

WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH



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Faithful Stewardship

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Solomon reminds us that there is a season for everything. I take the time in this message to share with you that we will be celebrating November as "Stewardship" month. In particular, we will celebrate the third Sunday as "Stewardship Sunday" with a special service.

Bill Peel (2008) wrote an excellent essay entitled Leadership Is Stewardship. His essay can help us build a framework to begin unpacking this biblical idea of stewardship. Peel suggests there are four important principles about biblical stewardship we must understand:

1. The principle of ownership. *The Psalmist begins the 24th Psalm with, The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and a who live in it. According to Genesis chapters 1-3, God creates everything and puts Adam in the Garden to work it and take care of it. It is clear that man was created to work and that work is the stewardship of all of the creation. The fundamental principle of biblical stewardship is that God owns everything; we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf. Therefore, stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control, which is all encompassing. Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service, recognizing that we do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves (Peel, 2008). Deuteronomy 8:18 counsels us to, "Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth."*

2. The principle of responsibility. *Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities (Peel, 2008).*

We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes. What about the way you use your time, gifts, and money? Do we give God what is due to him?

3. The principle of accountability. *We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what the Master has given us. This is the lesson taught by the Parable of the Talents. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit. We are called to exercise our dominion under the watchful eye of the Creator managing his creation in accordance with the principles he has established. Like the servants in the Parable of the Talents, we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority (Peel, 2008).*

4. The principle of reward. *In Colossians 3:23-24 Paul writes: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. The Bible shows us in the parables of the Kingdom that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but fully in the next. It is my prayer that you will take time to reflect on your stewardship and recommit yourself to living a life that truly pleases God.*

Yours in Christ, Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor

Worship Servants

Grove of Grace



November 5

Invocation: Betty Heisig
Scripture: Anne Greco
Offering: Betty Heisig
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Debbie Covill
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Mission Committee

November 12

Invocation: Leanna Shirley
Scripture: Joyce Shutts
Offering: Leanna Shirley
Greeter: Debbie Covill
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Anne Greco/
 Joyce Shutts

November 19

Invocation: Clara White
Scripture: Mark Heintz
Offering: Clara White
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Debbie Covill
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Mary Bailey

November 26

Invocation: Betty Heisig
Scripture: Patti Hooch
Offering: Betty Heisig
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Debbie Covill
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Debbie Covill

Happy Birthday



- Nov. 1 - Darnell Ashford
- 5 - Leanna Shirley
- 6 - Betty Heisig
- 8 - Lonnie Schultz
- 10 - Laurie Wenthe
- 17 - Michael Young
- 20 - Rick Pires
- 24 - Debbie Covill
- 26 - Ian Gress

An intercession to Father God. ...

We Are Blessed

*The awesome wonders of your Hand,
 Great marvels of your healing
 maintain the praise within my heart.
 Deep in my soul I am kneeling.*

*I ask you God to search my heart,
 then cleanse it through your pureness
 so that my spirit honors you,
 in willingness and sureness.*

*I lift to you dear souls in need,
 whose troubles seem unending.
 Remembering you hold the control
 assures your loving tending.*

*I thank you Father for your love
 forever my protection.
 Your rightness is what I choose
 to lead me toward perfection.*

*Let others see You in my ways
 wherever you will guide me.
 Give them a longing for your word
 that each will then abide free.*

Evelyn Shoots

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

Deacons' Meeting

November 2

2 p.m. - Leanna Shirley's Home

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.

Rush United Methodist



Evy Shoots has a published book of her poetry.



Evy will be signing her book during Fellowship Time on Nov. 4th. They are available from her for \$15 & are available for order from Amazon.

"During her more than 90 years of life, Evelyn Shoots has been bubbling with poetry that springs from her deep love of God, His creation, and the people who are blessed to be in her life. Here you will find peace, joy, and inspiration in the grove of grace she faithfully inhabits and shares."

Thank you Bonnie Healy for all your time and effort to make this happen....

Missions Update

* The mission committee is working on the 2018 budget.

* In October we collected the "World Mission Offering" hoping to meet a goal of \$500.

* Our November Noisy Offering will be used to provide holiday dinner & gifts for a Henrietta family in need. It will be collected Nov. 16th.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

The Hurricane Relief offering taken in September was over \$2,000 -- a great outpouring of support. Your continued support for the Noisy Offerings is appreciated. They do make a difference in our local community. The Summer Kick'n Hunger Program was almost fully funded by donations like ours.

Our mission is to serve God's people and we, at West Henrietta continue to meet that need. Thank you again for your support. We are pleased to see that our own Evy Shoots has a newly published book of poetry.

-- Mission Committee



There is still time to order pies for Thanksgiving. Order by Nov. 5; contact Mike Shirley:

Apple Crumb,
Apple Raspberry, Pumpkin,
Holiday Crumb (\$16 ea.) &
Apple Crisp (\$12).

Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Answered Prayer



"Hi friends, just wanted to share the good news! We adopted Olivia today! (Oct. 3, 2017) Praise God. Thanks for your Prayers.

Michelle & Dave.

Olivia is officially ours. There are still four big steps before we can come home and visit you. It is difficult to predict when we will be released. We continue to follow the process. Thank you for those who have been praying this through."

There is more happening in their ministry in Tanzania. Oct. 2017:

"Beautiful Feet Ministry

We have been doing door to door ministry in the village of Simbo almost every week since June. We bring words of encouragement and a half-bar of soap as we are trying to build relationships with the parents of the children who come to our program. Recently we were able to lead a man to receive Jesus. Glory to God!

Children's Programs

Michelle is going to be involved in the "Katubuka Feeding Program" near the airport in Kigoma. For many years, Tim Kelly has been leading this program. As of December 1st the program will transition into the leadership of Michelle Heed. This transition is an answer to prayers on both sides (ours and Tim's). We continue with our Simbo program and Gungu program.

Those Who Dream Tutoring Center

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who contributed towards the construction of the second building. As of the beginning of this month, the construction is complete!"



If you come up with or see a message you would like posted on our sign, let Joyce or Bonnie know.

Get in the Christmas Spirit:

Come on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 10 A.M. to decorate the Church for Christmas. We will be "laying the greens" as usual.



Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 5, Fall back & change the batteries in your safety devices.

Look who came to the Halloween Party:



Thank you Gretchen, Debbie, Jasmine, and all who helped plan & setup the party.

It hasn't been all fun & games. John Miller, Gretchen, and helpers have, cleaned, painted, shopped, overseen the refinishing of the Nursery floor, and spruced up the basement for Junior Church & Sunday School. New lighting & paint are pluses. Even Pastor was seen with a brush in his hand. John literally spent all of his time here for weeks. Enjoy your winter in Florida!!! There were others who spent a great many hours. Comments are Nov. LINK Editor's.

THANK YOU

Everyone's efforts made a big difference.....



Savers Fundraiser netted \$65.60. Thanks Gretchen for all your work & efforts. Thanks to the drivers who took the donations.

