

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Message from the Pastor Midnight Clear

After Christmas 1992, I spent \$2 that changed our family Christmas, for the rest of our lives. Back then, Annette and I lived in Spencerport, NY, and were visiting her parents' farm in Ellwood City, PA. One day, I wandered down the road to a store with an unusual-sounding name, "Trader Horn," a cluttered store that seemed to have

everything. There, from a bin marked, "Clearance," I picked up a \$2 CD, *Midnight Clear: An Intimate Acoustic Christmas with Guitars and Other Instruments*. Turns out that \$2 was an investment, in what-became the soundtrack for our family Christmases.

Every song on the CD is lovely. There are no vocals, but still each track conveys a depth of feeling. Two tunes in particular have meant the most: One was *Pat-A-Pan*, which, if you have internet, you can listen to by clicking on this link (or typing it into your web browser):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swbaQJ0UDfE>

and the other was *Coventry Carol*, which can be found at the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98PB8oK2kT0>

Musically, *Pat-a-Pan* is joyous, *Coventry Carol* is sad. If you've never heard these two melodies before, that's okay, neither had I! *Pat-a-Pan* is about children playing glad music with flute and drum to celebrate Jesus' birth. *Coventry Carol* is about evil King Herod's slaughter of children under 2 years old as he vainly tried to destroy the Christ-child.

At the very next Christmas, we made the joyous announcement that Annette was pregnant with our first child, who became the handsome David. Three Christmases after that, we had the joy of bringing beautiful

Vanessa, just a few weeks old, for everyone to see. During many subsequent holiday trips, our growing children would hum along, rocking back-and-forth to *Pat-a-Pan*, memories we cherish.

Once each trip was safely over, I would take time to appreciate our blessings, sometimes crying during *Coventry Carol*, because I knew nothing in this life lasts. Even the best times are temporary. Annette's father passed in 2006. Our children are adults now, but life is far from trouble-free. *Midnight Clear* is out-of-print (thankfully, there are still copies floating around on ebay!). In 2016, after operating for 56 years, Trader Horn closed, to the lament of many.

When faced with this temporary world, we can either pretend that our bodies won't die, or we can face the "midnight clear" and search for eternity. Jesus was more than a cute baby; He is Teacher, Prophet, God and Savior, the Christ, Son of the Living God. And alive. He saves us with endless forgiveness and guides us toward forever with infinite Love. We joyfully take up instruments to praise Him, knowing that He secured our salvation through painful suffering. Feelings of joy and sadness are part of our pilgrimage, as we journey toward a place beside Him, where our joy will last forever. May you and your family have many blessings to cherish Christmas, and in the New Year, the greatest of which is Jesus Christ!



December Birthdays

- _3 - Wanda Wadeikis
- 8 - Thomas Keenan
- 10 - Laura Swail
- 20 - Lois Neely
- 20 - Sandra Pray
- 22 - Ginna Bergonzi-Blackman
- 22 - Marian Lee Kuykendall
- 23 - Darwin Pray
- 25 - John Holderbaum
- 28 - Betty Hartman
- 29 - Alexandra Collison
- 29 - Sue Sparnecht
- 31 - Michael Kimball



Men's Lunch Schedule Thursdays at Noon

- December 6th – Riki's in Fairport**
- December 13th - TBD**
- December 20th – Riki's in Fairport**
- December 27th - Riki's in Fairport**



Thank You

The Mission Committee, again, thanks you for “Stuffing the Bird” given for the PEFC. There was plenty for Thanksgiving and Christmas!



From the Mission Team Christmas Gifts for 15 Children

The Mission Team is partnering with the Open Door Mission's new Coldwater Road Residence for Women and Children, to provide some Christmas gifts for 15 Homeless Children in Rochester, ages 4-16 years.

The request is for new pajamas, socks, and underwear. We will have a list available at church where you can sign up to shop for a specific child.

According to the Open Door Mission, there are more than 2,400 homeless children in Rochester every night! "But, with your help, there is HOPE!"

Janette Keenan, Nancy Zaenglein,
Sue Sparnecht



Trustees Pledge

We, the Trustees of First Baptist Church of Penfield pledge to be good stewards of your gift, and do our best to maximize what you have entrusted to us.

In Christ,

Trustees: Fritz May, Don Fox, Bruce Blackman, Sarah Phillips, Jack O'Brien, and Kathy Werther



RADA Cutlery

Marie Sandman has left two catalogs and several order sheets on the front counter in the office for your convenience. Please stop in and browse the catalogs.



Coffee Hour



1 date is still open – June 2nd
Please sign up to help



2nd Hour Advent Schedule

Following Coffee hour, we will be showing & discussing the Max Lucado Christmas video series "Because of Bethlehem."

- December 2:** *God has a Face*
- December 9:** *Worship Works Wonders & God Guides the Wise*
- December 16:** *Christmas Tea & Birthday Party for Jesus*
- December 23:** *Every Heart a Manger*



To the Family of FBC Penfield:

Out of generosity, members of the FBC Family have been seeking ways to help victims of the ongoing California wildfires. Yesterday, the American Baptist Churches USA shared this way to help.

To go directly to the link which allows us to donate: <http://abc-oghs.org/donate/>

The announcement appears below. God Bless you as you give. In Christ, Pastor Steve

Prayer for those touched by recent natural disasters

This fall, hurricanes Michael and Florence hit the southeastern United States and left great damage. Fires continue to burn in California, a church in Massachusetts was destroyed by a fire caused by a lightning strike, and other regions and churches have been effected in varying ways by natural disasters of different scales.

"Please continue to pray for those who have been so devastated by natural disasters in recent years," said Jeff Woods, acting general secretary of American Baptist Churches USA.

[One Great Hour of Sharing](#)

funding, administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA, is released in many of these scenarios, as regions and churches survey damage and work to rebuild. Both designated and undesignated gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are utilized to help those in need and show the love of American Baptists to churches, partners and friends.

Please be in prayer for those dealing with, and recovering from, natural disasters in our nation and world.

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"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4: 7,8.



Pastoral Relations

The purpose of the Pastoral Relations Committee is to support and assist Pastor Steve in his role as our spiritual leader. The committee meets once a month to discuss any questions, concerns, or ideas that Pastor Steve may have. It is also an opportunity to voice concerns or kudos from church members and attendees. If there is something you wish to have addressed, please notify a member of Pastoral Relations.

Pastoral Relations members are Dick Andrews, Alexandra Collison, Judy McNeil, Ellen Stokes, and David Trump.
Pastoral Relations Committee



Ladies' Lunch

December 18th at Noon

Jeramiah's

South on Rt. 250 & Rt. 441

Please call 425-7528, if you are interested.

We had 10 ladies at Charlie Brown's and had a great Time!



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.

Meeting will be on Wednesdays

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Meeting Place – Pastor Steve's Apartment





**Organ Concert at FBC
Penfield**

**Friday, December 14th
7:00 pm
In the Sanctuary**

Our annual concert of seasonal organ music presented by students from Eastman School of Music.

Given as part of the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI) community outreach program.

Please come and support these talented young organists.

The program is one hour, followed by refreshments with the performers.

Free admission.



**Special Music for Advent
and Christmas**

Sunday, December 9th: Selections from Handel's 'Messiah,' sung by the Chancel Choir and choral scholars

Sunday, December 23rd: Bell Choir play seasonal music

Monday, 24 December 24th: Christmas Eve service (7PM) with festive carols and choral items



Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser

Saturday, December 15th
8 to 10 am

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!

All December proceeds will go directly to help support the

Open Door mission women's house
COLDWATER WOMEN & CHILDREN
RESIDENTIAL HOME

Plan to join us December 15!
we will have a special guest...



Handicapped accessible

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

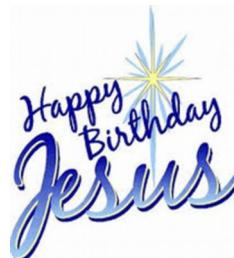
September through May - 3rd Saturday

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Come Celebrate the Season!

Join us for our new member Holiday Tea and birthday party for Jesus, with treats and inter-generational activities!

Sunday, December 16th during 2nd hour.



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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

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman ~ Pastor

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Francesca Lionetta, Luisa Hidalgo, Jeremy Lopez,

Kevin Spooner ~ Choral Scholars

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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.*