

WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE LINK



LINK, FEBRUARY 2017

Expecting Renewal.....

"You will see greater things than these . . ." John 1:50

God is ever making the church new. The Holy Spirit is always exceeding our expectations and imagination. Regardless of what we dream and envision for ourselves and our ministry, God's vision is always bigger and the blessings always more than we can imagine. Therefore, expecting great things becomes a part of the pace and hope of ministry.

It is my pleasure to continue making the argument for church growth and a more aggressive approach to evangelism. Incidentally, for the next four weeks I will be preaching a series of sermons on evangelism. We see our mission as laboring with all our heart, mind, strength in the church that has Christ as its foundation, and is made up of the prophets and the Apostles, and like-minded people as ourselves. We struggle like others with the challenges of life; prayerfully we are fine tuning, tweaking and pruning to become more like Christ; and we take seriously our mission: telling the good news of Jesus, being the good news, and doing the good news.

Respond to a request made in a previous message! With respect to evangelism, let's set apart some time on a daily basis to: 1) pray for unchurched people in our community; 2) pray for the unchurched members of our family; 3) pray that God will use us to befriend an unchurched co-worker and/or neighbor and lead that person to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; and 4) pray that new people/families will begin to attend our church and eventually trust Jesus as Lord of their lives.

During the next two weeks you will be hearing about outreach ministries to youth, young people, and special members of our population. What kind of small groups would you like to have at our church? I am thinking about youth ministry groups, music groups, Covenant Discipleship groups, friendship groups, and recovery or therapeutic groups. You will also be asked very soon to sign up for workshops, like spiritual gifts, loss and grief, love and intimacy, wellness, and financial security. Together, let us demonstrate our love, devotion, and commitment to making our church all that it may become for Christ's sake.

Thank you for your stewardship, your love, and especially your support; but more importantly, thank you for your faithfulness. May God continue to bless you and your family according to His words:

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Come and share your master's happiness! (Matthew 25:21).

Worship Servants

February 5

Invocation: Leanna Shirley
Scripture: Ryan Scurlock
Offering: Scouts
Kids' Moment: Dan Scurlock
Greeter: Scouts
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Scurlocks

February 12

Invocation: Betty Heisig
Scripture: Mary Bailey
Offering: Betty Heisig
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Marti Spaker &
 Val Bandemer
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Joyce Shutts/
 Anne Greco

February 19

Invocation: Clara White
Scripture: Don Peoples
Offering: Clara White
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Marti Spaker &
 Val Bandemer
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Debbie Covill

February 26

Invocation: Leanna Shirley
Scripture: Loretta
 Hirschman
Offering: Clara White
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Marti Spaker &
 Val Bandemer
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Bonnie Healy



Grove of Grace



Men's Breakfast

7 a.m. Tuesdays at
Peppermints

Prayer Meeting

9 a.m. Saturdays

Choir Practice

6 p.m. Thursdays

Bible Study

7:15 p.m.
Thursdays



Moms' Club Meeting

10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16

Deacons' Meeting

9 a.m. Fri., Feb. 10



Happy Birthday

Feb. 1 - Don Van Doren
Feb. 5 - Amy Sugrue
Feb. 12 - Elaine Vandermeid
Feb. 14 - Della Van Doren
Feb. 16 - Jessica Tasciotti
Feb. 19 - Kathleen Seriannii
 & Jacob Teeter
Feb. 21 - Lee Covill
Feb. 23 - Joanne Wilbert &
 Andrew Gress
Feb. 27 - John Miller

Picturing

Words are like pictures,
Where life's colors flow.

Crimson fills sunsets ..

Reds liven glow!

Brook streams run silver,
Sun shines golden lights.

Blossoms uncover

When spring is in sight!

Forests spread green scenes

While skies vary hues;
Hills mist pastel sheens

While oceans roll blues.

Rainbows of colors

Light each day we live.

New joys become ours

Through beauty they give!

Praying with scriptures

Held safe in our hearts

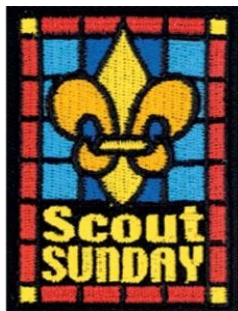
Paints vivid pictures

Which prove God's great arts!

Praise His Name!

Poet Evy Lynn Shoots, Jan. 15, 2017





SCOUT SUNDAY

February 5, 2017 is recognized as "Scout Sunday" throughout the United States. Most scouting units celebrate the origin of Boy Scouting in this country, February 08, 1910, by attending local places of religious worship on Scout Sunday each year. Whether it be "en masse" or as individuals; scouts, scouters (adult leaders), and parents acknowledge their **Scout Oath** phrase "Duty to God" and their **Scout Law** tenet "A scout is...Reverent!" by their "Scout Sunday" worship attendance.

WHBC is pleased to recognize Boy Scout Troop 7, a Henrietta troop, sponsored by the Genesee Valley Fire Department, organized approximately 66 years ago, who will have uniformed scouts, leaders and parents attending our Sunday morning worship. The Scurlock family are longtime members of WHBC, and invited the Boy Scouts to worship with us.

Ryan Scurlock is an Eagle Scout from Troop 7, and continues to serve as an adult leader, as time permits. Dan has served the Boy Scouts as a longtime active leader of Troop 7, while also serving Boy Scouts locally in numerous leader and adult trainer roles. Sharon previously served scouts as a Cub Scout Den Leader and continues to actively support her two "boys" in their scouting activities.

As a matter of record, Karl and Paul Hirschman are also Eagle Scouts from Troop 7. In fact, Karl's son Ryan recently received his Eagle Scout Award also. For those not aware, "Eagle Scout" is the highest award a young man may earn as a Boy Scout.

Our Fellowship Hour will also focus on the Boy Scout movement.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best,
To do my duty to God and my country,
and To obey the Scout Law,
To help other people at all times,
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy.....Loyal.....Helpful
Friendly.....Courteous.....Kind
Obedient.....Cheerful.....Thrifty
Brave.....Clean.....Reverent

Missions

WHBC is to be commended for its dedication and generosity in supporting Missions. Our proposed Outreach Missions Budget for 2017 has 13 missions we pledge to with a total proposed budget of \$9,595. The line items include: Deacon's Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, ABC-Rochester/Genesee Region, Harvest Home Coalition, Greater Rochester Community of Churches, Cameron Community, Colgate-Divinity School, Baptist Peace Fellowship of NA, American Baptist Churches, USA, R-H Interfaith League, R-H FISH/RHAFT, Fairport Home, AKOMA. In addition, four main offerings are taken each year for RMMO (Thank you to retired ministers), America for Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, and World Mission.

Noisy Offering:

The Noisy Offerings are additional chances to reach those in our home area & beyond who have needs that otherwise we couldn't help with. During 2017 we will prayerfully choose where the need seems the greatest. Last year we supported: Love Gift, Parsells Church-Water Damage, Coffee Connection, Missionaries David & Michelle Head, RHCS&RHAFT -Kick'in Hunger for Summer, Cameron School Supplies, Cameron Food, Evy & Evie Food Ministry, and Adopted Henrietta Family Christmas.



For many years, Della Van Doren has worked tirelessly as Chairman of the Mission Committee to support all our mission efforts. Della no longer feels she can continue as Chairperson, but will continue on the committee. She has done a tremendous job as Chairperson, and we are grateful for her leadership and hard work. Patricia Floyd and Clara White both offered to be chairperson. Clara served until the Annual Meeting in Jan. at which time Patricia took over as Chairperson. We appreciate you, Della, and sincerely thank you for all of your contributions.



Coffee Connection
Project Empower

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Serving Residents in the Rush-Henrietta Central School District



Subject: Roger Cross Memorial House Plaque

Hello everyone,

As of December I am a full time staff member at Flower City Habitat as the Community Outreach and Marketing Coordinator. Part of my new position is being the liaison between the church coalitions and the Habitat office. I look forward to working with you all in the future!

I'm reaching out today to let you all know that we have just received the plaque that will be going on the Roger Cross Memorial House sponsored by Harvest Home Coalition in 2016. I've attached a picture of it. Once we set a date to get it installed on the house I will let you know.

If you need anything from the office or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me!

Thanks!

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