

The Carillon



First Baptist Church of Penfield

May 2019

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Pastor’s Meditation

“I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.” Ecclesiastes 3:14

Our denomination, the American Baptist Churches, USA, has a beautiful conference center on the shores of Green Lake, Wisconsin. I’ve been there three times, and the drive always takes me through the small town of Ripon, WI. Ripon touts itself as “The Birthplace of the Republican Party.” There,

on March 20, 1854, the first county convention to ever call itself “Republican” was held. I find it amazing that such a powerful national party began in such a simple place. The Democratic Party has less-specific origins; it rose to prominence in the 1790s, in various cities, ironically first calling themselves “Republicans” in opposition to the policies of Alexander Hamilton. Like the Republicans, from simple, local beginnings, the Democratic Party rose to become powerful on the national stage.

Despite humble beginnings, today, partisan politics are so pervasive, they even influence our churches. Since I started ordained ministry in 2002, I’ve heard a number of political statements by parishioners, revealing their preference for one party over the other. Sometimes I’ve revealed my preferences, sometimes not. I sometimes use these moments to remind people that neither party gets every issue right. God is not a Democrat. God is not a Republican, either. Some folks seem shocked to hear this!

My argument is simple: God has always been, and will outlast, all political parties. Each party knows approximately when it started. In contrast, God never “started.” God just simply *is*. An eternal God pre-dates the origins of both parties by, well, forever. God will remain long after the Democratic Party closes its doors. God will remain long after the Republican Party holds its last convention. Parties may rule for a season, but

from the perspective of forever, their reign is only brief. How dare we label the everlasting God with such temporary terms as one particular political party?

Likewise, we who aspire to God’s Kingdom should avoid letting worldly institutions define us. God’s work has eternal consequences; sharing the Gospel to those who don’t yet know how much God loves them, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick and imprisoned (Matthew 25: 31-46). We serve to bring our hurting world a glimpse of the Kingdom, above, and eternally beyond, the momentary rancor of partisan politics.



May Birthdays

- _5 Donald Fox
- 10 Mary Durkee
- 12 Darcy Britt
- 12 Priscilla Dewey
- 13 Janette Keenan
- 14 Shirley Thomson
- 16 Dietlinde Payne
- 17 Christopher Britt
- 19 Bruce Blackman
- 19 Joshua Goodman
- 19 Marie Sandman
- 20 Diane Donatelle
- 21 Noah Pray
- 23 Joshua Britt
- 26 Pastor Steve

Men’s Lunch Schedule
Thursdays at Noon

- May 2nd – Cherry Ridge
- May 9th - Riki’s
- May 16th – Riki’s
- May 23rd – Riki’s
- May 30th - TBA



Ladies’ Lunch

- 3rd Tuesday of each Month
- May 21st



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.



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**



**Our dear and longtime member,
Lucie Phillips,
sends her Easter and spring greetings to
the members of FBCP**

THANK YOU!

To the many of our Church members who made the April 20th FLAPJACK BREAKFAST so successful, I say THANKS. That includes the Friday after noon contingent who set up the tables, wrapped silverware and placed the flowers. Saturday workers received \$\$, served the guests, and with some changes in the lineup, handled the cooking and cleanup.

About 130 people came on a very rainy morning. There were lots of children who cleared out at 9:00 o'clock to have a fun filled Easter Egg hunt.

Jack O'Brien
Gregg Goodman
Marie Foltz
John Holderbaum
Bruce Neely
Marsha Kiriazides
Steve Brotzman
Pat Holderbaum
Sandy Prey
Penny Goodman
Pat Casey
Ginna Blackman
Susan McNally
Marie Sandman
Dick Andrews
Debbie Lochner
Annette Brotzman
Anne Marie Andrews
Yvonne O'Brien

Pat Heckman
Larry Kamp
Dave Trump
Judy McNeil
Bonnie Cleaver
Mike Prey
Karen Casey

Katie, Jenna, Lauren, Joe, Kara, Kiki, Noah, and other youngsters whose names I failed to get.

Thanks again,
Roger Zaenglein



Spring Alpha
On Thursday Nights!

Thursday evenings, 6-8 pm, we are showing an updated video series of Alpha in the Fellowship Hall.

The Course runs through 5/9
5/02/19 Session 18 *Does God Heal Today?*
5/09/19 Session 16 *What About the Church?*

Everyone is invited. **The cost is free!**



May Flapjack Saturday Community Fundraiser



***Saturday May 18th, 8 to 10 am**
We have PANCAKES!

*All you can eat breakfast of delicious pancakes, **pure** maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, and more for just \$5.00 per person!*

May proceeds will benefit
Refugees Helping Refugees:



RHR seeks to foster the growth, self-determination, and self-reliance of Rochester's refugee community by making them agents of their own advancement.

***last one for the season,
join us again in September!**

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Expanding Your Theological Knowledge

Interested in expanding your theological knowledge?

Consider Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Day, evening, weekend, and some online classes are offered for your convenience.

Take a course or two or consider our Certificate program (The School for Christian Leadership).

We also have Master's Degrees in Master of Divinity, and MA degrees in Religious and Theological Studies. Doctoral programs also available.

Contact Deanna Pfluke, Director of Enrollment Services

dpfluke@crcds.edu or (585) 340-9633



The OTHER Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to stop beating myself up for not doing things perfectly,
The courage to forgive myself because I'm working on doing better,
And the wisdom to know that you already love me just the way I am.

-unknown



**Free Senior Rides
for Residents
of Penfield & Brighton**

This community volunteer transportation service is for seniors age 65 and older who require transportation to medical appointments, religious services and town community centers.

Clients must be ambulatory and not on oxygen (Canes and walkers are fine. Service cannot accommodate wheelchairs).

Seniors who live or pay taxes within Brighton or Penfield are eligible to receive this client donation based service.

Rides are available 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (except holidays) weekdays for medical appointments, weekends for religious services and any day for community centers.

For planning purposes, ride are dependent on driver availability, and the service may not be used for any medical appointments that require any type of sedation.

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AND
DISPATCHERS ARE NEEDED!**

Volunteer drivers are screened and trained by Lifespan's Give a Lift program and they receive supplemental insurance for their services. Dispatchers work out of their home one day a week 3 hours or less.

Please call **585-340-8/674** to request enrollment in the program, to schedule a ride, volunteer or make a donation.

Vacation Bible School 2019

Summer will be here before we know it, so please consider helping out with Vacation Bible School! Invite children you know to attend. Contact Debbie Lochner with questions.

At Son Harvest County Fair VBS, kids learn that Jesus will help them grow the fruits of the spirit in their lives. Come join us for a week jam-packed with farm-fresh fun, and growing in the Son!

Put Vacation Bible School 2019 on your calendar! Sign the kids up for August 5-9th, from 9 AM until noon for all the Bible-based fun! Kids will go hog-wild playing fun games, sing down-home songs, create blue-ribbon crafts, eat farm-fresh snacks and learn to grow in the fruits of the Spirit. It's a bushel of fun!

On Friday, August 9th at 7 PM, we will conclude our program with a spirit-filled Celebration by the children. Immediately following, we will all gather for a casual reception with refreshments. We invite your family and friends to join us.

It's the VBS like no udder, so get a mooove on and sign up! \$30 per child, maximum total of \$60 per household. Register early (by July 8th) and receive a \$5 discount!



**In Memory of Veterans at
the First Baptist Church of Penfield**

- Edgar Anderson
- Elmer Andrews
- John Bartholomew
- Fred Beauter
- Althea Bilous
- Andrew Britt
- Lamond Brownell
- † Abel Case
- Pharcellus Church
- Richard Cleaver
- Walter Coleman
- John Cranch
- William Credit
- Marvin Darling
- †† Rex DeWispelaere
- †† Robert Funk, Jr.
- Robert Harris
- Earl Hockenbrough
- Roger Kussie
- Charles LeClear
- Harold Lindsay
- Marion Lindsay
- Guy McGowan
- Stewart Nichols
- Bryant Parsons
- William Pearson
- Bob Rode
- Kenneth Thomson
- Robert Tiege
- Marvin Waddell
- Walter Wadeikis
- Edward Wallin
- Orrin Weber

† Died in Civil War

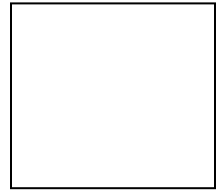
†† Died in Vietnam War

**Memorial Day
May 27, 2019**



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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

Sandra 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.*