy Gosnell
- 24th: Mary Bailey
- 31st: Evie Scott

**FELLOWSHIP HOST:**

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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:**

- 3rd: open
- 10th: open
- 17th: Bonnie Healy
- 24th: Evie Scott
- 31st: Clara White

**SCRIPTURE READER:**

- 3rd: Betty Heisig
- 10th: Bonnie Healy
- 17th: Betty Heisig
- 24th: Loretta Hirschman
- 31st: Patricia Floyd

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**Volunteers Needed at the Wegmans LPGA Championship**

August 11th - 17th

Monroe Golf Club , Pittsford, NY

- \*Convenient four-hour shifts
- \*Cashiers, Cooks, and Shelf Stock help needed
- \*Three shifts worked = free week-long tournament access
- \*Work with friends
- \*Friendly & welcoming concession vendor
- Volunteers must be 18+

Please call or email Kate Balconi at 359-3710, ext. 169 to sign up and for information on available shifts.



From the Board of Trustees  
West Henrietta Baptist Church

To all of our congregants,

You may have heard talk around church about buying the vacant lot on the corner of Erie Station and West Henrietta Roads. The purpose of this letter is to inform the congregation and present the rationale for the proposal.

At the January, 2014 congregational meeting, the trustees were tasked with coming up with a plan to address our future parking needs, namely, by proposing a plan for purchasing the lot across Erie Station Road. West Henrietta is growing, and it's reasonable to expect that some day the fire dept. may outgrow the existing firehouse and relocate to a new, larger facility, which is what happened in Scottsville about 15 years ago. Or it may close due to consolidation, as in West Brighton a couple of years ago. If that happens, we'll probably lose the parking privileges that we've come to take for granted for all these years. If that happens, what can we do? We could build a remote lot somewhere and shuttle people here, or beg parking privileges from Cartwright's new owner, whoever that will be. We could abandon our building and build a new one somewhere else, with its own parking. Or we could provide our own parking here by purchasing the vacant lot.

As Christians, we believe that God will take care of our needs, but maybe He is taking care of this by presenting us this opportunity.

We are initiating a pledge drive for purchasing the lot, with the pledges contingent on a congregational vote to proceed with the purchase. If we raise \$50,000-\$60,000, added to the money already available in our treasury, the situation may be attractive enough for the congregation to approve. If not, the effort hasn't cost us anything. Also, the pledges may be paid over a few years' time.

The pledge cards may be dropped in the weekly collection basket, or mailed to the church at 5660 West Henrietta Road., West Henrietta, NY 14586. When the pledges are all in, the congregation will meet to discuss the proposal and vote on whether to proceed.

Thank you,  
The Board of Trustees.

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## West Henrietta Baptist Parking Lot Pledge Drive

Pledge amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Payable:

upon congregation's approval

over a period of \_\_\_\_ years

Name: \_\_\_\_\_