

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



2025

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Pastor's Meditation

November, 2025

"I Will Hold You in My Heart"

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I

am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

(1 Philippians 1: 3-11) Paul, with Timothy - to the Church in Philippi

I'm sure by now everyone knows Annette and I are leaving First Baptist Church at the end of this year. We are grateful for our time here. It was not without its struggles. (I attended most of my seminary classes, but must have missed the one on "How to lead a church through a global pandemic.") As I write this, the recently-repaired carillon system is playing a beautiful rendition of, "In the Sweet By and By" and that's just one of the many treasures I will miss from this church. Although we consider many of you good friends, ("keepers" is our word), and I'm sure we'll meet again somewhere down the road,

we will respect the boundaries of the new pastors, interim and permanent, once chosen. We will transfer membership to another ABC-RGR church, so we won't be able to vote/interfere with anything happening at FBC Penfield. If anyone requests a hospital visit, wedding, baptism or funeral, I will first seek permission from the current pastor. If she/he declines the request, I will respect her/his judgment.

I will begin collecting retirement funds, but in the way rapper LL Cool J (after a few years away from the spotlight) shouted, "Don't call it a comeback!" I'll declare, "Don't call it a retirement!" I don't believe ministers ever truly retire. I knew one "retired" Pastor who did seven (count 'em - 7!) interim pastorates after "retiring." That prompted me to joke with another retired Pastor that "retirement" means nothing to a minister. He took umbrage; insisted that he was truly doing nothing for any church. Then, when he died, suddenly, on a golf course at age 76, his family offered tearful, loving tributes about his post-"retirement" to them. He had joined a golf league with his grandsons, got involved with other activities with his grandchildren. From the funeral tributes I heard, I am pretty sure he convinced every one of his grandchildren to follow Jesus! He might have been the most accomplished retired minister ever. "Don't call it a retirement," indeed!

Prayer will be central to what's next. Once we are moved to Pennsylvania, I have been convicted to begin praying one hour per day

in our barn, which has sat behind the house for over 125 years. It is there that I, like Paul and Timothy, will hold you in my heart. I will praise God for you and our time together at First Baptist Church of Penfield - and get ready for what's next.



Mumblings of the Moderator

As you may already know, my wife Lisa is a New York City girl, born and raised. Schooled in the city's parochial school system, she has many fond memories of the Bronx Zoo visits on weekends, and many other city related events. It was thus with a certain level of trepidation when she left NYC and headed upstate to attend Cornell University. The decision proved fruitful, since during her junior year, she met the man she would marry. Without hesitation, she gave up her city life, and all that goes with it, to settle in Macedon where she has shared a new life with me and raised a family.

It occurs to me that this life experience has much in parallel with what we ask our ministers to do. Not that long ago Rev Steve Hartman accepted our call to ministry even though his "home" was clearly in the mid-west. His wife Betty had a very successful administrative position in education in Wisconsin which she hoped to duplicate here in the Rochester area. When she was unable to do so, and after several years of living

apart, the Hartmans decide (with our blessing) to return to Wisconsin.

When we called Pastor Steve to be our new minister, we certainly knew that the Brotzman family had a traditional “home” in Pennsylvania. We have been blessed for these past eight years with their ministry, but our gain has been equally matched by their family’s loss. Understanding this, and in the name of Christian love, now is the time when we need to express our love and support to Steve and Annette as they return home to enter into their new adventures.

Don Fox



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



Donation Statements

Third quarter statements were sent out Mid-October. Please check to verify the recorded information is correct.

Bill Werther/Financial Secretary

Notes from the Trustees

November is the month when we seriously consider our commitment to First Baptist Church of Penfield. As participants, we demonstrate our support through mission, teaching, attending second hour programs, bible study, music, landscaping or physically working to keep our 200 year old historic sanctuary in good condition.

Early in November we will be sending out our 2026 Pledge materials. Pledge Sunday will be November 23rd. Your financial commitment is equally important to your time and talent commitments. As the Trustees look to the future, several large projects have been identified and will need to be financially planned for. As you consider your financial commitments for 2026, be mindful that the church expenses continue to grow just as yours do at your home.



Historian's Corner

By Jim Symonds

Old Fellowship Hall, north of the sanctuary, and the basement of this hall were built in 1941, replacing an old building erected in 1861. It included six classrooms, a kitchen (now a conference room), and an auditorium (with a stage) capable of seating 200 people at tables.



1:00pm Wednesday Zoom Prayer Group

Please join Pastor Steve Wednesday for a Zoom Prayer Group Meeting, a time for anyone who wants to lift our concerns to God. There will be no prayer meeting the week of July 21-25, prayer meeting resumes Wednesday, July 30th at 1:00pm Please join us!

1:00 pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link:

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

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When prompted,

enter **Meeting ID: 950 690 121**



RING IN THE HOLIDAYS
DRIVE-THRU EVENT!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025
10:00 AM – NOON

First Baptist Church of Penfield
Parking Lot 1862 Penfield Rd

Drive up, we will unload
your donations for those in need.

Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf Holiday
Basket Needs

- Boxed Stuffing (turkey or chicken)**
- Gravy Packets (turkey or chicken)**
- Canned Cranberry sauce**
- Cream of Mushroom Soup**
- Pumpkin Bread Mix**
- Brownie Mix**
- Cookie Mixes for Christmas Cookies**

Open Door Mission Coldwater House for
Women & Children

NEW Sleepwear for Women/Moms
SIZES SMALL to XXL NEW Socks and
Underwear for Children
ALL SIZES Needed

***No holiday gift wrapping necessary**



GIVE THANKS GIVE BACK GET PIE!

Time for the annual
Habitat Holiday Pie Sale

Online ordering: October 24th
to November 10th

Special Touch Bakery Pies \$20 each

- Apple Crumb**
- Pumpkin**
- Chocolate Cream**

Drive thru Pick up: Tuesday,
November 25th 1 PM – 6 PM
First Baptist Penfield Parking Lot -
1862 Penfield Rd

To Order :

<https://donate.grhabitat.org/penfieldpies25>



MISSIONS REPORT

Please remember Saturday, NOVEMBER 8th. That will be our annual **RING IN THE HOLIDAYS DRIVE-THRU EVENT!**

The Missions Team will be **in our church parking lot from 10 A.M. - NOON** to greet you and accept your donations.

The Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf has asked us to collect the following items to help them fulfill needs for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for food-insecure neighbors in zip codes 14526 and 14625.

- Stuffing (Chicken or Turkey)**
- Brownie Mix**
- Gravy Packets (Chicken or Turkey)**
- Pumpkin Bread Mix**
- Canned Cranberry Sauce**
- Cookie Mix (any flavor, for Christmas Cookies)**
- Cream of Mushroom Soup**

We will also be collecting the following basic/necessary items for the **Coldwater Road House for Women and Children.**

- New pajamas for the women in sizes from Small to XXL.**
- For the children, New Socks and Underwear for Boys and Girls in a variety of sizes.**
- NOTHING NEEDS TO BE WRAPPED.**

The Missions Team recently presented \$1,000 from our budget to Heidi Hogle, President of

the **Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf**, when she spoke at our 2nd Hour program on Sunday, October 12. We have also sent a donation to **Cameron Community** for \$500 and \$750 to **Willow Domestic Violence Center.**

On November 9th a representative from **Refugees-Helping-Refugees** will be speaking during our 2nd Hour program. We encourage you to become familiar with this organization that our church supports also.

The Missions Team has been informed by Bill Werther that our congregation raised \$1,703.32 for the American Baptist Churches USA **World Mission Offering** in September. Thank you for those donations!

Barb and Kerm have taken another carload of coats to the **Open Door Mission** downtown and have exceeded the goal of 75 coats/jackets. That is wonderful! Also included in this effort to keep people warm this winter were hats made by Sarah Kohlenberg. Thanks to all who were able to contribute. The collection for this year concludes on Sunday, November 2nd.

Our team tends to get emotionally invested into WHO to help and HOW to help. The needs keep expanding! We appreciate your support and your generous responses to our ideas for lifting up people during challenging times.

Barb, Ellen, Janette

Flapjack is Back!!



**Saturday November 15 from 8 to 10
\$10.00/person, \$5.00 for children under 12.**

**Pancakes, eggs, sausage,
Apple topping, whipped cream, coffee,
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:

November 15, 2025
Refugees Helping Refugees

Bill Werther/Jeff 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 -----> #



November Adult Discussion

**2nd Hour Sundays at 11:15 am
NFH & Zoom_**

Relaxed Video Series.

***Relaxed Video Series - Letting Go of Self-
Reliance and Trusting God***

2 - Relaxed #6: Submit to Him in Money and Trials – Pastor Steve

9 - Refugees Helping Refugees -
Director Mai Abdullah, Founder & Case Mgr.
Sadiya Omar
(Charity chosen for November 15
Pancake Breakfast)

16 - Thanksgiving Luncheon
23 - Relaxed #7: And He Will Make Your Paths Straight - Pat Holderbaum
30 - Thanksgiving Weekend - no Adult Discussion

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 7372



Bible Club Schedule for November:

New Fellowship Hall

November 5, 12 and 19

All sessions run 6:00 pm - 7:20pm

All sessions include a light meal

The Story of Heaven small group video Bible study is a three-week exploration into the hope and promise of Heaven, adapted from God's Story, Your Story and The Story Adult Curriculum. Pulled straight from the pages of the Bible, this study provides individuals and groups of all sizes the opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply biblical teaching about heaven to their everyday lives.

This study will open your eyes to the glorious finale of God's masterfully-told story. Discover the heart of God's Story and the joy that comes as you align your story with God's. Max Lucado and Randy Frazee offer a hope-filled perspective of heaven, showing groups:

- The power of the words “Christ has risen” and the hope that they provide
- How Jesus promises this same type of resurrection to those who follow Him
- The promise of new bodies without sickness and without the struggles of the flesh
- A picture of what the kingdom of God will be like from the book of Revelation

- How we can participate in God's ultimate story
- How Jesus will return to earth and live with us in a new earth forever

Sessions include:

1. November 5 - *Exit Strategy* (Lucado)
2. November 12 - *Heavenly Graduation* (Lucado)
3. November 19 - *The End of Time* (Frazee)

Hope to see you there!

How to join us online:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87483138880>

Meeting ID: 874 8313 8880

Call-in:

- +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
 - +1 646 931 3860 US
- Meeting ID: 874 8313 8880



Coat Drive Pick-up

The Coat and Jacket Drive for the Open Door Mission is a great success. Two carloads have been taken to the mission in Rochester, with two full bags in the car ready to go! The drive ends Sunday, November 2.

Please keep the coats and jackets coming for ALL ages, especially children's. Place them in the box in the church, or call Barb Slye (585) 739-6558 to make other arrangements.



Fireside Chat

September 27th



Hotdogs, S'mores and fellowship!



November Birthdays

- 2 Katelyn Lochner
- 3 Emma Kimball
- 10 Deborah Lochner
- 14 Kiera Donaher
- 18 Sarah Phillips
- 17 Emily Johnson
- 21 Herb Beadle
- 22 Liza Kimball
- 25 Shawn Keenan
- 27 Mary Beadle
- 30 Colton Donaher
- 30 Gregg Goodman
- 30 Roger Zaenglein



Church Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, November 18th at noon
Rosie's Italian Cafe', Penfield
RSVP by 11:30am
Monday, November 17th.
fbpenfield@toast.net
(585) 586-2876



Men's Lunch

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



Standard Time
Begins Sunday, November 2nd
at 2:00 am



Our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Sunday, November 16th
NFH

Immediately Following Worship Service



*Have a Blessed
Thanksgiving Day*



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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

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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.