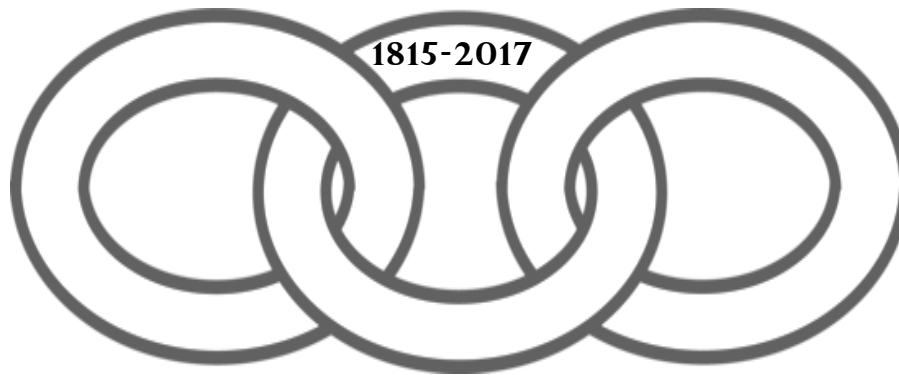


# WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH



OCTOBER 2017

## The Church Responding To An Age Of Change

We are living in an age of fast changing cultures and subcultures that affect all institutions in our society, including the church. The question is not “will there be change, but will change be better or worse for our church?” Since we cannot stop change from happening around us, we are obligated to adjust to change. Any resistance must be to immorality, indecency, wickedness, corruption, and wrongdoing.

There are numerous reasons why people resist change, but I would like to point out the following reasons for consideration:

1. We are stuck in our beliefs of how things ought to be.
2. We are stubborn.
3. We feel trapped in our old ways.
4. We are comfortable in our ways and with how things are presently.
5. We are afraid of what life may become with change.
6. Change is scary because we have to let go of our old securities
7. Change hurts.
8. We believe we lack power to effect the changes we need.

It may be helpful to hear from me that the change we are pursuing at WHBC is a process and not a destination. At WHBC, we care about more effective ways of doing church. We need a vision for the future that will guide us toward our preferred future, not just a dream. I believe that God

is calling us to follow Him to what I call the God-directed path. If we find that path we will grow exponentially -- numerically and spiritually.

The change we are pursuing at WHBC will be reflective in church leadership style, music, preaching style, programming, and the end result is to meet the needs of all our worshippers and attract more members of our community. We need change in church governance that works effectively and efficiently with the talents, availability of members to serve in identified ministries/boards, and in general the numerical composition of our present congregation. We need to make change with the way we package ministry because the way people hear, understand, and receive the timeless gospel of Jesus Christ is changing. If we don't realize and adapt to those changes, the people who we need to join our church family might not come our way.

My personal conviction is that change can be exciting as it breaks the routine and it brings new beginnings. For this reason, I implore you to embrace the changes we strive for. Let us humble ourselves rather than being self-centered; let us be open rather than being reactionary; and let us be forbearing rather than being judgmental towards those who are working with the change process or resisting change. Let us work to generate harmony that we move forward with singleness of heart, mind and purpose.

--Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor

## **Worship Servants**

### **Oct. 1 (Rally)**

**Invocation:** Leanna Shirley  
**Scripture:** Anne Greco  
**Offering:** Leanna Shirley  
**Kids' Moment:** Marti Spaker  
**Greeter:** Bonnie Healy  
**Nursery:** BOCE  
**Fellowship:** BOCE

### **Oct. 8 (ACE back)**

**Invocation:** Clara White  
**Scripture:** Loretta Hirshman  
**Offering:** Clara White  
**Kids' Moment:** Marti Spaker  
**Greeter:** Joyce Shutts  
**Nursery:** BOCE  
**Fellowship:** Betty Heisig

### **Oct. 15 (Women's)**

**Invocation:** Betty Heisig  
**Scripture:** Patti Hoock  
**Offering:** Betty Heisig  
**Kids' Moment:** Marti Spaker  
**Greeter:** Joyce Shutts  
**Nursery:** BOCE  
**Fellowship:** Roberta Miller

### **Oct. 22 (Family)**

**Invocation:** Clara White  
**Scripture:** Mary Bailey  
**Offering:** Clara White  
**Kids' Moment:** Vandermeid  
**Greeter:** Joyce Shutts  
**Nursery:** BOCE  
**Fellowship:** Potluck

### **Oct. 29 (Men's)**

**Invocation:** TBD  
**Scripture:** Don Peoples  
**Offering:** TBD  
**Kids' Moment:** Vandermeid  
**Greeter:** Joyce Shutts  
**Nursery:** BOCE  
**Fellowship:** Bonnie Healy

*Come to me, all you who are  
weary and burdened, and I  
will give you rest.*

*Matthew 11:28 NIV*

## **Church retreat set**

The annual church retreat will be held from 9-5 Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Mercy Spirituality Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester. Bring your lunch and your weary soul for a day apart from our normal concerns.

Light breakfast and parting snacks will be provided. Sign up at church.

The topic will be "Growing Ourselves to Grow the Church."



### *One last Family Sunday*

The last family Sunday of 2017 will be held Oct. 22. People invited to bring their family and friends to church include Connie Necaster, Clara White, Marti Spaker, Barb Zima, and Mike and Leanna Shirley. A delicious potluck will follow worship.

### **Happy Birthday to You!**

October 5 -  
Ryan Scurlock  
October 16 -  
Alan McCarroll  
October 26 -  
Donna Hulbert  
October 30 -  
Patricia Floyd



### THE LINK



**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

**Advisory Council**  
6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2

**Trustees**  
6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3

**BOCE**  
Sunday, Oct. 8  
following worship

**Deacons**  
10 a.m. Oct. 12

**Church Retreat**  
9-5 Oct. 14

**Cabinet**  
6 p.m. Oct. Oct 24

**Halloween Party**  
6-8:30 p.m. Oct. 27

**Savers Fundraiser**  
10 a.m. Oct. 28

## More Happenings in October...

### WORLD MISSION OFFERING

The theme for the World Mission Offering of 2017 is Discipleship: Come Follow Me.

During the five Sundays in October, you are encouraged to give to this very important work. Our people are available to serve the needs of others who are suffering from all forms of oppression, natural disasters, wars and other tragedies.

Our mission is to serve God's people and give them the good news. The good news is that God loves all His people and we are there to show how much God loves them. The message is always the same. We say it over and over again because Jesus repeated it over and over again to his disciples. God is love. We too are part of God's plan and this is one of the ways we show God's love and compassion for His people

The World Mission Offering is one of our four main offerings and we would like to really collect \$500. Please give what you can! Thank you so very much for your continued support and generosity. West Henrietta Baptist Church continues to be an example to other churches with our missionary donations.

*Patricia Floyd*  
*Missionary Committee Chair*

### **Come have a de-frightful time**

The Board of Christian Ed will sponsor a Halloween Party for all ages from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at the church. Costumes are optional, but always fun. Games will be played and refreshments served.

### Rally Day

The Board of Christian Education will hold Rally Day on Sunday, Oct. 1. Volunteers, led by Trustees Chair John Miller, have been busy rehabbing the nursery and painting the largest basement room in preparation for a full nursery and Junior Church program for kids we are trusting the Lord to send.

BOCE will provide fellowship refreshments on Rally Day.

### ***Bet on ACE***

Adult Christian Education, better known as ACE, will resume for the fall on Sunday, Oct. 8 following fel-



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lowship. Rev. Clara White will lead the study on Oct. 8, 15, 22, and 29.

### **Volunteers needed**

Volunteers are needed to drive donations to Webster's Savers at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Please see Gretchen Young.

## Grove of Grace


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*Creation Ovation*

Lord God created.  
And loved His creation.  
It was very good!

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"I will create man  
In my image and be loved"  
(Love is forever!)

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Father's Creation  
Was very good in His sight --  
God smiled with flowers!

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*Quest for Quietness*

If you wish to find  
Quiet scenes and peace of mind  
Thank God for blessings

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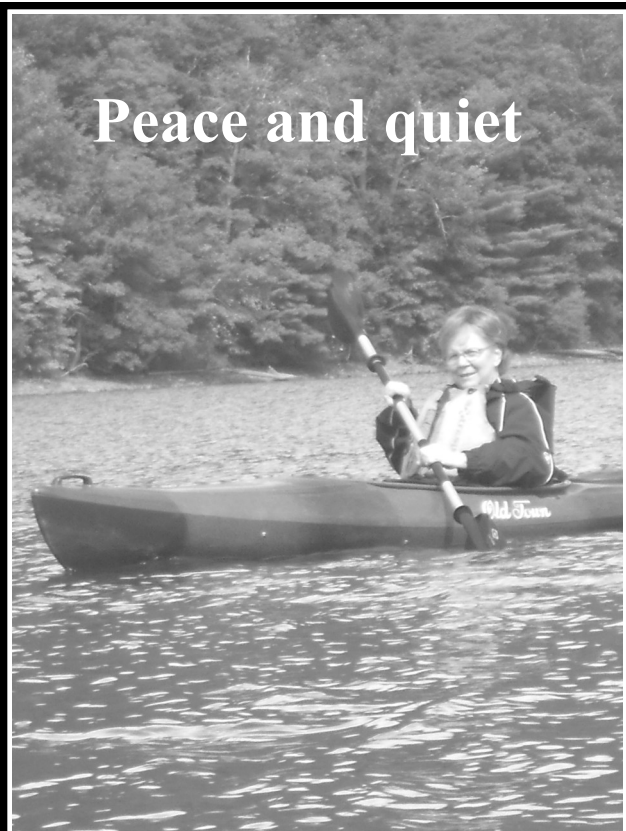
Twinkling stars keep course  
Soundlessly our world revolves  
Pictures lonely moon.

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Keep on visioning --  
Cheer you spirit soundlessly --  
Pray your cares away

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## Peace and quiet



DEACONS CHAIR Leanna Shirley finds peace and quiet kayaking on Keuka Lake during a recent WAG (West Henrietta Baptist Church Activities Group) outing. Got ideas for fun? See Jo Wilbert, Joyce Shutts, or Mike Shirley.

## Ch-ch\$ng!

Who knew? The George D. Younger Award for Excellence in Local or Regional American Baptist History that WHBC received earlier this year for its 2015 Bicentennial Celebration was worth money! ABC Rochester Genesee Region Executive Minister Rev. Alan Newton picked up the award in July at the biennial convention of ABC USA in Portland, Ore. He delivered it to WHBC's regional delegates Leanna Shirley and Bonnie Healy on Sept. 23, during RGR's annual gathering. With the award, came a \$500 prize. God is good!