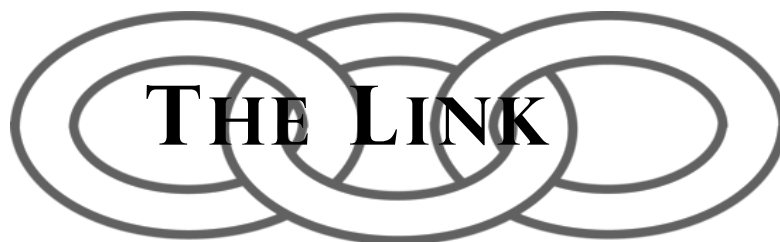


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March, 2020

Remain Calm! Affirm Your Faith!

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. I trust you are doing good as you read this message. We affirm our faith in God that throughout the years He has been good to us. No matter what, God still loves us.

All of us face difficult times and we often deal with disruptive and unexpected events that threaten to harm us. Some of these times are emotional, some are spiritual, some are physical and some are financial. Among our present challenges is the outbreak of a new coronavirus, identified as COVID-19, that has infected and killed thousands of people worldwide following an outbreak in the central Chinese city of Wuhan. Symptoms of this coronavirus include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties (WHO, 2020).

According to the World Health Organization, coronaviruses are a family of viruses that cause illnesses ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and the Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). Those of us with good memory will recall the following five global health emergencies: swine flu in 2009, polio in 2014, Ebola in 2014, Zika in 2016, and Ebola in 2019 (WHO).

The virus has been reported in 22 states, including New York. The majority of deaths occurred in Washington State. Two people died in Florida today. In severe cases, this virus can lead to pneumonia, multiple organ failure, and even death. Most troubling about this virus is infected persons may not show any symptoms, and that little is known about it, although human-to-human transmission has been confirmed. The challenge is finding the courage to face this time of fear and uncertainty. I recommend to you the following suggestions:

Don't minimize the potential of this virus to make you sick. You know the old saying, "it's not as bad as people are being led to believe." The crises associated with this virus may not evaporate of their own accord over time. Consequently, each one of us is obligated to avoid being exposed to this virus:

1. Avoid touching your eyes and mouth with unwashed hands.
2. Wash your hands with soap for 10-20 seconds and use a greater than 60 percent alcohol-based hand sanitizer whenever you return home from any activity that involves locations where other people have been.
3. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
4. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

To the converse, don't become afraid, panic, or paranoid. Seek out information from credible and reliable sources. Practice the necessary precautions! Remain calm! In Psalm 131:2 we read, "Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul." In Colossians 3:15, Paul tells us to let the peace of God rule in our hearts. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), which we have been studying for the past three weeks is instructive. This sermon covers a variety of spiritual principles that grows out of the Kingdom of God. During the closing verses of chapter 7, Jesus explains that as believers we should not worry. Of immense comfort for all of us are the reminders that if God, the Father feeds birds, how much more will he feed (take care of) his children (v. 26). Jesus speaks comfort to our hearts in verse 34 when he encourages us not to worry about tomorrow.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Worship Servants

March 1

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer

Scripture: Debbie Covill

Offering: Valerie Bandemer

Kids' Moment: Song

Greeter: Valerie Bandemer

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Mary Bailey

March 8

Invocation: Kathleen Gosnell

Scripture: Kathy Gosnell

Offering: Kathleen Gosnell

Kids' Moment: Leanna Shirley

Greeter: Valerie Bandemer

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Steve & Laurie Wenthe

March 15

Invocation: Connie Necaster

Scripture: Mark Heintz

Offering: Connie Necaster

Kids' Moment: Rev. Clara White

Greeter: Valerie Bandemer

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Linda Heintz

March 22

Invocation: Loretta Hirschman

Scripture: Steve Wenthe

Offering: Loretta Hirschman

Kids' Moment: Leanna Shirley

Greeter: Valerie Bandemer

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Gretchen Young

March 29

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer

Scripture: Mary Bailey

Offering: Valerie Bandemer

Kids' Moment: Evie Scott

Greeter: Valerie Bandemer

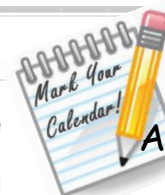
Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Pot Luck



March 8

Set your clock -- see
you in Church
on time!!



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And attend!!

Advisory Council
6 p.m., Mon., March 9

Prayer Meeting
9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
10 a.m. Wed.; **not 3/11**

Choir Practice
8:30 a.m. - Sundays

BOCE Mtg.
Sun. 8:30 a.m. March 1

Deacons' Meeting
None this Month

Trustee's Mtg.
6 p.m., March 17

Cabinet Mtg.
6 p.m., Tues., March 31

Mission Committee
TBD

Craft/Vendor Sale
10-3 p.m., Sat., March 28

LINK articles due to Sharon Scurlock March 18



March

- 7 Connie Necaster
- 13 Brayden Morse
- 14 Dan Gress
- 17 David Chase
- 20 Mark Heintz, Sr.
- 21 Rebecca & Ryan Hirschman
- 23 Dorothy Greer
- 25 Dylan Pires
- 26 Sharon Gress
- 31 Alberta Greer

Prime Time

By
Evelyn M. Shoots

Sometimes the breezes seem to
dance --
when months of Spring start to
advance..
Before we know it, April's kiss
brings us Mother Nature's kiss!
Sun warmed fresh air,
so pure and rare,
starts birds on wing
to Sweetly sing!
Time has a way of passing
fast --
and with it, many memories last.
Keep on with all you plan to do --
with strength of faith to follow
through!
God will bless your every day,
when you look to him and be
encouraged to pray!

Romans 15:13

God Bless You

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Looking Ahead:

Upcoming Services

March 22 - Meet Rev. Sandra Hasenauer, ABC/RGR Exec. Minister. She will be

preaching.

March 29 - Family & Friends Sunday & Pot Luck

April 5 - BOCE Palm Sunday Luncheon

Events:

March 9 - 6 p.m. Advisory Council

March 21st, 9-2:30 - Retreat/ Seminar, Theme:

Communication, Rev. Brenda Lee Coordinating at Church.

March 28 - 10-3 - Spring Craft/Vendor Sale

March 28 - 10 AM - Dedication of latest Harvest Home/ Thrivent Faith Build Home at 96 Holworthy St.



This may not be 96 Holworthy in the picture, but the Harvest Home build is very much like it & close by. There are 4 builds on Holworthy that are nearing completion/dedication. 96 Holwor-

thy will be Dedicated on the 28th & transferred to a large multi-generational Somalian Family.

The Board of Trustees Annual Report

First off, I would like to Thank Patricia Floyd for her Service for the past 2 years. Pat worked exclusively on getting the church ramp replaced & spent many hours working on a Grant project for money for the church; once again Thank You Patricia. We welcome 2 new members back: John Miller & Steve Wenthe to join Mary Bailey & Virginia Chase to fill out the Board.

Throughout 2019, there were ongoing maintenance items: water leaking in the Fellowship Hall caused damage to ceiling tiles that had to be replaced. A "check valve" malfunction in the ceiling for one of the heaters caused water to overflow the evaporation tray causing water to build up & dump on the tiles. What a way to kick off the year.

March's snow & ice storm tore the gutter off the south side of the church. Our Insurance Policy has a deductible of \$1000.00 so we contacted a few gutter companies for bids for replacement. The job was completed in mid-April.

Cont.

Bero Associates started their examination of the church for a report that would be a tool for us to base Grant writing & bids that we may need in the future. I personally spent many hours walking them thru the building, giving them records, and unrestricted access to our building for this report.

May was off to a wet start while waiting for the new ramp to be installed. We had to remove the old ramp before that could happen. Got the contractor to put us ahead of some other jobs & then ran into a small problem with the Town over disposal of the old ramp ruins. They would not allow any metal to be disposed of on their site so our contractor had to remove all the metal. There was alot & cost another 2 hrs. of time we were not expecting. While the equipment was on site, we removed the grass between the bottom of the porch & the blacktop parking area to facilitate a wider walk for parishioners. The new ramp was in place by the 3rd week in May as promised. Although I still hear negative comments. It's There. At this time we found out we were behind in donations.

June's scheduled work day had about 11 volunteers to do various chores around the church. The sanctuary was spruced up, new flowers were planted in the front vases as well as around the sign board, plow damage was repaired along with grading/raking in topsoil & seeding where the old ramp was removed. One chair on the altar was repaired by John Miller. Steve Wenthe went nuts on the hedges & ornamental bushes with my lightweight battery hedge trimmer. A good day was had by all & we finished by 1pm.

The 2nd week in July, Bero Assoc. gave us the first version of their report with some missing items & a "less than stellar" presentation leaving us with more questions than they could answer along with a missing Engineering Report. The questions were answered in August during a second presentation including the Engineering Report. At the end of August, after the Tent Revival, Pastor Grinion requested repairs be made to the Parsonage, for which we are responsible. One door was repaired, the main storm door replaced, & the driveway sealed (This was done by Peter, "Nice Job" !!).

The "Hole" next to the new ramp was finished with 2 yards of concrete, widening the sidewalk from 2 ft to roughly 5 ft making it safer for parishioners to access the staircase. At this time, Ray of Hope left our building & we rekeyed the building for tighter security & to prevent theft. We also prepared for winter operations by setting shovels & de-icing chemicals. Snow & Ice contractor was also hired to clear the Erie Station Roadside parking lot. Steve Wenthe mounted a new grab bar at the bottom of the stairs on the Kitchen Entrance from the WHFD Parking lot for a safer condition in case of slippery pavement.

The Board finished the year in December meeting to adjust our Budget Accounts, (suggested by Treasurer, Dan Scurlock) to make sure that we ended in a black (balance) as required, making necessary transfers to fund lacking accounts. This is not only required by the church Constitution but as well by NYS law.

In His Service, Mark F. Heintz Sr, Chair, Board of Trustees

It was a delight to have the Scouts and their parents with us during the Service and Fellowship Time.

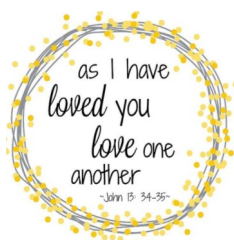
Hope they will join us again in the near future.

What a beautiful cake!!



Feb. 16, Pastor Grinion installed the Officers and Board Members for 2020.

Moderator - Leanna Shirley
 Clerk - Sharon Scurlock
 Asst. Clerk - Gretchen Young
 Treasurer - Dan Scurlock
 Asst. Treas. - Joanne Wilbert
 Financial Sec. - Laurel Heisig
 Asst. Fin. Sec. - Valerie Bandemer
 Fellowship Hr. - Stacie Goff
 Ushers/Greeters Coordinator - Roberta Miller
 Ordination Council Delegate - Rev. Grinion
 ABC/RGR Delegates - Leanna Shirley & Rev. Clara White
 RHIL Reps. - Patricia Floyd & Joyce Shutts
 Harvest Home Habitat for Humanity - Mike Shirley & Joyce Shutts
 Webmaster/Facebook Editor - Joyce Shutts
 WHBC Link Editors - Joyce Shutts & Sharon Scurlock



L-R: Connie N., Mike S., Gretchen Y., Patricia F., Leanna S., Mary B., Kathy G., Valerie B., Steve W., Rev. Clara W., Back: Rev. Peter G.

Boards

Deacon's: Patricia Floyd, Connie Necaster, Valerie Bandemer, Kathleen Gosnell, Loretta Hirschman
 Trustee's: John Miller, Steven Wenthe, Mary Bailey, Virginia Chase, Mark Heintz, Marti Spaker
 Board of Christian Ed. Gretchen Young, Jasmine Morse, Mike Shirley, Rev. Clara White

MISSIONS → Spreading God's Love

This month is the America for Christ Offering. "2020 Love Your Neighbor Campaign, Impacting and Transforming Lives Across America and Puerto Rico" is the theme. Consider giving a generous gift. **The goal for WHBC is \$500.** Thanks to your America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) ministers to families who have lost homes to floods, to children living lives of limitation in poverty, to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, and many more. We have been answering God's call to heal broken families and communities—as well as cultivate strong Christian leaders and equip passionate disciples—since 1832. With your help, we can bring God's healing touch to so many more. The needs are great and many.



Through your continued generosity, \$2,495.61 was received in 2019 in support of WHBC's missions. The Love Gift Offering for Jan. & Feb. was \$81.18. The Noisy Offering this month will go to The Coffee Connection. The Committee sincerely thanks you.



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Remember to sign up on the Fellowship host list on the Bulletin Board for March & April.

