

WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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“Keep The Energy Alive During The Summer Weekends”

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Very soon children of all age groups will be on summer vacation and this will set in motion summer vacation for the entire family. Parents will be busy making preparation to leave town. I know when it comes to our church most of us will take a vacation. I am using this message to encourage us to keep the energy alive during this summer. Whatever your plans are, the need for worship does not go away.

Some people are already singing the summer attendance blues, indicating what I call the “summer slump” in attendance. Let’s do all we can to continuously fuel church attendance during this summer, beginning with our own commitment to be at worship when we are still in town. The Men’s Sundays, Women’s Sundays, and Family Sundays are introduced to give us a special reason to come each Sunday. So far, you have shown by your diligent

attendance that you appreciate these special services.

We are introducing a junior church within weeks, and I need the support of all our members to make this ministry a success. This is probably the best we can do for

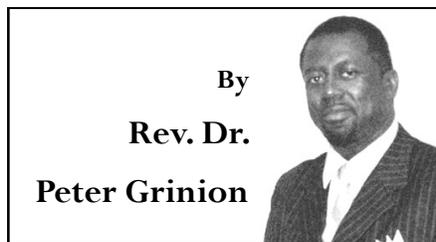
our children to attract and retain them as part of our church family. Unfortunately, we don’t have the man-power on a consistent basis to pull off a Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year. However, it is my prayer that if our lives are spared to see next summer, we should be able to offer a VBS that will make us proud.

We should expand and improve the over-all quality of our All-Church family picnic, scheduled for a Sunday afternoon in August. I will be working with the Board of Christian Education and other committees involved to plan a picnic that provides a refreshing time of fun and community experience. I hope you will mobilize

your entire family and neighbors to attend.

Our choir plays an integral role in worship and I encourage all members of the choir to come ready every Sunday to give God your very best. Singing was part of Israel’s worship in both the tabernacle and temple (1 Chronicles 6:31-32; 16:42). Music is made first of all to the Lord, and God never goes on vacation. I look forward to welcoming guest musicians during this summer. I want to see you in the choir loft, hear your melodious voices, and see your smiling faces. Let us all work together to keep the energy alive every Sunday during this summer.

*Let us with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for He is kind.
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.*



By
**Rev. Dr.
Peter Grinion**

We are children of God



Love God and Live with Joy

Worship Servants

July 2

Invocation: Leanna Shirley
Scripture: Ann Greco
Offering: Leanna Shirley
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Gretchen Young

July 9

Invocation: Betty Heisig
Scripture: Annette Eneyd
Offering: Betty Heisig
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Patricia Floyd
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Roberta Miller

July 16

Family Sunday

Invocation: Leanna Shirley
Scripture: Betty Heisig
Offering: Leanna Shirley
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Patricia Floyd
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Potluck

July 23

Invocation: Rev. Clara White
Scripture: Mary Bailey
Offering: Rev. Clara White
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Dan & Sharon Scurlock
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Joyce Shutts

July 30

Invocation: Betty Heisig
Scripture: Anne Greco
Offering: Betty Heisig
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Gretchen Young
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship:



Congratulations to our own Jasmine Morse. She was recently honored with presentation of a Certificate recognizing her for achieving the highest Chemistry exam score in all of Monroe County. This Certificate showcases Jasmines' academic talents. WHBC is very proud of her!

Congratulation to West Henrietta Baptist Church Crop Walkers on raising \$623.00 to combat hunger globally and locally, according to organizer Gretchen Young. Thank you walkers, who included; Valerie Banemer and daughter, Connie Necaster, Mike Shirley, Mike and Gretchen Young.



PARKING PLEASE NOTE!!

Members are asked to please park near the Post Office and Fire Station or in the short strip facing West Henrietta Road. Avoid parking along the north side of the parking lot near the barn. This request is being made to make it possible for the Ray of Hope congregation to oblige the West Henrietta Fire Department which needs afternoon parking to be available near its community room. The Bhutanese cannot park on the north side of the lot if they arrive to find WHBC members already there.

Thank you very much for remembering and cooperating. Our relationships with the Fire Company and with the Ray of Hope Church are both very important to us. Helping the Bhutanese meet this parking request will protect and strengthen both of these relationships.



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

Prayer Meeting
 9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
 7 p.m. Thursdays

Deacon's Retreat
 Mercy Prayer Center
 9:00 a.m. July 6

Family Potluck
 July 16

Trustees' Meeting
 6:30 p.m. July 18

Cabinet Meeting
 6:30 p.m. July 25

Deacons Meeting
 10 a.m. July 27

Saver's Fundraiser
 July 29



- July 9 - Chris Statts
- July 13 - Mary Bailey
- July 14 - Helen Howlett
- July 15 - Marshall Smith
- July 16 - Ayden & Bryce Grinion
- July 16 - Laura Stone
- July 19 - Annette Eneyd
- July 20 - Valerie Fogarassy
- July 24 - Pastor Grinion



West Henrietta Baptist Church has been selected to receive the ABCUSA George D. Younger Award for Excellence in Local and Regional History. The award is being given in recognition for the church's 2015 Bicentennial celebration. Rev. Dr. Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director of the American Baptist Historical Society said, "The judges were very impressed with the myriad means by which you shared the church's 'political past' with the congregation and the wider community."

Rev. Alan Newton, Executive Minister of ABC Rochester Genesee Region, will accept the award on behalf of the congregation at the 2017 Biennial Convention of American Baptist Churches to be held June 30-July 2 in Portland, Oregon. The award will then be presented to the church at the annual gathering of regional churches to be held Sept. 23 at Greece Baptist Church.

Rev. Dr. George D. Younger, was a Baptist minister, theologian, educator, author, editor, historian and community leader who played a vital role in the ecumenical urban church and social justice movements. He was known to our own Rev. Dr. Jim Braker during his tenure as executive minister of American Baptist Churches in New Jersey. Jim encouraged our application for the Younger Award,

"I may be partial, but I think the project you headed resulted in a most impressive celebration throughout the year, far surpassing most events even of much larger congregations," he wrote in an email to church Historian Bonnie Healy in February.

Upon hearing the submission had been successful, Jim wrote, "Wow! That's great and, certainly, well-deserved! Mighty proud of that little community that continues to leave its positive mark on the lives of people and the community, near and far, as it enters into its third century!"

Projects eligible for the biennial award include, but are not restricted to, church anniversary celebrations, congregational or regional histories, oral history projects, or other historical programs that promote Baptist History in the local community or region.

In addition to the church historian, members of the bicentennial committee included John and Roberta Miller, Sharon and Dan Scurlock, Joyce Shutts, Patricia Floyd, and Lynne Stewart.

ABC/RGR Report

A vote to change the name of the American Baptist Churches Rochester/Genesee Region was postponed until September at the June 4 Delegates Meeting held at Chili Baptist Church. The proposed name is The RGR Network of Transforming American Baptists, with RGR standing for Respect, Godly Justice and Reconciliation. The vote was postponed because several delegates said they had not received mailed information to share with their congregations.

The delegates did agree to amend the constitution by extending key officers' terms from one to two years and to hold the Annual Meeting every other year, alternating with the ABCUSA biennial convention. The meeting change was made in response to the growing number of member churches located outside the association's geographic region. Executive Minister Rev. Alan Newton said a third of member churches are now outside the region, and many have indicated they could attend more readily if meetings were held biennially.

The name change is also motivated by the region's shift "to affinity over geography," Rev. Newton wrote in a recent edition of the ABC R/GR newsletter. He reported that the region's name has changed several times in the past 190 years. The names include the original "Baptist Union of Rochester and Monroe County Incorporated," followed in 1884 by "Rochester Baptist Missionary Union," and in 1911 by the "Rochester Baptist City Mission Society," and in 1961 by "The Monroe Baptist Association of Rochester and Vicinity," and in 1973 "The American Baptist Churches of the Monroe Association." The current name was adopted 28 years ago.

[Rev. Newton said the new name represents the "articulation of our values, which are Respect, Godly Justice and Reconciliation."](#) American Baptists was chosen over American Baptist Churches because many of our partnership around the globe are not directly tied to region churches.

A fifteenth non-geographic church was added to the region at the meeting. Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., shares its deep roots with the nearby Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, attended by both Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion and the late Rev. Dr. David Hess. The seminary's move toward fundamentalism led to a severing of ties and to the church's eventual withdrawal from the Southern Baptist Convention.

Please share any concerns about the name change with ABC R/GR delegates Leanna Shirley and Bonnie Healy.



July 4th, 2017

As we celebrate July Fourth, our nation's 241st birthday, among all of the fireworks, hot dogs, hamburgers, and cold beverages, let us also remember to celebrate that which makes our nation the nation it is. For us as part of the West Henrietta Baptist Church family, our celebration must include prayers of thankfulness for our country's forefathers and their vision, while including prayers for His continued guidance.

In the body of the Declaration of Independence, we demanded separation from Britain, in part, "in order to form a more perfect Union", based on the premise "that all men (and women) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness". Established as part of the "First Amendment", "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, ... or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; ...". Obviously our fore bearers of WHBC also held the same beliefs when our church was formed in the early part of 1815. And as President Theodore Roosevelt stated on January 6, 1941, "The Four Freedoms": "Freedom of Speech", "Freedom of Religion", "Freedom from Want", and "Freedom from Fear". This is our right, given by God, and our heritage.

When these "freedoms" were first demanded, and to this very day, declared for "ourselves and for our posterity", God desires for us to exercise our religious beliefs not passively, but passionately, trusting in Him to provide His countenance to His people.

"As the rockets' red glare", fireworks bursting overhead, we celebrate our great nation, we celebrate our Creator and all He has provided for us to enjoy. We will also celebrate our forefathers, ourselves and our posterity. Be safe and enjoy!

By Daniel Scurlock



Mission's Corner

During the month of July, we will conduct our "leave something behind campaign". Members are asked to donate items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, paper towels, personal hygiene, etc. A list of items will be posted in the Fellowship Hall for this endeavor.



"Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart" Psalm 37:4

I received this gift the other day. I've believed that the desire of my heart would be the Lord, as I seek Him. But what if God has given us desires planted by Him in our hearts that He is waiting to fulfill in our lives? (Olivia for example)

The other day I was having my quiet time, expressing to the Lord my sadness as to not being able to minister well or often outside the home. Feeling a call to evangelism, and seeing no way to evangelize with a preschooler.

As I talked to the Lord, I heard a young child crying. So, I ran outside to see if it was Olivia. It wasn't. I don't know what will happen to them. I pray for them. All I know is God set up a divine encounter for me, as much as for them right in my yard. Thank You Lord for planting desires in our heart and meeting those desires.

This happened for Dave as well. For God has placed on his heart reconciliation of a church that ugly- split. This is what he wrote... REUNIFICATION! Back in November two opposing sides to an argument over church politics erupted in a fist fight. This led to the excommunication of 11 families (total of 60 people). We had a children's program in this village, but at that time we had to close it down because of the conflict. Two weeks ago, all those who were excommunicated have come forward to confess and repent asking for forgiveness and to be restored to the church. This past Sunday was the beginning of that restoration process. It was so great to see a full church; everyone getting along. Lord, please help these people to resolve their differences and bind them together as one.

It's always exciting when God meets us where we are at. We would love to hear your stories too!

We were able to visit friends a couple weeks ago. They have adopted a little boy too! It was a gift to see friends, and enjoy a getaway while still in country.

Thank you for praying for us. How can we pray for you?

Dave and Michelle and Olivia Heed



Grace Grove

Friends Forever

*Blessings we receive each day
Keep counting without end...
Our faithful lifetime friends!
Thankfulness within us grows
Gods' closeness is secure.....
Ever lovingly He shows
Pure friendship ever sure!*

Alleluia!

"Abound in hope"

Romans 15:13

By Evelyn M. Shoots, Poet

June 11, 2017



"Bluegrass/Country Jam"

Jim and Connie Harper's
7311 East River Rd.
Rush NY 14543

Friday, July 28th 1:00pm to 9:00pm
5:00 pm – Dinner furnished
(Please let Connie know how many in your party, 585.737.5078.

Saturday, July 29th 1:00pm – 9:00pm
5:00pm Pot Luck Supper
(Please bring a large dish to pass)
Munchies and ice cream sundaes during the day.

Please bring swim suits, towels, games and lawn chairs. Come and enjoy the music.

If you play an acoustical instrument, come and join in!!
No electrical instruments please.

**Every morning I wake up,
I am Blessed.
No matter how much
drama is in
my life or
how much
pain my
body may
be in, I know
God is watching over me.**