

WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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Grace and peace to you from God and Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen! (Galatians 1:3-5).

We praise God the we have lived to see another Spring time. For me, Spring is a season for new life, new goals, and new beginnings. I am praying for a new surge of energy and passion for Christ amongst us. Spring is also an opportune time to begin a ministry that aims to move our church towards spiritual and numerical growth.

Luke's emphasis on numerical growth is scattered through the whole of his work, and connected to the geographical and ethnic expansion of the early church. Beginning in Jerusalem (Acts 2:47; 4:4; 6:1,7), spreading through Judea and Samaria (9:31; 12:24), and into the uttermost parts of the earth, i.e., the Gentile mission (16:5; 19:20). This, of course, follows the pattern of Acts 1:8. The church grew numerically, geographically and cross-culturally from Judea through Samaria to Rome (John Hicks, 1995).

Just as children are a blessing from the Lord (Psalm 127), and just as the increase of Abraham's descendants was a blessing, so also the growth of God's kingdom is a blessing from God. Theologically, Luke sees the church (restored Israel) as the entity which not only includes all nations, but also will increase in number just as the world's population increases and the children of Israel increased. The church is the messianic community which is expected to be fruitful and multiply (Hicks, 1995).

I am confident that the time has come for our church to see marked numerical growth. I can't wait to see all the pews occupied. We will be employing various approaches to church growth, and I assure you that the church will have weekly opportunities to talk and participate in church growth activities. Therefore, I urge you to pray with me about my vision for Church growth.

The sole purpose of the church is to spread the contagion of Christian ideals, and it has been demonstrated again and again that this can best be done through personal fellowship, personal witnessing and/or visitation.

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Worship Servants

April 1st

Easter Worship Service Communion Sunday

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: Loretta Hirschman
Offering: Valerie Bandemer
Greeter: Valerie Bandemer
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Leanna Shirley

April 8th

Invocation: Betty Heisig
Scripture: Evie Scott
Offering: Betty Heisig
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Marti Spaker
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Linda Heintz

April 15th

Invocation: Leanna Shirley
Scripture: Mark Heintz
Offering: Leanna Shirley
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Anne Greco & Joyce Shutts

April 22nd

Men's Sunday and Uniform Sunday

Guest Minister:
Rev. Alan Newton
Invocation: Rev. Peter Grinion
Scripture: Don Peoples
Offering: Rev. Peter Grinion
Kids' Moment: Dan Gress
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Potluck

April 29th

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: Anne Greco
Offering: Valerie Bandemer
Kids' Moment:
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Dan & Sharon Scurlock

During this spring we will be encouraged to use our gifts and talents for personal witnessing. The most powerful tool we possess is our testimony of how God saved us. Paul proved this by repeatedly giving his personal testimony throughout Asia Minor. People may argue with our interpretation of scripture, or our theology, but they cannot argue with what the Lord has done for us. Our testimony can be a source of healing, and sharing our joy of living for God can be an inspiration to many to lead them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. If I can encourage you to witness to your neighbors, coworkers, as well as to others you meet, it will likely result in more visitors in church.

As a congregation, we will be visiting people in their homes. We desire to acquaint ourselves with their problems and their needs, rallying them to faithfulness in church attendance and in church services. This is a time to consecrate ourselves to the tasks ahead of us. A fitted song to inspire us is as follows:

*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 hands, and let them move at
the impulse of thy love. Take my feet
and let them be swift and beautiful for
thee.*

*Take my will, and make it thine; it
shall be no longer mine. Take my heart,
it is thine own; it shall be thy royal
throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store. Take
myself, and I will be ever, only, all for
thee.*

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion
Pastor



Men's Breakfast
7:00 a.m. Tuesdays at
Peppermints

Prayer Meeting
9:00 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Wednesdays

Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

Deacons' Meetings
10 a.m. April 6th
Betty Heisig's Home

BOCE Meeting
10:30 a.m. April 7

Trustees' Meeting
11:30 p.m. April 15

Family Potluck
April 22

Cabinet Meeting
6:00 p.m. April 24



April 2 - Betty Trim
April 3 - Lynne Stewart
April 8 - Colin Chase
April 11 - Cliff Thayer
Sarah Zima
April 15 - Sierrah Griffin
April 17 - Roberta Miller
April 18 - Oliver Hagen



The Church received a thank you for last years donations to Cameron Community Ministries and also a thank you from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies for money given for the Hurricane Relief efforts in Puerto Rico. We are grateful for your generous hearts.

Noisy Offering:

January & February—\$139.20, Love Gift

March—\$160.00, Coffee Connection

April—Evy & Evie's Food Ministry (4/21)

May—David & Michelle Heed's Mission (5/19)

During the month of March we focused on the American for Christ offering.

We have begun planning for CROP Walk Sunday in May.

David and Michelle Heed have finally obtained legal custody of Olivia and are planning a trip home soon.

Blessings from your Mission's Committee

WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Patricia Floyd gave an inspirational message on March 18, 2018.



Maundy Thursday

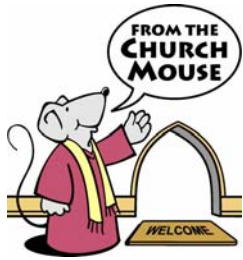


For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
1 Corinthians 11:26



Once upon a time there was
a baby virgin born
Whose perfect life would end
as the sacred veil was torn
His death and resurrection
would millennia inspire
His message of grace and hope and love
would set the world on fire
Eternal life He sought to bring
by stepping down from Heaven
Mankind can scarcely understand
the Gift we have been given
So accept His loving sacrifice
by trusting in His grace
And know that you will one day meet
this Savior face to face

Pastor Grinion will be away from April 11th thru April 21st. If you need assistance please call Leanna Shirley or Rev. Clara White.



Would you like to join me?
Would you like to be a Church Mouse too?

I know there are a couple of easy things you could do. The sign in front of the Church needs to be changed to match the season, an event, or just something special every few weeks. Another job is changing the door decorations to match the season. I know Joyce Shutts has changed the sign and the door decorations before and I'm sure she would be willing to show you how to change the sign and give you a few ideas. Joyce would also know where the door decorations are stored. It can be very interesting being a Church Mouse.



There was a Craft and Vendor sale held at the Church Saturday, March 17, 2018.

This also included a baked Food sale and multiple raffle items. We had 22 participants with a variety of treasures just waiting to be found. The total proceeds were \$859.20. Thank you Joanne for all the work you and your committee did.



We are blessed with the talent and musical abilities of our dear Ryan Chan. He will be performing at an Organ Concert, Sunday April 8th at 3:00 p.m. with a friend of his. It will be held at The Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church.



The Activities Group has not been real active since the first of the year. There has been quite a bit going on at Church and the weather hasn't been conducive to traveling around especially after dark.

A Painting Event was held on March 10th wherein eleven participants painted a 5x5 canvas picture of a bunny in a hat. We had three outside visitors in the group. Cindy and Jim Ashley were our instructors as last year.

On March 25th we went to see the movie *The Greatest Showman*. There are two other movies we would like to see *I Can Only Imagine* and *Paul*.

