

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



2021

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Pastor's Meditation November, 2021

What do you think about when you hear the word, "November?" Cold rain? The start of the hectic Christmas shopping season? Do you think of four-letter words, like "Snow"?

How about "Thanksgiving?" This year marks the 400th anniversary of the Thanksgiving tradition. In 1620, the Pilgrims landed in North America after a sick and

deadly trip across the ocean, in which half of its passengers died. They were introduced to Squanto, an indigenous man who is described as, "a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition." Able to speak English, "Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants." Squanto also introduced them to the Wampanoag tribe, with whom the Pilgrims forged a 50-year relationship.

By the next year, 1621, the Pilgrims had achieved a degree of food security, and decided at harvesttime to have a celebration. They sent out hunting parties to kill enough game for the meal. One observer noted deer meat and fowl were served. Other historians believe that lobster, seal, and swan meat were also served. Apparently, turkey was not on the menu. "Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies cakes or other desserts..."

Historians aren't sure that anyone called it "Thanksgiving." All that is known is that the surviving Pilgrims celebrated for three days

with a party of about 90 people from the Wampanoag tribe.

(source:

<https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving>)

In our collective imagination we think of the first Thanksgiving menu being much like today's but it was apparently not. However, one of our images seems to hold up under historical scrutiny: harmony, at least for a time. Two cultures of people from different parts of the world somehow managed to sit down and eat together for three days, without any conflict worth writing down. This can be contrasted with current Thanksgiving celebrations, which may offer all the right things on the menu, turkey and pies, but often lack harmony. Conflict sometimes erupts around the table, particularly when excessive alcoholic intake is involved. Disagreements don't necessarily involve great geographic differences between the parties. The arguing people may only be as far from each other as their choice of "news" channels, or in the distance between the boxes they check on Election Day.

In ancient Israel, pilgrims of a different sort would read, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133) as they ascended the Temple steps. They may have lived far away but returned each year to the center of their faith, where God lived, in the Temple. Even without a temple, we can have a similar pilgrimage. We can be

"spreading the truth in love" (*Ephesians 4:15*)
When appropriate, we can bridle our tongues. We can walk away. We can say a quick prayer and commit to love one another as Christ loved us. We can use Thanksgiving for its intended purpose, to thank God for the blessings we enjoy, and maybe have a slice of pie. However you celebrate, make sure unity's on the menu.

In Christ, Pastor Steve



A Message from the Moderator

Hello Church Family and Friends,

Happy November!

This message is to communicate a few items that we have discussed and made decisions on as Coordinating Council.

1) We have discussed and decided that we will not be having Flapjack Saturday for the months of November and December. We made the decision based on the current reports from the Monroe County Department of Health. The Coordinating Council will revisit the possibility of starting back up in the new year at our December meeting.

2) We have discussed and decided that we will have Common Life organize and plan to put on a modified Thanksgiving Dinner for our church family. In following current

reports from the Monroe County Department of Health, as with our pancake breakfast, we are not quite ready to be open for a 'community event' of this nature, however, we have had several requests from people within our church family to offer a Thanksgiving Dinner this year, so we will carefully provide that for those in our church family who wish to take part in it.

It will be a traditional thanksgiving dinner and take place on Sunday November 21st, following worship. Dinner will be served in New Fellowship Hall. We will also be providing take out for those in our church family who are unable to attend. Dinner will also be provided and delivered to our shut-ins.

***Reservations are required so that we will be certain to have enough dinners to go around. Please see the Thanksgiving Dinner information provided by Common Life for all of the details.

Thank you to every individual who is taking part in any way to make this event happen! We look forward to this day!

3) We are looking to have an updated version of our Church Directory available to all within the month of December.

For those who need to have your picture taken, whether it's for the first time or if you would like to have a more current picture, Pat Casey will be set up for the month of November to take pictures in Old Fellowship Hall immediately following Sunday worship services.

There will also be forms available to complete to ensure that we have everyone's information and that it is correct. We are requesting that all information needed to complete our Church Directory be into the church office by the end of the day on Sunday, November 28th. Thank you!

Best wishes for a very happy, healthy and blessed Thanksgiving season!

Kathy Ahl, Moderator



November Birthdays

- 2 – Katelyn Lochner
- 3 – Emma Kimball
- 10 – Deborah Lochner
- 18 - Sarah Phillips
- 22 – Liza Kimball
- 25 – Shawn Keenan
- 30 – Gregg Goodman
- 30 – Roger Zaenglein



We are updating our CHURCH DIRECTORY...

For Pictures - Pat Casey will be set up in Old Fellowship Hall on each Sunday for the month of November. He will be available immediately following Sunday Worship services to take pictures for those who need one. Whether it's your first time, or if you would prefer to have your older picture updated, he will be there for you.

There will also be forms available to complete to ensure that we have everyone's information and that it will be correct when the updated Church Directory becomes available.

The deadline for pictures and information is Sunday November 28th.

Thank you!

Kathy Ahl, Moderator



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



2021 Habitat for Humanity Pie Sale

We regret to announce that our annual Penfield Coalition of Churches Holiday Pie Sale will not be held this year. Kelly's Farm Market in Hilton is unable to supply us with our large order of their freshly-baked pies this year due to staffing shortages.

We hope to continue our longstanding relationship with Kelly's and bring you their beloved pies in 2022! We will miss seeing all our loyal supporters at pie pick-up this year.

Remember, you can visit our Penfield Area Coalition Future Build website for information and to donate throughout the year:

<https://give.rochesterhabitat.org/campaigns/18753-penfield-area-coalition-future-build?ref=1>



Note from the Trustees

November is a time we reflect on the good things happening at our church and consider our pledges for the coming year. This year Pledge Sunday will be November 21st. The cost of operating our church continues to grow, however we expect to continue our many ministries and programs. Please consider your commitment for the 2022 church year. The commitment information packet will arrive by mail in early November.

- To date, a contract has been signed with Penport Property Services, Inc., for the 2022 snowplowing season.
- The church gutters were professionally cleaned at the end of October.
- We are interested in appointing someone to complete Bruce Blackman's term on the Board of Trustees. If you might be interested, please contact Fritz May at fhmay209@gmail.com. A basic description of the duties of the Trustees can be found in the current church constitution.

Respectfully,

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



Financial Decisions

Soon the Trustees will be asking you to prayerfully consider your financial contribution for 2022. I want to advise you of some information as respects financial giving.

1. Weekly envelopes are available to anyone who wants them. (Please do not use old envelopes from prior years as the envelope number assignments change from year to year.)
2. Pledging an anticipated contribution provides the Trustees with a “firm” budget number for their planning.
3. Money for memorial funds, and special offerings should be on separate checks and labeled.
4. Updated email addresses will allow me to email quarterly statements to you versus mailing them. (If you do not receive a quarterly statement by email, I do not have your email address.)
5. I always mail year end statements in January; they are never emailed.

Please remember that your church needs support. Volunteers create programs and activities, but the bills need to be paid as well.

Bill Werther
Financial Secretary

Missions Report

**RING IN THE 2021 HOLIDAYS with
Gratitude & Giving!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
10 A.M. - NOON
First Baptist Church Parking Lot**

The Missions Team will be holding a **drive-thru** collection of **Food** for the **Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf and New Pajamas for the Moms at the Open Door Mission's Coldwater Road Home for Women and Children.**

The **Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf** has requested the following food for their Thanksgiving meal distribution:

Canned Corn, Cranberry Sauce, boxes of Turkey Stuffing, Turkey Gravy Packets, boxes of Brownie Mix.

And for **Christmas gifts** for the Moms at the Open Door Mission's **Coldwater Road House for Women and Children**, the Missions Team is planning to collect **NEW PAJAMAS for the Moms.** The sizes needed range from **Small - XXL.** Wrapping is not necessary.

The Missions Team wants you to know how grateful we are for your support of our mission efforts! The total donated in 2021 for the ABC Annual Offering for World Missions is \$1,306. The **drive-thru holiday collection** is our way of helping to **bring joy**

and comfort to some of our neighbors who are struggling.

We hope to see you on November 13th!

Ellen, Sue, Janette



Church Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, November 16th at Noon
Sunny's Restaurant in Henrietta
All Women are invited to attend.

For information and/or
to let Pat Heckman know
if you plan to attend phone 381-3498



Adult Discussion Schedule**First Baptist Church of Penfield
On Zoom and in NFH**

“**How to Fight Racism**” by Jemar Tisby

November 2021

11/7 *How to Fight Systemic Racism*
(26 min) **Annette Brotzman**

11/14 *How to Orient Your Life to Racial
Justice (17 min) / Conclusion*
4 min) **Pastor Steve**

11/21 Thanksgiving Dinner (if safe to do so)

11/28 No Adult Discussion on
Thanksgiving Weekend

**Zoom Guide for Adult Discussion****Adult Discussion Following Worship
11:15-NOON**

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84560421536>

Meeting ID: 845 6042 1536

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Meeting ID: 845 6042 1536

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ksL2GCiIc>



The 2021 Church Family

Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 21, 2021

After Worship Service

Dinner Menu:

Salad

Turkey

2 types of dressing:

- 1. Basic 2. Cornbread (little spicy)

2 types of cranberry sauce:

- 1. Jellied 2. Whole cranberry

Mashed potatoes w/gravy

Squash (Butternut)

Green Bean Casserole

Rolls

2 types of butter:

- 1. Regular 2. Honey poppyseed butter

Beverages:

Water, Coffee (regular or decaf), Milk, Juice

Pies:

- 1. Pumpkin 2. Berry 3. Apple

Dinner will be served restaurant style, so after church please gather in the New Fellowship Hall and find a place to sit. After the dinner blessing by Pastor Steve, tables will be called up to go through a line of food taking whatever you choose. There will be folks to help those who are using wheelchairs, walkers or canes.

Beverages other than water (which will be on the tables with ice) will be served.

Take-out for those in church will be available.

Deacons will prepare and deliver for shut-ins.

Reservations must be received by noon on Friday, November 19th!

Saundra will take reservations up until noon, on Friday, Nov. 19th.

Office number for Saundra is (585) 586-2876 Mon-Fri in the morning.

You may also make your reservations by e-mail at fbpenfield@toast.net

Please provide: your name, how many dinners you are reserving and whether you want to eat in the NFH or take-out.

We all are looking forward to being able to sit together with those in our church family on this special day of Thanks and Gratitude.

The First Baptist Church has taken this very seriously to protect our members. We certainly hope everyone is in agreement.

The ministries involved in this matter:

Common Life, Deacons, Trustees,
Coordinating Council

We would all like everyone to know that this was a very careful decision made by all folks on all teams. It is what makes The First Baptist Church of Penfield a wonderful place to worship.

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Policies and Procedures

***Updated Thursday, August 5, 2021**

1. Church Entry and Exit - People will enter and exit through the ramp door only. All other ways will remain closed.
2. Sanitizing Hand Gel and Face Masks - Both will continue to be available at the entrance (Usher's Station) for anyone who chooses to use them.
3. FULLY VACCINATED - At the present time, fully vaccinated people should enter the sanctuary and join in the service wearing a face mask and practice social distancing as needed to respect the wishes of others around them.
4. UNVACCINATED or NOT FULLY VACCINATED – Unvaccinated people or those who are not fully vaccinated, are expected to continue wearing a face mask, keep it on for the entire service, and continue to practice social distancing of 6 feet or greater while in the church. Attending the church service online is also encouraged.
5. About the Children - We understand that some children will not yet be vaccinated or not yet fully vaccinated, there will be a section of pews designated for children and their families only at the front of the sanctuary. Just beyond the children's section, there will be a section of pews that will be off-limits for any seating. The remainder

of the pews will be available for general seating.

6. Children's Moment - Anyone providing the Children's Moment in person will be required to wear a face mask, whether fully vaccinated or not.
7. Singing - Any member of the congregation who chooses to participate in singing at any time throughout the church service must wear a face mask while singing, whether fully vaccinated or not.
8. There will continue to be no childcare provided at this time.
9. The offering plates will not be passed, however, there will continue to be a donation box in the back of the sanctuary.
10. On Communion Sundays, the Lord's Supper will continue to be given using sealed, disposable communion cups and wafers to ensure everyone's safety.
11. The regular Sunday Worship Services will continue to be available electronically, over-the-phone, and on the on-line ZOOM platform. Our policies will continue to follow the guidance provided by Monroe County Department of Health and the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Fellowship Hall
Covid Precautions
(Effective 9/12/2021)

Anyone attending the ‘modified’ Coffee & Fellowship, and/or Adult Discussion in Fellowship Hall following Sunday Worship must be wearing a mask.

The only time anyone’s mask should be lowered or removed, is when they are seated first to drink and/or eat. The tables and chairs will be setup for this purpose and with distancing in mind. When done drinking/and or eating, masks must be put back on.

Prior to Adult Discussion start time, if people choose to stand to mingle with others while enjoying a beverage or a snack, please do so outdoors. Thank you.



Bella, Katy & Pastor Steve
Children’s Time 10-17-21



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 7th

2:00 AM



Have a Blessed Holiday!



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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 Duers, Samantha Sosa,

David Griffith, Jason Rober ~ Choral Scholars

Saundra Augustus ~ Office Assistant

Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care

Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians

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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 12:30pm

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.*