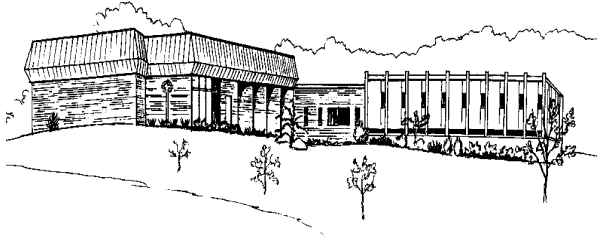


# Pennfield Press

September 2019 Newsletter



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

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## Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

Where did the summer go? For starters, we had over a month of rain and then came scorching heat, so outside activities were at times too strenuous and exhausting. Still, what a wonderful summer season it was here at church!

A big thank you goes to our master gardeners who on the Church Garden Tour invited us into their colorful floral outdoor living spaces and even wine and dined us.

Thank you also to our sixteen teachers who tutored the children from Purdy Elementary School in our new Summer Scholars Program. A big kudos goes to Laurie Riley for organizing this effort, to Thom Outman, our superintendent, and to the Lion's Club for making available scholarships. Plans are underway for next year to expand our outreach and more scholarships will be available to families in need.

Finally, I am grateful to the Stults family for hosting our annual pig roast and to Marshall Hlatko for providing the meat.

The fall season offers further opportunities for fellowship, learning, and giving. I want to highlight a few:

-On **Sunday, Sept. 8**, we are starting a three-week New Member Class, called "Refreshing Our Faith." The class will provide an overview of the central doctrines of the Christian faith, including Reformed worship, the sacraments, and a history of the church. This class is open to any member and will meet in the sanctuary after worship.



-On **Sunday, Sept. 29** we will kick off our Stewardship Campaign. After worship during the Adult Education hour, we will have as our guest speaker Stacey Lott, a lawyer who specializes in estate planning. Stacey will provide us with information on how to have a will drawn up or a trust set up, along with how to include the church in our estate planning.

-That same day, we will gather by 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church to work the Crop Walk.



-After Labor Day, we welcome back yoga teacher, Amanda Wallace. Her four-week yoga sessions will start on **Monday, Sept. 9** and meet again at 9 a.m. in the Music Room at church. The cost is \$8 per session or \$28 for all four.

Finally, let's think about how we might serve our church and community this coming year. Included in this newsletter is a list of the various church groups and their mission, so you can better choose where to commit and actively serve.

With joy and love in Christ,

Pastor Annemarie



### **New Member Class to Begin – Refreshing Our Faith**

This class is for those who wish to explore our church and anyone wanting to brush up on the history of the church and the Christian faith. The class will meet after worship on **Sundays, Sept. 8, 15, and 22** and be taught by Pastor Annemarie.

**Sept. 8**—History of the Church and the Reformed Tradition

**Sept. 15**—Reformed Theology, Worship, and the Sacraments

**Sept. 22**—Polity and Structure of the Presbyterian Church and Spiritual Gifts

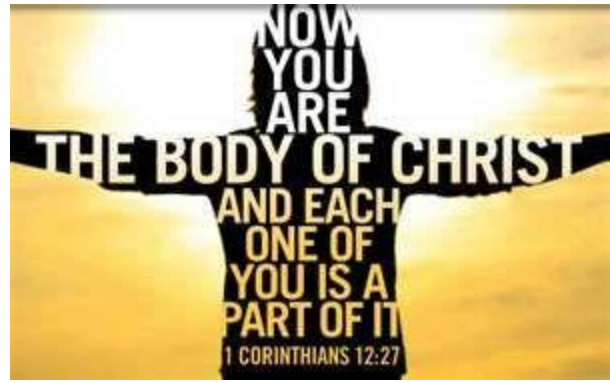
Those who wish to join our church will be meeting with the Session on **Sunday, Oct. 6**, at 9:00 a.m. and be received into membership during worship that day. The Adult Bible Study Class will be joining us.

### **Estate Planning Seminar with Lawyer Stacey Lott**

On **Sunday, Sept. 29** after worship we will welcome estate attorney Stacey Lott. We as a church are fortunate to have secured a slot with her.

Ms. Lott is well known in the Battle Creek community for being one of the foremost estate planning lawyers. She has appeared on radio and television and spoken at numerous conferences and conventions on how to make a will, draft a trust, or leave money to non-profit organizations, such as the church. Please plan on attending this seminar, which is free of charge.





## Stewardship Letter

Dear Disciples of Jesus Christ,

The Spirit of God has been reawakened in our church. And we as members and friends continue to build up one another in Christ so that we will shine and be a witness to Christ's powers in the world.

This year's stewardship theme is "Building Up the Body of Christ." It is based on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians where we are encouraged to enlarge God's kingdom on earth (Eph. 2:21-22). In doing so, we are building upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as our cornerstone.



We have accomplished much during this past year. Many new ministries were begun, such as the Garden Show and Sale, the Garden Tour, the pastor's weekly lectionary study group, a new member class and refresher course of the Christian Faith, ecumenical worship services during Lent, the new music endowment fund, the hiring of a cantor, solo performances and drama in worship, the summer tutoring program with elementary school children from Purdy, expansive landscaping upgrades, installation of the big electronic church sign, a new driveway and the sealing of our parking lot, opening our doors to homeschooled children and their families, and many new volunteer opportunities.

(See an updated overview of these volunteer opportunities on the next pages.)

We hope to expand further our ministries of worship, mission, fellowship, and education by continuing to reach out to the community and making connections for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Stewardship Commitment Sunday is Nov. 3** where we will bring forward our pledge cards and time and talent sheets and dedicate them unto the Lord.

Please consider prayerfully a potential increase of your gifts of time, talent, and tithe for this coming year.

Grace and peace,

Tom Beaver, Chair of Stewardship and Mission

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### “Building Up the Body of Christ”--Ephesians 2:22

Please consider prayerfully where you might like to serve.

#### Local Mission Opportunities

1. **Soup Kitchen**—our church cooks and serves lunch at the Salvation Army at 400 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek  
Time/Date: 4th Tuesday of the month in shifts of 9 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Contact person: Bill Rothney (964-8302).
2. **Food Pantry**—our church stocks and sorts food items at Maple United Methodist Church at 342 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek  
Time/Date: Mon.-Fri. 9-11:45 a.m.  
Contact persons: Laurie Riley (965-1942) or Elsie Page (962-2831)
3. **Breakfast Club**—Church Clean-Up Crew for outside and inside the church  
Time/Date: Mondays at 10 a.m.  
Contact persons: Lois Shubert (274-6289) or Bart Sleper (965-0115)
4. **Battle Creek HEART Home School Co-Op**—meets at our church; involves greeting families at the door for half an hour  
Time/Date: Fridays 9-9:30 a.m.  
Contact person: Jean Smith (965-0818)

#### Committees

1. **Worship and Music**  
Oversees communion, worship activities, decorations of the sanctuary, music programs and concerts
2. **Fellowship and Evangelism**  
Coordinates fellowship activities, such as church outings, picnics, garden tours, yard and flower sales, Mardi Gras celebrations, Mother's Day/Father's Day activities.  
Coordinates publicity and public relations on church activities, places ads in paper and online, coordinates outreach efforts, produces promo materials, teaches how to share Christ with others.
3. **Christian Education**  
Coordinates children's and adult education programming on Sundays and throughout the week
4. **Stewardship and Mission**  
Coordinates our church members' giving of time, talent, and finances to the local community and our church, which includes the annual stewardship campaign, education on estate planning, and volunteering
5. **Property and Finance**  
Oversees the maintenance of the church building and property, including the securing of bids from contractors and the oversight of their work  
Oversees the church's finances and ensures that bills are being paid
6. **Administration**  
Oversees the work of the church staff together with the pastor; this committee does not have open slots

#### Small Groups and Boards



**1. Chancel Choir and Women's Choir**

Rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and sings monthly in worship

Contact: Esther Rayburn, Music Director or Thom Outman, Cantor

**2. Hannah Circle**

Meets for Bible study on the third Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

Contact: Linda Baxter (963-7801)

**3. Men's Breakfast**

Meets monthly on the first Sunday of the month from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Men prepare breakfast, study the preaching text of that Sunday, and have prayer.

Contact: Burrel Stults (721-8166)

**4. Pastor's Lectionary Study Group**

Meets on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Contact: Jean Smith

**5. The "Wired Word" Study Group**

Meets on Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Tom Beaver (788-7284)

**6. Bible Study Group**

Meets on Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Trina Sleper (420-1271)

**7. Presbyterian Women Board Meeting**

Meets on the last Monday of the month at 1 p.m.

Contact: Gay Noble (277-8343)

**8. Women on Wednesday (WOW)**

Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at Coney Island

Contact: Linda Baxter (963-7801)

**9. Board of Deacons**

Meets on the second Monday of the month at 5 p.m.

Contact: Dan LaValley or Ruth Ten Broek



**Pastor's Bible Study to start on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 11:00 a.m.**

Each Tuesday at 11 a.m. we are meeting in the Music Room to study the upcoming preaching text with Pastor Annemarie. The text for the upcoming week is being publicized in the weekly bulletin, so you can read ahead. Please know that you do not need to know your Bible in order to join us. Just bring an open mind and a hunger to get to know our Lord in a deeper and more intimate way. Bibles are available in class. Please join us and mark the date and time. It will make worship all the more exciting.





### **The Hannah Circle to start on Tuesday, Sept. 17**

The Hannah Circle has moved its meeting time from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. That way Pastor Annemarie can facilitate our PW Horizon Bible study. The theme of this year's study focuses on the Ten Commandments. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday, Sept. 17** at 12:30 p.m. for a sack lunch (bring your own) and fellowship with the Bible study starting at 1:00 p.m.

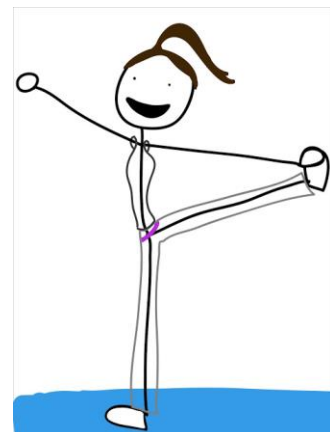
### **CROP Walk Will Meet on Sunday, Sept. 29**

Since 1977, Battle Creek has been showing love and active concern for neighbors in need near and far. CROP Walks are making a difference, and 25% of what is raised will help local agencies in our own town. Our church will provide a snack table for the walkers. If you would like to help, we will meet for registration at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 111 East Michigan Ave. Please see Mark Baxter and sign up in the Narthex.



### **New Yoga Class to Start**

After Labor Day we welcome back Yoga instructor, Amanda Wallace. Her four-week yoga session will start on **Monday, Sept. 9** and meet again at 9:00 a.m. in the Music Room. The cost is \$8 per session or \$28 for all four.



### Join the "Breakfast Club"--Our Church's Clean-Up Crew

Interested in helping spruce up flower beds and shrubs, or dusting and polishing sanctuary furniture and pews? The newly organized Breakfast Club will meet monthly--on the third Monday at 10 a.m. to do a little work inside the church and around the grounds. The next meeting is **Monday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m.** If you want to work outside, please bring gloves and garden tools. See you soon!



### Choir Schedule

Choir rehearsal will continue to be every **Thursday at 5:30 p.m.** Please contact Esther Rayburn, Music Director, or Thom Outman, Cantor, if you are interested in joining.

### The Giving Campaign for the Food Pantry

The "Simply Give" fall campaign for the Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry began Sunday, August 18 and will continue through Saturday, September 28. Meijer's on Beckley is our partner and Double Match Day is Friday, September 13.

### Welcome to Battle Creek HEART Homeschool

This month we welcome our new renters, the Battle Creek HEART Homeschool Co-op. Directed by Trisha Steele, home schoolers and their tutors will meet at our church every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Currently we are in need of volunteers to welcome the children and their families on Fridays between 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

### Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat

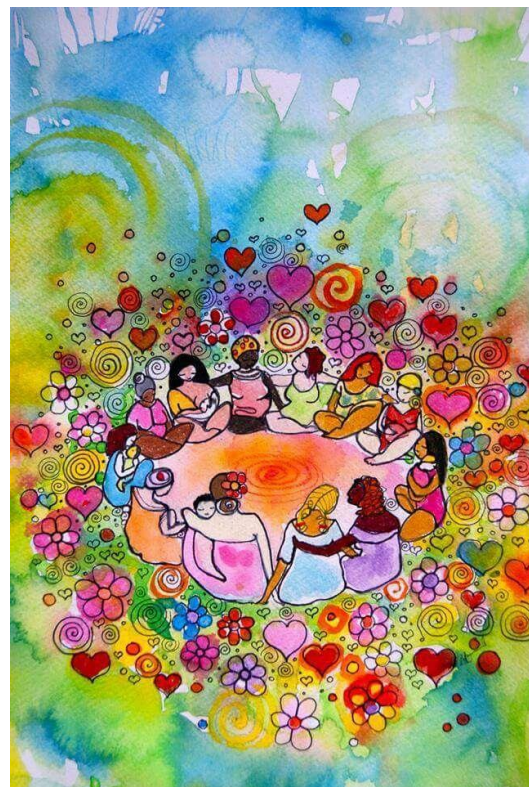
The First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a women's retreat on **Saturday, Oct. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The retreat will be held at the Retreat Center of the First Presbyterian Church, 20398 Waubascon Road, Battle Creek. To make reservations, please sign up in the Narthex.

The speaker will be the Rev. Annemarie S. Kidder, Ph.D., pastor of Pennfield Presbyterian Church.

The retreat will explore this year's PW Horizon Bible Study "Love Carved In Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments."

Rev. Kidder is an ordained minister in the PC (USA), who has served churches in Michigan and Ohio. She is a former seminary professor and author/editor of ten books on historical theology and biblical interpretation.

The charge will be \$8 which includes lunch at noon.



### **Nominating Committee Seeking Nominations for Deacon and Elder**

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the offices of deacon and elder. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Committee's chair, Cathy Walsh. The office of deacon entails the care of our homebound members and ministering to the needy in word and deed. The office of elder is that of governing the church through its governing body, the session, and involves leadership in a session committee. Please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to either office.

### **Leadership of Our Church**

For questions regarding programs and activities in our church, please contact the chair of the respective session committee or the moderators of deacons.

Administration and Personnel—Bart Sleeper (Elder, Chair), Tom Beaver (Elder)  
Christian Education—Kathy Heath (Elder, Co-Chair), Laurel Riley (Co-Chair)  
Evangelism and Fellowship—Cathy Walsh (Elder, Co-Chair), Jeanette Higgs (Elder, Co-Chair)  
Interpretation and Stewardship—Tom Beaver (Elder)  
Property and Finance—Lois Shubert (Elder, Chair), Jim Noble (Elder), Don Preston (Elder)  
Worship and Music—Kathleen Lyon (Elder, Chair), Lois Shubert (Elder)  
Moderator of Session—The Rev. Annemarie S. Kidder (Teaching Elder)

Moderators of Deacons: Ruth TenBroek and Dan La Valley (Co-Moderators)

### **Previous sermons**



Copies of previous sermons are on the table in the Narthex.

### **To Keep in Prayer**

Marshall Hlatko, Gay Noble, Helen Yates, Chuck Romine, Burrell Stults

### **Thank You from Esther Rayburn**

Thank you for donating crayons, pencils, and prescription bottles for the Operation Christmas Child project. A new item we now use is the empty thread spool. We add fishing line to it and it becomes a fishing bobber.

Thank you for your continued support.

Esther

### **Thank You from Joan VanOrman**

Hi to my Church Family. All is well in sunny Florida. We are enjoying life with our friends. We have made some special friends here, just like the ones we have in Michigan. I miss you all and look forward to the times I get home and see you. Love, Joan VanOrman

### **OPENER:**

Sep. 1: Bruce Newhard

8: Mick Shubert

### **SERVERS DURING SEPTEMBER**



15: Ruth TenBroek  
22: Bill Rothney  
29: Mark Baxter

**GREETERS:**

Sep. 1: Sara & Erin Galloway  
8: Dolores Carter & Laurel Riley  
15: Bruce & Karen Newhard  
22: Mitch & Marie Hull  
29: Bart & Trina Sleper

**USHERS:**

Sep. 1: Bruce & Karen Newhard  
8: Mick Shubert, D. Preston & Dick Walker  
15: Kathy Lyon & Ruth TenBroek  
22: Tom Beaver & Glenn Alday  
29: Marty & LuAnne Pierson

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

Sep. 1: Bruce & Karen Newhard  
Mick & Lois Shubert

**LAY READER:**

Sep. 1: Aaron Jordan  
8: Thom Outman  
15: Mark Atma  
22: Lois Shubert  
29: Cathy LaValley

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:**

Sep.1 Joann & Don Preston  
8: Cathy Walsh & Christine Ayres  
15: Rosemary Hahn & Woody Booher  
22: Sara & Erin Galloway  
29: Dennis & Sandy Shaffer

**LOCK UP:**

Sep. 1: Don Preston  
8: Cathy Walsh  
15: Burrel Stults  
22: Mick Shubert  
29: Mark Baxter

**COUNTERS:** Dan & Cathy LaValley

**Anniversaries**

Sept. 4: Jim and Gay Noble  
5: George and Kathy Garms  
9: Darrell and Marcia VanVleet  
11: Mick and Lois Shubert  
14: Orv and Dorothy Stevens  
15: Richard and Kathy Adler

**SERVERS DURING OCTOBER**

**OPENER:**

Oct. 6: Tom Beaver  
13: Burrel Stults  
20: Steve Higgs  
27: Cathy Walsh

**GREETERS:**

Oct. 6: Sara & Erin Galloway  
13: Tom & Chris Beaver  
20: Christine Ayres & Char Pierce  
27: Joe and Jean Schlubatis

**USHERS:**

Oct. 6: Bev Grimes & Kathy Lyon  
13: Burrel Stults & Martin Pierson  
20: Steve & Jeannette Higgs & Dick Walker  
27: Mitch & Marie Hull

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

Oct. 6: Jeanette Higgs, Kathy Lyon  
Don Preston, Bev Grimes

**LAY READER:**

Oct. 6: Trina Sleper  
13: Mark Baxter  
20: Thom Outman  
27: Bill Rothney

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:**

Oct. 6: Mitch & Marie Hull  
13: Don & Joann Preston  
20: Donna Teichman & Kathy Lyon  
27: Susan Jordan & Christine Ayres

**LOCK UP:**

Oct. 6: Bart Sleper  
13: Don Preston  
20: Mark Baxter  
27: Bill Rothney

**COUNTERS:** Debbie Trayer & Kathy Heath

**Birthdays**

Sept. 7: Keri Shaffer  
9: Mark Baxter  
18: LaJean Hewitt  
19: Neal Harris  
22: Dorothy Stevens

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## Monthly Planner

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