

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Pastor's Meditation June 2022

Yesterday - And Today

In June, 1966, 56 years ago this month, the Beatles released their album “Yesterday – and Today,” which was another huge hit for this wildly successful band. The album contained several Beatles classics, but the feature song is “Yesterday,” recorded the previous year.

Although most Beatles' songs are credited to the songwriting team of “Lennon/McCartney,” generally, whomever sang the song was the primary songwriter. True to form – Paul McCartney sang

“Yesterday” and also wrote it. He claimed to have heard the melody in a dream. As soon as he woke up from the dream, he began playing it on a piano immediately to avoid forgetting it. The song sounded so familiar to him that he worried he had unintentionally copied it from another artist. He privately played it for friends and studio executives, hoping someone would recognize if the melody belonged to someone else. Everyone assured him it was original.

His next problem was – what words belonged with that beautiful melody? He couldn't think of anything to say. As a joke, he would sing, “Scrambled egg” to the lovely tune he had written. Months later, he had the idea to call the song, “Yesterday.” Paul said the words flowed quickly from there (<https://www.udiscovermusic.com/stories/yesterday-beatles-song-story/>):

*Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away
Now I need a place to hide away
I believe in yesterday*

The song, recorded 4 days after Paul McCartney's 23rd birthday, sold millions of copies and became an instant classic. It has been covered over 2,200 times by other artists. One might cynically wonder, *what could a 23 year-old be so nostalgic about?* Why did millions of teenagers spend their allowances buying copies of this song? Why

did this song connect with so many people, and why does it still?

No matter how young or old, *there is a sense of longing built-in to the human experience.* You can see it echoed in Psalm 80:

*Restore us, LORD God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.*

The people of Israel remembered the “good old days,” dreaming of a time when God seemed closer. People still do today. The trouble is, God is moving forward. In scripture, people can return to God, but never, never, can they return to the past. Why? Because it’s not in God’s nature. Isaiah 43:18-19, God said of the former kingdom of Israel, “Forget the former things. Do not dwell in the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” In Isaiah 65:17, God says, “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.”

We try to sanctify our nostalgia by saying, “Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8), but we forget Revelation 21, which promises a new heaven and earth: “He (Jesus) who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” (Rev. 21:5) Scriptures like that reveal to us: **God doesn’t change, but one of the**

unchanging aspects of God’s character is that He is always making things new.

Lovely melodies aside, God never asks us to believe in yesterday. God never asks us to return to the past. God only asks us to return to Him. If we do so, He will lead us to something new. There are new classics to write, and new songs to sing.

In Christ, Pastor Steve



June Birthdays

- 1 Yvonne O’Brien
- 2 Catherine Swail
- 2 Peggy Webber
- 5 Heidi Tyler
- 12 Steve Wilterdink
- 16 Kathy Werther
- 19 Melissa Phillips
- 19 Tim Tyler
- 21 Andrew Frenia
- 21 Jeff Phillips
- 25 Barbara King



Church Ladies’ Lunch
Tuesday, June 21st at Noon
Place TBD

Men’s Lunch

Thursdays at Noon
Riki’s Restaurant in Fairport



Notes from the Trustees

· PVNS will be holding its Summer Camp for 2 weeks from June 6 thru 17. Summer Camp was last held before COVID. Because their school year ends early, Summer Camp gives an opportunity for current 4 and 5 year old PVNS students extra time to play and work with their school friends.

· Ginny Wilterdink will be our church representative at the Penfield Memorial Day Ceremony. Ginny represented us in 2021 and was excited to do it again. This ceremony is very important to Ginny because of her past service to our country.

· The drainpipe on the west side of Old Fellowship Hall (over the stairs to the lower level) will be redesigned to become less of a liability. Currently it is possible to walk into it or even hit it with a vehicle. Until the project is completed, be careful as you walk past it.

Respectfully,

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



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
starting at 9 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 -----> #



Missions Report

During the month of March our church collected money for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) which is the International Ministries branch of American Baptist Churches USA. Most of the contributions to OGHS were dedicated to help the people of Ukraine. Our generous congregation donated \$3,261.94. The Missions Team also added \$440 from our budget and \$227 was raised for the Ukrainian Community Center in Webster for a grand total of \$3,928.94. Thank you! We are not a congregation large in numbers, but are definitely huge in heart and caring. There is ongoing need within Ukraine and the surrounding countries. Our most recent information indicates that the ABC office is still open in Lviv. We have four International missionaries currently in Hungary supporting the refugees who have fled there, and ABC covers their expenses through our World Mission.

Locally the Missions Team is sending \$500 to the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf to help with their additional needs for summer food for families. Since summer can also impact intimate-partner violence, we are sending \$1,000 to Willow Domestic Violence Center. We are sending \$500 to Cameron Community Ministries, which is enough to send 10 youth or teens to 6 weeks of their camp program this summer. This includes field trips, a swim suit, towel, & water bottle, according to Cameron's website. We are excited to imagine how fun and transformative such a

six-week program could be for a kid! (If any of you should wish to donate to this Cameron fund as well, be sure to write "campership" on the memo line per cameronministries.org)

"I will praise you and testify about what you have done" Psalm 22:22, is the Biblical scripture for this year's America for Christ (AFC) Offering which our church will be collecting during the month of June. In the past year, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) have supported communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19, as the pandemic swept our country and Puerto Rico. Also, there was help for families who lost homes to floods, wildfires and storms, along with children living on the edge because of poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News. These are just a few of the ways those in need are ministered to. Please help to continue bringing healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus' disciples in 2022 by supporting the America for Christ Offering this month.

Sue, Ellen, Janette



Bell Choir Rehearsal



Marsha Kiriazides



Marsha Kiriazides, Naomi Gregory, Judy McNeil,
Debbie Lochner



Sandy Pray

Roger Zaenglein's Garden Party









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.



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)):



COVID-19 County Check

Find community levels and prevention steps by county.

[< Start Over](#)

● **High**

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

- Wear a [mask](#) indoors in public
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms
- Additional precautions may be needed for people [at high risk for severe illness](#)

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.

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](#).

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

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

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Method 1—Open the link on our web page at 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 or call the Church Office at (585) 586-2876.

Our Church Staff

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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.*