

WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE LINK

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Let us give with thanksgiving

November is upon us! Just one more month until 2015 is one for the history books. Quite a bit has been accomplished financially this year, and all with diminishing resources and people. Despite the diminishing resources, God has been faithful to the work we have set out to do.

As we enter our Stewardship Campaign, let us take stock of all that we do have. How God has kept us and blessed us up to this time. I think what I'm trying to say is that when we begin to think and talk about our stewardship of what God has given us, we must start with thankful hearts for God's love and provision for us.

This month, I will

preach a series of sermons around stewardship dealing with God's generous love toward us, looking at our talents, and then reaching out and caring for others as a response to God's generous love and provision to us.

By Pastor Jill

God has blessed West Henrietta Baptist Church for 200 years, and not for nothing, but to be a light shining in darkness, the Hands and Feet of Christ in this world!

Let us prayerfully hold up our purses and wallets before God, and ask for guidance and direction for the coming year.

God's peace and good journey!

Thank you, Dear Jesus

Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Jeremiah 33:11

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November

November 1

Invocation: Connie Necaster
Scripture: Mary Bailey
Prayer: Leanna Shirley
Kids' Moment: Leanna Shirley
Greeter: Barb Miller or Zima
Fellowship: Loretta Hirschman

November 8

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: Chris Statts
Prayer: Connie Necaster
Kids' Moment: Clara White
Greeter: Barb Miller or Zima
Fellowship: Kathy Gosnell

November 15

Invocation: Marti Faiola
Scripture: Kathy Gosnell
Prayer: Clara White
Kids' Moment: Marti Faiola
Greeter: Barb Miller or Zima
Fellowship: Pot Luck

November 22

Invocation: Clara White
Scripture: Lynne Stewart
Prayer: Marti Faiola

Kids' Moment: Connie Necaster
Greeter: Barb Miller or Zima
Fellowship: Lynne Stewart

November 29

Invocation: Kathy Gosnell
Scripture: Valerie Bandemer
Prayer: Leanna Shirley
Kids' Moment: Marti Faiola
Greeter: Barb Miller or Zima
Fellowship: Marti Faiola



Miche Fambro to perform Nov. 7

Jazz guitarist and singer Miche Fambro will perform at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 to raise funds for Flower City Habitat for Humanity's Roger Cross House. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3835 E. Henrietta Road, will host the concert. Donations will be taken at the door. Third Presbyterian has donated a very reduced fee for the popular performer's appearance. Roger Cross was the WHBC member instrumental in bringing Habitat to Rochester. Completion of the house at 57 Ries Street is expected in December.

Pot Luck Dinner on Nov. 15

The Budget Committee will sponsor a pot luck dinner after church on Sunday, Nov. 15. The event will celebrate the giving of 2016 pledges during worship that day.

The committee will provide dessert and beverages, but the yummy casseroles, etc. are up to us all. Let's be thankful together.



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Men's Breakfast

7 a.m. Tuesdays at Peppermints

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Prayer Meeting

9 a.m. Saturdays

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Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays



- Nov. 1 - Darnel Ashford
- Nov. 2 - Susan Reesen
- Nov. 5 - Leanna Shirley
- Nov. 6 - Betty Heisig
- Nov. 8 - Lonnie Schultz
- Nov. 10 -- Laurie Wenthe
- Nov. 13 - Maurice Stewart
- Nov. 17 - Michael Young
- Nov. 20 - Harold Page
- Nov. 20 - Rick Pires
- Nov. 24 - Debbie Covill
- Nov. 26 - Michael Musham
- Nov. 26 - Ian Gress



Grove of Grace

Shepherd Praise

Because you are my Shepherd, Lord,
My needs are in your hands
Your peaceful pastures soothe me, Lord
I love you emerald lands

Your quiet streams and crystal pools
Refresh and rest my soul
Led daily by your righteous rules,
I live to reach your goal.

Dear Shepherd-Master, fear is gone,
And evil has no hold --
Now death's dark shadows herald dawn,
Transform to rays pure gold.

My Rod and Staff, you Holy Guide
Secures the steps I take --
Great comfort comes when cares betide,
As storms around me quake.

The table that you spread so well
Subdues my enemies --
Equips me with the strength to quell
Strong powers which would seize.

Your Holy Spirit pours an oil
Which heals and nourishes --
You fill my cup, without my toil,
With flowing flourishes

Your gracious mercies follow me
Your goodness never fails --
I thank you for that liberty
Which anchors and prevails

AMEN

23rd Psalm Meditation -

By Evelyn M. Shoots

Thinking of greeting?

The responsibilities of being a greeter go beyond turning on lights, unlocking and locking the doors, and handing out bulletins. The most important part of a greeter's job is the personal touch: a handshake, a hug, or a smile. It is all of these things that bring us closer together and let us know that we are a welcome part of the church family in God's House.



WHBC Greeter Responsibilities:

1. Arrive at church about 9:25.
2. Turn on lights in sanctuary and curio cabinet.
3. Unlock doors, including kitchen and front door.
4. Place some bulletins on the ledge beside the Pastor's chair. The rest go on the table by the main door.
5. Select two or four people, as you prefer, to take collection.
6. Light the candles on the altar about 9:50 and ring the bell. You can ask someone to help with these tasks.
7. Have guests sign the guest book.
8. Sit near the back of the church to hand out bulletins for late arrivals.
9. Bring "Joys and Concerns Book" to the podium following the Pastor's arrival.
10. Close the doors at the back of the sanctuary after the choir or pastor arrives.
11. After church, turn off lights, extinguish candles, lock front door, and check pews for bulletins to be recycled.

The congregation appreciates the service of the greeters. To be a greeter, give your name to Roberta Miller.

Tempus fugit



More than a month has passed since this altar was set for the Sept. 20 bi-centennial celebration

WHBC has political past

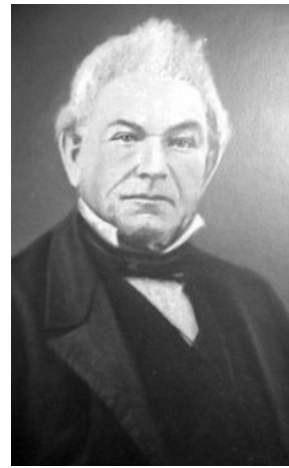
This article is one in a bicentennial year series for The Link by WHBC Historian Bonnie Healy.

The year has cycled around to Election Day with Henrietta once again seeing a heated race for Town Supervisor. Although it's been some years since the name of a West Henrietta Baptist Church member appeared on the town ballot, it was not always so.

Of the 40 men named as supervisor between 1818 and 1976 in historian Eleanor C. Kalsbeck's book, *Henrietta Heritage*, 10 had strong ties to West Henrietta Baptist Church. Those 10 occupied the town's top administrative office for 62 of the 158 years recorded in Kalsbeck's book.

The earliest supervisor with a WHBC connection was **Isaac Jackson**, elected in 1828. A decade earlier, Jackson had served as the town's first clerk. He farmed on the east side of West Henrietta Road, just north of Calkins.

Isaac Jackson was the grandfather of Coralin Jackson Rice, whose Christmas Eve death on her honeymoon later led to



Early Henrietta Supervisor Isaac Jackson, buried in Maplewood Cemetery, was the grandfather of the woman whose death started the Memorial Endowment Fund. Supervisor Alexander Williams, center, built the church in 1838. Mrs. C.J. Kramer, pictured as a member of the Elizabeth McFarlane Memorial Class, was the mother of Supervisor Almon Kramer.

the founding of the church's Memorial Endowment Fund. Young Cora's funeral was held in the church, and her mother Julia Crittenden Jackson, is pictured among the Elizabeth McFarlane Memorial Class.

Alexander Williams, the blacksmith and cobblestone home builder who built WHBC in the summer of 1838 began three years as supervisor in 1850. His oldest son, **Marvin Williams**, followed his father's footsteps in 1877. Marvin's baptism is found in the church record on March 13, 1869.

Almon Nich-

ols, supervisor for five years beginning in 1885, was the brother of Marion Nichols, whose young wife, Effie, is memorialized in a sanctuary stained glass window. The brothers were the sons of Elijah Nichols, a longtime church Clerk, grandsons of Isaac Nichols, in whose home the 1838 congregation reorganized, and great grandsons of Josiah Nichols, in whose home the congregation organized in 1815.

Democrat **Marshall Todd**, served five years beginning in 1896. His son **Frank Todd**, followed him in 1908 for five years. Both of their wives are pictured among the members of the

McFarlane Class. **Daniel Harrington**, a Republican, immediately succeeded Frank Todd in 1912. He served until his death in 1922. His wife, Minnie, was the president of the McFarlane Class in 1911.

Supervisor **Homer Benedict**, a Republican, held office for 12 years, the longest service among the 10 church-affiliated supervisors. Both his wife and mother were members of the Elizabeth McFarlane Class.

Supervisor **Earl Chase**, uncle to current member Dave Chase, served eight years beginning in 1944, Supervisor Almon **Kramer**, the son of a McFarlane Class member, served four years beginning in 1952.