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Be Hopeful - God Always has the Final Word



"What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, the Father of our Lord Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now!" (1 Peter 1: 3-4)

A Pew Research Center survey conducted in the summer of 2020 reveals that more Americans than people in other economically developed countries say that the COVID-19 pandemic has bolstered their faith in God. Nearly three-in-ten Americans (28%) report stronger personal faith because of the pandemic, and the same share think the religious faith of Americans overall has strengthened, according to the survey of 14 economically developed countries. This comes as no surprise to me, because in times of crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, one might expect that more people would turn to religion, given the death, fear, and isolation the pandemic has generated.

My belief is that for many Christians, positive religious reframing helped to transcend stressful times by enabling them to see a tragedy as an opportunity to grow closer to God or to improve their spirituality. Described as 'loss of fellowship', the absence of face-to-face religious assembling is one of many impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that have been reported by church goers everywhere. I wonder if the above research results still hold for Americans as church attendance is presently in sharp decline. Is it that the majority of church goers have resigned to attending religious events on social media? Or, are people having conflict of faith in God and consequently feel less need to affiliate with the church?

What event or period in the Christian church calendar energizes congregations? Could it be Lent? Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent--a period of 40 days during which Christians remember the events leading up to the death of Jesus Christ. Lent is meant to be a time of repentance. That's not a feeling of shame, but an awareness that sin separates us from God and of what it cost Him to be reunited with us. This special 40-day period before Easter is a unique time for us to take inventory of our lives, commune more intimately with God through meditation and prayer, and clear out those things that may distract us from our commitment to him. Within the next 18 days the Christian church will observe Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter (Resurrection) Sunday, in that order.

We praise God that we have lived to see another Springtime. For me, Spring is a season for new life, new goals, and new beginnings. I am praying for a new surge of energy and passion for Christ amongst us. Do you have a project for Springtime? What is different this year? Many people who were once available to volunteer for projects haven't been seen in a while at church. Notwithstanding, we have much to do. We are about to begin the renovation of our church building. How can you help move this task forward?

The truth is that COVID-19 has decimated our congregation and we need to rebuild it. We have a number of members whom we haven't seen in church since mid-2019. I am personally praying for their return. We need to reach the unchurched people in our community with the good news of Jesus. We have been using Facebook and YouTube to share the gospel of salvation, which continues to be received by many. We will be sending out bulk mail to reach hundreds of homes in the adjoining communities to introduce ourselves and invite them to church. We need new members to rebuild the choir, committees, and boards. We need new members to fill out the pews. We need additional members to build a vibrant and impactful ministry. Just as children are a blessing from the Lord (Psalm 127), and just as the increase of Abraham's descendants was a blessing, so also the growth of Christ's church is a blessing from God.

The church has a mandate from Jesus to be fruitful and multiply. This may be done through personal fellowship, personal witnessing or visitation to people's homes or places for social gathering. During this spring we will be encouraged to use our gifts and talents for personal witnessing. The most powerful tool we possess is

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COMING UP THIS MONTH



April 3

Invocation: Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion

Scripture: Dr. Roger Smith

Offering: Val Bandemer

Communion: Kathy Gosnell &
Connie Necaster

Greeter: Leanna Shirley

Fellowship: Kathy Gosnell/
Anne Greco

April 10

Invocation: Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion

Scripture: Steve Wenthe

Offering: Laurie Wenthe

Greeter: TBD

Fellowship: Pot Luck

April 17

Invocation: Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion

Scripture: Dan Scurlock

Offering: Kathy Gosnell

Greeter: Joanne Wilbert

Fellowship: Dan & Sharon Scurlock

April 24

Invocation: Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion

Scripture: Steve Wenthe

Offering: Connie Necaster

Greeter: Leanna Shirley

Fellowship: Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion



Palm Sunday,
April 10, 10:00
a.m. Worship
Pot Luck after
Service

Maundy Thursday
7 p.m.



Easter
Sunday,
April 17,
10:00 a.m.
Worship

Prayer Time
9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
10 a.m. Wednesdays

Choir Practice
10:30 a.m. Saturdays
9:30 a.m. - Sundays

Deacons' Meeting
Fri., April 8 10 a.m. @ Church

Trustee's Mtg.
Fri., April 8 @ 1 p.m.

Cabinet Mtg.
TBD

Mission Committee
TBD

Craft/Vendor Sale
10-3 p.m., Sat., April 30

LINK articles due to Sharon
Scurlock or Joyce Shutts, April 18

Order Form for Altar Flowers in Memory of Loved Ones

EASTER LILIES	6" Pot	5 BLOOMS +	8.65+ .65 wrapped	_____
	8" Pot	DOUBLES	18.25+ .65 wrapped	_____
	10" Pot	TRIPLES	24.50+ .90 wrapped	_____
HYDRANGEAS	6" Pot	3+ BLOOMS	16.00+ .65 wrapped	_____
HYACINTHS		4"	3.40+ .35 wrapped	_____
		6"	6.30+ .65 wrapped	_____
TULIPS		6"	6.30+ .65 wrapped	_____
DAFFODILS		4" MINI	4.15+ .35 wrapped	_____
		6"	6.30+ .65 wrapped	_____
MUMS		41/2"	3.75+ .35 wrapped	_____
		6"	7.70+ .65 wrapped	_____
AZALEAS		61/2"	16.50+.65 wrapped	_____
VIOLETS		4"	3.40+ .35 wrapped	_____
KALANCHOE		4"	3.65+ .35 wrapped	_____
CALLA LILIES		6"	14.50+ .65 wrapped	_____
POT COVERS	4"		.35	_____
	6"-8"		.65	_____
	10"		.90	_____

Orders need to be in this week, but no later than April 9 to Val Bandemer.

April Birthdays

2 - Betty Trim

3 - Lynne Stewart

8 - Colin Chase

11 - Cliff Thayer; Sarah Zima

15 - Sierrah Griffin

17 - Roberta Miller

18 - Oliver Hagen

21 - Mark Heintz, Jr.

30 - Ginny Chase



*Shimmering Magnificence**By Evelyn M. Shoots*

*Down steep rocky hills
Crystal water fountains
Forming pools that fill.*

*Morning sun mirrors there
And the beauty is so rare.
Viewers thrill and stare.*

*Small pools charm wee birds,
Helps them polish their feathers.
Oh, too sweet for words!*

*Bird songs echo skies.
In the morning as prayers rise
Thankful for our lives.*

*God gives these pleasures
Which brighten every day.
We praise Him as we pray!*

*When Christ came to earth
He brought our souls second birth.
Blessed forever more!*

*Our praises to God
Show that our souls keep thanking
that Christ stays our star!*

Alleluia!

*Grove of Grace
By Evelyn Marie Shoots*

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is our testimony of how God saved us and what the Lord has done for us. Our testimony can be a source of healing, and sharing the benefits of living for God can be an inspiration to many, leading them to a saving knowledge. This is a time to consecrate ourselves to the tasks ahead of us.

I encourage you to *be hopeful*. God always has the last word. Just look at the Easter event! On Good Friday the world of darkness had thrown everything it had on the Anointed One and buried Him in a tomb – thinking it had the final word. But the final word belonged to God. On Easter Sunday God overturned the world's verdict, as our Savior Jesus Christ rose from that tomb and conquered the darkness of the world forever.

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor

Saturday April
30 from 10 am
to 3 pm

Helpers are needed for setting up, take-down, traffic control, the raffle, putting up signs, assisting vendors/crafters during the sale, etc.

A signup sheet will be at church starting Sun., 4/3.

Your help is greatly appreciated at this fundraiser adding to our Church repair fund.

Bid on this beautiful 45" x 60" quilt beautifully crafted by our Sale Coordinator to be raffled off. Tell your friends to come and enjoy the Sale.

SPRING

CRAFT & VENDOR SALE

SATURDAY

APRIL 30, 2022

10 AM – 3 PM

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Great Crafts

Vendors

Raffles & More

Unique Gifts for Everyone

Things you need
Things you want
and things you didn't know
you needed or wanted



Flower City

Habitat for Humanity®

The Faith Coalition is already planning for another home build in a new (Beachwood) neighborhood. Applications are out to prospective home owners. The home may possibly be started in July. We are one of 9 churches who form the Faith Coalition.

If you have items you no longer need; i.e., furniture, lamps, tile, appliances, painting & building supplies, donate them to Henrietta Restore. They will sell & \$ go to Flower City Habitat for Humanity.



RHAFT food terminal needs to be replenished to allow for the needs of our community. Laurie & Steve Wenthe's food drive is continuing.

Please leave your food items on the island in the kitchen. They will collect and deliver them as they accumulate. **We are doing a monthly drop off usually at the end of each month. Laurie Wenthe**

Donations need to go to the Food Cupboard on Mondays between 9 & noon.

Update on Items needed: Cold cereal & Hamburger Helper

Other suggestions:

Tuna Helper
Hearty Soups
Sm. instant rice cups/meals
Canned meats (Ham, chicken)
Plastic jars sauce
Puddings/jellos
Personal care items



Wow! 10 years. One full decade since we arrived on Tanzanian soil to begin our adventure as full-time missionaries to Tanzania, Africa. We are so grateful as we continue serving our loved ones in TZ. I couldn't possibly thank enough all of our faithful supporters. Some of you have been with us through thick and thin. Some of you from the very beginning until now have stood with us. Thank you so much. Others have joined us somewhere along the way. We thank you also for being a vital part of this important mission. There is so much that has happened since that time. I look back and see amazing growth, not just in our mission, but more so in ourselves. What an amazing God we serve! Let's keep going together.

David & Michelle Heed



Remember! Collect your 5 cent deposit bottles & cans, and take them to the Henrietta Redemption Center in the Town Center Plaza (old Suburban Plaza) 2199 E Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14623. When you take them in, ask that the proceeds be donated to West Henrietta Baptist Church. The Center keeps an account, and after the first \$50 will send the church a check for any monies accumulated each month. We get 6/7 cents per can/bottle. It is an ongoing recycling program started by Gretchen Young, and helps fund our music program.



Can you or someone you know help with transportation needs for those who cannot drive permanently or temporarily for tests, etc.? It is a perfect place to volunteer for newly retired folks, retirees, graduate students, school teachers, bus drivers, etc. Several of us at WHBC volunteer (dispatching, Admin. work, etc.) Drivers do not have to drive everyday, and are reimbursed for mileage. They are trained by Lifespan, and receive extra insurance.

We need help to meet the needs of the Community. Helping feels good; Blessings return.



R-H FISH - Friends in Service Here
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

You need important medical care, but are unable to drive yourself to the office . . . Two-way taxi fare too costly, on top of your medical co-pay or deductible? Public transportation not accessible? Family/friends/neighbors working or unavailable? **FISH / RHAFT, Inc.** needs more FISH drivers to satisfy increased requests for help. **Be a Rainbow in Someone Else's Cloud . . . HELP** a Rush-Henrietta resident take care of their health . . . **SHARE** a few hours/month . . . **CALL 453-2370** (Answering Service); a FISH Volunteer Coordinator will call you back.



MISSIONS → Spreading God's Love ❤️

If you would like to donate to help the Ukrainians, The Missions Committee suggests that you donate to the American Baptist One Great Hour of Sharing Mission. Write a check to West Henrietta Baptist, and be sure to put Ukraine on the Memo Line.

