

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Pastor's Meditation, March 2019

In Spring, 1965, singer Jackie DeShannon released the single "What the World Needs Now is Love." It was composed by the legendary songwriting team of lyricist Hal David and musical composer Burt Bacharach. It was instantly popular, and enduring; we've all heard it. Even fifty-four years later, its message still rings true:

What the world needs now

Is Love, Sweet Love

*It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now*

Is Love, Sweet Love

No not just for some, but for everyone

A little-known fact is that the song was written as a prayer to God. It took several months to write. Said lyricist Hal David:

"When I began to write the first verse, everything I thought about just seemed off: We don't need a plane to fly faster, we don't need a submarine to go deeper.... I tried and tried, showed it to Burt, then put it away and went on to something else. In a month or two or three, I tried again. It was always the same thing. I needed something to compare it to and everything I thought about had nothing to do with the person I was talking to – God. It took more time to write these lyrics than any other. I realized that I needed to write the antithesis – what we didn't need. One day on the ride to New York, it came to me.

Lord, we don't need another mountain,

There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb,

*There are oceans and rivers enough to cross,
Enough to last till the end of time.*

I knew that was it. I wrote about all of the things that had to do with nature and what

God gives us. I gave the lyrics to Burt and he wrote a fabulous melody.”[i]

Fifty-four years later, the world has the same problem. Violent episodes in homes, schools, and public places remind us that people are filled with hate; enough to try to hurt or even kill each other. The suffering of hungry people in the world’s largest economy is another symptom of the lack of love.

Christians need to respond to our lack of love by going back to the source, Jesus Christ. Scriptures declare, “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:10).

In short, let Jesus love you. Not because you earned it, but because he died for you. And then, turn around and share that love with others. In 1965, or 2019, it’s what the world needs now.

[i] <http://www.americansongwriter.com/2009/12/chicken-soup-for-the-soul-behind-the-song-what-the-world-needs-now-is-love/>



March Birthdays

- 02 Bonnie Cleaver
- 03 Elizabeth Beauter
- 10 Georgia May
- 11 Michael Pray
- 13 Ashley Blackman
- 14 Laura Stokes
- 18 Stephen Bergonzi

- 18 Steve Hartman
- 20 Dick Andrews
- 23 William Werther
- 26 Margery Maring
- 31 Libby Bertrand



Men’s Lunch Schedule Thursdays at Noon

- March 7th - Cherry Ridge - Webster
- March 14th - Riki’s in Fairport
- March 21st – Riki’s in Fairport
- March 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 leftovers 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

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.



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.

Meetings will be on Wednesdays

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Meeting Place – Pastor Steve's Apartment



Thank you to all that contributed to our Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser.

We collected \$100!



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 SchoolMarch 3rd

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.

**Adult Sunday School****Schedule**March 3rd – April 28th

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.

March 3rd*Not A Fan***March 10th***He Chose to Be One of Us***March 17th***He Chose to Forgive Us***March 24th***He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence***March 31st***Cameron Meal***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 – No class*

Cameron Sunday Celebration!

It's time for our next Sunday Celebration at Cameron! March 31st we will be preparing and serving a meal at Cameron.

The Menu will be:

**Chili, Corn Bread, Green Salad
Brownies**

On Sunday, March 17th and March 24th there will be sign-up sheets for chili and brownies to be prepared ahead of time and brought to church on Sunday, March 31st:

**1 Pot of Chili
1 Dozen Brownies**

Also on March 17th and March 24th there will be sign-up sheets for helping with second hour preparation and servng at Cameron.

During second hour on March 31st, we need people to come to NFH and help prepare the meal. Jobs include:

- Station 1 **Make Corn Bread****
- Station 2 **Cut up cucumbers, carrots and tomatoes and put in bags.****
- Station 3 **Cut Brownies and cover pan.****

Please consider helping!
We also need people to help serve the meal at Cameron.

We carpool to Cameron (loading cars at 2:45 pm) and return to church usually by 6:00 pm.

Ginna Bergonzi-Blackman
Cameron Mission Coordinator



Spring Alpha
On Thursday Nights!

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

In February, in New Fellowship Hall, we began 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. **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.



Alpha Schedule
February 28th & 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.

2/28/19 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!



Flapjack Saturday
Community Fundraiser



Saturday March 16th, 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 March proceeds will go directly to help support:

Habitat for Humanity

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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Method 2—Pick up your personal copy at Sunday Worship

Method 3—Receive a printed copy via US Postal Mail

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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.