

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Message from the Pastor

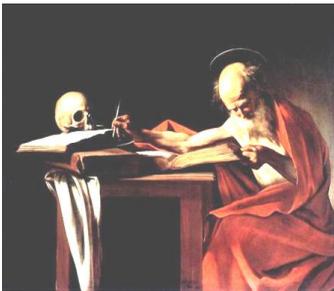
Pastor's Meditation - January 2019

My earliest years, until I was 10 years old, were lived in Churchville, on the west side of Rochester. Each Christmastime, my family piled into Dad's '67 Chevy wagon and rode 80 miles down Route 36 to Troupsburg in New York's Southern Tier, to attend Grandma's large Christmas gatherings. Looking from the backseat windows at the scenery, it was obvious to us that the Southern Tier was a lot hillier than Churchville. Because of the hills, farmers had to plow some fairly lofty slopes in order to have

enough acreage. As 1970 drew to a close, near Arkport, we saw something hilarious: "1971" appeared on a hillside in large numbers, put there by a farmer; who had spread his farm's cow manure in the shape of the coming year's digits.

Farm animals generate lots of manure, which is spread to fertilize fields. To do that, the farmer uses a manure spreader, a large tractor-driven wagon with a built-in mechanism for spreading the waste. By engaging and disengaging the tractor's PTO, the farmer can control where manure is spread and where it isn't. This particular farmer took the process to another level; using the spreader like his pencil and the field like his paper, he wrote "1971." Today, I might wonder if the farmer was trying to make a statement; expressing his bleak expectations for the coming year by announcing it in such an un-fragrant way. But to the four Brotzman children, it was a much-enjoyed novelty. One year later, again on our way to visit Grandma, we saw a great big "1972" on that same hillside. In 1973, we moved to the Southern Tier, just 7 miles from Grandma, and no longer needed to drive by that hillside to attend family reunions. Years later, I drove by that hillside during the Christmas season hoping that the farmer was still at it, but never saw the digits again. So ended our all too-brief family ritual; watching for those numbers on the hillside.

New Year's Day is an opportunity for us to face; whatever happens in our lives, it eventually ends. As the saying goes, "This too, shall pass." So it is with 2018. Whatever day you first read this, you know we have more 2018 days behind us than ahead of us. We depict this annual transition with the following 2 symbols; one an old man near the end of life, symbolizing the outgoing year:



The other, a newborn baby symbolizing the incoming year:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



While we are alive, we are in a constant state of beginnings and endings. 2019 won't prove any different. As humans, we can grow tired of change. But, with God, there is a seemingly-contradictory willingness-to-change coupled with a comforting sense of permanence. The same God who inspired the scripture that says, "Behold, I am making all things new," (Revelation 21:5) also inspired the passage that says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). God doesn't promise us a lifetime of

constant sameness and ritual. Quite the opposite; at times, it seems like *the only certain thing is uncertainty*. Does that frighten you? Remember, God does not promise that things won't change, but instead promises to be with us through all the changes. Jesus, said clearly, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) This is a Truth we can hold on to, whatever happens, year-in and year-out.



Moderator's Message

It's more than a month since Thanksgiving, and, oddly, I find myself in a thankful mood, still. Go figure.

During my recent surgery I was visited by several people in the hospital, and at home during recovery. I received many well wishes and cards during my 8 week recovery. Phone calls. Text messages. Emails. I felt loved and cared for. Thank you.

When I felt up to attending church I was met by everyone with a welcome back and requests for updates, and, I was asked how I was feeling. No one's eyes glazed over during my response. Thank you.

After the recent fires in California this congregation worked to identify who might benefit with help from 2500 miles away. We found out and we responded with a gift to help four families start to recover. I am thankful that we are aware of the needs of others around us and that we have the resources and make the effort to help.

Through the work of our Mission Team we have repeatedly provided support to numerous groups in the Rochester area who require help from others to provide support to individuals for numerous reasons. I thank all involved for bringing these needs to our attention. We step forward when we see the need. Thank you for always looking.

We recently thanked our staff and choral scholars for all they do for us to make our lives and worship richer and, for reminding us of the many gifts we have. I am finding it so easy to regularly thank you for all that you do or, for reminding me of the glory of God. Thank you.

Our family at First Baptist Church of Penfield works endlessly to do God's will in this world. Keep it up. Thank you, all.

Thank you, God.

With Love, Jeff

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17



January Birthdays

2 – Gene Kohlenberg
 11 – Betty Holderbaum
 13 - Lilly Swail
 14 – Lisa Fox
 22 – Meho Kapidzic
 23 – MaryLou Bullock

24 – Jeffrey Phillips, Jr.

29 – Ernest Bullock

29 – Scott Daniel

29 – Kaya Keenan



Thank You

A special thank you to the deacons for their care and contact this past year.

And to all of you, thank you for your cards, prayers and good wishes.

Gene continues to have good days and bad days and Sarah tries to keep up.

Gene and Sarah Kohlenberg



Women's Lunch

2nd Tuesday of the Month at Noon

Please Call 425-7528, if you are interested.

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



Men’s Lunch Schedule

Thursdays at Noon

- January 3rd – Riki’s in Fairport
- January 10th – Cherry Ridge in Webster
- January 17th - Riki’s in Fairport
- January 24th - Riki’s in Fairport
- January 31st - Riki’s in Fairport



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.



Second Hour Programs

- January 6, 2019** Hot Potatoes with Don Fox
The Great Debate; Tribalism
- January 13, 2019** Mission Presentation
TBA
- January 20, 2019** Financial Meeting
- January 27, 2019** Church Board Meeting

Thanks, Ginna



Coffee Hour



**Margret Militello offered to do
Coffee Hour on June 2nd 2019.
All dates are now filled.
Thank You!**



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
Next Meeting - Wednesday, January 9th**



Photographs!

**Our Music Director and
Our Choral Scholars**



From Left to Right:
Naomi Gregory, Director
Jeremy Lopez, tenor
Kevin Spooner, bass-baritone
Francesca Lionetta, soprano
Luisa Hidalgo, mezzo-soprano



**Pastor Steve with
Two New Members**



From Left to Right:
Diane Donatelle
Pastor Steve
Margaret Militello





Close Up



From Left to Right:
Diane Donatelle
Pastor Steve
Margaret Militello



FBCP Bell Choir



From Left to Right:

Front Row:

- Alexandra Collison
- Janette Keenan
- Kaya Keenan
- Christina Posella
- Judy McNeil
- Marsha Kiriazides
- Naomi Gregory

Back Row:

- Debbie Lochner
- Liz Lazarus
- Sandy Pray



Flapjack Saturday
Community Fundraiser

Saturday, January 19, 8 to 10 am



Join us for a breakfast to warm your body and
a benefit to warm your soul!

We serve delicious pancakes, **pure** maple
syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, and more for
just \$5.00 per person.

**All January proceeds will go directly to
help support:**



Shepherd Home

*a hospice care facility in Penfield, NY.
Donations and volunteers gratefully
accepted.*

www.shepherdhome.org

Fellowship Hall – Handicapped accessible

**Bring the whole family; meet up with
friends, or make new ones!**

**Everyone is welcome! We look forward to
seeing YOU there!**

**Please be sure to mark your calendar for
this ongoing event:
September through June,
3rd Saturday**

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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

Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians

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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.*