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January, 2019

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

Greetings to you all in the mighty name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. The New Year has arrived and we should be thankful to be alive. New Year certainly brings lots of excitement, but also challenges, and reminders of our loved ones who left us last year to be with Jesus.

I extend my wishes that the New Year be filled with faith, hope, love, joy, good health and prosperity for all of us. It is in God that we hope. "Know therefore that the Lord your God is the faithful God who keeps his covenant and love with those who love him and keeps his statute for a thousand generations" (Deuteronomy 7:9). An amplified version would read, "All our hope is in God's faithfulness and He will keep His promises to His people: pardon them, deliver them, cleanse them, and when that time comes-give them rest in His kingdom."

Looking back at the year in review, have we remained faithful to the proclamation of God's word? Have we veered off the narrow path? Has our love for God remained unmovable, and our passion for evangelism remains strong? Surely, our Bible study has been maintained by the faithful who came together on Wednesday mornings and our Saturday morning prayer meeting remains steady. God has been the ever-constant sustainer and provider for our church and we have never been without our basic necessities to do ministry. Praise God!

Don't overlook the blessings that the new year brings. What is your vision for the New Year? We need to grow our congregation numerically. God needs us for various kinds of ministries this year. The big questions are, "How does your life's schedule fit into all of this?" "What needs to change for you in order to become a faithful servant of Jesus during 2019?" "Where in your life do you sense a need for change and growth?"

My first appeal for you is to allow God to affirm the positive things in your life and change what needs changing (2 Cor. 5:17). We are all a work in progress and we all grow in Christ at different rates. However, my prayer is that God's intervention in our lives will manifest itself in our love for Jesus, regular church attendance, evangelistic efforts, financial giving, and an overall commitment to the weekly programs of our church.

With respect to evangelistic efforts, I encourage you to reach out to your family members, co-workers, neighbors, and friends through Facebook, WhatsApp, Texting, Viber, Hike, Line, Snapchat, WeChat or any other social media platforms at your disposal with weekly invitations to attend an event at our church. Share with them what is presently happening in worship, starting with heartfelt singing and a message from God's Word every Sunday. The verse of the hymn below is my prayer for 2019 and I strongly urge you to make it your prayer too.

"Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee,
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be thy royal throne."

-- Yours truly, Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor

Editor: Joyce Shutts



Worship Servants

Jan. 4

Invocation: Betty Heisig Scripture: Anne Greco Offering: Betty Heisig

Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker

Greeter: Gretchen Young

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Mary Bailey

Jan. 13

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer Scripture: Mary Bailey Offering: Valerie Bandemer Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker

Greeter: Gretchen Young

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: The Wenthes

Jan. 20

Invocation: Leanna Shirley
Scripture: Mark Heintz
Offering: Leanna Shirley
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker

Greeter: Gretchen Young

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Pot Luck

Jan. 27

Invocation: Betty Heisig Scripture: Joyce Shutts Offering: Betty Heisig

Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker

Greeter: Gretchen Young

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Leanna Shirley



Shouldering the Future

"Standing On the Shoulders"

As we thankfully stand On the shoulders of those Who have come before us, We reach for God's hand.

Such a great labor of love Praying hour through hour, Inspiring each other, Gaining strength from above.

As they strived with desire For radiant tomorrows, They battled life's sorrows And climbed to reach higher.

Their brave shoulders holding, Showed vision unending. With courage undaunted, Keeps our plans unfolding.

Earthbound angels, each one, Helps our shoulders to bear Human saints yet to come, Who will shine like the sun!



Poet: Evelyn M. Shoots, 11-03-18

Romans 15:13 "Abound in hope."

Written especially for the Rush-Henrietta Bicentennial Thanksqiving Service.

Her words are inspiration to keep the resolutions we have made--determination prevails.



And attend!!.

Prayer Meeting 9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study 10 a.m. Wednesdays

Deacons' Meeting 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18

Trustee's Mtg. 11:30 a.m., Jan. 20

Cabinet Mtg. 8 pm, Mon., Jan. 7

Habitat/Harvest Home 1-2 pm, Jan. 13

Mission Committee 1 pm, Thurs., Jan. 17

Annual Meeting Sunday, Jan. 20 Following Fellowship

LINK articles due to Sharon Scurlock Jan. 18



January:

10 - Rachel Gress

15 - Loretta Hirschman

20 - Barbara Zima

23 - Jasmine Morse

25 - Linda Heintz

26 - Eric & Laura Heisig

27 - Steve Wenthe

28 - Anne Greco

30 - Marti Spaker

31 - Virginia Bliss



Thanks to everyone who gave freely and generously to the family we adopted at Christmas time. We collected \$181.01 from the noisy offerings; \$10 extra was given. You were all generous in giving of food, a gift card for <u>Game Stop</u>, legos, a shirt and gifts for Mom. With the money, we were able to get presents for all four of the family members, a gift card for Walmart, and one for Dominos pizza.

The family was appreciative and thanked the Church for it's caring.

What a joy to be able to help make someone's Christmas more joy filled.

Harvest Home/Thrivent Home Build Update:

The Pie Sale yielded approximately \$5,000 gross, and \$2,000 profit. Thank you for purchasing pies and helping build this home at 179 Whitney Street. It is a two-story home this time, and is well on its way to being enclosed. Hopefully a group of us can volunteer either on the site or at our Henrietta Re-Store in the near future. Any volunteer hours ensure the grant will be received. There are additional pictures on the bulletin board showing the

addition of porches.

Stay tuned ----



Another bless-

ing was bestowed by Habitat to a new mother. Check out our FB page where her picture is posted. The link to the D&C article follows:

https://www.democratandchronicle.com/videos/news/2018/12/19/new-mom-aleah-kendrick-worked-hard-spend-xmas-her-first-new-home/2354602002/

క్సర్ **MISSIONS** Happy New Year Thank you again for another year of sharing and giving. Our congregation continues to make West Henrietta Baptist Church one of the leaders in the community when it comes to missions. Please take a bow for our church, congregation. We, the Mission Committee are excited and looking forward to the year 2019. During the months of January and February, we will collect our noisy offerings which will go to Love offerings. The Mission Committee will meet on **Thurs., Jan. 17 at 1 PM.** If there is anyone else who would like to become part of the Committee, please come and join us. Sincerely, Mission Committee





Notice: There is a new WiFi address and password for our Church. It is: WHBC, Password: wwjd5660

Remember to sign up on the Fellowship host list on the Bulletin Board for December.



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Nominees for Positions in 2019

Term End Date

Moderator - Leanna Shirley - 2020

Clerk - Sharon Scurlock - 2020

Asst. Clerk - Gretchen Young - 2020

Treasurer - Dan Scurlock - 2020

Asst. Treasurer - Joanne Wilbert - 2020

Financial Sec. - Laurel Heisig - 2020

Asst. Fin. Sec. - Val Bandemer - 2020

Fellowship Hour - Barb Zima - 2020

Link Editors - Joyce Shutts - 2020

- Sharon Scurlock - 2020

Ushers/Greeters - Roberta Miller - 2020

Ordination Council Delegates:

- Rev. Dr. Grinion - 2020

- Marti Spaker - 2020

ABC/RGR Delegates:

- Rev. Clara White 2020
- Leanna Shirley 2020

ABC/RGR - Women -

RHIL Rep. - Joyce Shutts - 2020

- Patricia Floyd - 2020

Greater Rochester Comm. Of Churches

- Rev. Dr. Grinion - 2020

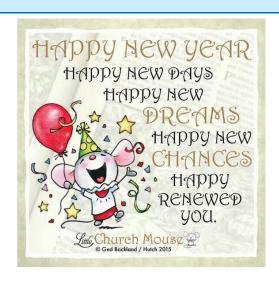
Historian -

Harvest Home Habitat for Humanity

- Mike Shirley 2020
- Joyce Shutts 2020

Webmaster/FB Editor

- Joyce Shutts 2020
- Joanne Wilbert 2020



Board of Christian Education

- Rev. Clara White 2022
- Mike Shirley 2022

Remaining Connie Necaster-2020, Jasmine Morse-2021, Debbie Covill-2020

Board of Trustees

- Marti Spaker 2022
- Mary Bailey 2022
- Ginny Chase 2022

Remaining: Patricia Floyd-2020, Mark Heintz-2021

Board of Deacons

- Loretta Hirschman 2020
- Kathleen Gosnell 2022

Remaining: Val Bandemer-2021, Betty Heisig-2020, Anne Greco-2020

These nominees will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 20. As you will note, there are open positions. If anyone would like to serve on the Boards or in other positions, please feel free to express your interest prior to the vote.



Are you watching our sign? If not, you should be. It is definitely helping to shine a light on WHBC (the church on the corner), and our Mission.

Thank you Marti & Val for being so good at post-

ing the wonderful messages in a timely fashion!!!

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