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CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF FAITH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



BEGIN YEAR WITH REFLECTION

Happy New Year, WHBC!

Here we are at the beginning of a new year. I am always grateful for the opportunity to begin a new year. I've completed my personal review of 2014, and have come to the conclusion that

there are definitely some areas for growth. This New Year provides the opportunity to refocus and refine my goals, and relinquish those things that may have hindered the attainment of those goals in 2014.

Have you taken the time to review the year you've just completed? Perhaps a little reflection would show the need to refocus your time and energy. It could also show you how much you've grown from the previous year. I commend to you the spiritual practice of self-reflection...you will be better because of it!

In the coming months we will begin to define what it means to be West Henrietta Baptist Church. You will be asked to complete a survey, and to parti-

cipate in at least one Town Hall Meeting. This will lay the groundwork for, and begin the arduous process of articulating the Mission and Vision for WHBC. Stay tuned for upcoming

By Pastor Jill

dates and times.

Last month I gave you a Bible Books Puzzle. How'd you do? Did you get all fifteen books of the Bible? Well, here are the answers:

Mark, Luke, Kings, Acts, Revelation, James, Ruth, Numbers, Job, Amos, Esther, Judges, Titus, Lamentations, Hebrews.

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.

God's peace and rich blessing on you during the coming year!!

JANUARY BICENTENNIAL EVENT

ON SATURDAY, JAN. 17, THE CHURCH WILL MEET FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED ROLL CALL MEETING. THE DIRECTORY WILL BE CALLED. UPON HEARING YOUR NAME, YOU MAY REQUEST A HYMN, PRAY, TESTIFY OR READ A BIBLE VERSE.

A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED. DAN AND SHARON SCURLOCK ARE HEADING THIS EVENT.

DON'T MISS IT.

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January 4

Jeremiah 31, 7-14; Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1: (1-9), 10-18

January 11

Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

January 18

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20); Psalm 139:1-5, 13-18; ; John 1:43-51

January 25

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1:14-20



- Jan. 10 — Rachel Gress
- Jan. 14 — Don Peoples
- Jan. 15 —Loretta Hirschman
- Jan. 20 — Barb Zima
- Jan. 23 — Jasmine Morse
- Jan. 24 — Kimberly Musham
- Jan. 25 — Linda Heintz
- Jan. 26 — Laurel Heisig
- Jan. 26 — Eric Heisig
- Jan. 27 — Steve Wenthe
- Jan. 28 — Anne Greco
- Jan. 30 — Marti Faiola
- Jan. 30 — Kimberly Relyea
- Jan. 31 — Virginia Bliss

JANUARY’S “DOORKEEPERS”

Greeter: Bonnie Healy

Children’s moment:

Clara White

Scripture readers:

Jan. 4: Virginia Chase

Jan. 11: Valerie Fogarassy

Jan. 18: Evie Scott

Jan. 25: Isaiah Buskey

Nursery helpers:

Debbie Covill
and Jasmine Morse

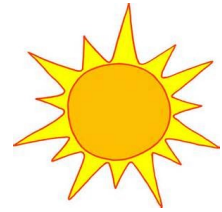
Fellowship hosts:

Jan. 4: Steve & Laurie Wenthe

Jan. 11: Kathy Gosnell

Jan. 18: Marti Faiola

Jan. 25: Leanna Shirley



I’D RATHER BE A DOORKEEPER IN THE HOUSE OF MY GOD, THAN DWELL IN THE TENTS OF THE WICKED. FOR THE LORD GOD IS A SUN AND A SHIELD

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PSALM 84: 10B-11A

SHARE YOUR RECIPES FOR SUCCESS WITH WHBC

Do you have a favorite recipe? Has it been passed through your family’s generations, or did you create it by trial and error?

If your family raves every time you put it on the table or in the cookie jar, please share your concoction (and its story) with Ginny Chase for inclusion in the upcoming West Henrietta Church cook-book.

Old recipes are welcome, of



course, but so are 21st Century almost homemade time-

savers. Impress us with how you make magic with packaged onion soup, Bisquick and cake mixes. Do you have a trick for improving jarred spaghetti sauce or a hint for baking store-bought pie crust? Your fellow cooks would like to know.

Time-tested home remedies are also being sought. Can you cure a stomachache or soothe dry skin? What is an old-fashioned poultice anyway? Someone sitting in our pews surely knows how to make and use one.

Perhaps you’ve never even written down your gems. Now’s your chance to give them both permanence and a grateful audience.

Ginny’s email is mizgingin@yahoo.com. Handwritten recipes and remedies are also welcome.



Leanna Shirley and Lynne Stewart created this lovely Thanksgiving display for the community Thanksgiving service held at the church on Nov. 25.

NEWS FROM THE DECEMBER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Website designer Susan Reesen and Joyce Shutts updated council on the status of the church website and received approval to build a new website on weebly.com, a less expensive host with a more user-friendly format.

Susan, who is Kathy Juby's daughter-in-law and was a friend of the late David Hess, said she will continue to maintain separately the sermons and articles David kept on theparson.net. David asked her to do so before his death.

A communications committee was appointed to work with Susan and Joyce going forward. In addition to Susan and Joyce, who has been

trained in maintaining both the current and future sites, the committee will include the bulletin and Link editors, a trustee, and Lynne Stewart, who is familiar with church websites.

A letter of resignation from longtime organist Bev Bixby was read. Interim Pastor Jill Bradway said she met with Bev and, after a long conversation, she felt comfortable accepting the resignation. A recognition thanking Bev and honoring her faithfulness will be planned. The music committee and trustees will work together in the hiring of a new organist.

Trustee and Treasurer nominee Steve Wenthe agreed to head the budget process when it became clear that this work had not yet begun. Board chairs should submit their budgetary needs to him quickly.

Clara White agreed to work with women in the church wishing to form a group for Bible study, fellowship and service.

Thanks to Sharon Scurlock, who served as church Clerk during the meeting and will continue to sub for Kathy Juby as she travels.



CHOIR PRACTICE

7 p.m. Wednesdays

MEN'S BREAKFAST

7 a.m. Tuesdays at Peppermints Restaurant

PRAYER MEETING

9 a.m. Saturdays

BICENTENNIAL CMTEE.

3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7

FEB. LINK DEADLINE

Sunday, Jan. 18

(Items go to Bonnie Healy. bonniehealy@yahoo.com)

OLD-TIME ROLL CALL

Saturday afternoon, Jan. 17, the congregation will gather for a roll call meeting as much like our ancestors did it as possible. (See front page.)

ANNUAL MEETING

Following potluck lunch
Date to be determined



Our Caroling Party

On Dec. 13, Members of the Church of the First Born joined us for caroling at Woodcrest Commons (above) and Westtown Village (right) followed by a Christmas party at church where Patricia Floyd's donated tree made spirits bright. Pat was the organizer of this bicentennial event.



TAKING A PAGE FROM OUR OWN HISTORY

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it...

Psalm 127:1a (KJV)

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a bicentennial series by WHBC Historian Bonnie Healy.

So here it is: The much-awaited Year 2015 has arrived. We begin a new year in our lives. We end a century in our church's life.

But like so many other times and places that come, 2015's arrival is not quite what we expected. Back at the 2013 annual meeting when a committee first formed to "think about" the bicentennial, we were thinking about strolling down the proverbial Memory Lane and hosting a party. Now, however, the year ahead is going to be so much more than history presentations or the Sept. 20 banquet.

In the wake of Pastor David Hess's death, a pastoral selection committee is working. The constitution will be reviewed. A new website created with a fresh vision statement. Adjustments will be made to new roles and new people in roles. The church will be painted. The bell tower evaluated.

Doesn't that sound like a tremendous lot of work? It's reasonable to ask if our church has ever faced quite such a challenging year.

The answer, if there is one, may be 1838. We remember that year as the time our cherished church building was built, but like our bicentennial, the year

1838 was so much more than a single construction project. It began as a painful year when the marriage of two churches was undone with all the necessary cuts to single threads that accompany any divorce. Baptists from West Henrietta had been united with Baptists from East Henrietta for 11 years when, in the bitter cold of winter, their growing dissatisfaction led to a petition for dismissal.

1838 ended as a joyful year when sister congregations were invited to recognize the new church as one of Christ's congregations among them. In between, our ancestors worked hard. They found new articles of faith and a new covenant, raised the needed funds to build and left us both shelter and beauty. They more than survived in 1838. They more than thrived. They were transformed from disgruntled to shining congregants. Their legacy to us this strange bicentennial is simply:

1. Treat other Christians respectfully. The United Baptist Church split was not entirely amicable, but the West Henriettans didn't just leave. They asked to go.
2. Act together for God. The West Henriettans sought dismissal "for the glory of God."
3. Act in the best interest of fellow Christians, regardless of feelings. The East Henriettans allowed dozens to leave, but stipulated that the new congregation must build a church. They thus wisely and effectively blocked a return to the log cabin and the past.
4. Build the future bravely and well. Even as we reaffirm our roots, we must embrace God's unexpected, transforming will.

Timeline to 1838

1810 – John Brininstool is the first settler on East River Road.

1811 – Michael Brininstool follows his son John to the area. The James McNalls, father and son, arrive.

1812 – War of 1812

1813 – Elder Weaver, a lay preacher from Mendon, begins to minister here.

1815 – A Baptist congregation forms in the riverside home of Isaac Nichols. Rev. Thomas Gorton, an ordained minister, is called to be its minister. Michael Brininstool is its one deacon.

1818 -- Henrietta becomes a town separate from Pittsford.

1818 -- The Baptists build a log cabin house of worship on East River Road.

1820 – Current Moose Lodge built as blacksmith and carriage shop

1821 – Monroe County forms. Henry Chapman builds first hotel in West Henrietta.

1827 – The church unites with Baptists in East Henrietta to form United Baptist Church in the village of East Henrietta.

Circa 1830 – A small band of West Henriettans briefly resumes worship in the log cabin with Rev. Thomas Gorton.

1831 – Second hotel later known as Cartwright Inn is built. General store is built.

1838 – West Henriettans seeking dismissal from United Baptist meet in the home of Elijah Nichols. United Baptist grants dismissal provided they build a church. They build on the northeast corner of the West Henrietta village.

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