

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Pastor's Meditation

"Have a Life"

Sometimes good advice comes from unlikely sources. As most of you know, I was called to ministry on November 3rd, 1997, while working in a factory. A few months later, it became clear that I should pursue ministry whole-heartedly by enrolling in Seminary. On my last day, as co-workers offered goodbye wishes, one man said something that stood out. He did not seem to be a very spiritual person. I knew him as a crude, profane and hard-living outdoorsman. He looked me straight in the eye, smiled and said,

"Have a life." He explained that he wanted me to take my life, from then on, and make it something unique and interesting. I told him I would do my best. I have tried ever since. I also learned something about the depth in people that can exist beneath the surface.

Exactly how do we go about it? "Having a life?" Thursday nights at 6:00pm, beginning March 5 through May 7, we will explore that. The video series is "A Life Worth Living," presented by Alpha founder Nicky Gumbel. The format will be the same as we've done before; a light meal is at 6:00pm, followed by a video around 6:45pm, finishing with an open, non-didactic, all-opinions welcome discussion. We wrap up at 8:00pm. We strive to start-and-end on time. As always, everyone is welcome, whether they belong to any church or not. However, in this series the content will be different. Nicky's talks are based on his study of the New Testament book of Philippians. Gumbel has insights into what Paul's writings can teach us about how to "Have a Life," that is, how we can make the most out of our God-given lives.

Whether you were a regular from previous Alpha or "Not a Fan" groups, or if you've never been a part of that, please join us. The cost is free, the fellowship is great and the meals, often-provided by volunteers, are delicious. Whether you participate or not, it is my sincere wish that you, too will "Have a Life."

Moderator's Musings

Dear Church,

The other day Sandy and I were playing a question and answer card game and the question, “what is the first thing you’d do if you had a million dollars?” came to me. My first thought (and someday I will do it) was that I’d pay for every one’s meal in the diner I was eating at- anonymously.

Then, last night, we were watching a home show we used to really enjoy and has come back. It’s called *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. However, we were dismayed to find that every 30 seconds or so it was an infomercial for whatever brand of home “thing” was being installed or company who was contributing to the building of the house. It was grating.

I have been thinking about how our church tends to fall towards the former and, thank God, not the latter of the two examples above. Having said that, however, I think our church needs to start moving a bit more towards center regarding the wonderful work that has been going on and continues each week, month, and year. In other words, I’d like us to be far less anonymous but not so “in your face” that people want to smack us!

In that light, there is groundwork already being laid to help us move forward in a continuing mission based existence that the community knows about and might want to be

a part of- and in that work grow closer to God in whatever relationship they are working to build. That groundwork is as follows:

1. Event postcards continue to be created that promote the activities and work of our church. These need to be intentionally posted and handed out.
2. Business cards are being created for the church promoting our name, address, phone number, web address, and service time. These also, must leave our church proper.
3. A video promotions idea has come to the surface that shows the work of our missions, our community service, and the history of our church and its people.
4. And finally, a communications / promotions group was formed last year whose sole purpose is to get our name and our good works out to the community.

In closing, I’d like those reading this to reflect on Pastor Steve’s Sunday sermon entitled God’s Servants Working Together (if you missed it or want to hear it again, you can find it on the website!!). . . . see what I did there?!

Peace and Understanding,

Michael Pray



March Birthdays

- 2 Bonnie Cleaver
- 3 Elizabeth Beuter
- 4 Naomi Gregory
- 10 Georgia May
- 11 Michael Pray
- 13 Ashley Blackman
- 14 Laura Stokes
- 18 Stephen Bergonzi
- 18 Steve Hartman
- 20 Dick Andrews
- 21 Haley Bertrand
- 23 William Werther
- 25 Ann Klos
- 26 Margery Maring
- 31 Libby Bertrand



Men's Lunch
Thursdays at Noon

- March 5th – Riki's
- March 12th - Riki's
- March 19th - Riki's
- March 26th – Riki's

The Men's Lunch will be held at Riki's until further notice. The Cherry Ridge lunch area will be under construction for a time.



Church Ladies' Lunch

Tuesday, March 17th

Place – Durff's

All Women are welcome!

Please RSVP!

If you need a ride or wish to carpool, please contact Marie at 425-7528



Thank You



"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

This short prayer in 1990 was the beginning of a simple idea to use Superbowl Sunday each year to share from our bounty, being mindful as we enjoy that there are those without even enough food for each day.

Now in its 30th year, this fundraiser grew from one single youth group to become a nationwide annual event that has since raised over \$100 MILLION dollars that benefits local food banks.

Our church has participated in the **Souperbowl of Caring** since 2003, and we have since raised over \$2500. Thank you to everyone that participated this year. Together we raised **\$136.60** to benefit the Penfield Ecumenical Food shelf.

Debbie Lochner

No Jolt here!!

This past month many changes happened in the kitchen thanks to Memorial Funds:

1. A new microwave was purchased, replacing the 1986 “turn the dial model”.
2. Four new 20amp GRI protected outlets were installed over the island.
3. The orange and green extension cords and bungee cords that used to power the island were removed!
4. The two ceiling fans were cleaned by Bill Werther as well as the stove hood and wall above the stove.
5. Old wires were removed from the sink area and microwave and replaced by new GFI protected circuits.
6. Old wires were removed from the coffee area, and freezer and replaced by a new GFI protected circuits.
7. The dangling junction box under the garbage disposer was repaired.

Marie Sandman,
Memorial Funds Coordinator



Note from the Trustees

Good things to be aware of.

- The congregation passed the 2020-2021 budget at the January Annual Meeting.
- Thanks go to Bill Werther for orchestrating the wiring improvements in our kitchen. All the outlets in the kitchen are now GRI protected. The hot plate outlet in Fellowship Hall and the freezer outlet are also protected. New electrical drops have been added at the kitchen island and are GFI protected. Thanks to the memorial funds that provided for this much needed safety protection.
- During second hour on February 23rd, a representative from the Monroe County Sherriff's Dept. spoke about church security.

Respectfully,

Bruce Blackman, Don Fox, Fritz May, Jack O'Brien or Sarah Phillips



Coffee Hour Schedule

March

1st Goodmans

8th Susan McNally/Phillips

15th Collisons

22nd Phillips

29th Susan McNally/Phillips

Calendar Update

3/1 *Lent* Case for Easter, Lee Strobel, #1

3/8 Luncheon for Kapidzic Family

3/15 Case for Easter #2

3/21 Flapjack – Habitat for Humanity

3/22 Case for Easter #3

3/29 Cameron meal

4/5 Case for Easter #4



Window History

Windows by the Choir Loft:

Abel G. Northup was a longtime supporting member. His father was Burr Northrup, an early trustee, and his mother was Sarah Northrup, who was possibly the first white child born in Penfield.

Another window honors Thomas Embury who was a deacon from 1883-1902.

Marie Sandman



Thanks to your America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) ministers to families who have lost homes to floods, to children living lives of limitation in poverty, to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, and many more. We have been answering God's call to heal broken families and communities—as well as cultivate strong Christian leaders and equip passionate disciples—since 1832. By contributing to the AFC Offering, you increase our capacity to fulfill the biblical mandate in *Matthew 22:39*: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*”

We will be talking about our congregation's commitment throughout the month of March as we examine more of what ABHMS does - such as providing over 104 mattresses to Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries in Campbell, Ohio to prevent children and teens from sleeping on floors and couches in its three housing developments.

Sue Sparnecht

Cameron Sunday Celebration!

It's time for our next Sunday Celebration at Cameron! March 29th we will be preparing and serving a meal at Cameron.

The Menu will be:

Chili, Corn Bread, Green Salad, Brownies

On Sundays, March 15th and March 22nd there will be sign-up sheets for chili and brownies to be prepared ahead of time and brought to church on Sunday, March 29th:

1 Pot of Chili & 1 Dozen Brownies

There will also be sign-up sheets on **March 15th** and **March 22nd** for helping with second hour preparation and serving at Cameron on March 29th.

During second hour on **March 29th**, we need people to come to NFH and help prepare the meal. Jobs include:

Station 1 **Cut Cornbread**

Station 2 **Cut up cucumbers, carrots and tomatoes and put in bags.**

Station 3 **Cut brownies and cover pan.**

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



Flapjack Benefit Breakfast

Saturday, March 21st

8 am – 10 am

We offer an all you can eat breakfast of delicious pancakes, **pure** maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, and more for just \$6.00 per person!

All March proceeds go directly to the Penfield Area Churches for Flower City Habitat for Humanity (FCHH) 2020 House Build

Seeking to put God's love into action, FCHH brings partners together to build home ownership, communities and hope. The homeowner helps to build their own house and pays an affordable mortgage.

For more information or to volunteer, visit rochesterhabitat.org or see Ellen Stokes.

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Welcome Kapidzic Family!

All are invited to join us in welcoming Meho Kapidzic's brother and his family to America. There will be a Potluck Dinner in their honor after church, in New Fellowship Hall, Sunday, March 8 at 11:00am. Please bring a non-pork dish to pass.

This family is currently living with Meho and Hava.

Their names are:

Mehmed Kapidzic, Meho's brother
Alma Kapidzic, Meho's sister-in-law
Merima Kapidzic, Meho's niece, 22 years old
Melissa Kapidzic, Meho's niece, 17 years old
Kadrija Kapidzic, Meho's nephew, 11 years old

Out of Christian love, we will show respect for their religious dietary restrictions. Please, no bacon, ham or other pork products in the potluck dishes we bring. To ensure this, please review the ingredients list of any can or jar used when making your dish. Thank you!"



Alpha / A LIFE WORTHLIVING

All meetings include a light meal,

**All meetings Thursdays 6pm – 8pm:
We start and end on time.**

Location: Fellowship Hall

March 5 New Heart

March 12 New Purpose

March 19 New Attitude

March 26 New Responsibilities

April 2 New Friendships

**April 9 *MAUNDY THURSDAY LAMB /
POT LUCK DINNER -**

**No video - Just a delicious meal, music,
and a meditation**

April 16 New Confidence

April 23 New Ambitions

April 30 New Resources

May 7 New Generosity

Questions? Call or Text

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

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.