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## Being An Encourager During COVID-19



*Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

God has designed His church and put us together for His purpose and direction. St. Paul teaches that we the members of our local church are members of the body of Christ. When you belong to Christ, you are part of His body. He is the head. He leads the body, and He orchestrates its movements. And you are connected not only to Him, but also to every other part of the body as well. As we read in Scripture, "God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be" (1 Corinthians 12:18, NIV).

COVID-19 has really changed our lives in ways we could never predict. We're more than 4 months into quarantine life, and at this point, it's hard to remember a time before COVID-19 that doesn't seem like that was long ago. It leaves us trying very hard both to make sense of it and to get used to the radical lifestyle changes the virus has brought. Most pressing on my mind is our loss of congregate Sunday morning worship services, bible study and other weekly meetings.

I miss worshipping and fellowshiping with you! I haven't seen some of you since March of this year. I believe that God is using this time to speak to His people. He is using this crisis in life to wake us up and help us see what truly matters in life. While we love the fellowship at church, we really don't need a building to worship God. He wants us to spend time in prayer and reading of His word (the bible) at home. He wants you to sing your favorite hymns and songs at home. He wants us to make every moment to matter, be happy, find our purpose, and value the privilege of being alive.

If you would agree with me that God is intentional and purposeful about all that He does, then you would have to agree that God has a purpose for each one of us at a time as this. His purpose is that we individually or as family units, representing West Henrietta Baptist Church become a shining light for the testimony of Jesus Christ. The question on my mind, is how we may best serve God's plan and purpose at this time? I encourage you that whatever else you feel called to do, you will reach out with a word of encouragement to others. Some of us are by nature encouragers, while some have to make special effort. Nonetheless, it is required of us to encourage one another to become our better selves.

Many people are experiencing a challenge of faith resulting from sickness, financial problems, marital and other family problems, loneliness, and inability to connect with congregate church worship services. Connecting with members of your church family or any other Christian with a word of encouragement can help them move from fear to faith. Reaching out to each other daily is how we beat loneliness and deepen our relationships—even if we are sitting at home alone. Praying for one another is real spiritual warfare that actually changes things, and it is worth all the time we can devote to it. Pray daily for your church. Make intercessions daily for your pastor, moderator, deacons, choristers, committees/boards, families, and our political leaders at local, state and national levels.

Let's face it—life can be rough at times because we live in a broken world plagued with diseases and other natural disasters, sickness, economic struggles, relational problems, and sin. We sometimes find ourselves right on the edge—ready to give up on our marriage, give up on a child, or give up on our faith. We might get to the point where we feel like we can't take it any longer.

When this happens, sometimes the only difference between us going on or giving up is a simple word of encouragement. Encouragement here is not to feel sympathy for someone or feeling bad for them. Rather, encouragement is to inspire with courage, and help someone to persevere. Simply put, your encouragement may be delivered with a visit compliant with COVID-19 restrictions, a phone call, a letter, and/or a prayer. With God's enabling, we can!

Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to Thee!  
Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor



This is the new building at Cameron Community Center built for the youth in need. Gretchen & others gave cleaning products, toiletries, juices, and other products to help.

What a great place for youth to safely gather, have fun, and learn. You should see the beautiful peace garden with vegetables and flowers.

*Thank you, Leanna for making the delivery.!!*

### MODERATOR'S MEANDERINGS

Webster's dictionary defines meandering in many different ways. One of which is a turn or wandering of a stream.

That is what my thoughts seem like lately. With social distancing, social unrest, personal hardships, worries and lack of church fellowship I feel the twists, turns and rough rocks in the stream I am in. Sometimes I even feel the swift current trying to pull me under. Proverbs 4:12 "When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble." 2 Cor. 5:7 "We live by faith, not by sight."

I recently read "God builds a bridge of faith directly under the feet of a faithful traveler. He never builds a bridge a few steps ahead, for then it would not be one of faith." We need faith and we need to practice it with a full heart. God will direct us to His place of peace and solid ground, if we live by faith, not sight. And, we are lucky to have fellow travelers to take our hand and encourage a walk of faith. I know you encourage me to walk in faith, and I am willing to meander with anyone needing help along the way. GOD will build the bridges.

*Leanna*

## Happy Birthday

### July

- 5 - Randy Heintz
- 9 - Chris Statz
- 13 - Mary Bailey
- 14 - Helen Howlett
- 16 Laura Stone,  
Ayden & Bryce Grinion,  
Bruce McClarin
- 19 - Annette Eney
- 20 - Valerie Fogarassy
- 24 - Pastor Peter Grinion

### Love's Lamp Leads

We carry the 'Lamp of Love' to all  
the nations  
which helps hope to stay!

Kindle the pleasure when you give  
a new measure of smiles each day!

Obey all the rules which will give  
us the tools to keep hurt away!

Our armor of faith continually  
protects from COVID's effects.

We pray for release and that the  
time will be brief 'til 19 passes  
away!

Let goals come to might, only the  
very best kind with healing com-  
bined!

*hal-le-lu-jah*

Evelyn Lynn Shoots  
July, 2020



*Grove of Grace  
By Evelyn Marie Shoots*



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**And attend!!**

### **Prayer**

**9 a.m. Saturdays has resumed.**

**Link Inputs due to  
Sharon Scurlock July 18**



*You did it!*  
**Congratulations**

Recognize this young man? He was a toddler when he first came to West Henrietta Baptist Church. Isaiah Buskey graduated June 27th from Rush-Henrietta HS. We congratulate him and pray he has a successful, wonderful future.



## News of the Interfaith Community of Churches and our community.

Zoom Interfaith Meeting, 6/28/20

**FISH** – Was proud to be able to stay open. For 2 1/2 months, there were 400+ calls. March-April – 56, May -41, June – 15 – 57. Before March, we had 29 drivers, and 17 were not able to drive during shutdown. Eight drivers have kept us going. There were 9 calls Wed. so we are turning away requests. Sister Anne will do background checks, but no training yet, and will send out applications. In **dire** need of drivers even though it may be temporary--asking for help from the churches!

**RHAFT** – Made it very well through all of this. The first week of shutdown was hard; not bad since. Sr. Center is taking in all donations, and providing a “Grab & Go” lunch each Wed. Shelly is also giving seniors food if they need it to save the grocery trip-. The schools are providing “grab & go” breakfast & lunch, and backpacks for each weekend. Both programs run through the summer. The Cupboard is well stocked and has been throughout. They are set for volunteers right now.

**School District** – Last week was celebration week for seniors, approx. 35 different ceremonies. The Food Team is getting a break until after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Martha offered help from Interfaith. They are planning for schools to reopen in some configuration.

Lynn – **The Greater Rochester Community of Churches** wants churches available for listening.

### News from the League churches:

**HUCC** – Martha – Will open for worship when safe & compliant. A team is working on modifying the building with a goal of Labor Day.

**Islamic Center** – open at 25% capacity, and they don’t hang out after prayers and service.

**Marianne Cope** starting Masses in buildings this week with 25% capacity.

Jody – Attended Scottsville Presbyterian for drive-in church service at 11:00 AM with the car radio tuned to FM87.9.

Monica - Our new contact at **RIT, Spirituality & Religious Center** offered *possible* driver help for FISH from grad students who stayed in the area. RIT is putting up large tents to welcome Fall students—possibly a place to worship socially distanced.

As of now, planning to have Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in Nov. Next meeting Sept. 17. Notes by: Joyce Shutts



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The Mission Committee regrets that we did not let you know about this offering last month, but we hope you will consider a donation this month. The need is always present.

For over 200 years American Baptists have invested in world relief from local ministries to Puerto Rico to around the globe. It is hard to imagine the help that has been given over the years to meeting both physical and spiritual needs.

This years campaign promotional material features the “New Life Center Foundation in Thailand.” Am. Baptists have invested in the lives of young girl in northern Thailand for over 30 years! We have worked to improve education, implement country-wide campaigns and worked alongside secular and faith-based groups to decrease victimization of ethnic minority girls, human trafficking, forced labor, and sexual abuse. Today over 1000 have received help and are graduates employed in good respected jobs, living much better lives. This alone is a good reason to give freely.

The OGHS offering responds to needs of local food cupboards, refugees and immigrants, floods, civil unrest, fires and on and on. Where there is a need, you will find OGHS ministering. As we all face COVID-19 and its life changing devastation, OGHS has already given over \$70,000 for relief in more that 22 countries. Because of last years OGHS offering, many protective masks, food relief, and economic support have been shared already.

Your Mission Committee knows that times are hard and your ability to give may be limited, but we encourage each of us to share what we can, as does Lisa Rotherburger-Winter; World Relief Officer.

“As your congregation considers receiving the OGHS annual offering this year, I understand that not everyone will be able to give as they have in the past. Some are struggling with an uncertain financial situation from the loss of income. I am very sensitive to this and do not want to encourage you to have people give financially beyond their ability during these trying times. If that is the case within your church, thank you for standing with OGHS and continuing to support the offering with your prayers. For those who can give, we encourage them to support the offering as they have in the past, and with any additional offering they can give, to provide for COVID-19 response.”

**THANK YOU AND PRAYERS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELLBEING!!**

Give prayerfully and freely, Your Mission Committee

*Send donations to our Church Financial Secretary, 67 Parkview Dr., Avon, NY, 14414 & put OGHS on the memo line of checks.*





***Who doesn't enjoy a mystery? I sure do, and discovered one at Church. Can you help solve it?***

Do you know who Regina E. Seel, listed on our plaque on the wall, in the Sanctuary was? I found a clipping of her D&C obituary, published in Dec. 1974. Additionally, census data says she was born in Jan. 1869 to parents John & Mary (Hoffman Miller), married George Seel in 1901, became a widow in 1923, and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery. The question is when/how did she serve, and her connection to West Henrietta Baptist Church.



**SEEL**—At her home, 175 Birr St., Nov. 29, 1941, Regina E. Seel. She is survived by two sons, Dr. Elmer G. and Paul C. Seel; sister, Mrs. H. M. Lauer; brother, John Miller; four grandchildren; niece, Edna V. Bachman; nephew, Harvey M. Lauer.

—Friends may call at Fiske & Pandy Parlors, 105 Lake Ave., until Tuesday noon and at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Dewey Ave., from 1 until 2 o'clock. Funeral at 2 o'clock.

Another member of West Henrietta Baptist has sadly passed from this earth. Our condolences to all of her family and friends.

**Marlene C. Thayer**  
(1945 - 2020)

Passed away June 26, 2020 at the age of 75. Predeceased by her parents Myrville and Phyllis Crane. Survived by her loving husband, Clifford Thayer; children, Kim (Todd) Surdick and Brian (Amie) Thayer; grandchildren, Allyson and Jake; brothers, Marhlon (Sandie) Crane and Lawrence (Jan) Crane; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Marlene grew up in Marion and loved being out in the country. She was a licensed practical nurse working at Newark Hospital. She enjoyed time with her family and friends.

A private interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the [National Kidney Foundation](#).



***Do You Know*** that Henrietta has a slogan? Kevin Hoock remembers



Mrs. Jack Hoock receives framed Slogan from Councilman John Gorecke

how it came about. I'd like to see it put up again. Your Editor

there are only a few slogans which were submitted by Mrs. Hoock. Councilman Gorecke stressed the fact that the slogan had to be catchy, it must describe life in the Town and must be general enough to be equally good ten years from today as it is today. Of course, it must be simple enough for people to easily remember it and so, Mrs. Hoock's seemed the slogan which most nearly met all requirements. In lieu of the actual Bond which must be made out in her name, Mrs. Hoock was presented with her own handwritten slogan, neatly framed for her to keep. More music and fireworks followed the presentation, and then the thousands of cars filed out of the Park. A conservative estimate set the audience at some 4,500 to 5,000

"My mom in 1963 won the contest for entering the best slogan for Henrietta (**A Township of Friendship**.) She received a \$50 Savings Bond at a ceremony in the town park and her slogan was put all over signs welcoming drivers into our beautiful little rural town. The signs are all gone now. The town has grown immensely over the past half century plus. Mom passed a few years ago also, but I will always have such fond memories of growing up and living in such a wonderful town for 63 years ..." Kevin remembers "The Barn" which was located near where GroMoore Nursery was. It was a meeting place for adults to meet and dance. On the weekends they showed movies for the kids for 5cents. I remember seeing Dumbo, he said. "It was very rural when we were kids, said Patti. I remember getting ice cream from an old barn on E Henrietta Rd. There wasn't much around 61 yrs. ago in Henrietta, but it was a great place to grow up!" *Thanks for sharing!!*