

WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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Committee names pastoral candidate

The WHBC Pastoral Search Committee has presented Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion to the congregation as its candidate for permanent pastor. Dr. Grinion will visit the church the first weekend in June. A vote to call him will be taken following worship on June 12.

Although he currently lives in Connecticut, Dr. Grinion is well known in the Rochester area and within the American Baptist Churches Rochester Genesee Region. He pastored Parsells Avenue Community Church for eight years and was an associate pastor at Genesee Baptist Church for almost as long. He served with our late pastor, Rev. Dr. C. David Hess, on the Executive Board of ABCRGR. He was also a member of the ABCRGR Ordination Review Committee for six years and its Vice Chair for two years, ending in 2015. In the Greater Rochester Area, Dr. Grinion served as a member of the United Way Community Investment Cabinet.

In addition to his active ministry, Dr. Grinion was for 15 years a professor of Social Work and an administrator at Roberts Wesleyan College. He is himself a licensed clinical social worker and an experienced counselor and administrator in the mental health field. In his current position at a Manhattan agency, he designs the delivery of all clinical/management services in a residential program.

Dr. Grinion holds master's degrees in both divinity and social work. Both were



REV. DR. PETER GRINION

earned at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, the seminary attended by Pastor Hess. In addition, he holds two doctorates, one of them earned from the University of Kwazule-Natal/Durban, South Africa, in a program that facilitated study at international sites.

Dr. Grinion describes himself as someone who likes people and envisions an enthusiastic ministry that includes his participation as a community leader. His references report that he is a pastor who will not leave a member in time of need.

If approved, Dr. Grinion would live in the parsonage. He has 15-year-old twin sons.

Meet & Greet

Weekend Details

Saturday, June 4

11 a.m.: Dr. Grinion will tour the parsonage with Trustee Chair John Miller and Moderator Bonnie Healy

Noon - 2 p.m.: A luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

2 p.m.: Board and committee chairs and elected officers will meet with Dr. Grinion.

Sunday, June 5

10 a.m.: Worship and communion service

12:30: Picnic at Martin Road Park

Picnic Details

The Board of Christian Education will provide ice, dessert, drinks, condiments, charcoal, lighter, paper products, and hot dog and hamburger buns.

Members are asked to bring their own meat to grill and a dish to pass. Bring cards or a board game for fun or plan to fish -- with a town license. (See Page 3)

Sunday Servants

June 5

Invocation: Connie Necaster

Scripture: Clara White

Prayer: Leanna Shirley

Greeter: Patricia Floyd

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Picnic

June 12

Invocation: Marti Spaker

Scripture: Val Bandemer

Prayer: Clara White

Greeter: Mike Shirley & Leanna Shirley

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Flo Braker and Ann Jonathan

June 19

Invocation: Kathy Gosnell

Scripture: Don Peoples

Prayer: Val Bandemer

Greeter: Roberta Miller

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Mary Bailey

June 26

Invocation: Connie Necaster

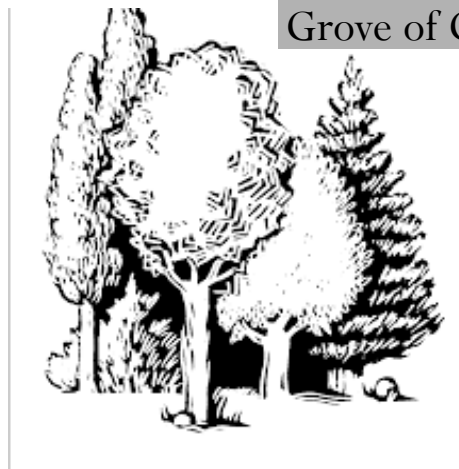
Scripture: Betty Heisig

Prayer: Marti Spaker

Greeter: Joanne Wilbert

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Roberta Miller



Grove of Grace

Summer Soulstice

The winds of change
 Call summer in,
 With all its loveliness.
 The fields of harvest
 Wait to bring
 Rewards of souls to bless!
 How deep the longings in our souls
 As if we cannot wait---
 But knowledge we have gained through faith
 Helps as we contemplate.
 Desires for freedom as we live
 Keep us from rash advance;
 Will what we do each day renew
 Our missioning expanse?
 Our Father knows the way to go,
 We trust His guiding Word;
 Deep faith maintains, and
 Strength sustains ---
 Decision joys are heard!
 Christ Jesus watches all we do,
 While with His Love we go:
 Our lives will fill with happiness
 And miracles will show!

By Mrs. Evelyn M. Shoots



Meet and Greet
 June 4 and 5

Church picnic
 12:30 June 6 at
 Martin Road Park

Advisory Council
 7 p.m. June 6

Vote on Pastor
 June 12

Men's Breakfast
 7 a.m. Tuesdays at
 Peppermints

Prayer Meeting
 9 a.m. Saturdays



June 6 - Carol Dubois and Michael Rissew

June 11 - Elizabeth Hirschman and Chris Pires

June 12 - Sally Kubica

June 15 - Stan Eneyd

June 20 - Bonnie Healy

June 25 - Justin van der Meid

June 28 - Ashley Dubois

June 30 - Betty Wynne

Firemen bid farewell to one of their own

Uniformed firefighters filled at least three pews of a packed sanctuary on May 18, for the funeral of longtime church member Harold L. Page Jr. Harold died May 14 at 94.

Henrietta Fire District Chief Jim Comstock eulogized Harold as a storyteller and leader. A Henrietta native, Harold's stories often recalled his experiences as a bombardier of a B-24 in the Pacific Theater of World War II. As a firefighter, Harold was a Life Member and Past Chief of the

West Henrietta Fire Department, the first Chief of the Henrietta Fire District, and a Fifth Battalion Fire Coordinator.

Harold was one of the oldest members of West Henrietta Baptist Church, where the name Page is one of the oldest names. Harold's grandmother, Jennie Page, is pictured in the church Fellowship Hall among the members of the 1911 Elizabeth McFarlane Memorial Class. He served in many church offices, including deacon and trustee. In memory of his wife Brunette, Harold financed the restoration of the historic church bell that had not rung in many years.

Harold is survived by his only daughter, Sharon Hagens, and her husband Donald; a grandson Lucas and his fiancé, Katie Wadhams; his sister Jean Benson and her husband Kenneth, his sister, Joan Newton, and many nieces and nephews.



Firemen carry Harold Page's casket from the church.

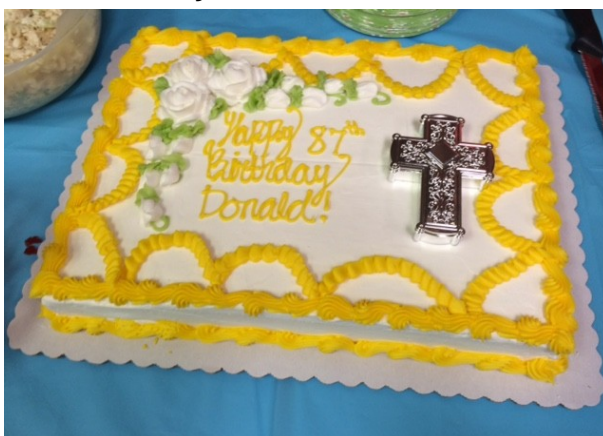
Music year ends



As the music year ends, we thank our choir and Organist Oliver Hagen, Soprano Emily Star, and Choir Director Edo Frankel for their wonderful contributions to our worship. All are Eastman School of Music students.

Oliver, who is completing doctoral studies, will be away in June and back in July before leaving us. Edo continues his studies and will return when the choir resumes.

And many more!



When Don Hirschman recently turned 87, his wife Loretta, son Karl, and daughter-in-law Theresa brought the celebration to church with lunch and a cake.

Picnic Fishing Info

The pond at Martin Road Park allows for catch and release fishing. Fishermen over 16 must purchase a license in advance at the town hall. Fees are different for Henrietta residents and non-residents.

Residents pay \$25 for a year, \$13 for a week, and \$5 for a day. Non-residents pay \$50 for a year, \$31 for a week and \$10 day.

Children are free but must be accompanied by a licensed adult.

The picnic site provides a sheltered pavilion, nearby parking, paved sidewalks and flush toilets.

Painted Post sister church joins AWAB

The following is a statement from First Baptist Church of Painted Post announcing its decision to join the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

We are very happy to announce that First Baptist Church has officially adopted the following Welcoming and Affirming Statement of Faith and the we will be joining AWAB...the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

First Baptist Church of Painted Post, NY is a body of faith based on community in God and with each other. We celebrate the freedom to ask questions and seek answers together as we journey on a common path guided by the teachings of Christ Jesus. Although there may be differences among us, we believe that we can love alike even though we may not think alike.

While the church (universal) has made progress in being open and affirming to many groups, there continues to be condemnation of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons from the community of faith, or at least, a tolerance of such condemnation and exclusion through silence. We believe such

actions are inconsistent with Christ's teachings.

Therefore, we proclaim that our community of faith welcomes, affirms, and embraces people from all family configurations, religious backgrounds, racial and cultural identities, ages, economic status, divorced, partnered, single, married, differing abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities. Through our American Baptist heritage of religious liberty and soul freedom we invite all people to fully participate in the life and ministries of First Baptist Church of Painted Post, NY as we journey together toward reconciliation through Christ.

We do so in keeping with our understanding of the Scripture and our experience of God's Spirit showing us that all people are created in the image of God, and, as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. In common community through God we honor and support one another in our joys and sorrows, celebrate life's significant passages, and care for each other through life's difficulties as we continue the journey.