

# The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



2026

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## Mumblings from the Moderator

Last evening the Church Council met with members of the Search Committee which had spent a good part of the day meeting with Sandy Hasenauer, and in discussions regarding their mission. I took away from that meeting a clear sense that the Search Committee is well grounded, committed, and clearly capable. How fortunate we are to have seven Church members committed to this important task.

The purpose of the joint meeting was not to discuss the committee’s progress, since that

would breach confidentiality. Rather, it was to discuss engaging an interim minister, and specifically what the contract should look like. Pending hiring an interim minister, I would note how blessed we have been so far in the quality of our supply ministers. Ken and Peggy Williams seem like old friends coming back to join in worship with us. My thanks to Sue Greco for coordinating this process and to Sue, David Trump and Pat for juggling second hour schedules to make time available for our organizational needs.

As I write this Mumblings, it is again snowing. Hopefully when you read these words, our bitter winter will be just a bad memory (not unlike the blown call in the Bills loss to the Broncos)!

Don Fox



**March Birthdays**

- 2 Bonnie Cleaver
- 3 Elizabeth Beauter
- 4 Naomi Gregory
- 10 Georgia May
- 11 Michael Pray
- 13 Ashley Blackman
- 14 Laura Stokes
- 18 Stephen Bergonzi
- 18 Steve Hartman
- 21 Haley Bertrand
- 23 William Werther
- 26 Margery Maring
- 30 Marcia Jolley
- 31 Libby Bertrand



**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 the Annual Meeting on February 1, 2026. The meeting, led by Church Moderator Don Fox, went very smoothly. The 2026 proposed budget was passed.

We are looking for recommendations of painters to paint the exterior of the Old Fellowship Hall building and trim on the Education building. If you know someone who is dependable, please pass that information on to one of the Trustees.

The Trustees are also looking for recommendations for a window washer. All windows, both inside and outside, in the Education Building and a few others haven't been washed in many years.



**Flapjack is Back!!**



**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
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:

March, 2026                      Penfield Hope

Bill Werther/Jeff Phillips



**Hello!**

I hope you are all safe, warm and cozy today!

I am following up on an announcement I made recently, looking to reach out to our college students and military personnel.

If you have a family member you would like remembrances sent of birthday, holidays, etc. , please send me their full information:

(title) name, birthday, mailing address, favorite snacks, exam dates as they approach ... Anything else you feel would be helpful!!

This is something the church used to do, and I'd like to revive the tradition!

Debbie Lochner

585-451-4112



**Bingo Night!**



**NFH**

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Chips, Sandwiches + Dessert**

**Prizes for the Winners**

**sign up in NFH or call/e-mail Sandra**

**Event provided by Jim Symonds**

## MISSIONS REPORT

During the month of March the Missions Team will be presenting the 2026 **America for Christ (AFC)** annual offering of the American Baptist Churches USA. Through the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), this offering supports ministries across the United States and Puerto Rico. The theme this year is, "**The Wisdom and Power of Storytelling**, --to honor one of the most enduring practices of our faith: the telling and passing on of God's stories across generations." The donations to America for Christ are transformative and healing. They help to proclaim the Gospel and build bridges from generation to generation.

Our **SPRING INTO ACTION** food drive-thru event this year will be **Saturday, March 14th, from 10 a.m. - Noon** in the church parking lot. Once again we will be collecting food to help the **Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf (PEFS)** with Easter meals. Additionally, we will be collecting some items that are more kid-friendly and easy for at-home lunches during school vacations. This is the list of food items that the PEFS would like us to consider donating:

**Jars of Applesauce - preferably plastic**  
**Jello - boxes of regular and sugar-free**  
**Cornbread Mixes**  
**Boxes of Mac/Cheese**  
**Canned Soup**  
**Canned Spaghetti/Pastas**  
**Pasta Sides**

### **Microwavable Mac/Cheese cups** **Individual Applesauce cups**

During the 2nd Hour of **Sunday, March 15th** we will have a speaker from **Penfield Hope**. This will precede the Flapjack Breakfast for Penfield Hope on Saturday, March 21st. The Missions Team learned from Pastor Steve Brotzman that Penfield Hope can be a valuable partner with our church because they can offer more in-depth help to local people in need than our church is capable of. We hope you will come to hear about this organization, our community neighbor.

Janette, Barb, Ellen

### *Historian's Corner*

*By Jim Symonds*

Another individual with a Memorial Window in our sanctuary is Thomas Embury, a past Deacon of the First Baptist Church of Penfield. The Embury family were part of the early settler population of Penfield. Thomas Embury, who lived from 1849 to 1889, is also buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Penfield, NY.

**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 -----> #



**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.



**March Adult Discussion Schedule**

2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Sundays at 11:15 am  
NFH & Zoom

**Philip Yancey - *Vanishing Grace***  
**March Adult Discussion Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup> Session One: Sue Greco

8<sup>th</sup> Session Two: Pat Holderbaum  
15<sup>th</sup> Penfield Hope Guest Speaker

22<sup>nd</sup> Session Three: Pat Holderbaum  
29<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY

**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







### **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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### **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**

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

### **Contact Information**

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Find us on Facebook

### **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.*