

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Pastor’s Meditation
October 2023

The Sincere Pumpkin Patch

For probably the first 10 years of my conscious life, each October I watched, “It’s The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” on TV. This 1966 animated TV special was created on the heels of the wildly popular “A Charlie Brown Christmas.” When “Great Pumpkin” was first aired, nearly half of American TV

viewers watched it. (Lind, Stephen J. (2015). *A Charlie Brown Religion: Exploring the Spiritual Life and Work of Charles M. Schulz*. Univ. Press of Mississippi).

Part of the story deals with Linus’ expectation of a Halloween visit from the mythical “Great Pumpkin.” Linus searches for a “sincere” pumpkin patch in which to hold his vigil. Finding such a patch, he foregoes the pleasures of trick-or-treating to await The Great Pumpkin. He says, “Each year, The Great Pumpkin rises out of the pumpkin patch that he thinks is the most sincere. He's gotta pick this one. He's got to. I don't see how a pumpkin patch can be more sincere than this one.” (Spoiler alert! - read no further if you’ve never seen this 1966 program: *The Great Pumpkin* never shows up.)

Viewers know that Linus’ pumpkin patch is “sincere” but based on false understandings. *Sincerity is a great trait to which everyone should aspire. However, we must acknowledge our human ability to be sincerely wrong.*

Where can we find truth? Before I answer that question, I encourage you to run (and hastily!) away from anyone who claims to have all the answers. I certainly don’t. This is why I return, over and over, to Scripture trying to find God’s answers, because I believe God inspired the scriptures. John 8:31-32 goes like this: *Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my*

disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

“If you continue in my word.” Jesus talks as someone in authority, who has a “word” to deliver, in the way that we call the scriptures “the word of the Lord.” If Jesus is the Son of God, his “word” is over and above all of scripture. Followers of Jesus who seek to know him should pay close attention to the words he is quoted as saying.

Just for fun, find an old “red-letter New Testament,” where the words of Jesus appear in red. Open it up and read only the words in red. Sure, the black-printed words in-between provide context and structure, but the words in red show Jesus’ reaction to the world around him. And if Jesus is who he professed to be, his words are God’s reaction to a world that, like Linus, was sincere, but sincerely wrong.

In Christ, Pastor Steve



October Birthdays

- 1 Mark Britt
- 1 Don Lochner
- 3 Rose Reynolds
- 5 Annette Brotzman
- 7 Eric Scott Hunter
- 11 Mindy Kimball
- 13 Ginny Wilterdink
- 17 Ibrahim Kapidzic
- 17 Bruce Neeley
- 18 Kathy Ahl
- 19 Judy McNeil
- 21 Eric Keenan
- 21 Eun Jean Kim-Keenan
- 27 Sarah Kohlenberg
- 29 Hava Kapidzic
- 31 Edda Schneider



Church Ladies’ Lunch

Tuesday, October 17th
Atlantic Family Restaurant
888 Ridge Rd.
Webster, NY 14580



Men’s Lunch

Thursdays at Noon
Riki’s Restaurant in Fairport



Notes from the Trustees

The Trustees are working on adding two handrails at the steps leading up to the front platform in the sanctuary. With safety in mind, we decided that the time has come. The podium is being strengthened so that one can be attached to it while the west stairs will have one attached to the wall.


The gutters at 1862 and 1866 will be cleaned during the week of November 6th.

Just a heads up that the annual Stewardship Drive will be held in November. Now is the time to start thinking about your 2024 financial commitment to the church in support of our facilities, leadership and outreach. You will be hearing more about Stewardship in early November.

Again this year, Chris Ahl has taken the leadership with maintenance of the gardening around the church. Chris' time, talents and energy are used to trim the shrubs, control the weeds, plant flowers and mulching. Chris's generous contribution of time and materials has kept the exterior of our church looking pristine. Thank you Chris for all your hard work.

Respectfully,

Don Fox, Fritz May, Jack O'Brien, Mike Pray,
Sarah Phillips, David Trump



Pledges and Donations

Just a reminder that all pledges and donations can be mailed into the church office and will be deposited, or you can also use the Donate button on the church website (for a small fee).

Thank you!

Jeff Bertrand



Coffee Hour Schedule

If anyone wishes to volunteer for Coffee Hour there is a calendar on the bulletin board in New Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Sarah Phillips by email or telephone. dunes1158@yahoo.com or 585-329-7072

Thanks again to all my Coffee Angels who signed up last year.

Blessings, Sarah Phillips



MISSIONS REPORT

During September our congregation participated in the ABC International Ministries' **World Mission Offering**. The Theme for 2023 has been "**He has made everything beautiful in its time.**" Ecclesiastes 3:11. Thank you for your donations, which help to support the International Partners and Global Servants who work alongside the people in 70 countries to impact and improve lives with their dedicated efforts.

In October we have two more special 2nd Hour speakers coming to share with us:

On October 1, 2023, Reverend Dr. Sandra Hasenauer, Executive Minister of our ABC-USA Rochester-Genesee Region will join us in-person during 2nd Hour. This will surely be a good opportunity to either meet Sandra or to reconnect with her again since she does have in-person history with our church. We hope you can stay for 2nd Hour to help us give her a warm welcome!

On October 8, 2023, Paul Ashton Vick will join us in-person during 2nd Hour. Paul is an ordained American Baptist Minister and an attorney, with an exceptional life story to share. He has written a book which you might be familiar with: [Where the Cotton Grows](#). Paul Vick grew up in Rochester, NY and graduated from James Monroe High School, but even before all of that he was the youngest sole survivor of a commercial plane crash. Please save the date so that you can

join us to welcome Paul Vick to our church and to hear his story of triumph over tragedy.

RING IN THE HOLIDAYS 2023

Saturday, October 21st 10 a.m. - Noon

Drive up - In the church parking lot

Again this year The Missions Team will be collecting food for the **Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf** to help them prepare for food distribution for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have specifically asked for donations of **Canned Cranberry Sauce, Brownie Mixes, Applesauce, Jello (both Sugar-Free and Regular)**.

We will also be collecting gift items for the **Coldwater Road House for Women and Children**. This year the staff has given us some suggestions based on the fact that many families arrive with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. They would encourage us to donate **New pajamas and underwear for the women in sizes from small - XXL**.

For the children, **boys and girls** of various ages, **New socks and underwear in a variety of sizes. Nothing needs to be wrapped.**

We know from previous years that these donations, especially in the holiday season, are much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. The Missions Team will be sending \$1,000 from our budget to **Willow Domestic Violence Center** in Rochester in support of their work to support, service, and shelter survivors of domestic violence.

Respectfully submitted,
Janette, Ellen, Susie



PENNY PINCHER SALE

Greetings from First Presbyterian Church.

Our Presbyterian Women's group will be holding our annual Penny Pincher Sale again this October. The fundraiser helps support our many local, national, and international missions, focusing on women and children.

Many thanks,

Liz Mehalso

Penny Pincher Sale
21 Church Street
Pittsford Village

Thursday, October 12th,
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday, October 13th,
½ Price Sale, 9 AM – Noon
\$2 Bag Sale, 12:15 – 1:30 PM



Flapjack Update

A group of interested church members met again to discuss the possible return of our monthly Flapjack Saturdays. We have not been able to do this since Covid arrived, and we have many new members who do not know of this wonderful tradition. Let me provide some background to bring everyone up to speed and to determine whether it is feasible to try this again.

Pastor Steve Hartman with Jeff Phillips and Kathy Ahl began a monthly all you could eat breakfast consisting of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, juice, and blue berries with whipped cream complimented by real maple syrup. The proceeds from the breakfasts went into the General Fund, out of which expenses were reimbursed. In turn, Missions Board would designate a charity for that month, and give that charity \$500, which was more than any breakfast's "profit," (proceeds minus expenses).

It takes a Church Village to manage breakfast. The process begins with publicity, volunteer sign ups, and mission selection of a benefactor. The week of the breakfast, Friday afternoon is set up requiring about 8 volunteers to set tables, organize the kitchen, and bundle silverware. Meanwhile, the volunteer shoppers will have purchased dozens of eggs, pounds of pancake mix, gallons of juice and milk, boxes of sausages, pounds of butter, and whatever else is needed.

All this must be brought back to church and put in the proper places.

Flapjack Saturday requires about 25 volunteers to succeed. Jobs include: money collection, batter mixer, pancake cooker, egg mixer, several egg scramblers, coffee maker and server, 3 dishwashers, 2 to 3 plate fillers, 7 or 8 waiters, sausage chef, and a kitchen coordinator. Let us not forget cleanup; tables must be washed and put away, chairs stacked, dishes, pots, utensils washed and stored, supplies secured, and garbage carried to the dumpsters.

Saturday starts with the coordinator at 6:15 opening doors and starting the ovens and burners. Food preparers arrive at 7:15, the rest of the kitchen staff arrives around 7:30 with waiters at 7:45. Breakfast has been from 8 to 10. Clean up is complete by 11:15 or so. (A long morning, but great fellowship and fun.)

Most of the jobs require standing and constant activity. Please consider whether this activity might be of interest. Next, can you physically do the work. And lastly, can you commit to helping monthly over the next 6 months.

If you are interested, please contact Sandra at the office by phone or email and indicate that you are willing to help. If there is a specific job you would enjoy, advise us of that too. (585)-586-2876, fbpenfield@toast.net, saundrama@frontier.com.

Our follow-up list should be completed by October 13th.

Bill Werther



October Adult Discussion

11:15 am
NFH and Zoom

10-1 Rev. Dr. Sandy Hasenauer – Rochester
Genesee Region

10-8 Rev. Paul Vick Missions Presentation

10-15 Moderator, Bruce Blackman presents
church survey results

10-22 TBA

10-29 TBA

How to Join Sunday Worship Service by Phone

**Dial in by phone to join each Sunday's
virtual service**

Zoom opens at 9 am

Worship Service starts at 9:30 am

Dial by your location

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

When prompted, punch in this meeting ID
-----> **839 345 585**

When prompted, punch in -----> #



Wednesday Zoom Prayer Group

Please join Pastor Steve Wednesday for a Zoom Prayer Group Meeting. We will share our concerns and take them to God. Although we've scheduled a one-hour Zoom meeting, these are expected to end sooner. Please join us!

1:00 pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950690121>

Meeting ID: 950 690 121

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When Prompted, enter

Meeting ID: 950 690 121

Bible Club Meeting

**Wednesday, - Time: 6:00 pm
NFH & Online/Zoom**

Please join us as we begin reading the Bible, from start to finish, using *The Daily Contemplative Bible*, which has segmented the entire Bible into 365 daily readings – cost is \$14. each. By the end of the year, we will have read the Bible cover-to-cover!

Pizza provided for those attending in-Person

How to join us online:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182075740>

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740

Call-in:

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 646 931 3860 US

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740



Cameron Meal

We will be continuing our Chili Meals on the following Sundays:

*** October 29th * March 31st * June 30th**

We will be serving our beloved chili these days and will need people to sign-up to make Chili, Salad, Corn Bread, and Cookies.

There will be sign-up sheets in NFH on the following Sundays:

October 22nd, March 24th, June 23rd

so please consider signing up!

We ask that your food donation be placed in the kitchen (either the counter or in the refrigerator) by *Sundays listed at the top of this memo by 11:00 am

Thank you so much!

Virginia Bergonzi-Blackman



Our New Choral Scholar **Caroline Cooke**



Caroline Cooke is currently pursuing her master's degree at the Eastman School of Music, studying with tenor Anthony Dean Griffey. Most recently, she made her role debut as Zerlina in Don Giovanni with the Aquilon Music Festival in Oregon. She holds a bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from Mercer University, where she studied with Marie Roberts. Favorite past roles include Belinda (Dido and Aeneas), Stella (Le Dernier Sorcier), and Meg March (Little Women: The Musical). A native of Macon, Georgia, she performs regularly in the Southeastern United States, and has received critical acclaim as the soprano soloist in various performances of Handel's Messiah

Health Safety

For the latest info on COVID-19, please go to the Center for Disease Control Website ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) for weekly Updates of the COVID-19 level.

Or call the CDC at 1-800-232-4636 for updates



Who We Are

The First Baptist Church of Penfield was established in 1804 in what is now an eastern suburb of Rochester, New York.

We are affiliated with American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region, and nationally with the American Baptist Churches, USA.

We welcome all to worship with us. Our congregation is a gathering of people who are diverse in theology and political opinions, but who are all seeking to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way.

The First Baptist Church of Penfield continues to include all who seek Jesus as Lord - regardless of race, class, gender, disability, place of origin, or sexual orientation, identity, or expression.



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First Baptist Church of Penfield
1862 Penfield Road
Penfield, NY 14526



We have 3 methods of receiving the monthly newsletter.

Method 1—Open the link on our web page at www.fbpenfield.org

Method 2—Pick up your personal copy at Sunday Worship

Method 3—Receive a printed copy via US Postal Mail

Please help us to obtain a cost savings! Open the link or pick up!

If you wish to change your method, please e-mail us at

fbpenfield.@toast.net or call the Church Office at (585) 586-2876.

Our Church Staff

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman ~ Pastor

Dr. Naomi Gregory ~ Organist, Music Director

Caroline Cooke, Caroline Duers, David Griffith, ~
Choral Scholars

Saundra Augustus ~ Office Assistant

Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care

Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians

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Find us on Facebook

Summer Church Office Hours

Tuesday thru Friday, 8:00am to 12:00pm

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

*We welcome to our worship all who desire
to know God through Jesus Christ.*

*We encourage each other to develop a
relationship with God and to live as Christ
taught us.*

*We covenant together to seek out and
minister to those in spiritual, emotional or
physical need.*