

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Pastor's Meditation

In 1995, I was baptized by Rev. F. Dean Nemecek, the interim Pastor at Greece Baptist Church in Greece, NY. A longtime American Baptist minister, Rev. Nemecek had served for several years as the Dean of Students at Roberts Wesleyan College, the Free Methodist College that Annette & I graduated from. We didn't know Rev. Nemecek until 1995; he had left Roberts Wesleyan before Annette and I arrived there. But, in the year or so that I knew him at Greece Baptist, he

proved himself as a gentle, caring soul, greatly used by God. He made a wonderful "bridge" for me, as I left the denominations of my boyhood and became an American Baptist. Here is a section of a meditation he wrote, from a posthumously-released book, Reflections of a Soldier and Servant, self-published by his widow, Sylvia Nemecek:

Almost, But Not Quite

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." Rev. 22:13

In the old Temple Baptist Church in Rockford, Illinois, there is a beautiful stained glass window representation of these words from the book of Revelation: a full figure of Jesus with the letters alpha and omega at His feet. At least, it was intended to be. Unfortunately, the workman who installed the window did not read Greek. The problem arose when it came to installing the panel containing the letter omega. Omega is the last letter of the Greek alphabet, so when Jesus says "I am Alpha and Omega," He is saying what we mean when we say something is everything from A to Z.

The difficulty arose because the Greek letter upsilon looks just like an upside-down omega. The workman assumed that the omega was a "U" and installed it that way. So instead of Jesus saying, "I am Alpha and Omega," we have Jesus saying, "I am Alpha

and Upsilon." Upsilon is earlier in the alphabet than omega. The omega was installed as an upsilon and remained in place seventy-five years until the building was sold.

There are a great many people who would have Jesus saying "I am the Alpha and Upsilon." That is to say, they accept Jesus for less than He is. Some would say that He is a great social reformer but not the Son of God. Others would say that He was a great teacher but not the Son of God. Others would say that He was a great teacher but not the Son of God." - p. 309

Christians should grow into the realization that Jesus is everything: confrontational yet loving, wounded yet a healer, impoverished but a champion of justice for the poor, great because he was a servant, innocent, but taking on a world of sin, dying on the cross, yet conquering death forever. Most of all, He is God's only Son, living and reigning in Heaven. Scriptures boldly declare, "There is salvation in no one else." (Acts 4:12). The Christian experience involves growing to make Christ first and last in our lives. As we walk in faith, we should ask ourselves - is Jesus Christ our Alpha and Upsilon, or is He our Alpha and Omega?



April Birthdays

- 6 Jeff Bertrand
- 9 Ingo Leubner
- 11 George Blackman
- 12 Margaret Militello
- 14 Nancy Lancaster
- 19 Blake Phillips
- 23 Donald Maring
- 25 Donna Trabert
- 26 Chis Ahl



Men's Lunch Schedule
Thursdays at Noon

- April 4th – Riki's in Fairport**
- April 11th - Cherry Ridge in Webster**
- April 18th – Riki's in Fairport**
- April 25th – Riki's in Fairport**



Ladies' Lunch

3rd Tuesday of each Month
Please call 425-7528, if you are interested.



Flowers for Our Church Altar



Would you like to sign up for a week (or more) to provide flowers for our church altar? Flowers can be in memory or celebration, or simply in praise.

You can order to be delivered, purchase and bring in yourself, or in the warmer months provide a bouquet from your garden.

Please help enhance our worship experience.

Contact Pat Heckman to sign up.



1 Year Bible Club



We are reading the Bible in 365 daily readings.

Read 15-20 minutes per day and, after a year, we will have read the entire Bible.

Our weekly discussion is about what we found inspirational or confusing in the previous week's readings.

You can start anytime. A light supper is provided and all are welcome.

Cost of a one-year (New Living Translation), easy to read Bible is \$11.00

There are more Bibles on order.

Meetings will be on Wednesdays

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Meeting Place – Pastor Steve's Apartment



Liaison between the Church and Scouts

The Nominating Committee is seeking for a person (man or woman) to succeed Roger Zaenglein as liaison between the Church and Boy Scout Troop 230 and Cub Pack 230. Roger will remain available to help with the transition.

This position involves meeting monthly during the Troop year (same as school) with Troop & Pack leaders, writing the annual report, preparing Scout Sunday, etc. Participation in Troop and Pack activities is up to you.

Roger will meet with any and all interested persons to fully describe the duties.

SPRING CHICKEN BBQ



**Saturday, May 25, 2019
2:00 – 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall
Eat in or take out**

MENU: ½ chicken, homemade macaroni salad or coleslaw, salt potatoes, roll and butter

HELPERS WANTED. If you are willing to help, please see Fritz or call 585-223-6795.

This is a church fundraiser so your help will be appreciated.



Adult Sunday School

Our next video series will be “He Choose the Nails” by Max Lucado. It examines the symbols surrounding Christ’s crucifixion, revealing the claims of the cross and asserting that if they are true, Christianity itself is true. The supporting evidence either makes the cross the single biggest hoax of all time, or hope of all humanity.

Adult Sunday School Schedule

April 7th – April 28th

April 7th

He Chose to Love Us Forever

April 14th

He Chose to Give Us Victory

April 21st

Easter - No Video

April 28th

Congregational Meeting



Spring Alpha

On Thursday Nights!

Thursday evenings, 6-8 pm, we are showing an updated video series of Alpha in the Fellowship Hall.

The Course runs through 5/9

Everyone is invited. **The cost is free!**

Note: We need people to provide a light meal each of the weeks.

Please see Pastor Steve if you would like to provide a meal for subsequent weeks.

Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser



Saturday April 19th, 8 to 10 am

**Included will be an Easter egg hunt
at 9:00 am, rain or shine,
for kids up to and including 5th grade!**

Come get cozy with an awesome all-you-can
eat breakfast of delicious pancakes, **pure**
maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, and
more -

All for just \$5.00 per person!

April proceeds will benefit the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf:

A supplemental food relief organization
serving the 14526 and 14625 areas and
families of children in the Penfield school
district since 1997.

Handicapped accessible

Please be sure to mark your calendar for this
ongoing activity:

**September through May,
3rd Saturday of the month**

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Celebration and Installation

*Please Join Us for a A Celebration of
Our Region and Installation of Rev. Dr.
Sandra Hasenauer*



*Saturday, April 13, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.
(Eastern) Reception Following
We will provide a Facebook Live stream of the
event for out "scattered" family
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque*



Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque served as a messenger from God to Rev. Dr. Sandra Hasenauer at a significant juncture in Sandy's ministry, so Sandy is thrilled that she has this opportunity for others meet Zina and hear this powerful preacher of the gospel of Christ. Zina Jacque is lead pastor for the Community Church of Barrington in Illinois; prior to this call she served on the staffs of multicultural, urban, and suburban churches, as a university chaplain and she has done extensive work in the areas of education, counseling, and support programs. Jacque holds a Ph.D. in Practical Theology and a M.Div. (Summa Cum Laude) from Boston University, a M.A. from Columbia University, and a B.A. from Northwestern University.

She has served as an adjunct professor of Pastoral Care at the University of Chicago and Boston University. She has served also on the boards of the Office of the General Secretary of ABCUSA, the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago, National Senior Campuses, the Barrington Area Development Council, Samaritan Counseling Center of Northwest Illinois, and the Barrington Area Ministerial Alliance, among others.

But what is most important to her is this: She is a child of God, formed and filled with God’s love. She believes we are each sent into the world to live out our gifts and talents for the good of the whole and that as Christians, we are meant to be the channel through which all of the families of the earth are blessed.

Where?

Lake Avenue Baptist Church
72 Ambrose St.
Rochester, NY 14608

Note that LABC sits between two one-way streets. There is limited parking in nearby lots or street parking is available. Handicapped parking spaces are available on either side of the building near the entrances.

Lake Avenue Baptist Church is where Sandy was "born into" American Baptist life and played a formative role in who she became in ministry.

Gifts for Cameron

In celebration of the region, please bring a gift of underwear for Cameron Community Ministries! Cameron needs undergarments of all types, for all ages, all gender-identifications. (This includes diapers.) Only donations that are new and in their

original packaging will be accepted. Consider taking donations from your congregations before the event and bringing it all to this event!

Holy Week Services in the Penfield Community

In Protestant circles, too many of us go from “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday to “He is Risen!” on Easter Sunday, entirely missing the drama, suffering and loss that happened in between. Our salvation was obtained at great cost, and during Holy Week, we remember. At First Baptist, we will have services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. We will have our Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. In addition, we are invited to other services in the area that don’t conflict with our own.

Palm Sunday, April 14th

The day we remember the “Triumphal Entry,” where the multitudes in Jerusalem recognized Jesus as Savior and praised him.

Church of the Incarnation (Episcopal)

1957 Five Mile Road.
8am Holy Eucharist.

First Baptist Church of Penfield

9:30am worship & Passing of the Palms.

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church

43 Gebhardt Road.
7:30am, 5pm Passing of the Palms.

Maundy Thursday, April 18th

Remembering the Last Supper, when Jesus ate a Passover Meal with his disciples in the upper room. We acknowledge our own sins: When Jesus declared, "One of you will betray me," the disciples asked, "Is it me?" We humble ourselves, as Jesus the Lord washed his disciples' feet like a common servant.

First Baptist Church of Penfield 6pm Fellowship Hall - Maundy Thursday Lamb/Potluck Dinner. Leg of Lamb and roast potatoes, using Lenys Hazen's delicious recipe, will be served, in addition to whatever-else everyone brings. Special Music will be performed, followed by a brief meditation about the meaning of the Last Supper. Cost is Free.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
43 Gebhardt Road
9am Morning Prayer
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19th

Remembering the suffering, crucifixion and death of Jesus.

Penfield Wesleyan Church
1580 Penfield Road
7pm Good Friday Service

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
9am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Word Service, Veneration of the Cross, Communion Service (only Catholics can partake).

7:30pm, Seven Last Words Service,
(*Morningstar Youth Choir & Teen Mimes*).

Church of the Incarnation (Episcopal)
1957 Five Mile Road
12 noon Solemn Liturgy
7pm Solemn Liturgy & Holy Eucharist.

Holy Saturday, April 20th

On Holy Saturday, churches often have vigils, as we acknowledge our painful existence without Jesus, hopefully awaiting his return.

First Baptist Church of Penfield
8-10am, Fellowship Hall. All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast. Cost is \$5. Proceeds will go to Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. 9am Easter Egg Hunt for kids up to & including 5th grade.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
9am Morning Prayer
8pm The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21st

We celebrate! Christ the Lord is risen today!

First Baptist Church of Penfield
9:30am Worship with Special Music

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
7:30am, 11am, 12:45am Easter Masses

Church of the Incarnation (Episcopal)
1957 Five Mile Road.
8am Holy Eucharist

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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

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.*