

# The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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## February Birthdays

- 4 Sue Greco
- 7 Michael Sparnecht
- 10 Peter Trabert
- 11 Linda Boesl
- 12 David Trump
- 15 Martha Britt
- 19 Barb Slye
- 20 Vickie Johnston
- 20 Caitlin Trabert

- 21 Jack O'Brien
- 22 Pat Casey
- 22 Melissa Trabert
- 26 Douglas Fisler



## Church Ladies' Lunch

**We are taking a brief winter break.**

We will not be meeting for our LADIES LUNCHEON in January and February.

Our luncheons will resume starting in the month of March 2024!

We plan to meet again on the third Tuesday, March 19th, the First Day of Spring!

Please mark your calendars. We will announce the location as we get closer to that date.

Stay Cozy!

~ Kathy Ahl, your Common Life Team and all of our wonderful volunteers!



## Men's Lunch

**Thursdays at Noon  
Riki's Restaurant in Fairport**



**Notes from the Trustees**

The Trustees appreciate the congregational support for our Stewardship Drive, held in November, 2023. We received 48 pledges totaling \$134,866. In 2023, we received 54 pledges totaling \$135,322. With fewer pledged dollars and increased expenses, there have been some modest alterations to various line items in the proposed 2024 budget. Thanks to Jeff Bertrand for all the work he did with the Trustees to create the proposed 2024 budget.

The Trustees sincerely thank all members of the congregation who financially contribute to the ongoing operations of First Baptist Church of Penfield.

The Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> power outage at church apparently was the culprit for the kitchen freezer failure. The following Friday Jack O'Brien discovered the defrosted items and disposed of them. That same evening a new 21 cubic freezer was purchased and delivered to the church the following Tuesday afternoon. The Deacons are looking forward, with hopeful confidence, to another 20 years of usage.

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



**Tax Statements 2023**

Your statements were mailed January 15, 2024. Please check them and contact me if there are any questions.

Bill Werther



## MISSIONS REPORT

The Missions Team is looking forward to 2024 and the opportunities to lend a hand to our neighbors who are in need. The Featured Charity we selected for January was the Open Door Mission. It always feels right to support that organization during weather extremes. They are very active in communicating their challenges and their successes. They work hard to keep people safe and as comfortable as possible in spite of whatever burdens they may be experiencing.

With Easter being early (March 31st) we have already been in contact with the **Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf** about their needs for Easter meals. They would be very grateful for our help and they have an early deadline to meet.

Therefore, the Missions Team will be having our **"SPRING INTO ACTION" drive-thru food collection** event on Saturday, **March 2, 2024**, in the **church parking lot**.

We will be there to get your donations out of your vehicle from **10 a.m. - Noon**. Even though the PEFS is grateful for **any unexpired food** donation, below is the list of what they have asked for to fill their Easter requirements:

**Applesauce (preferably no glass)**  
**Brownie Mixes**  
**Jello gelatin (no pudding)**

We look forward to seeing you on **March 2nd**. (Really, it will be us even though we might be bundled so that we are hard to recognize!!)

Susie, Ellen, Janette



## Historian's Corner by Jim Symonds

**Our Centennial Anniversary year of 1904** was a time of unusual activity and spiritual awakening for both our church and community. Heavy snowstorms and drifted roads could not hinder the eager from attending a three-week revival. Townspeople came with teams of horses and bobsleds and a full load of neighbors and friends. It was recorded in 1941 that First Baptist Church of Penfield still had valuable members who were gathered in during this campaign of evangelism.



**February Flapjack**



February 17<sup>th</sup> will be our third Flapjack Breakfast.

Watch for the sign-up sheets.

Tell your friends. Make friends and tell them too!

Let's make this a success.

Bill Werther/Jeff Phillips



**Deacon's Report**

Your FBCP deacons are continuing to minister to our congregation in many different ways:

-Christmas cards were sent to the members of the congregation

-Meals have been provided to those who needed them

- cards are sent and visits are made regularly ( there is generally a card or two for members to sign in the back of the church on Sunday mornings)

The deacons meet an average of once a month but communicate with each other constantly so that we may be aware of any needs in the congregation.

If you would like to volunteer to make a meal or two or make visits with us, please contact any one of us. Your help will always be appreciated.

Judy, Marsha, Carol, and Susie



**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



**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 -----> #**



**Adult Discussion Following Worship**

**11:15-NOON**

**This is a recurring meeting  
In person and on Zoom**

**Below is the Online Information**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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

**Call-in information**

**+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)**



**Health Safety**

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

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



## **Bible Club Meeting**

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

**Reading Scripture every day can change your life.** Bible Club resumes in-person the second week of January. Pastor Steve will be hosting a discussion each week, both in-person and online. (dates and formats to follow). Hope to see you there!

For 2024, we will be reading the New Testament in a year. Cost for materials is \$20 each, which includes a separate portable Bible map. Description of the Bible is as-follows:

*The One Year Bible (allows us) to read the New Testament in a year-in just 5 minutes a day. This unique volume, for those looking for a portable New Testament Bible, features the beautifully translated, clear, and accurate New Living Translation, which will increase the wonder and impact of your experience.*

### **Key features include:**

- *Five-minute daily readings to help you read through the entire New Testament in one year*
- *Full-color illustrations on every page, creating a visually rich reading experience*
- *Generous, easy-to-read 9.5pt font*

*The clear and trusted New Living Translation (NLT)*

**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



## **1 pm 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>

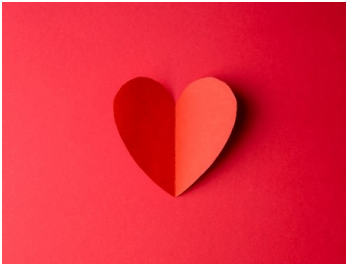
**Meeting ID: 950 690 121**

**Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923**

**When Prompted, enter**

**Meeting ID: 950 690 121**





### “Love Songs” Piano Concert

Featuring John Williams  
 Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7 pm  
 United Church of Pittsford

John Williams of JCW Piano will present a one-hour narrated program entitled “Love Songs” in honor of Valentine’s month. This performance will be held at United Church of Pittsford, 123 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY. **Free admission** and no tickets required. Free parking in the church lot. Church is handicap accessible. Voluntary contributions accepted to support the church's music program.



## Annual “Spring into Action”

### Drive thru food collection for PEFS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024**  
**10 AM to NOON**

**First Baptist Church Parking Lot**  
**1862 Penfield Road**

The Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf Coordinator has asked if we would provide the following items needed to complete this year’s family **Easter Dinner** boxes:

**APPLESAUCE (preferably no glass)**  
**JELLO GELATIN**  
**BROWNIE MIXES**



Flapjack Breakfast











## 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.



## **The Carillon**

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](http://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](mailto: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

Sandra Augustus ~ Office Assistant

Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care

Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians

### **Contact Information**

(585) 586-2876

E-mail ~ [fbpenfield@toast.net](mailto:fbpenfield@toast.net)

Website ~ [www.fbpenfield.org](http://www.fbpenfield.org)

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.*