

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



February 2026

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Mumblings from the Moderator

February is always a really interesting month. It is short, but can seem long as it represents that busy period between holidays (December) and football playoffs (January), and the anticipated coming of signs of spring. It is a time when many head for warmer climates for a break. For those of us that stay around, the days are getting longer but the joy of taking nature walks is limited by our concern for falling on the ice. All in all, it seems unlikely that February will end up on most people's favorite month list!

Having said the above, the fewer distractions mean that we as a congregation can focus more during February in dealing with issues. One of those issues is to look at our Constitution and Bylaws and to consider changes that might stream line the process. We need to elect committee members for the new year in our April Annual Meeting , part II. We currently need a Moderator Elect to replace me when my term is completed. We need a sixth Trustee, as well as several additional members for our Teaching and Worship Teams. Our current structure calls for thirty two elected positions, plus members for the Music Committee, the search committee, and the Deacons. I have found in asking that people do not feel fulfilled by serving on administrative groups requiring periodic meetings. Others have their own care concerns at home, or are otherwise occupied with living life. It seems to me that we can come up with a structure that will meet both the needs of the church and the desires of our congregational members.

I would like to use the second hour format to discuss church structure, and Bylaw revisions with the congregation in an open and thoughtful way. It has been almost ten years since we last changed the Constitution and Bylaws. Let's talk about it again, and attempt to come up with a new structure to be adopted in April at our Annual Meeting.

Don Fox



February Birthdays

- 4 Sue Greco
- 7 Michael Sparnecht
- 10 Peter Trabert
- 11 Linda Boesl
- 15 Martha Britt
- 19 Barb Slye
- 20 Vickie Johnston
- 20 Caitlin Trabert
- 21 Jack O'Brien
- 22 Pat Casey
- 22 Melissa Trabert
- 22 David Trump



Men's Lunch
Thursday, at 11:30am
Riki's in Fairport



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



Notes from the Trustees

Thank you to everyone who attended our spirited “very Baptist” 2026 Budget presentation. A very active discussion was held during second hour on Sunday, January 18, 2026. Several questions were answered in many parts of the proposed budget including the numbers for an interim minister.

2026 means that a new roof will be installed at the custodian’s house, 1866 Penfield Road. Last year when we got our new insurance coverage with Church Mutual, we were given two requirements. Lightning rods had to be installed on the church in 2025 and a new roof installed at 1866 Penfield Road in 2026.

The nominating committee will be formed shortly to seek “members” to serve on various committees and teams where openings exist or will exist. Please think seriously about helping out. It is a great experience to contribute your talents and abilities to help make our church a great place to worship and grow spiritually.



Flapjack is Back!!



**Saturday, February 21st
from 8 to 10.**

\$10.00/person,

\$5.00 for children under 12.

**Pancakes, eggs, sausage, blueberry
topping, whipped cream, coffee,
Real Maple Syrup,
fellowship.**

Tell your friends...

Kitchen helpers need to wear a hat and most of them will also need to wear gloves. **Only workers** will be allowed in the kitchen. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall.

The Mission Board has selected the following group for sponsorship:

February, 2026 Cameron Community

Bill Werther/Jeff Phillips



Missions Report

On Sunday, January 11, Michelle Archibald from the **Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity** was the speaker during the 2nd Hour program. She shared a lot of information about the organization and the impact they make on families and especially on children, and how having a home positively impacts their lives. Our congregation remains supportive of Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity, as we have for many, many years.

On Sunday, February 15, Madeline Martinez from **Cameron Community** will be the 2nd Hour speaker. We hope that you will attend to hear about the work that they continue to do for urban communities in need. Rev. Dr Sandra Hasenauer is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors at Cameron Community, and she is presently involved with supporting the new administration there. Cameron Community is another organization that our congregation has supported for many, many years, and we look forward to hosting Ms. Martinez.

The Missions Team has begun to plan for our annual spring food collection for the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf and for the ABC-USA's America for Christ offering. More to come about those in the March Carillon.

Janette, Barb, Ellen



Historian's Corner

By Jim Symonds

If you are curious about the people whose names appear on the memorial windows in our sanctuary look for **Harvey Fuller**.

Harvey was a Deacon of the church for 43 years; from 1836 to 1879. His brother was the Reverend Timothy Fuller.

Both Harvey Fuller and Rev. Timothy Fuller are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Penfield NY. Located in Plot 278F and Plot 483G, respectively.



**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 -----> #



February Adult Discussion Schedule

2nd Hour Sundays at 11:15 am

NFH & Zoom

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1st Vanishing Grace (Philip Yaney) -

led by Pat Holderbaum & David Trump

8th Vanishing Grace - led by Pat Holderbaum

15th Cameron Community Ministries -

-Operations Dir. Madeline Martinez

22nd Vanishing Grace - led by Pat Holderbaum

Adult Discussion link and call-in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81942247372>

Dial by your location

• +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

• +1 646 931 3860 US

Meeting ID: 819 4224 73



1pm Wednesday Zoom

Prayer Group

by Conference Call. NOT Zoom

If you want to join, give Pat Holderbaum your phone number, ahead of time & she will add you to the conference call.



Health Safety

For the latest info on COVID-19, flu, & RSV, please go to the Monroe County Board of Health - Covid Information updates.

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid-flu-rsv>

Phone #: (585) 753-5555



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.



YOUR NOTES

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1862 Penfield Road
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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

Guest Pastors

Dr. Naomi Gregory ~ Organist, Music Director

Choral Scholars:

Alexandra Hague, Morgan Kerr,

Lucas Mann, Mitchell Parmelee

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 12:45pm

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.