

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



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Message from Pastor Phil

Focusing on Jesus

The following came across my desk and I'm sharing it with you.

A woman went to her Pastor and said "Pastor, I won't be going to your church anymore." The Pastor responded "But why?" The lady said "Ah! I saw a woman gossiping about another member; a man that is a hypocrite; the worship team living wrong; people looking at their phone during service; among so many other things wrong in your church."

The Pastor replied "OK. But before you go, do me a favor: take a full glass of water and walk around the church three times without spilling a drop on the ground. Afterwards, leave the church if you desire." The lady thought: too easy! She walked three times around the church as the Pastor had asked.

When she finished she told the Pastor she was ready to leave.

The Pastor said, "Before you leave I want to ask you one more question. When you were walking around the church, did you see anyone gossiping?" The lady replied "No." "Did you see any hypocrites?" The lady said "No." "Anyone looking at their phone?" "No." "You know why?" "No."

"You were focused on the glass, to make sure you didn't stumble and spill any water. It's the same with our life. When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we don't have time to see the mistakes of others. We will reach out a helping hand to them and concentrate on our own walk with the Lord."

All too often people go to church and are focusing on the people at church, instead of keeping their focus on the Lord; but this too could be about life in general. I'm guilty of this myself, worrying about not fitting in or what others may say or think about me; when all the while, my focus should remain on Him. "Lord, fix my eyes upon You. Lead me not to fret about what others think or say about me, but to be reminded that I should be focused on living a life that is pleasing to You. Thank You, Lord. Amen."

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" Hebrews 12:2

Your Brother In Christ
Pastor Phil

August Birthdays

- 5 Beverly Symonds
- 11 Carolyn Fry
- 15 Pauline Bennett
- 18 Sarah Stokes
- 20 Jim Symonds
- 22 Anne-Marie Andrews
- 27 Jacob Trabert
- 29 Bob Foltz



A few words from the Moderator...

Despite the rain, we had a fantastic 4th of July celebration during the Penfield parade. The First Baptist Penfield "tent" offered Popsicles for the children and funny hats, photos, and patriotic children's tattoos! We distributed information about the church and VBS registration forms. Sincere thanks to Yvonne and Jack O'Brien for spearheading (and financing) this wonderful event! We were certainly well represented in the community during the 4th of July celebration. Thanks to all who braved the rain!

Speaking of saying thank you, , if you see Gene Kohlenberg, please heartily thank him for doing all of the bulletins and Carillons in Andrea's absence. He has done a stellar job and has put in many, many volunteer hours. (Andrea is still recovering from her fall)

On July 9, we truly enjoyed hosting the Rev. Kevin Slough from Elmgrove United Methodist Church. Pastor Phil worshipped at Elmgrove in a pastoral exchange.

A variety of ideas have been brought up that the Council will look into in the fall... e.g. A hymn sing and pot luck supper with another church, a "family meeting" every few weeks to discuss issues that arise, and potluck lunches after worship service.

The Search Committee continues to review profiles and work hard to bring us a pastoral candidate. Thanks to all of them for their hard work.

"It takes a village"... We are gearing up for VBS August 14-18! Debbie Lochner and her team work hard at presenting a wonderful program to the children of the community. If you can volunteer and help us with anything at all, please contact Debbie Lochner at zanydeb@rochester.rr.com

I hope you are enjoying the summer! God is good!

Marsha Kiriazides



Introducing Our New Office Administrator

Music –

A non-addictive, mood-altering non-substance

Ask your Doctor if music is right for you.

Common side effects include but are not limited to:

Uncontrolled head bobbing,

Toe tapping, Finger snapping,

Selective hearing impairment and

Persistent melody flashbacks

Singing in a choir is cheaper than therapy,

healthier than drinking, and

more fun than working out!



First Baptist Penfield Music Director, Alex Gilson, will be starting another Chancel Choir Season on Sunday, September 10. Please consider joining the choir this year! Rehearsals are held in the third floor choir room, which is located near the elevator, on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. First rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 6. All voices welcome! Come, give Choir a try!

Cameron School Preparation

SCHOOL SUCCESS STARTS WITH BEING PREPARED!



Greetings!

Summer program is in full swing, it's wonderful to hear the sounds of the children's laughter throughout the building. While we have them here now enjoying summer, it will soon be time to start thinking about back to school.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As we always do, we will collect donations of school supplies for the kids in Cameron's Youth Program along with the families we serve in the Lyell-Otis neighborhood. Our goal is to have a backpack full of the supplies that each student needs along with extra supplies for the teachers at School #54. School can be a tough time for some of our kids and we want to make sure that they

are fully equipped to succeed during the 2017-2018 academic year.



A donation of any size is greatly appreciated!

The cutoff date for supplies to be delivered to Cameron is Friday, August 25th.

SUPPLY LIST

- *3-ring binders
- *BACKPACKS
- *Dry Erase Markers
- *Glue Sticks
- Hand Sanitizer
- *Masking Tape
- *Scissors
- *Scotch Tape
- Tab Dividers
- Tissues (Full Size Boxes)
- *Colored Markers (Washable)
- *Colored Pencils
- *Crayons
- *Erasers
- *Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Loose Leaf Paper (wide ruled)
- Pencil Cases
- Pencil Sharpeners
- *Pens & Pencils
- Pocket Folders (solid colors)
- Post Its
- Rulers
- Socks (All Sizes)

- *Composition Books
- Spiral Notebooks (solid colors, wide ruled)

**Items that are in highest demand*

If you'd like to donate funds for us to purchase the supplies, please feel free to do so here.



Thank you for making a difference in helping students succeed!

Sincerely,
Jennifer and Cameron Staff



Vacation Bible School Program

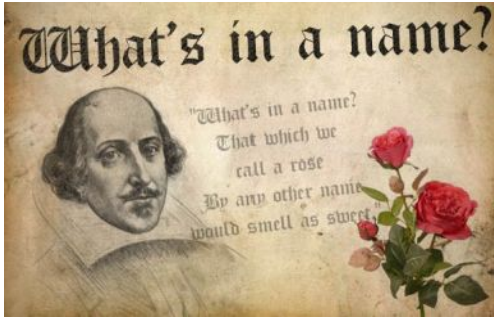
August 14th –
August 18th 2017
9:00 am – noon



Growing healthy, body and soul!

See the registration form on the Church's website or pick one up in the office.

"What's in a name?"



From the Executive Director Alan Newton

This oft-quoted passage from William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* may lead us to believe that names are not that important. Of course, we know that is not true. Names are markers. They identify not only who we are, but also whose we are, and who we want to be.

Various cultures have evolved different naming practices. For example, some Latin American traditions name the first-born son after the father's father. Whereas, many African Americans in the United States had names passed down through a slave-holding society until about 1960 when families started drawing names from the African continent.

The Burmese will tell you that they are very thoughtful in selecting names for their children, as they believe that a person's name can have a great influence on the child's future.

So, when it comes to looking at a new name for our region, great care and thought is to be given.

I believe it is a good thing that the Delegates decided to give this more time, thought and prayer.

Clearly, our name, which is tied to geography, no longer fits a region that spans the entire country. Like the Burmese, the selection of a

new region name may greatly influence our region's future life.

Not only should we attend to the name but the acronym as well, as in most cases, a name is reduced to an acronym more times than not.

The name suggested by the Executive Board was the "RGR Network of Transforming American Baptists." Yes, this is a long name. (Yet, it is three words less than our current name.) Furthermore, the acronym would be RGRNOTAB. Perhaps not the best acronym.

The approved motion to suspend has given us time to ponder a while longer and perhaps allow the creative juices to flow more fully. But the motion prevented us from getting any feedback from our churches. Therefore, we have created a survey, which you can access through this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XN2WSHP>

You are encouraged to share this survey widely throughout your church.

Thank you,
Rev. Alan Newton

Yard Sale



August 12,
2017
Incarnation
Episcopal
Church
9am – 2pm

We need your help!

Do you have STUFF around your house that you'd be willing to donate?

Do you have toys, kitchen stuff, small furniture, lawn stuff, tools, dishes, pots/pans, sports equipment, lamps, appliances, chachkeys, you name it we'll take it!

PLEASE NO ELECTRONICS or ITEMS OVER 40 POUNDS.

We will come and pick up your stuff between August 7th and August 11th.

Please contact **Ellen Stokes or Bonnie Cleaver** and make arrangements.

Western New York Mini Peace Camp

Greece Baptist Church
1230 Long Pond Road, Rochester
Sept. 8 – 9



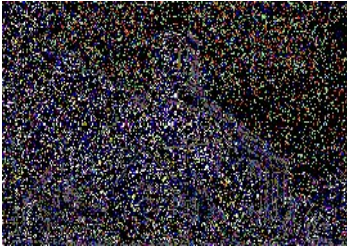
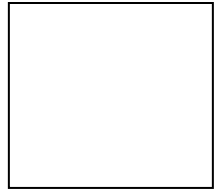
Speakers - Dr. Marvin McMickle and LeDayne McLeese Polaski

Music and workshops dealing with race, aging, special needs and being a peacemaker. Age-appropriate activities for children too!

Contact: 585-225-6160

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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

Philip B. Davis Sr. ~ Pastor

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

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.*