

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Pastor's Meditation

November, 2022

“It's Nice to Be Important, But More Important to Be Nice.”

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965) has long been one of my favorite historical

characters. Nearly 60 years after his death, he is still one of the most-recognizable faces in the world. His greatest single accomplishment was serving as Prime Minister and inspirational leader of England during the greatest crisis of its long history, the 1940-41 German air raids that became known as “The Battle of Britain” and “The Blitz.” As Nazi fighter planes, bombers and rockets threatened his beloved country, he motivated England with radio speeches, declaring, “We shall never surrender.”

Inspirational? Sure. Easy to work for? Hardly. In William Manchester's sprawling 3-volume biography, *The Last Lion*, Churchill woke each morning expecting his servants to be instantly present. He demanded a quickly-served, perfectly-cooked English breakfast, with a serving of jam, usually black cherry. He insisted on them drawing a morning bath, set at a perfect 104 degrees Fahrenheit. When his stenographers reached the end of a page, he would not pause to allow them to start a new sheet. Any deviation from his exacting standards would unleash a bombastic Churchillian tirade. As Manchester recounted, “Once, a manservant stood up to him. The result was a blazing row. At the end of it, Churchill, his lower lip jutting, said, “You were very rude to me, you know.” The servant, still seething, replied, “Yes, but you were rude, too.” Churchill grumbled: **“Yes, but I am a great man.”** At Chartwell (*Churchill's home*), this is the

last word.” (Manchester, the Last Lion: Alone, p. 35).

Here lies the limitations of the “great man theory” that once-dominated history books. Every great man, no matter how accomplished, is ultimately human. And human means *flawed*. Many of the so-called “great men” were, at times, not very good. (And, all apologies to the ladies, with “great women” it’s the same story.)

Contrast these characteristics with those of Jesus, who declared in John 15:15, “*I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.*” In Matthew 11:29 he says, “*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*” I submit that among the so-called “great men,” no man existed greater than Jesus, Son of God, and yet he didn’t treat those below him as underlings. He called them “friends.” When he put a “yoke” on his followers, it was not the heavy and dominating yoke borne by a common farm animal, but rather something gentle and humble in heart; something that provides rest for troubled human souls.

I don’t know if Radio Hall-of-Famer Alan Levin, aka. “Brother Wease,” qualifies as a great man. But he dominated Rochester morning radio for over 30 years. He’s still on the air. For many years, he closed his shows with a truly great motto: “**It’s nice to be important, but more important to be nice.**” I think that is a sentiment that Jesus, the

gentle friend who provides us with rest, could support.

In Christ, Pastor Steve



November Birthdays

- 2 – Katelyn Lochner
- 3 – Emma Kimball
- 10 – Deborah Lochner
- 18 - Sarah Phillips
- 22 – Liza Kimball
- 25 – Shawn Keenan
- 30 – Gregg Goodman
- 30 – Roger Zaenglein



Church Ladies’ Lunch

November 15th at Noon
Place TBD



Men’s Lunch

Thursdays
at Noon
Riki’s Restaurant
in Fairport



Notes from the Trustees

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is November 20th. An envelope containing a letter from the Trustees, a pledge form, and a stamped return envelope will be mailed to you on November 7th. You may either mail your pledge commitment or place it in the collection plate during the November 20th church service. We ask for your prayerful consideration of your 2023 pledge.

A snowplowing contact has been signed with Penport Property Services, Inc. to clear the driveways and parking lot. The contract starts on approximately November 20, 2022 and expires on approximately March 31, 2023.

An Eagle Scout project, a small food and book shelter, has been placed at the south edge of the parking lot against the education building. It is attractively painted and designed to protect its contents.

A contract has been signed with Cameron Roofing Company of Penfield to replace the leaking roof on the east side of Old Fellowship Hall. The work will be done during the 2023 season.

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

Bell Choir Returns to the Sanctuary

Bell choir members rehearsing to play in Worship on Sunday 23 October.

Front row, left to right:
Sandy Pray, Mindy Kimball, Marion Giambattista, Janette Keenan, Judy McNeill;

back row, left to right:
Jason Rober, Debbie Lochner,
Marsha Kiriazides.

MISSIONS REPORT

"NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED." Aesop

The Missions Team held our 2022 **Ring in the Holidays** drive-thru collection of food for the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf and new pajamas for the Moms at the Coldwater Road House for Women and Children on Saturday, October 15th. The outpouring of donations from YOU were very generous and definitely in the holiday spirit. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! We were very excited to be able to deliver your gifts to these two active, necessary community organizations, and they were extremely appreciative too!

We also have a total for the American Baptist Church's annual World Missions offering. Our congregation donated \$1,086 to help fund this international ministry. Once more, your giving and your kindness to people you will never see is wonderful and should warm YOUR heart as well.

Our team also appreciates your support. We wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Susie, Ellen, Janette



How to Join Sunday Worship Service by Phone

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

**Zoom meeting opens at 9:00 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 ----- > #



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>

Call-in information

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)



Wednesday Zoom Prayer Groups

Please join Pastor Steve at 1 pm or 6:15 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!

*The 6:15 pm session includes a devotional reading from "Yes, and...Daily Meditations" by Richard Rohr.

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**

*6:15 pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/740345839>

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When Prompted,

enter **Meeting ID: 740 345 839**



ROC CITY RINGERS

Upcoming Concerts

ROCcity RINGERS

September 17th
12:00 pm



The ROC City Ringers are excited to return to the Rochester Fringe Festival! We are comprised of 15 musicians whose love for bell ringing brought us together to create music that goes well beyond traditional handbell music. We have put together an eclectic mix of music for this year's Fringe. Enjoy an afternoon filled with everything from pop to classical and movie scores to marches! See you at the Fringe!



\$10

CenterStage Theatre at the JCC
1200 Edgewood Ave.

Tickets available at rochesterfringe.com
Or at the door day of show

Upcoming Concerts:

September 25
4 pm Gates
Hall/Pultneyville
Tickets \$10 at
the door

December 10
3pm
Webster
Library

December 12
7pm
Penfield
Library

December 13
7pm
Irondequoit
Library

Roc City Ringers is the community bell choir that Sandy Pray participates in.



The 2022 Habitat Holiday Pie Sale



**The 2022 Habitat Holiday Pie Sale
will be held
Oct.15 to Nov. 7. (online ordering only)**

**Pie Pick up date is Tuesday November 22,
1 to 6 PM,
in the Penfield First Baptist parking lot
(Drive thru).**

For details of the sale and to place your order follow this link:

<https://give.rochesterhabitat.org/campaigns/23370-2022-holiday-pie-sale-penfield-area-church-coalition>

Make your holiday desserts twice as sweet!

Help support the Penfield Coalition of Churches next Habitat house build while you celebrate with family and friends. After a successful 20 year partnership with Kelly's Farm Market in Hilton they are no longer able to provide the large numbers of pies for our annual sale due to staffing challenges.

Starting this year we are proud to be

partnering with Special Touch Bakery to offer Apple Crumb, Pumpkin and Cherry Pies at \$17 each.

Please note. pies are delivered frozen and unbaked with baking instructions.

If you have any questions or would like assistance with the online ordering process please contact Ellen Stokes:

email: ellenkstokes@gmail.com

mobile: 585-746-7720



Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 6th at
2:00 am



EROI Organ Concert

**Friday 2 December, 7pm,
in the Sanctuary**

Join us for a one-hour concert of organ music presented by students of the organ department of Eastman School of Music. Music for the Advent and Christmas season, followed by a cookie reception in OFH.

EROI is the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative: an outreach program of the organ department of Eastman School of Music, sharing organ music with the Rochester community and beyond.

Free admission; all welcome! Please come to support these talented young musicians.

Naomi Gregory



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>		

Please Note!

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

Please check the CDC Website for weekly updates.

Or phone: 1-800-232-4636 after 8:30 pm each Thursday for the latest update.



The Colonial Belle Boat Trip
September 20, 2022





Ginny Wilterdink's
100th Birthday Celebration



Thanksgiving Dinner
Next Sunday, November 6th
New Fellowship Hall

Immediately following Worship, we are having a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Cost is free. No need to bring anything.

To make reservations, please reply by noon tomorrow, Monday, October 31st.

E-mail fbpenfield@toast.net

or call the Church office

(585) 586-2876



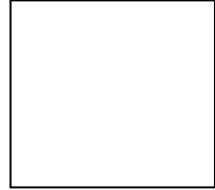
Who We Are

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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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.*