

Pennfield Press

May 2019 Newsletter

*Newsletter of the Pennfield Presbyterian Church
Growing Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship*

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

What glorious Easter celebrations we had on Easter Sunday! Our sanctuary was filled with people along with over 70 flower pots of daffodils, tulips, and lilies perched on palm branches. And the weather cooperated for the sunrise service outdoors. Esther Rayburn played the keyboard, Thom Outman led in a solo while wrapped in a winter coat and muffler, and we sang and prayed and rejoiced that our Lord is alive—and we with him.

The signs of resurrection are surely all around. Our church has a new electronic sign and a new wooden sign by the driveway. The grass has turned a bright luscious green (which means mowing), the flowers and trees are budding, and the landscape is tinged in color. Such brightness and vibrancy signals life, the risen life, Christ's life in our midst.



The season of Easter stretches for the next fifty days. During that time, Jesus appears to his disciples. He gives them his peace, he eats with them, he lets himself be touched. We call these stories the post-resurrection appearances. And as we hear them, we are reminded that the God of the universe is within reach. He wants to be experienced, acknowledged, and felt. Take time over these next few weeks to intentionally seek the risen Lord and let him touch you—in faithfully attending worship, in hearing and sitting with his word, and in working and serving as part of his body, the church.

This month is filled with activity and opportunities to serve. On **Sunday, May 5** we will celebrate communion and immediately after worship, we will process outside for a committal service for Kay Edgerton Withee. Her remains will be placed in our Memorial Garden followed by a

reception in her memory.

On **Sunday, May 12** is Mother's Day when we give thanks and praise for all women as they nurtured and gave and sacrificed, for their own children and/or those who were like children to them. A special treat awaits all women who join us for worship that day.

During the third week of May, **Thursday and Friday, May 16 and 17**, we will hold our church-wide yard sale. Three rooms are currently crammed full with precious cargo and goods. We will need help moving these items outside and then selling them on the grounds. Please sign up on the bulletin board, if you are able to help.

For the last two Sundays in May I will be on study leave abroad. On **Sunday, May 19**, we will have a special treat: three of our members will share their testimony in worship. And on **Sunday, May 26**, which is Memorial Day weekend, the Rev. Pat Weatherwax will be preaching and leading in worship.

May our Lord bless you and keep you and shine his face upon you and be gracious unto you and give you the kind of peace only he can give,

Pastor Annemarie

The 38th Annual Prayer Breakfast

The Battle Creek Community Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Tuesday, May 7** at 7:25 a.m. at the Kellogg Arena. The theme is "Faith, Hope, Optimism". Our guest speaker is Austin Hatch a University of Michigan basketball player who survived two plane crashes. He will be sharing an uplifting message of faith and dedication. Cost is \$15. Ticket may be purchased at www.bccfoundation.org/event-registration/prayerbreakfast2019



Yoga Class to start up again

Starting **Monday, May 6**, we will offer another 6-week yoga class with Amanda Wallace. The class will meet on Mondays at 9 a.m. in the Music Room. It will kick off on May 6 and run through June 17. There will be no class on Memorial Day. The cost is \$7.00 per person per session.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Birthday

The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

If we would give a penny for each year of our age, we can make a difference in the world. The PW Birthday Offering will be taken throughout the month of May.

Envelopes are on the table in the narthex or just indicate on your check or giving envelope that it is to go to PW.



Tri-Church Salad Supper

Pennfield Presbyterian Church is the host this year for the annual tri-church supper on **Tuesday, June 11** at 6:00 p.m. Westlake Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church will be joining us. Our speaker will be the Pastor Annemarie Kidder, who will give an overview of lesser known women in the New Testament. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex and bring a salad to pass.

Presbyterian Women Project: Cleanup Buckets for Disaster Relief

Thanks to everyone who has already given items or money for the project. A few items are needed to round out the first three complete buckets. You may donate cash to PW (please note on check or envelope "PW Bucket Project.") We still need these items: one pair of work gloves; two 100 ft. clotheslines (or get two 50 ft. for 100 ft. total); one package 5 (or more) dust masks; one roll 24—28 count heavy duty 30--45 gal. trash bags; and two 50 oz. bottles liquid laundry detergent (or two smaller bottles to total 50 oz.). Speak to Marie Hull if you have questions.

Church Women United

Church Women United will sponsor May Friendship Day on **Friday, May 3** at the Michigan Works, Southwest Building, 200 VanBuren Street. The theme is "Now is the time". Our speakers are Brenda Eppinger from the Haven of Rest Ministries and Melissa Smith from S.A.F.E. Place. Bring a friend. The time is 12:00 noon for lunch and 1:00 p.m. for the program. The cost is \$10.00 for lunch and RSVP'S are appreciated. Everyone is invited to come. Contact Jean Smith for further details.

Hannah Circle

The Hannah Circle will not meet in May. The next meeting will be a potluck on June 19 at the home of Deanna Stults.

Gull Lake Ladies' Day



A number of our women will be going to Gull Lake Ladies' Day on Friday, June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The speaker is Rebekah Lyons who will share her own battle in overcoming anxiety, depression and shopping addiction. The cost is \$25. For more information contact Christine Ayres.

PROPERTY

Church Garage Sale



Garage (Yard) sale time is Thursday, **May 16** and Friday, **May 17** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We will begin to set up on **Monday, May 13** from 9:00 a.m. to noon and continue through Wednesday, May 15. Small items can be brought in starting on April 28 after church and thereafter. If you have items ready to be brought to the church, please call the office. Big items for the tent will be accepted on **Wednesday, May 15**.

We need help at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday to put the tent up. We will accept anything usable and in good condition but NO CLOTHING.

We will have the following areas:

Garden Center - plants, perennials, bird houses, yard items, outdoor items

Jewelry Center - any kind of jewelry

Homemade items - quilts, crocheted items, scarves, mittens, hats

Baked Goods Center – Items can be brought in each day

We need people to help set up and tear down during the week. If you can help at any time, please indicate when and what you would like to do on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Lois Shubert.



Food Pantry

The Northeast Food Pantry is the only pantry that supplies Baby items. The need is for: Baby Food Stage 1 & 2 Baby Cereal rice or oatmeal, Formula 21.5 oz. (Meijer's Purple or Yellow lid), Diapers Meijer's Jumbo Pack sizes 3,4,5,6. The pantry is always in need of peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, and brown paper bags. The Food Pantry is very grateful for your contributions throughout the year. The need is great to help feed our community. For questions, please contact Laurie Riley.



Soup Kitchen

Our volunteers assist at the local soup kitchen on the 4th Tuesday of the month. They serve from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sally's Kitchen in the Salvation Army Building located at 400 Capital Avenue NE. For further information, contact Bill Rothney.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for the empty egg containers for the Food Pantry! You may keep them coming. Thanks also for the empty prescription bottles, which are used for marbles and other small items. In addition, we collect shoe boxes, #2 pencils, crayons, marbles, small stuffed animals, elastic hair bands, tooth brushes and wash clothes. Thank you for your help. Esther Rayburn

In Need of Prayer

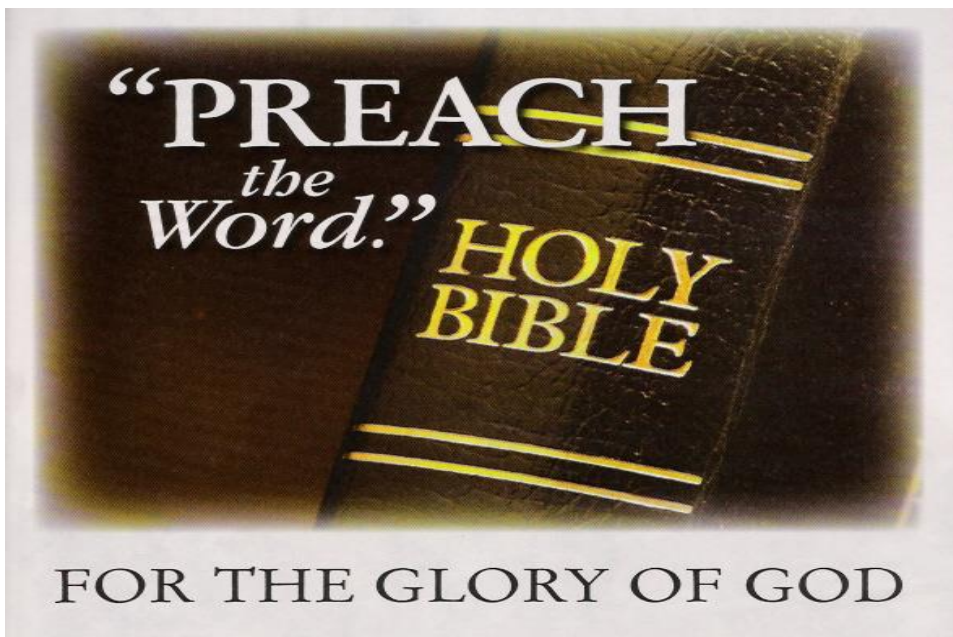
Remember our members and friends who are homebound, ill, recuperating, or have concerns and need your prayer: Marshall Hlatko, Sandra Prince, Don Preston, Helen Yates. A card or phone call would brighten their day.

Condolences are also extended to the family of Geri Outman who joined the Church Triumphant on April 11.



Committal service

On **Sunday, May 5**, following our worship service we will go down to the Memorial Garden for the committal service of Katherine Edgerton Withee. During coffee hour we will enjoy some of Kay's favorite desserts.



Pastor's Sermons

Printed copies of Pastor Annemarie's sermons are available on the table in the Narthex.

Pastor on Study Leave

Pastor Annemarie will be on study leave starting May 18 through May 27. If you have any pastoral needs during this time, please contact the co-moderators of cons, Ruth TenBroek and Dan LaValley.



Pentecost Flowers

If you would like to bring a plant in memory of or honor of a loved one, bring the plants to church starting **Sunday, May 26**. All plants given will be dedicated on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9** and planted in the church grounds. For more information, contact Lois Shubert.



Adult Education Classes

Two adult education classes will meet right after worship and coffee hour during the month of May. Adult Education classes will resume again in the fall.

They are:

1. The Wired Word—a class that looks at contemporary issues in light of Christian teachings; this class meets in the Music Room
2. The Epistle to the Philippians—a study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Christians in Philippi; books are available in class; this class meets in the Library

Pastor's Lectionary Study Group on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Pastor Annemarie will lead a discussion on the upcoming preaching text on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. The class meets in the Music Room. Please note that we will only meet on May 7 and May 14. The lectionary discussion group will start up again in July and August where it will be held right after Sunday worship in Fellowship Hall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 3: Jack Hagist
4: Sara Galloway
10: Joan Van Orman
14: Phillip Jarrard - Gay Noble
15: Joan Williston
19: Judy Nettleton - Sue Hagist
-Sandi Rothney
22: Lisa Needham
30: Tom Beaver - Becki Monroe

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 1: Mike and Becki Monroe
12: Jack and Sue Hagist
18: Tom and Chris Beaver
23: Carolyn and Don Hammond
26: Tom and Laurel Riley
30: Christine and Stewart Ayres

Thank you for sharing your flowers during the Easter season.

Flowers given in memory of:

Our mothers, Viola Babcock and Bonnie Spinnie by **Christine & Stewart Ayres**
Loved Ones by the **Baxter Family**
Loved Ones by **Tom & Chris Beaver**
Jeanne Booher by **Woody Booher**
Richard Carter by **Dolores Carter**
Delores E. Dull and Jack G. Newton by **Nelson & Marti Dull**
Elwin Hahn and Mary & Murl Hammond by **Rosemary Hahn**
Ted & Esther Halbert and Patti & Jack Lingenburg by **Christy & Mark Halbert**
Our parents by **Don & Carolyn Hammond**
Larry Heath and Pat Brunette by **Kathy Heath & Bob Brunette**
Loved Ones by **Steve & Jeanette Higgs**
Don & Pat Preston and Norm Hull by **Mitch & Marie Preston Hull**
Loved Ones by **Ross & Joan Jarrard**
C.C. "Bud" & Virginia Wascher and David Jordan by **Jim, Susan & Aaron Jordan**
Berta Glaser and Berta Schuh by **Annemarie Kidder**
Donald & Norma Schroll, Arnold & Dorothy LaValley, David Harrison and Arnold LaValley, Jr. by **Dan, Cathy, Steven and Caitlin LaValley**
Loved Ones by **Kathy Lyon**
Our Parents by **Jim & Gay Noble**
Donald & Geri Outman by **Thom Outman**
Marge Tessin, Henrietta Wilcox and Thelma Pierson by **Marty & LuAnne Pierson's**
Our parents, Rishannah, and our Grandparents by **Don & Joann Preston**
Our loved ones by **Bill & Sandi Rothney**
Ben Schlubatis by **Joe & Jean Schlubatis**
Marge Scheuffele, Jared Scheuffele and Millie Smith by **Harry Scheuffele**
Linda Ann Sleper, Dorothy Phillips and Ruth Anderson by **Bart & Trina Sleper Family**
Loved ones gone before us by **Burrel & Deanna Stults**
Douglas Edward VanVleet by **Darrell & Marcia VanVleet**
Our parents by **Richard & Barbara Walker**
Loved Ones by **Cathy Walsh**

Flowers given in honor of:

Lib Hull by **Mitch & Marie Hull**
Our church by **Annemarie Kidder**
Loved Ones before us by **the Shubert Family**

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Monthly Planner

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SERVERS DURING MAY

OPENER:

May 5 Tom Beaver
12 Dan LaValley
19 Bart Sleper
26 Mark Atma

USHERS:

May 5 Tom Beaver & Dan LaValley
12 Glenn Alday & Dan LaValley
19 Burrel Stults & Bill Rothney
26 Mark Atma Family

COMMUNION SERVERS:

May 5 Tom & Chris Beaver
Dan & Cathy LaValley

GREETERS:

May 5 Esther Rayburn & Rosemary Hahn
12 Bill & Sandi Rothney
19 Debbie Trayer & LaJean Hewitt
26 Marti & Nelson Dull

LAY READERS:

May 5 Burrel Stults
12 Aaron Jordan
19 Cathy Valley
26 Trina Sleper

LOCK UP:

May 5 Burrel Stults
12 Mick Shubert
19 Bart Sleper
26 Steve Higgs

COFFEE & CONVERSATION:

May 5 Darrell & Marcia VanVleet
12 PW
19 Lila Back & Elsie Page
26 The Jordan Family

COUNTERS: Debbie Trayer & Kathy Heath

SERVERS DURING JUNE

OPENER:

June 2 Cathy Walsh
9 Cathy LaValley
16 Trina Sleper
23 Burrel Stults
30 Tom Beaver

USHERS:

June 2 Cathy Walsh & Esther Rayburn
9 Erin & Sara Galloway
16 Kathy Heath & Trina Sleper
23 Susan Jordan & LuAnne Pierson
30 Mike & Becki Monroe

COMMUNION SERVERS:

June 2 Laurel Riley, Karen Lewis, Cathy Walsh,
Carla Stine-King

GREETERS:

June 2 Jim & Lois Fleming
9 Don & Carolyn Hammond
16 Marty & LuAnne Pierson
23 Richard & Kathy Adler
30 Elsie Page & Bev Grimes

LAY READERS:

June 2 Carla Stine-King
9 Aaron Jordan
16 Bill Rothney
23 Burrel Stults
30 Trina Sleper

LOCK UP:

June 2 Bruce Newhard
9 Laurel Riley
16 Burrel Stults
23 Bill Rothney
30 Tom Beaver

COFFEE & CONVERSATION:

June 2 Debbie Trayer & Esther Rayburn
9 Carla Stine-King & Laurel Riley
16 Lois & Jim Fleming
23 Gay & Jim Noble
30 Tom & Chris Beaver

COUNTERS: Cathy Walsh & Kathy Lyon

