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November 2018

Living with Violence in our Society

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:2).

I have been thinking about how violent we have become as a nation when bullying in schools has become a drop in the bucket compared to frequent occurrences of mass shootings in our schools, churches, synagogues, colleges, a night club, a movie theater, military base, malls, workplaces, concert in the park, and workers' end of year luncheon. Sadly, we have reached the point where we can't send a loved one to school, to church, to work, a social gathering, shopping at the mall or the movies without concern that they could get gunned down by a deranged person with guns. My conclusion is that gun violence in America has reached critical proportions.

The root of violence reaches deep into society, tapping into such complex conditions as poverty, family failures, hopelessness, and mental illness. Each episode of gun violence triggers "knee-jerk" calls for legislation and quick fixes. Our politics is so divisive that it seems like our state or federal legislators might not be able to provide our nation with meaningful legislations to protect us from senseless gun violence. As a clinical person, I am particularly concerned that owing to the frequency of school shootings, children may experience anxiety, fear, a sense of personal risk, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). If a good number of our students already have learning problems, what will be the findings the next time a major relevant study is undertaken. The well-being of our children in school, individuals and families at places of worship, and people at social gatherings is under siege. It seems like as a nation we have lost or are about to lose the moral high ground to scold other nations about their violent behavior.

As Christians, we must address the issue of violence in our society. It's not too late for Christians to make a difference by our word and deed. This morning in Bible study I said, we live in a fallen world (Genesis 3) and even those of us who love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ are not exempt from violence. Many of the victims of gun violence in the aforementioned incidents were Christians or religious persons. We live by faith and we know that God watches over us and keeps us safe (Psalm 46:1), but we must do the following:

- Talk honestly about our own feelings with family members regarding the rise of violence.
- Discuss safety procedures that are in place at our schools, workplaces, and churches.
- Create family safety plans for places and events we visit.
- Pray for people we know who have destructive ambitions or tendencies.
- Pray for those who have been desensitized to the value of life and the loss of life.
- Pray for members of our governments, law enforcement, and mental health professionals.
- Pray for actual and potential victims.
- Pray for actual and potential aggressors that God might change their plan and intent.

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Worship Servants

Nov. 4

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer

Scripture: Anne Greco

Offering: Valerie Bandemer

Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker

Greeter: Connie Voss

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Anne Greco/Joyce
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Nov. 11 (Family Sunday)

Invocation: Betty Heisig

Scripture: Valerie Bandemer

Offering: Betty Heisig

Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker

Greeter: Connie Voss

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: Pot Luck

Nov. 18 (Thanksgiving)

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer

Scripture: Mark Heintz

Offering: Valerie Bandemer

Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker

Greeter: Connie Voss

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: TBD

Nov. 25

Invocation: Leanna Shirley

Scripture: Betty Heisig

Offering: Leanna Shirley

Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker

Greeter: Connie Voss

Nursery: BOCE

Fellowship: TBD

Finally, we need to understand that violence is the result of a pathology of the soul. Perpetrators of violence, especially at the current magnitude are morally bankrupt and spiritually sick. They fail to recognize or accept that violence against human beings is wrong and ungodly because human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. There is a worth, a value, and dignity to every human life and that makes the violence our country is experiencing a moral outrage.

Let the Bible speak:

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, ***"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment."***

*Yours in Christ's Service,
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion*

"Majesty of Nature"

Pumpkin faces laughing in
This Harvest time of year;
Fruits and veggies in their prime
All frame our fall frontier!

Road stands tease with foods
Which please in hometown recipes;
"Gold Mines" of health awaiting
For appetites abating!

A nutritious jamboree
In flavors Heavenly
Our Father's gifts to bless
And bring us happiness!

By: Evy Lynn Shoots

"He restoreth My soul"
Psalm 23, The Holy Bible



Grove of Grace
By Evelyn Marie Shoots



And attend!!

Prayer Meeting

9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study

10 a.m. Wednesdays

Deacons' Meeting

10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2

Church Retreat

9-6 p.m. Sat., Nov. 10

Interfaith/Henrietta Bicentennial Thanks- giving Service

7 p.m., Tues., Nov. 20

Trustee's Mtg.

11:30 a.m., Nov. 18

BOCE Mtg.

Sun., Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m.

Cabinet Mtg.

Tues., Nov. 27, 6 p.m.

LINK articles due to
Sharon Scurlock Dec. 18



November:

- 1 - Darnell Ashford
- 5 - Leanna Shirley
- 6 - Betty Heisig
- 8 - Lonnie Schultz
- 10 - Laurie Wenthe
- 17 - Michael Young
- 20 - Rick Pires
- 24 - Debbie Covill
- 26 - Ian Gress

Upcoming Events to take notice of:

Nov. 11 - Family Sunday - Bring your family and friends to join us for Worship followed by Pot Luck. (There will be a short Church Meeting immediately after Worship.)

Nov. 10 - Church Retreat - 9 AM - 6 PM

Nov. 18 - Thanksgiving Worship Service

Nov. 20 - 7 PM - Interfaith/Town of Henrietta Thanksgiving Service at WHBC.

Nov. 22 - Have a Blessed Thanksgiving



Sign up Now for our Annual Church Retreat!!

Nov. 10 - Mercy Spiritual Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester, NY --- 9 am to 6 pm

Theme: Sharing Our Faith Stories

Led by: Dr. Rev. Peter Grinion & Marti Spaker

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It promises to be a day filled with fun, fellowship, and reflection. Please give this day to God and the building up of West Henrietta Baptist Church and its people. Make it worthwhile -- be there!

Any of the Deacons are available to take your reservation, and there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

More reasons to attend: A light breakfast and soup lunch will be provided as well as snacks. There is **no charge** for the day -- an opportunity too good to pass up!

The day is structured so that it provides "quiet" time. RSVP please.

**JOURNEY**  
OF  
*Faith*

**MISSIONS** The Mission Committee is busy planning activities for the remainder of this calendar year. We are planning for the Adopt a Family Program for Christmas; our Noisy Offering for the month of October will go to that program. Leanna Shirley will coordinate the gift for family members and the food items donation list for the Holiday dinner. We are planning the Christmas Caroling Party for Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 3:00 pm. We will invite our neighboring churches to participate and we will contact Senior Citizen facilities in our area. We would like to have as many of our congregation participating as possible. More details will follow. We collected approximately \$482.00 dollars with the World Mission Offering and \$72.00 dollars for Evie and Evy's Food Ministry in September. In November, we will collect the RMMO Offering. The Mission Committee will do weekly presentations during the Sunday services in November to encourage donations for this mission. We will not take a Noisy Offering in December, and our Noisy Offerings in both months, January and February will go to our Love Offering in 2019. We have finalized our Missions Committee Procedural Manual.

Thank you for all of your support and generosity. You make our tasks easy and it gives us great joy to serve you and our church. Thank you so much for caring. We extend our love to each and every member of West Henrietta Baptist Church.

-- The Mission Committee

**JO WILBERT IS PUTTING TOGETHER A SECOND VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW. FRI., NOV. 23 WILL BE VENDORS, & SAT., NOV. 24 WILL BE CRAFTERS. INTERESTED IN HAVING A TABLE, SEE JOANNE NOW. LET HER KNOW IF YOU CAN ASSIST THOSE DAYS.**

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS TO COME TO THE SHOW, 10 AM-3 PM EACH DAY. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET IN SOME EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.**

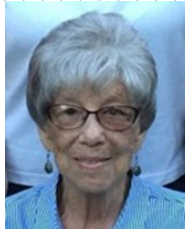


Notice: There is a new WiFi address and password for our Church. It is: WHBC, Password: wwjd5660



## Welcome To Our New Music Team

Sunday, Nov. 4, our new Choir Director, **Dr. Roger Smith**, Wife **Sharon** & Organist, **Alexandra Barbato** were officially welcomed by **Pastor Grinion** to share their talents with us.



### In Memory of Eleanore Zonneville

Brighton, NY - Eleanore passed on October 23, 2018 at age 90. She is predeceased by her beloved husband of 60 years, Jack. Eleanore is survived by her 2 daughters Eileen (Fred) Clark and

Wendy (James) Clark; 4 grandchildren, Todd, Scott, Shannon, Matthew and 1 great grandchild Colby.

Eleanore worked as an accountant for 33 years after raising her children, traveled to 27 countries with her husband Jack, was a honorary member of the Rochester Curling Club, a former member of Sweet Adelines, a member of several church choirs and an active community volunteer. Contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Foundation Hospice. Private memorial service.

One day a squirrel came to church.

He/she didn't count on being found,

Probably looking around a bunch.

But a devoted Deacon was around.

It soon found it was outside on the ground.

But you can figure out who the Deacon was who performed the deed!!



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



## Thank you for supporting our local ministries.



RHAFT (our local Food Cupboard) provides emergency food to families in need. We have a basket in the Fellowship Hall for whatever you can contribute.

There is a list on the bulletin board of the most needed items.

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**Harvest Home/Thrivent Coalition** is building a home at 179 Whitney Street for/with Mary Sutton who will be the homeowner.

Pies are still for sale until Nov. 12 for \$17 each. They will be fresh, never frozen and available for pickup on Nov. 20.



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*Thank you*

Thank you Gretchen for arranging the Saver's fundraiser. It netted \$47.20 toward the Music Fund. Also thanks for setting up the ongoing bottle recycling which netted \$58.56 recently. GREAT JOB.....

Children's time. We love the kids big and small.

