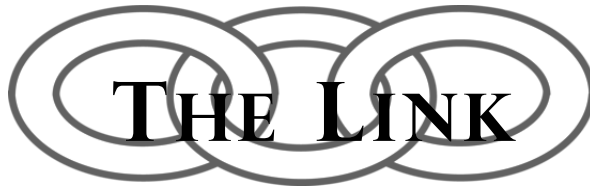


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## Hope for Uncertain Times



May the peace of God be yours this day.

I believe this year will go down in the annals of history as a very challenging year for all of us. With respect to current problems, our country is faced with issues related to Covid-19 pandemic, climate change, violent crime, racism, sexism, ageism, economic inequality, drug addiction, unemployment, shortage of food among a wide cross section of socio-economic groups, affordability of health care, and children falling behind in school.

How we confront these problems depends on whether or not we keep our focus on the problem rather than the solution – God Himself. The Christian's approach is to see the problems as opportunities to exercise faith, to practice trusting the Lord, to prove God's great faithfulness, and to be proved by Him. Our Christian faith is made stronger when we work together with the Lord to find solutions to life's problems.

If hope was ever a necessary coping mechanism for contemporary Christians, it is presently vitally necessary for both our mental and spiritual health. To live without hope is to cease to live. Someone said, "What oxygen is to the lungs, such is hope to the meaning of life." Hope is the belief that something beneficial is to come, the idea that what is currently seen is not the end of the story, but something greater is ahead. Hope in itself is faith that God does have plans for us and that they are good indeed. In all biblical stories, hope is an integral component of the journey. My major concern has to do with how each one of you will respond or continue to respond to the present condition as outlined above; therefore, I offer the following suggestions:

First, avoid wrong reactions to the problems. Your primary questions always should be, "Am I willing to follow God's will when I know it? Friends, we have an obligation as Christians to be a witness to our faith in a God who loves and cares for all His people. Avoid hatred and malice. Control your anger aimed at others. Paul exhorts us, "... examine everything; hold firmly to that which is good, abstain from every form of evil (1 Thess. 5:21-22).

Second, follow the example of Jesus. During the last 4 years, I led the church through numerous studies of St. Paul's letters and the Gospels, and we looked at different aspects of the hope that Jesus brings to the world today. Like Jesus, be a God-pleaser, not self-pleasers or a people-pleaser. People-pleasers are those who try to please people even if they have to compromise their own conscience to do so. Paul tried to please people as long as pleasing them did not cause him to displease the Lord (Galatians 1:10, 1 Corinthians 10:33). Follow Jesus by loving your neighbors, regardless of race, ethnicity or creed.

Third, work to achieve unity, not division. St. Paul pleads that every effort be made for unity with these words: "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification" (Romans 14:19). Guard this unity by being sensitive to your brothers and sisters in Christ and not offending them unnecessarily (Romans 14:20–15:1). Each of us should '*please our neighbors* for their good, to build them up' (Romans 15:2).

Fourth, avoid solving your problems with human efforts alone. God has the power to remove our burdens and rescue us in our distress. His intent is for His children to face their problems in the power of the risen Christ. God says, "I removed the burden from their shoulders ... In your distress you called and I rescued you" (Psalm 81:6a–7a).

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### *What's Happening @ WHBC?*

- Worship by Video in Sanctuary - Sundays at 10 AM for those who feel comfortable coming to the Church. The video being posted on the web site, Facebook, and emailed will be shown. )
- Bible Study - Wednesdays at 10 AM
- Prayer Time - Saturdays at 9 AM

For the above, **EVERYONE** will socially distance & attendees must wear masks. Gloves, masks, & sanitizer are available. The area will be sanitized before each event.

- Holiday Pie Orders due Monday, November 9  
Financial Committee, 6 PM

Take time to honor & thank our Veteran's on Veteran's Day - November 11.

- Nominating Committee, 6 PM, 11/16
- Link Inputs due to Sharon Scurlock Nov. 18
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Virtual Service - Nov. 24, 7 PM (Details how to view will follow.)  
Pie(s) pickup at WHBC
- **Thanksgiving - November 26**



1 - Darnell Ashford    27 - Dustin Piers  
5 - Leanna Shirley  
8 - Lonnie Schultz  
10 - Laurie Wenthe  
17 - Michael Young  
20 - Rick Pires  
24 - Debbie Covill  
26 - Ian Gress



*"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were Treated and Appreciated by their nation."*      George Washington

### **What Does a Veteran Mean to Me?**

Honor, courage, respect, perseverance.... are words that true veterans live by. Men and women who have served our country deserve much respect.

But what exactly is a veteran? In my opinion, it is someone who has served our country during times of war. A veteran is someone who was or is currently in the military. They live a discipline life so that we don't have to. They go off to war to ensure our freedom and protect our way of life.

They are heroes to us, but to them they are just normal people. They are modest. They don't look for publicity. They claim to just be doing their job. They state things like the real heroes are those who didn't return from the war.

My grandfather is a Korean War Veteran. He tells us stories about the men in his platoon. He says that out of the 47 that went into battle, only 19 came back. He says if it wasn't for the heroism of the others he wouldn't be standing here today. I am very proud of my grandfather; he is one of my biggest heroes. He wants no notoriety or fame. He was just doing his job. I admire his humility.

Veterans deserve our respect. They honor us with their presence. They are men and women of courage and discipline. We honor those who serve or who are currently serving on veteran's Day. On that day my grandfather has the whole family pause for a moment of silence for his fallen comrades. Then we visit the local military cemetery to pay our respects for all the young men who died in battle.

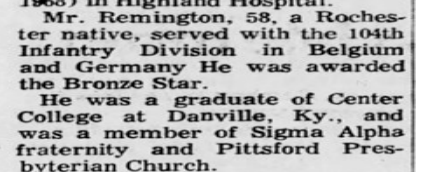
In conclusion, veterans don't ask for much. They at least deserve our gratitude. They are just everyday people who were turned into soldiers. I am very proud to have so many members of my family be serving my country.

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Teacher- Mrs. Gibson

*"The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten."*  
Calvin Coolidge

Submitted by Dan Scurlock

*Grove of Grace*  
By Evelyn Marie Shoots





Due to the COVID virus, the RHAFT food terminal is experiencing in-



creased needs & food shortages, so Laurie & Steve Wenthe are doing a food drive.

If you can donate, please leave your food items on the island in the kitchen. We'll collect and deliver them as they accumulate.

If you prefer, you can take them to the Don Cook Senior Center, 515 Calkins Rd, Henrietta NY 14623. There is a BLUE container in front of the Center. Town employees monitor & pick-up the donations, disinfect all products & transport them to the food cupboard.

Eileen Clark of RHAFT gave us a list of suggested items in need:

- Hamburger Helper
- rice
- canned meats
- peanut butter
- jelly
- puddings and jellios

### Recap of Advisory Council Mtg., 10/26

Financially, we are "holding our own" since the last report. Mission giving has been lower plus Dan reported he has not made mission payments at this time, but plans to do so later this year. He also presented a draft budget for next year.

Reopening in-person Worship was discussed resulting in a good, in-depth conversation. It was voted that those who feel comfortable for the next month come Sunday's @ 10 AM to view the pre-recorded video.

The need to begin a Capital Fundraising Plan to pay for building repairs, & painting of the church was discussed. It is necessary that we have money raised to get the Sacred Sites Grant. A subcommittee was formed to start gathering information & developing a plan. One of the ideas was start selling on Facebook/local media items we have for a potential Craft sale which was postponed. We need your ideas also; give them to the Trustees and/or Moderator (Leanna).

Financial & Nominating Committee Mtg.'s were scheduled. Leanna Shirley needs volunteers for both & to fill out the current Boards who continue on for 2021.

### **Please support the Pie Sale building homes for & with qualified families.**

Orders are being taken with payment by: **Mike Shirley, 315-6930, email: [mikeycon44@gmail.com](mailto:mikeycon44@gmail.com)** **Joyce Shutts, 334-0114; email: [rishutts@gmail.com](mailto:rishutts@gmail.com)** by **Nov. 9, at 2 PM with Check/Cash.** Checks to West Henrietta Baptist; mark Habitat Pie Sale on check.

## **HOLIDAY PIES**

TO BENEFIT



West Henrietta Baptist is selling pies to support The Harvest Home/Thrivent Coalition (Faith Build) of Habitat for Humanity (one of our missions.)

**Pick Up Date: Nov. 24, 1 PM @ WHBC Erie Station Rd. Door.** Order forms have been sent to email recipients. Pies are \$17 ea. & flavors are: Apple Crumb, Strawberry-

Rhubarb, Rumbleberry, Pecan & Pumpkin. Fruit pies arrive frozen & boxed; baked Pecan & Pumpkin arrive in plastic containers. They are 10", 3.2 Lb. pies. If you don't need pies, please consider a donation to support finishing a home at 395 Campbell Street, Rochester.



### **MISSIONS**



#### **Spreading God's Love**

David & Michelle Heed, Missionaries to Tanzania have been successful in their efforts to get the villages they have been ministering to covered with health insurance to improve their overall health. They have provided the following recap of their success. Tanzania health insurance recap: 468 families x 6 people in each family = 2,808 people who will have access to free medicine for the next 12 months. Thank you all for your support. Who knows how many lives you may have saved. Worst-case scenario: 2,808 lives.

The Missions Committee looks forward to when we can resume our Noisy Offerings & support the Heeds. Keep them in prayer.



All together (with a few extra random families on the side) we helped **468 families** get health insurance!!!!!!

**2,808 people** will have free medicine for one full year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



### **Please make note of our Financial Secretary's new mailing address.**

Laurel Heisig

4 Chapman Road

Rush, N.Y. 14543

Thank you for your faithfulness!

*Thank you Pastor Grinion, John Miller & Steve Wenthe for all you do & did recently to maintain our church building & Parsonage.*

*Thank you also to the nine people who came to clean & sanitize the Sanctuary for potential worship.*

*Well Done!!*