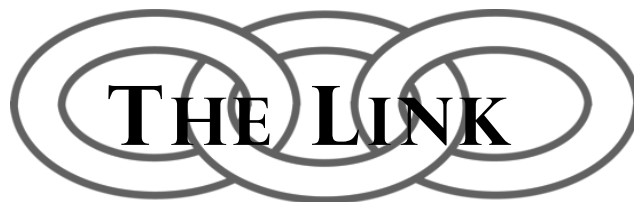


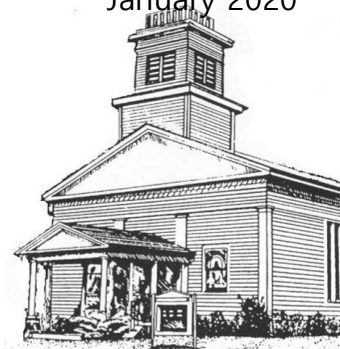
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January 2020



What's Really Important



1815-2019

Greetings to you all in the mighty name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. I extend to you my wishes that 2020 be filled with faith, hope, love, joy, good health and prosperity. New Year certainly brings lots of excitement, but it also challenges us to consider how to be a better Christian servant, spouse, parent, or neighbor.

I prayerfully ask you to engage yourself on the following introspective journey: Looking back at 2019, were you faithful to your responsibilities as servants of our Lord Jesus Christ? God expected us to give a portion of our income to His church; He expected us to fellowship with other believers; He expected us to communicate with Him through prayer; He expected us to live a holy life; and He expected us to serve Him by using the talents and gifts He has given us to build up the Kingdom. Did your love for God remain unmovable, and did your passion for service remain strong? Is there a need for something to change in order that you might become a faithful servant of Jesus? Is there somewhere in your life you sense a need for change and/or growth?

As your pastor, I prayerfully request your full support with regular church attendance, financial giving, church growth ministries, and an overall commitment to the weekly programs of our church. The Holy Spirit wants to work through us this year to make our church the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrew 10:24), spur one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

I thank you for your sacrificial financial contributions during 2019, and I am appealing to you for your continued support in 2020. Our stewardship is inspired by an acknowledgment of Psalmist's claim, "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." Psalm 24:1. That is absolutely true! It's why my approach to talking about money is not to focus on tithing, but to focus on lifestyle. What you do with every dollar says something about your view of God and what God means to you, and what you think your financial obligation to your church ought to be. Surely, giving in a regular, disciplined, generous way—up to and beyond the tithe—is simply good sense in view of the promises of God. "He who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:6

Next, I encourage you to love one another; forgive one another; and build your fellowship one with another during 2020. God has always intended for His people to have fellowship with each other in so much that He says that it is the very mark of identification of His people. I have found that the churches that are sincere with their love experience healthy growth. In a loving Church family many Christians who are timid, or not sure of their self, become strong servants of God. God sometimes allows conflicts in His church so that some people will mature in their walk with Christ. Here are some questions for contemplation:

Where you are going with your faith?

What you want to do differently in being a servant of God?

How you can improve the quality of your relationship with your Heavenly Father?

Are you struggling harder than ever before with the frustrations and complexities of life?

How can you improve your relationships?

Finally, with respect to evangelistic efforts, I encourage you to reach out to your family members, co-workers, neighbors, and friend 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 exuberant singing and a message from God's Word every Sunday. The verse of the hymn below is my prayer for 2020 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 thy royal throne."

Your Pastor, Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion



Worship Servants

January 5

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: SharoSteve Wenthe
Offering: Valerie Bandemer
Kids' Moment: TBD
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: The Goff's

January 12

Invocation: Kathy Gosnell
Scripture: Evie Scott
Offering: Kathy Gosnell
Kids' Moment: TBD
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: The Wenthe's

January 19

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: Mary Bailey
Offering: Kathy Gosnell
Kids' Moment: TBD
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Pot Luck

January 26

Invocation: Loretta Hirschman
Scripture: Ken Goff
Offering: Loretta Hirschman
Kids' Moment: TBD
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: TBD

TRUSTEE NOTEBOOK

Happy New Year from the Trustees. We are looking at some new people on The Board for the new Year. We would like to thank Patricia Floyd for her service on the board these last 2 years. We are welcoming back John Miller as well as Steve Wenthe for another round with returning members, Mary Bailey & Virginia Chase.

We want to try & hit the ground running, so to speak, and are in the process of working on the recommendations of the Bero report as our Pastor, Dr. Grinion will start the grant writing process, (he has experience & knowledge of the process) so we have entrusted him with this task.

We will also tackle some of the smaller tasks that were identified in the Report that can be done in-house by church personnel. This will be an ongoing Project along with the normal maintenance items that pop up from time to time.

As the Pastor is writing Grants, we will be bringing in contractors to submit prices for 2 major projects, scraping & painting the building & the roof on the fellowship hall along with the gutters to give us another 30 years of service.

A note to the Bible Study Group on Wed. morning. We CANNOT park so many cars between the Church & Fire house. The Fire Dept. charges rent to the Post Office. The outgoing Chief contacted me the week before Christmas letting me know one of the big Postal Trucks could not back into that space to drop mail at the Post Office. The reason was the Church members parking there for bible study. I realize that it's easier to park in those spots, but lets try & spread out the parking to be a good neighbor. Parking out back would help if you can do it. With a new year, changes come about. My friend the WHFD Chief is retiring & I have no clue who or what I'm dealing with after January 1, 2020.

In His service, Mark Heintz
 Chairman, Trustee's



And attend!!

Prayer

9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study

10 a.m. Wednesdays

Choir Practice

8:30 a.m. Sundays

Deacons' Meeting

10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3
 @ Valerie's Home

Annual Meeting

Jan. 19 after Service

Trustee's Mtg.

6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21

Cabinet Mtg.

6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27

Martin Luther King Interracial Council Service,

Fri., Jan. 17, 7 p.m., HUCC

**Link Inputs due to
 Sharon Scurlock Jan. 16**



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



Sunday, January 19 is the Annual Church Meeting and Pot Luck meal. Please plan to be here to prepare for 2020 and close out 2019.

The deadline for WHBC Annual Meeting Reports is January 7th. Please email your reports for the Annual Meeting to Sharon Scurlock by Jan. 7th.

There are plans underway for a Church Retreat in the month of March. Watch for further details.

Positive Planning

Weekends fill with pleasantries
Which with Holidays increase!

We try to live with positions
Eliminating negatives.

We even smile through in between
Knowing faith can change some scenes.

As we journey on through life,
We may even spare some strife!

Then when we see that we can help
We may prevent an angry "yelp!"

Praying we are where we may
Bring some sun to a rainy day,

Rainbow blessings which we send
Carry what our hearts intend!

Be encouraged! Nehemiah 8:10 & Jeremiah 29:11

Evelyn M. Shoots, 12/28/19



Happy New Year to you all,

Thank you for all your generous support for all of our missions throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I am certain that the recipients are grateful as well. We have had a wonderful year and we are looking forward to a prosperous New Year for our church and for each of you. Again we thank you for all of the blessings you have provided on behalf of our church! Our task is to serve God's people and you make it a pleasure to do so. Our Noisy offering for January and February 2020, will both go to the Love Offering.

Submitted with lots of love and gratitude,
Patricia A. Floyd, Chairman, Mission Committee



The Mission Committee also put together the Christmas donations for our Adopted Family. There was a large ham and **ALL** of the fixings for a complete meal for the family of three adults and a 10 year old. Additionally, there were gifts for each of them, but most importantly for the ten-year old girl. She received clothing, toys, art supplies, dolls, craft kits, etc. We were able to give them gift cards for any missing items. **THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU** for giving generously so this family had an opportunity for a joyous Christmas. The family graciously and thankfully received your gift. The Grandma has a goal of visiting with us.

Thank you to Mark & Linda Heintz for helping deliver, and to Leanna for shopping.

Message from Michelle & David Heed:

Dear friends, We hope you are well. Merry Christmas! Thank you to all who give. We hosted 5 Christmas parties in our programs. Kids heard the Gospel and experienced God's generous love. We were reminded of "Emmanuel, God with us," and that church can be a lot of fun! We're taking care of a baby kitten, which is a sweet and happy project. We're feeding him via syringe! He is super cute. Blessings to you this Christmas! *Michelle, Dave and Olivia*

Christmas Greetings & Reflections from our 2019 Advent Season



Right:

The lighting of the candles on Christmas Eve as the congregation sings Silent Night.

Left: Our beautifully adorned Altar with the Christ Candle lit by Jackson Goff.



Left: Betty Trim sends her Holiday best wishes & love to everyone & provided her new address:

Room 748
3132 St. Rt. South
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Right: Alexandra, Lucas & Children. Alex & Lucas shared their talents Christmas Eve when Alex played the flute accompanied by Lucas on the guitar.



Left:

*Flashback
2011*

Santa & Mrs. Claus and their elf appeared among the congregation. Can you identify these folks helping Santa bring cheer to West Henrietta Baptist? Santa is a busy guy, you know, and needs all the help he can get.

That must have been a real treat for the kids.

