

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Message from the Pastor

“Why Can't You Be More Like....?”

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (Psalm 139: 14)

Years ago, one of my seminary classmates took a well-known personality test. (I understand that copyright laws prohibit me from mentioning the name of the test). This particular written test was

developed during World War II. The test determines if one is an Introverted or Extroverted Person (I or E), a Sensing person (N or S), a Thinking or Feeling person (T or F), or a Judging or Perceiving person (J or P). These tendencies are placed together to come up with your Personality Type. In this test, there are 16 possible personality types.

I've taken the test about 5 times, and, every time, the results were the same. My personality type is an INFP, which means I tend to be introverted, intuitive, feeling and perceiving, which is a somewhat rare type. Some studies say as few as 1% of the population are like me (though one study claims 4.3%). But, turns out, one of my closest college friends is an INFP. And the seminary classmate is, too. When it comes to picking a career – SURPRISE - a high number of INFP's end up in the ministry. (Honest - I didn't know this until AFTER I was called!)

It's helpful to pick a job that fits your personality type. President Richard Nixon apparently knew something about this personality test; he bemoaned the fact that he was ill-suited for the handshaking and baby-kissing of politics. He'd complain, “I'm an Introvert in an Extrovert's profession.” I don't know if that contributed to his political troubles, but it probably didn't help.

I think the best part of the test is, there is no “right” or “wrong.” There is no ideal

personality type. Nobody says, “You’re introverted, and you ought to become more Extroverted,” or vice-versa. Although we all change through life, and it is possible that our test results might change somewhat over time, this personality test is more descriptive than prescriptive. It never says to the Introvert, “Why can’t you be like that person over there? He’s so outgoing!” The purpose of the test is to simply find out who you are, and to help you understand the personalities of others.

We’ve all had to learn to adjust to others, in our day-to-day interactions. With family members, and co-workers, we’ve either learned to say, “That’s just how he or she is,” or suffered the consequences of dissension and conflict. Even in our church family, we sometimes have to say, “that’s just his or her personality” and try to get along as best we can. *Sometimes, the most difficult adjustment to make is to accept ourselves.* Believe it or not, when we are able to accept ourselves and others, we are reflecting the Love of God, who made everyone in His image. Genesis 1:27 declares, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” Like the Psalmist, who celebrated his uniqueness in Psalm 139, we celebrate God’s creation each time we appreciate the uniqueness of others. While there is room in Christian circles to gently correct each other when we make mistakes, there is no room for “Why can’t you be more like that person over there?” Instead, the

Christian attitude is, or should be, “Why don’t you be yourself, as God made you?” How do you test out?



Moderator’s Moment

I spent an enjoyable half hour at a party on the 19th talking with an executive of a group that we have been in mission with for several years. Last weekend we had an enlightening and informative visit from a director of another mission with which we have worked for many years.

Each Flapjack Breakfast is dedicated to providing funds for charities that we support. The Mission Team regularly reviews the needs of charitable organizations in our community and works to direct funds and efforts to these groups in the hope of making our community better. Individual members of the congregation bring to our attention people and charities in need of help.

I have been very heartened to be able to participate with our church members in providing support monetarily, spiritually and with sweat. And it is enlightening and reassuring to speak with the people who are responsible for helping those who benefit from our giving. They need us and those they serve need us.

Billy Graham said, “We are not cisterns made for hoarding, we are channels made for sharing.”

I pray that we as individuals and as a whole search for ways to help those in need in our community and beyond. We have much to share. There is need for much.

With Love,
Jeff Phillips.

February Birthdays

2/07 Michael Sparnecht
2/09 Patricia Heckman
2/10 Peter Trabert
2/11 Linda Boesl
2/15 Martha Britt
2/16 Frank Mehlenbacher
2/20 Vickie Johnston
2/20 Caitlin Trabert
2/21 Jack O'Brien
2/22 Pat Casey
2/22 Melissa Trabert
2/26 Douglas Fisler

Men's Lunch Schedule Thursdays at Noon

February 7th – Riki's in Fairport
February 14th - Riki's in Fairport
February 21st – Riki's in Fairport
February 28th – Riki's in Fairport

Financial Updates

Statements have been mailed to everyone who contributed in 2018 who either made a pledge or contributed financially in an identifiable manner. (ie: check or name provided)

If you did not receive a statement or have an issue, please contact me ASAP.

Pledge envelopes are still available if you would like one.

If you chose not to take envelopes because you have left overs from 2018, do not use them. If you insist in using them **cross out the number on the envelope as you no longer have that number. (I record by envelope number and do not necessarily read names on checks.)**

Thank you for your help,

Bill Werther, Financial Secretary

Ladies' Lunch

2nd 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.



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.



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



Thank You

To the Good People of the First Baptist Church of Penfield:

Thank you for your continued support of the Penfield Area Habitat Coalition of Churches. Your congregation continues to donate generously to our mission of providing clean stable housing to deserving Rochester families. Along with this financial support, some of your congregation play key roles in our fundraising activities during the year. Due to the generous gifts of time and money from your faith community, we had another successful year in 2018. Here is a summary of the achievements that you have helped enable.



- **Construction of another Penfield Area sponsored house in underway.** Your support of our mission enabled us to sponsor our 12th house this year, located on 19 Eddy Street. Completion of the

house is expected in the spring when Keisha Betts and her daughters will move in.



- **We have achieved our goal of raising half of what we need to sponsor another house.** Thank you for supporting our fund raisers including our Mite Box fundraiser, Plant Sale in the Spring, Garage Sale in the Summer, Pie Sale at Thanksgiving and your support of our Clothing Sheds all year long. It is because of these fundraisers, along with direct donations from your church, that we have achieved our 'half a house' goal. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and for giving another Rochester family a 'helping hand up' to a better life.

Thank you, Dan Costanza
Chair, Penfield Area Habitat Steering
Committee



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

February 10, 17, 24 and March 3:

We will be viewing the video series based on the book, “Not A Fan” Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus by Kyle Idleman.

“This book disrupts the status quo and challenges readers to follow Christ with greater devotion.”

Mark Batterson , Lead pastor
National Community Church
Washington, DC

Please consider attending. We will take orders for those interested in purchasing the book.



Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 24th



Spring Alpha On Thursday Nights!

Last Fall, we showed Alpha Videos during 2nd hour.

In February, in New Fellowship Hall, we will begin showing Alpha Videos on Thursday evenings, using an updated video series of Alpha.

The Course runs from 2/21 through 5/9.

Although our goal is to “reach out” to seekers, everyone is invited.

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

Pastor Steve will cook pasta & salad the first week. This will help us get an idea about how many people will attend.

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

Alpha Schedule

for

February and March, 2019

All times are Thursdays 6-8pm
Location – New Fellowship Hall

**45 minute free supper,
followed by a ½ hour video,
followed by a 45-minute discussion.**

2/21/19 Session 1

Is there More to Life than This?

2/28/19 Session 2

Who Is Jesus?

3/07/19 Session 3

Why Did Jesus Die?

3/14/19 Session 4

How Can I Have Faith?

3/21/19 Session 5

Why and How Should I Pray?

3/28/19 Session 6

Why and How Should I Read the Bible?

No dress code - all viewpoints welcome!



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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

Dr. Naomi Gregory ~ Organist, Music Director

Francesca Lionetta, Luisa Hidalgo, Jeremy Lopez,

Kevin Spooner ~ Choral Scholars

Saundra Augustus ~ Office Assistant

Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care

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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.*