

# The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



February 2023

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### Pastor's Meditation February 2023

*In recent years, February has been celebrated as "Black History Month." Accordingly, for this month's meditation, I want to highlight an after-Christmas poem written by Howard Thurman. Thurman is not only a well-known scholar who influenced many civil rights leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He founded an interracial church on the West Coast which still operates. He also had ties to Rochester: In 1926, he graduated from Rochester Theological Seminary, Valedictorian of his class. For 55 years*

following his seminary training, Thurman became famous for his insight, his mystical spirituality and his attentiveness to the least-and-lost. Enjoy:

#### *When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled*

*When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled  
When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their  
flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

In Christ, Pastor Steve



**February Birthdays**

- 7 Michael Sparnecht
- 9 Patricia Heckman
- 10 Peter Trabert
- 11 Linda Boesl
- 15 Martha Britt
- 20 Caitlin Trabert
- 20 Vickie Johnston
- 21 Jack O'Brien
- 22 Melissa Trabert
- 22 Pat Casey
- 26 Douglas Fisler



**Church Ladies' Lunch**

**Tuesday, February 21st at Noon  
Riki's Restaurant in Fairport**



**Men's Lunch**

**Thursdays at Noon  
Riki's Restaurant in Fairport**



**Garments Needed**

Please consider making, knitting hats, shawls, prayer shawls, lap quilts. Mittens for those in need. Please contact Pat Heckman for more information.



**Pledges and Donations**

Just a reminder that all pledges and donations can be mailed into the church office and will be deposited, or you can also use the Donate button on the church website (for a small fee).

Thank you!

Jeff Bertrand



**How to Join Sunday  
Worship Service by Phone**

**Dial in by phone to join each Sunday's  
virtual service**

**Zoom opens at 9 am**

**Worship Service starts at 9:30 am**

**Dial by your location**

**+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)**

**When prompted, punch in this meeting ID  
----- > 839 345 585**

**When prompted, punch in ----- > #\_**



**Adult Discussion Following Worship****Zoom Instructions****11:15-NOON****This is a recurring meeting****In person and on Zoom****Below is the Online Information****Join Zoom Meeting**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84560421536>**Meeting ID: 845 6042 1536****Call-in information**[+1 646 876 9923 US \(New York\)](tel:+16468769923)**Meeting ID: 845 6042 1536****Wednesday Zoom Prayer Group**

Please join Pastor Steve at 1 pm Wednesdays for a Zoom Prayer Group Meeting. Pastor Steve will read a brief meditation followed by a brief discussion, a listing of our prayer concerns, and a time for anyone who wants to lift our concerns to God. Although we've scheduled a one-hour Zoom meeting, these are expected to end sooner. Please join us!

**1:00 pm Prayer Group:**

Zoom Computer Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950690121>**Meeting ID: 950 690 121****Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923**

When Prompted, enter

**Meeting ID: 950 690 121****Bible Club Meeting****Wednesday, February 1st - Time: 6:00 pm  
Online/Zoom**

**Please join us** as we begin reading the Bible, from start to finish, using *The Daily Contemplative Bible*, which has segmented the entire Bible into 365 daily readings. By the end of the year, we will have read the Bible cover-to-cover! Teaching & Worship Teams have provided the first 10 copies. If additional people participate, the cost is \$14 each. Electronic copies are also available for Kindle readers at a cost of \$10.

The New Revised Standard Version text—the most trusted, accepted, and accurate translation of the Bible on the market.

**How to join us online:****Join Zoom Meeting**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182075740>

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740

**Call-in:**

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 646 931 3860 US

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740



**Notes from the Trustees**

The winter storm on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> left its mark at both of our church properties, 1862 and 1866 Penfield Road.

At 1866, a large limb fell on Meho's truck and the garage roof. The limb smashed the truck bed cover and the truck's rear window. The limb also put a small hole in the garage roof, bent the garage gutter, put holes in two window screens, damaged the west edge of the house roof and totally destroyed a one year old garage door. All of this damage is being submitted to our insurance company.

Additionally, two trees at 1866, one at the southeast corner of the house and another at the southeast corner of the property, needed to be removed. One tree had rot, making it a threat to the house; the other had a split in the trunk and was leaning toward Penfield Road with three large branches hanging over the road. One branch was almost totally disconnected from the tree trunk. If the tree had fallen onto Penfield Road our church would have had a huge liability issue with damage to property, the electric lines, and possible injury to cars or individuals on Penfield Road.

The trees were removed by Birchcrest Tree & Landscape, Inc. on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The church building also suffered some damage. A piece of trim on the south gable is missing and one of the shutters on the south face of the steeple blew off. When a

contractor, who can repair the shutter and create the gable piece, is located, the two repairs will be completed.

All in all, the trustees had an active start to 2023.

Respectfully,

Don Fox, Fritz May, Jack O'Brien, Mike Pray,  
Sarah Phillips, David Trump





**MISSIONS REPORT**

At our January meeting, The Missions Team finalized a presentation for the 2nd Hour of Sunday, January 15th. We highlighted two local, non-profit organizations which received a donation from our budget in January: Keeping Our Promise, Inc. and Refugees-Helping-Refugees.

The mission of Keeping Our Promise is, "To provide comprehensive resettlement assistance to endangered wartime allies who served U.S. interests in conflict and war zones." A video was shown about Ellen Smith, the Executive Director, and her amazing work with Keeping Our Promise. This organization was the 2022 Winner of the Best of Rochester Award in the category of Non-Profit Organization. You can find out more about them at [keepingourpromise.org](http://keepingourpromise.org).

Then Carol Morse spoke about Refugees-Helping-Refugees which is an organization she volunteers with. The Missions Team has supported their work for about five years, since their needs were brought to our attention. It is a grassroots non-profit which is run largely by volunteers and is funded by donations and grants. Their mission is, "to foster the growth, self-determination, and self-reliance of refugees in our city and county." You can learn more about how they work to help each other at [rhroc.org](http://rhroc.org).

As we look toward spring, we have begun to plan a 2023 "**Spring Into Action**" event to help stock the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. More details about that will be in the March Carillon.

Susie, Ellen, Janette



**First Baptist Church of Penfield**  
**2023 Coffee Schedule**

**Volunteers needed**

If you are interested in providing snacks and making coffee for our second hour, please sign up in the NFH and call Sarah Phillips at 585-329-7072 or email her at [dunes1158@yahoo.com](mailto:dunes1158@yahoo.com)



**Please Note!**

**The CDC guidelines are updated each Thursday at approximately 8:30pm, so the levels that you see in this Carillon *may* change from week-to-week.**

**This community level of medium was updated on Thursday, January 19th after 8:30 pm**

**Please check the CDC ([cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)) Website for weekly Updates.**

**Or, call the CDC at 1-800-232-4636 for updates**

Your health and safety are foremost with us, and we encourage everyone to wear a mask, due to the following current information from the Centers for Disease Control Website ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)):

**Medium**

In **Monroe County, New York**, community level is **Medium**.

- If you are at [high risk of getting very sick](#), wear a high-quality [mask or respirator](#) (e.g., N95) when indoors in public.
- If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them.
- [Stay up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines, including recommended booster doses.
- Maintain [ventilation improvements](#).
- Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Follow recommendations for [isolation](#) if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Follow the recommendations for [what to do if you are exposed](#) to someone with COVID-19.

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a high-quality [mask or respirator](#) when indoors in public.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

Find out more about the COVID-19 situation in **Monroe County, New York** with [COVID-19 Data Tracker](#).

December 22, 2022

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>• <a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a>, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions</li> <li>• Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>• <a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear a <a href="#">mask</a> indoors in public</li> <li>• Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>• <a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li> <li>• Additional precautions may be needed for people <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a></li> </ul>

People may choose to mask at any time. People with [symptoms, a positive test, or exposure](#) to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are recommended in indoor public transportation settings and may be required in other places by local or state authorities.

If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#) with additional CDC recommendations for each COVID-19 Community Level.

**Who We Are**

The First Baptist Church of Penfield was established in 1804 in what is now an eastern suburb of Rochester, New York.

We are affiliated with American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region, and nationally with the American Baptist Churches, USA.

We welcome all to worship with us. Our congregation is a gathering of people who are diverse in theology and political opinions, but who are all seeking to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way.

The First Baptist Church of Penfield continues to include all who seek Jesus as Lord - regardless of race, class, gender, disability, place of origin, or sexual orientation, identity, or expression.

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1862 Penfield Road  
Penfield, NY 14526



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**Method 1—Open the link on our web page at [www.fbpenfield.org](http://www.fbpenfield.org)**

**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](mailto: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 Rober

Samantha Sosa, Caroline Duers,

David Griffith, Jason Rober ~ Choral Scholars

Saundra Augustus ~ Office Assistant

Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care

Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians

### **Contact Information**

(585) 586-2876

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Website ~ [www.fbpenfield.org](http://www.fbpenfield.org)

Find us on Facebook

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 12:30pm

### **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.*