

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



2022

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Pastor's Meditation September 2022

"A Wild Goose Chase"

If you're not trying to grow crops, this past summer's dry weather has been mostly wonderful. Oh sure, there were rainy days, but observably fewer than earlier years, providing lots of opportunities for gatherings, picnics and travel. Annette and I have personally seen more sunsets this year than just about any in memory. But, even the

niciest summer eventually moves into the rearview mirror. Our attention will soon switch to Fall, which is another beautiful season in Western New York, perhaps my favorite. Near Fall, comes the return of the Church Calendar. Through the years, I've learned that the Church Calendar is very much like a school calendar, where most of the happenings take place between September and June. For First Baptist Church, Coffee time will resume September 11 after worship. Adult Discussion resumes the same day. And Adult Discussion is a Holy Spirit series called, "The Wild Goose."

Why is it called "The Wild Goose?" According to author Robert B. Kruschwitz "The Wild Goose" is in some sectors of Christianity a powerful symbol. He writes, "The wild goose, in addition to the dove, is a Celtic Christian symbol for the Holy Spirit. Sometimes God's Spirit hovers comfortingly like a dove. But the Spirit also surprises us and disturbs our plans. Like a wild and unpredictable goose, the Holy Spirit sweeps in unexpected, astonishing directions." Accordingly, when some Christians began a group in 1985 to begin writing new songs for the church, they called their group, "The Wild Goose Worship Group." (<https://www.baylor.edu/ifl/christianreflectio n/PropheticEthicsarticleKruschwitz.pdf>)

For adult discussion, we will be watching 10 parts of a 14-part video series, entitled, “The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship With the Holy Spirit.” This resource comes from Father Dave Pivonka, a Roman Catholic Priest. Father Dave discusses the Holy Spirit in a very engaging style, set against spectacular scenery. The first episode is shot in Western NY and Ontario, Canada, at the Horseshoe Falls of Niagara, with the American Falls in the background. Why there? Because the Holy Spirit has also been described symbolically as a mighty stream, that rushes in with all the power of God, much like Niagara Falls.

One of the things I love about being a Baptist is that we have “soul freedom.” No Bishop dictates our lives; we are free to follow God wherever God leads us. With that freedom, we can be eclectic in our resources, so long as Scripture agrees with them. This is why an American Baptist Pastor can recommend this Catholic source for our study. The study may have at times a different “flavor,” but it’s still about Christianity, specifically as pertains to the Holy Spirit, which all Christians can consider. Catholics, Protestants and Christians of all different flavors can experience the Holy Spirit, working in our lives and making all things new.

As Summer turns to Fall and Fall turns to Winter, please join us in asking for the Holy Spirit to fill us, strengthen us, and guide us as we discuss God’s mighty river of power and grace. Adult discussion starts 11:15am on

September 11, in New Fellowship Hall, following Coffee time. It will also be available on Zoom. I promise, it won’t be just another “Wild Goose Chase!”

In Christ, Pastor Steve



September Birthdays

- 7 Ellen Stokes
- 8 Agnes Nichols
- 11 Walter Durland
- 14 Molly Frenia
- 15 Meliha Sehovic
- 16 Joyce Calkins
- 18 Penny Goodman
- 19 Phyllis Britt
- 24 Chris Collison
- 30 Jane Pearson



Church Ladies’ Lunch

September 20th
 see *Erie Canal Boat Trip* – page p 4



Men’s Lunch

Thursdays
at Noon
Riki’s Restaurant
in Fairport



Notes from the Trustees

The Trustees have been increasing security at church property. In addition to the existing cameras, installed in the Education Building several years ago, Ring cameras are being installed in Old Fellowship Hall and the west end of the second floor. We are also looking at motion sensor lights for the PVNS playground and the dumpster area.

November is Stewardship Month. The Trustees are asking you to think about your commitment for 2023. We are all aware, operating and maintenance costs continue to dramatically increase at church as well as in our personal lives. Thank you for your previous commitment that has kept our church functioning and growing. More Stewardship information will be out in the next Carillon.

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



Thank You

THANK YOU DEAR FRIENDS for all the prayers, the food, the calls, the cards, and a beautiful prayer shawl to support Molly Frenia through her six months of chemotherapy. Molly's recent test confirmed that her lymphoma is in **remission!**

We are shouting our thanks and joyful relief from the top of "chemo mountain." It was quite a climb; your support was invaluable.

“TEAM MOLLY!”



Missions Report

The Missions Team has begun planning for fall. During September we will be presenting the American Baptist Churches-USA's **World Mission Offering**. (WMO) The theme this year is, "**God is doing something new.**" Isaiah 43:19. Bringing quality health care and medical equipment to vulnerable people is just one way the International Ministries' 120+ global servants are bringing help around the world.

United Mission is another way that our church joins the "American Baptist Family" for mission and ministry efforts. In August the Mission Team contributed \$2,000 from our 2022 budget in shared support of the American Baptist denomination and its 33 regional entities.

Our church has received a thank-you letter from the Co-Directors of Penfield Hope. They expressed their appreciation for our generosity in helping them, "meet the needs of area residents in these difficult economic times." Penfield Hope serves residents in the 14526 and 14625 zip codes. We recently sent them \$500 from our 2022 Missions budget.

Susie, Ellen, Janette



Erie Canal Boat Trip

We are planning a get together on Tuesday, September 20 at noon 🕒 on the Colonial Belle.

This an Erie Canal boat trip.

For \$30.00 you will enjoy a two hour boat cruise and a lunch of your choice from DiBella's. (Menu to follow). The lunches will be individually boxed lunches with your name written on your box.

The boat holds about 140 people.

Please feel free to invite friends and family, male and female, children and adults. All are welcome.

The cost is \$30 per person.

Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church of Penfield and they must specify 'COLONIAL BELLE'.



**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 -----> #



Zoom Instructions

Adult Discussion Following Worship

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)

Meeting ID: 845 6042 1536



Wednesday Zoom Prayer Groups

Please join Pastor Steve at 1 pm or 6 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>

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When Prompted,

enter **Meeting ID: 950 690 121**

6:00 pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182075740>

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When Prompted,

enter **Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740**



Who We Are

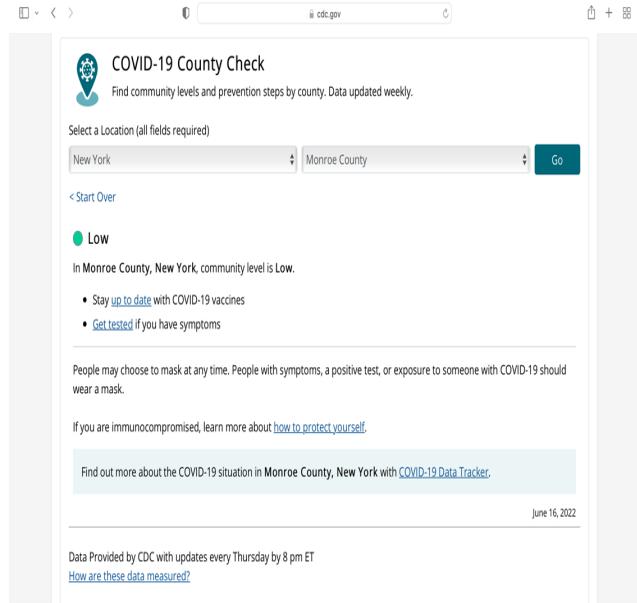
The First Baptist Church of Penfield was established in 1804 in what is now an eastern suburb of Rochester, New York.

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)):



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>		

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.



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We have 3 methods of receiving the monthly newsletter.

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

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman ~ Pastor

Dr. Naomi Gregory ~ Organist, Music Director

Samantha Sosa, Caroline Duers,

David Griffith, Jason Rober ~ Choral Scholars

Saundra 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 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.*