

THE LINK

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Grace and Peace to You, Beloved of the Lord!

As I sit with my iPad in my lap composing this note, my heart is gladdened by the thought of you. It has been a blessing to be with you these few short months. We've experienced some highs like the church talent show and church retreat, good worship, and a revitalized choir and the low of saying goodbye to a loved one, our dear Emily, who went home to be with the Lord. Through it all, God has been good to us.

As we celebrate the season of Advent, we acknowledge God's love for us. So many people feel sad during this time of year, especially as they remember loved ones lost, if they've endured some other difficulty or setback, or find themselves away from home.

As the hands and feet of Christ in the world, let us come near to those that are lonely and proclaim God's love, just as Emmanuel comes to proclaim God's love and God's presence with us!

May the love of God and the peace that comes from knowing Christ be with you all!

Pastor Jill

Oh...I almost forgot!!!

I have another challenge for you... Below, you will find a Bible puzzle. Bragging rights belong to those who can correctly identify the fifteen books of the Bible. Next month, we'll print the answers

Bible Books Puzzle

In these remarks are hidden the names of fifteen books of the Bible. It's a real lulu. Kept me looking so hard for the facts. I missed the revelation. I was in a jam especially since the names were not capitalized. The truth will come to many numbers of our readers. To others it will be a real job.

For all, it will be a most fascinating search. Yes, there will be some easy to spot, and some hard for the judges. So we admit it usually results in loud lamentations. One lady says she brews coffee while she puzzles over it.

*Come on West Henrietta,
show me what you've got!!!*

We're making history!

Recognize anyone in the picture below? Chances are you will. Each month of 2014 *The Link* has printed an old photo that includes one or more individuals who still attend at least occasionally. This photo of gentlemen poolside is the last in the series.

Last month's mystery photo featured Della Van Doren on the right and the late Marge Spencer on the left. The identity of the woman in the middle is a mystery even to Della.



Our bicentennial is here!



WHAT HAPPENING IN December at The West Henrietta Baptist Church

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Wednesdays at 7 pm..

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Every Tuesday at 7 am at the Peppermint.

MORNING PRAYER:

Every Saturday morning at 9 am.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING will be held on December 8th at 7 pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT service will be at 7 pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For January will be Dec. 21.

(Remember you need to give all your information to Bonnie Healy during the winter months.)

TREE TRIMMING: December 7th.

CAROLING PARTY: December 13th.

POT LUCK LUNCH: December 21st.

We are having a CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Everyone, come to an old-fashioned Christmas caroling party at 3 pm Sat., Dec. 13. Part of WHBC bicentennial celebration, the party is hosted by the Bicentennial Committee and organized by Patricia Floyd. Carolers of all ages, including guests invited from our neighbor churches, will gather at the church and then travel to Woodcrest Commons and Westtown Village to sing. We will return to the church for holiday refreshments and gifts for children. Don't miss this opportunity to share and enjoy the spirit of Christmas.

Hello everyone:

We are in the process of redoing and updating the Church web site. We have been able to restore the connection to the WHBaptist.org domain so you can get into the old site by entering it as www.whbaptist.org. It is being maintained.

In addition, thanks to Sue Reesen, we have a demo web site at

www.whbaptist.weebly.com. This one is being maintained also.

Please take a look at the demo site and give me your impression, any changes, additions, deletions, likes, dislikes, etc. by Nov. 26. As you review it, keep in mind: attractiveness, ease of use, missing things; i.e., Mission, Vision, things not important to you, etc. This is by no means done; it is an example of what can be done on Weebly.

We need your responses to decide whether or not to proceed with the demo site. Thank you in advance.

Joyce Shutts

Greater Rochester Community of Churches/Faith in Action Network:

We are 'reanimating' our organization at a major time of transition as our long time executive director will be retiring at the end of December.

"Reanimating the Vision for Our Time" -- Saturday, November 22nd is our first event of a six-month outreach where we will discern: How can GRCC/Faith in Action Network best serve our communities of faith and our wider community? How are we to "be" Church at this time?

We will also celebrate Marie Gibson's retirement as Executive Director with worship, word and song---drawing together the energies of the Board, our faith community and the Spirit.

Thanks, Lynne

When I give birth to Christ,

We are all meant to be mothers of God. What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the divine Son takes place unceasingly but does not take place within myself? And what good is it to me if Mary is full of grace if I am not also full of grace? What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to his Son if I also do not give birth to him in my time & my culture? This, then, is the fullness of time. When the Son of God is begotten in us.

-Meister Eckhart, quoted in Gospel Medicine, Barbara Brown Taylor



★ December BIRTHDAYS:

★ Dec. 3rd: Kathy Henry
 ★ Sherry Gifford
 ★ Dec. 5th: Isaiah Buskey
 ★ Dec. 6th: Jim Braker
 ★ Nancy Chase
 ★ Dec. 10th: Carl Godfrey
 ★ Tim VanDerMeid
 ★ Dec. 12th: Barbara Miller
 ★ Joquina Tasciotti
 ★ Dec. 13th: Amy Bixby
 ★ Eleanore Zonnevylle
 ★ Dec. 14TH: Theresa Hirschman
 ★ Mike Shirley
 ★ Dec. 18th: Scott Miller
 ★ Eugene Howlett
 ★ Dec. 30th: Noelle Davis



★ ★ ★ WHBC Board of Christian Education Events

The Sunday before Halloween the WHBC Board of Christian Education took 11 kids to Glow-in-the-Dark Golf in Greece and

then returned to the church for prayer, pizza and a tour of a haunted house set up in the basement. Isaiah and Devonne Buskey brought two friends. Jasmine Morse invited two friends. Three of Debbie Covill's grandsons, Ralph, Kenny and E.J. attended. Darnell Ashford was also present.

Debbie Covill, Mike Shirley, Valerie Fogarassy and Bonnie Healy traveled to Greece with kids and returned to a beautiful decorated buffet at the church set up by Leanna Shirley and Annette Eneydy. The highlight of the event was Mike Shirley's transformation from a mild-mannered chaperone to a scary story-telling witch. (See more pictures on page 4)



December VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS:

open

FELLOWSHIP HOST:

7th: Flo Braker & Ann Jonathan
 14th: Loretta Hirschman
 21st: Pot Luck
 28th: Mary Bailey

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

For the month of Dec. Pastor Jill

SCRIPTURE READER:

7th: Della VanDoren
 14th: Gretchen Young
 21st: Patricia Floyd
 28th: Patricia Floyd

NURSERY HELPER:

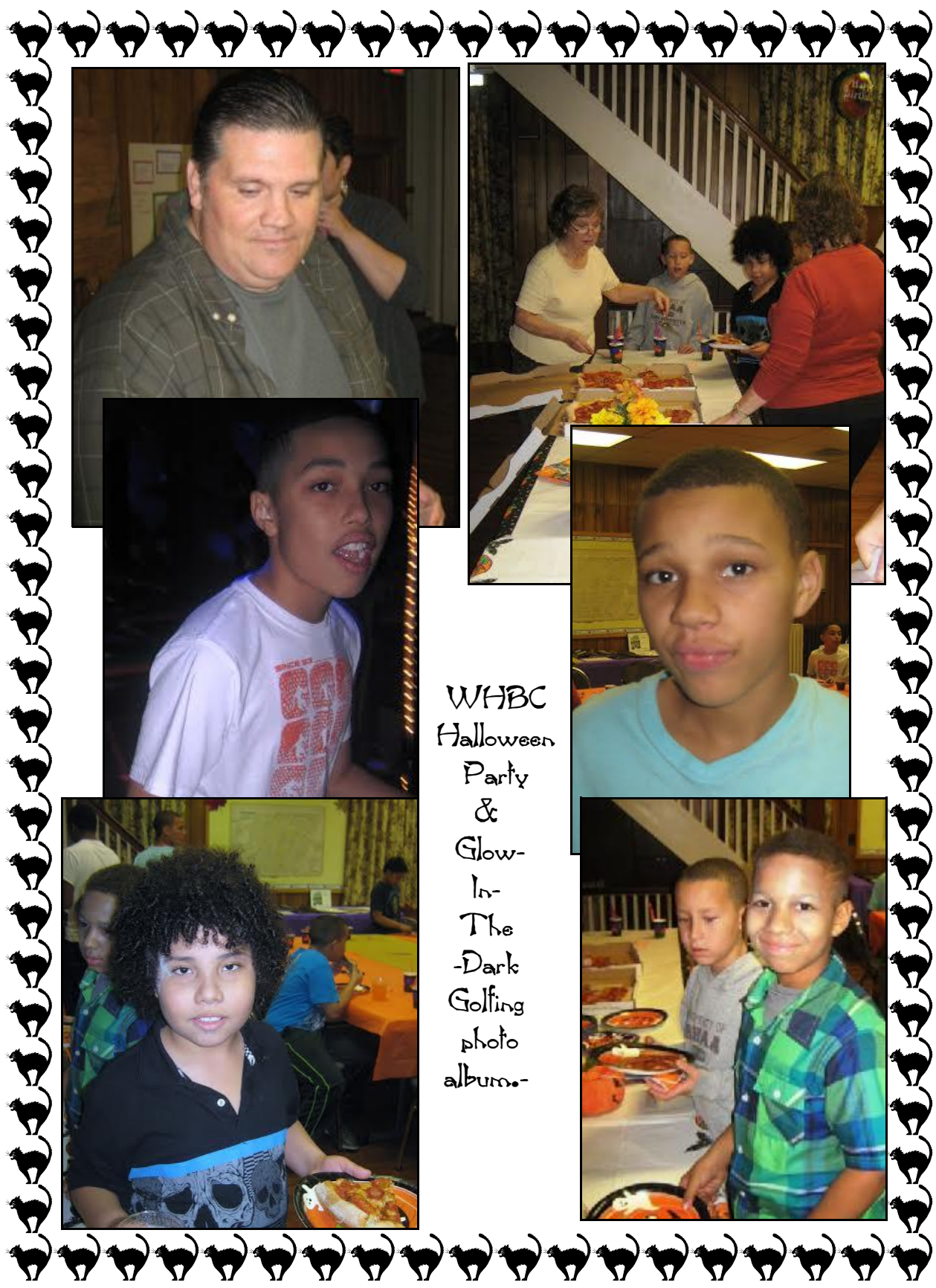
Debbie Covill

WHBC COOKBOOK

On a recent Saturday morning, Ginny Chase stopped by the church just as Bonnie Healy was opening a large envelop Steve Wenthe had stuffed in her box. Inside were two crumbling cookbooks, one from our church Ladies' Society about 90 years ago and one from the Henrietta Grange across the street. Ginny happened to reach for the church book, which fell open to a page where her grandmother, Cornelia Price Chase had hand written a recipe for a rose jar.

Inspired by these coincidences, Ginny is assembling a *West Henrietta Baptist Church cookbook* as part of our bicentennial. Please send your favorite recipes to Ginny for inclusion! Her email is mizgingin@yahoo.com. Or, give her a printed card.

As an aside, the cookbooks were sent by 90-year old Sue Todd Bockman, granddaughter of Carrie Rowland Todd, great niece of Mary Brown Todd, and cousin of Alice Todd, all members of the Elizabeth McFarlane Class. Mrs. Bockman wrote that she has many childhood memories of the church, including her grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary celebrated in our Fellowship Hall in 1934.



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