

# WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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## THE LINK



MARCH 2017

### May we change and be agents of change

*"You will see greater things than these . . ." John 1:50*

God is ever making the church new. The Holy Spirit is always exceeding our expectations and imagination. Regardless of what we dream and envision for ourselves and our ministry, God's vision is always bigger and the blessings always more than we can imagine. Therefore, expecting great things becomes a part of the pace and hope of ministry.

Some of you who read this publication might be on a long recess from church since December 2016. Others may have attended a couple Sunday morning worship services since January 2017. Still others may be wondering which Sundays they should show up at church. My prayer has always been that we make it our duty and obligation to show up for worship every Sunday, and that we might become all that God wants us to become.

My first appeal for you is to allow God to change you (2 Cor. 5:17). We're all a work in progress and we all grow in Christ at different rates. My prayer is that

our individual change will manifest itself in our love for Jesus, church attendance, evangelistic efforts, financial giving, and a commitment to the weekly programs of our church.

The second is a request for you to become change agents. Let's not become complacent with who and what we are presently. We do have a long way to go. Let me ask 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 singing and a message from God's word every Sunday.

My third appeal is that you will invite family members and community folks to the many events planned for March through December 2017. Our goal is to have events for every age group. Let me mention the following events for the month of March:

### *March at a glance*

Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

- **Spiritual gifts workshop.**

Sunday, March 12, at 10 a.m.

- **Women's Sunday**

Sunday, March 19, at 10 a.m. -

- **Family Sunday**

I pray that the lines of the hymn below may become a prayer of yours

*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.*

-- Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion

Pastor

## Worship Servants

### March 5

**Invocation:** Betty Heisig  
**Scripture:** Joyce Shutts  
**Offering:** Betty Heisig  
**Kids' Moment:** Clara White  
**Greeter:** Leanna Shirley  
**Nursery:** BOCE  
**Fellowship:** Mary Bailey

### March 12

#### *Women's Sunday*

**Invocation:** Pat Floyd  
**Scripture:** Connie Necaster  
**Offering:** Debbie Covill  
**Kids' Moment:** Jasmine Morse  
**Greeter:** Leanna Shirley  
**Nursery:** BOCE  
**Fellowship:** Leanna Shirley

### March 19

#### *Family Sunday*

**Invocation:** Clara White  
**Scripture:** Val Bandemer  
**Offering:** Clara White  
**Kids' Moment:** Clara White  
**Greeter:** Leanna Shirley  
**Nursery:** BOCE  
**Fellowship:** Potluck

### March 26

**Invocation:** Leanna Shirley  
**Scripture:** Tim VanDerMeid  
**Offering:** Leanna Shirley  
**Kids' Moment:** Clara White  
**Greeter:** Leanna Shirley  
**Nursery:** BOCE  
**Fellowship:** Kathy Gosnell

# Scouts Sunday



PHOTO BY JOYCE SHUTTS

Ryan Scurlock, an Eagle Scout, reads scripture during Scout Sunday observed Feb. 5. Scout Commissioner and WHBC Treasurer Dan Scurlock arranged for Troop 7 to worship with the congregation. Scouts greeted and collected the offering. Following worship, they were treated to refreshments courtesy of the Scurlock family, including a cake bearing a Scout emblem.



#### **Men's Breakfast**

7 a.m. Tuesdays at  
Peppermints

#### **Prayer Meeting**

9 a.m. Saturdays

#### **Choir Practice**

6 p.m. Thursdays

#### **Bible Study**

7 p.m. Thursdays

#### **Gifts Workshop**

10 a.m. March 4

#### **Family Potluck**

March 19

#### **Deacons' Meetings**

10 a.m. March 10



**March 7:** Connie Necaster and Edo Frenkel

**March 14:** Dan Gress

**March 17:** Dave Chase

**March 21:** Rebecca and Ryan Hirschman

**March 23:** Dorothy Greer

**March 25:** Dylan Pires

**March 26:** Sharon Gress

**March 31:** Alberta Greer

# Mark your calendars for a busy March

Get ready for a great March! Day One marks the start of Lent, the 40-day spiritual observance leading up to Easter. An **Ash Wednesday** service led by Pastor Peter Grinion will be held at 10 a.m. that day and begin our time of contemplation.

On Saturday, **March 4**, a workshop on spiritual gifts will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This workshop led by Pastor Grinion is a follow-up to the study presented during the Deacons' Retreat in October, but all are invited. We will seek to know our gifts so we can do God's will. A \$5 fee will cover the cost of a pizza lunch. Leanna Shirley will provide a gluten-free pizza for any with dietary restrictions.

**March 5** is communion Sunday and the first Sunday of the America for Christ Offering. Fliers and envelopes will be in each bulletin during the month. The Mission Committee has set a goal of giving \$500.

**March 5** is also set as the first day to bring bags of used clothing or small household goods for the fundraiser planned through Savers. Items may also be brought **March 12** with **March 15** set as the date to take items to Savers. Anyone unable to tote bags to church, please let Gretchen Young or Bonnie Healy know and arrangements will be made to pick bags up at your home. Money raised will be used to support an expanded music program. If the first Savers fundraiser proves profitable, we are allowed to do three more during the year.

**March 12** will be the first Women's Sunday at WHBC. Women will be performing all the worship duties. The first Men's Sunday will be held April 23, the Sunday following Easter. Men will be meeting with Pastor Grinion to plan that day's worship. See him, men, if you have an idea or wish to participate.

The noisy offering on **March 19** will benefit the Coffee Connection, an outreach in Rochester creating jobs



PASTOR PETER GRINION INSTALLS THE 2017 BOARD OF DEACONS IN FEBRUARY. THE CURRENT BOARD INCLUDES, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT, ANNE GRECO, BETTY HEISIG, CLARA WHITE, LEANNA SHIRLEY, AND MARTI SPAKER.

for women in recovery.

**March 19** will also be the church's first official Family Sunday of the year. Family Sundays, including a potluck lunch, are planned monthly through October, with the exception of August, when the pastor plans to be on vacation. A tentative schedule of family participation includes Val Bandemer, David Chase, Ginny Chase, Debbie and Lee Covill, and Don and Loretta Hirschman for the first Family Sunday. We thank these families for helping to establish a new tradition.

At 5:30 p.m. Sunday, **March 19**, Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, former Secretary General of American Baptist Churches USA will speak on religious liberty at the Islamic Center of Rochester, 727 Westfall Road, Rochester. The gathering is sponsored by the Commission on Christian-Muslim Relations. In connection with Dr. Medley's visit to Rochester, Rev. Alan Newton, executive minister of ABC/RGR is soliciting \$50 sponsorships. Checks may be put in the church offering with "Medley" written on the memo line or mailed to ABC/RGR, 1101 Clover St., Rochester, NY 14610. Thank you.

# Cheering in 2017

Sharp spark of frost invades and stings  
Through January's icy flings,  
White lace design ornates the glass  
Of window panes where people pass.

When February dawns the days  
Past Presidential history stays.  
The freedom which our country holds  
Was fought for, died for, and enfolds!

March has that flair which fills the air  
With Springtime's cheerings we all share;  
To nourish seedlings, see them sprout,  
While marveling scenes all about!

As April enters, in routine,  
The 1st will show a fishing scene!  
So many join the thrilling "Matches"  
To try for trophies of their catches.

May fills some baskets full  
To leave at neighbor's front door sill.  
Surprising them, this time of year  
To show they truly hold them dear.

June claims a holy vesting place,  
As wedding glory's chosen space.  
School graduates march tall in style,  
While families wave, praise and smile!

July explodes triumphantly!  
As independence marks us free!  
The liberty we represent,  
Is treasured, ever reverent.



Grove of Grace

With August flowerings in full blaze,  
We travel distances to gaze!  
Out riding with our family,  
From state to state so thankfully.

September's offerings endear,  
With roadside tables set to cheer.  
Fresh vegetables provide delight,  
Bright colors teasing taste and sight!

October opens trails to take,  
Vacations beckon, for health's sake,  
Our families await the joy  
Together times will still employ.

November month past all the rest,  
Proclaiming how we are truly blessed!  
Brave Pilgrims strived to reach our shores  
While living on fast draining stores.

December gifts our human race!  
God's son from Heaven gave us grace.  
His Spirit filled our hearts with love,  
And brought redemption from above.

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