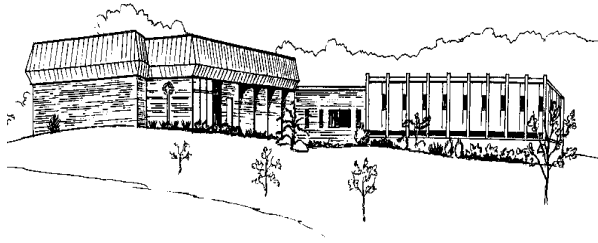


# *Pennfield Press*

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Dear Friends,

At a recent pastors' retreat sponsored by our Presbytery, we went around the room introducing ourselves. Of the thirty or so participants, about half of us introduced themselves as “transitional pastor” of such and such church. Why not use the term “Interim Pastor” as in our Book of Order? Why call ourselves a “transitional pastor” when what we are doing is filling in for the “interim”?

The short answer is that a lot has changed in our culture and churches. Worship attendance has plummeted drastically in the past two decades, as has church membership, finances, and people's interest in being part of and active in a church.

In the olden days, churches called an interim pastor to be a place holder until the “real pastor” got here. In the olden days, churches expected an interim pastor to make a few tweaks to the structure, proceedings, or organization of a church so the new pastor wouldn't have to deal with the tedious, the troubling, the distasteful entanglements of the past. In the olden days, the interim pastor might also expose some underlying or simmering issues and attempt a quick fix and then leave. But those were the olden days.

I certainly have seen that and more. Over the past thirty years, I have served five interim positions (including Pennfield Church), and three more churches who were looking for a pastor. And I was chair on the Committee on Ministry overseeing all interim and temporary contracts for six years. All of that is to say that I have been doing and breathing interim ministry for the larger part of my pastoral life.



So what I want you to know is this: First, the number of churches in transition is increasing, in fact has more or less doubled in the last twenty years. Second, the old model of “interim” pastor as place holder has been superseded by that of “transitional pastor.”

The transitional pastor prepares the church not so much for the next “real” pastor, even though we transitional pastors are “real” and “ordained” pastors, as for the next stage in ministry. Our job is to help you envision and do ministry in the twenty-first century because a lot has changed. It's to help facilitate the transition of “how we have always done it” to “how

we might do it.” It's to look at our surrounding culture and ask the question, “What do people need?” instead of asking, “What do we need or want?”

This past year we have been doing just that. We have looked around us and seen that there are schools with children nearby who need tutoring. There are people living on the brink of poverty who we have invited in and who have become members of our church. There are people who have not sat in an adult Sunday school or

Bible class since their youth and they are now playing catch up. There are people who can't stand committee work but will volunteer and pitch in if asked and we welcome them. And there are those who don't want to join but still play an active role in serving and giving financially to our church. Do you see the shift?

Every Sunday I hear about how excited you are about the new spirit in our church. Yes, we are in transition and I'm privileged to serve as your "transitional pastor" as together we move into a new stage of ministry, a new stage of exploring where the Spirit of our Lord will lead at such a time as this.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Annemarie



### **Consecration Sunday on Nov. 3**

On **Sunday, Nov. 3**, we will offer up our stewardship pledge cards and talent sheets unto the Lord. Please be in prayer about how much you plan on giving monthly during this coming year. Pledge cards will be available at church on that Sunday. Those who do not return their pledge cards on that Sunday will receive their card in the mail. There will be a meal served in Fellowship Hall after worship.



### **All Saints Day to be Celebrated at Church—Calling for Names**

Please submit in writing to the church office the name or names of loved ones who died this past year 2019. We want to honor and remember your loved one in a reverent way by reading their name on All Saints Day, **Sunday, Nov. 10**, during worship. Please submit names no later than Tuesday, **Nov. 5**.



### **Children's Sunday School Classes**

Each Sunday during worship, except on Communion Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month, Sunday School classes are offered for children. A big thanks to our committed teachers!



### **“Music by Request” Concert with Esther Rayburn**

We are looking forward to hosting Esther Rayburn in concert. She will be joined by the Women’s Chorus, the combined choirs, and soloists on **Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.** Donations of non-perishable food, baby diapers and baby food would be appreciated. All donations will go to the NorthEast Neighborhood Food Pantry.



### **Welcome New Members**

We welcome as our newest members Joy Lou-Katherine Thomas, Durwood (Woody) Booher, Nicole Martinez, Aaron Jordan, Steve Phillips, and Rachelle Narovich. May God’s grace be tangible to you in our midst as you use your God-given gifts.

### **Church Directory Update**

An updated church directory will be coming out in January and we need your help. Please check your information in the current directory and let the office know if there any changes. We feel it is important to put as much information as possible in the directory so we have added emails. We need your email address if you have one (this will only be used for church mailings and if you prefer, it will not be printed in the church directory). Please let the office know your desire ASAP. We would also like to put in Birthdays and Anniversaries. Please make your corrections in writing and indicate any changes and additions on the sheet in the Narthex. The cut-off date is Monday, **Dec. 2, 2019.**

### **Adult Education Classes**

#### **--Bible Study on the Epistle to the Philippians**

We will continue our study of Paul’s letter to the church in Philippi. Our study guide is by N. T. Wright, former Bishop of Durham and professor of New Testament. Copies of the study guide are available in class. The class meets in the Library.

#### **--Wired Word “Contemporary Issues” Class**

Topics vary and range from socio-critical to economic, religious, and social justice issues. The class meets in the Music Room.

Please note that on Concentration Sunday there will be no Adult classes.

### **Pastor’s Bible Study**

Each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. we will meet in the Music Room to study the upcoming preaching text with Pastor Annemarie.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

**Presbyterian Women News**

### **PW Thank Offering**

The Thank Offering by the Presbyterian Women will be taken up during the month of November. At least 40 percent of the offering will fund hospitals and health ministries. Blue envelopes are available in the pews. PW will also be doing a bake sale during the Hanging of the Greens and would be grateful for any baked goods contributed. For any questions, please see PW Moderator Gay Noble.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next PW Board meeting will be **Nov. 25** at 1 p.m. All women of the church are invited.

### **Decorating the Church**

Hanging of the Greens or decorating our church for Advent and Christmas will be **Sunday, Nov. 24** after church. Please note there will be no adult ed classes that day. The Presbyterian Women will be sponsoring a soup luncheon for the workers. Please make sure to sign up if you plan on helping so we know how much soup to prepare.

Also, during the Hanging of the Greens, PW will have a bake sale.

# **Deacon's Corner**

### **CROP Walk update**

At our recent CROP Walk we had participating as walkers: Mark Baxter, Joy Thomas, Lila Back, Don Preston, and Harry Scheuffele for a total of \$785 collected. We want to thank everyone who sponsored our walkers and all those who prepared sandwiches and goodies for the walk.

### **Christmas Baskets**

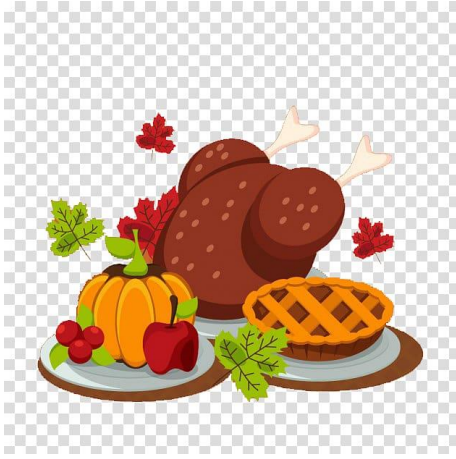
We have received the names of our families who will be receiving Christmas Baskets this year. The items requested will be posted on our bulletin board by **Nov. 21**. We are asking that you please take a tag, purchase the item, and bring it back to church wrapped. Your gift should be identified by its tag number, such as "Boy 6, Family C." All gifts need to be here at church by **Dec. 15**. If you would like to contribute but don't want to shop, please see any deacon and we would be happy to shop for you.

**Going Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 1**

The Deacons invite the congregation to join them in going caroling to our homebound members. We will meet later in the afternoon and return to church for a light supper.

### **Prayer Chain**

Our church has a prayer chain. All prayer requests will be kept confidential and participants are those currently serving as Deacons. Please direct prayer requests at this time to the co-moderators of the Board of Deacons, Ruth Ten Broek and Dan LaValley.



### **Turkey Potluck Dinner set for Saturday, Nov. 16 at noon**

Please make reservations for the church-wide turkey dinner on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The church will provide the turkey, so all we need from you is a dish to pass. The dinner is being sponsored by the Fellowship and Evangelism Committee.

### **Yoga Class to Start Up Again on Monday, Oct. 28**

Our Yoga instructor, Amanda Wallace, will be offering a six-week session of beginners/chair Yoga. The class meets in the Music Room on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. for one hour, and will run until **Dec. 2**. The cost is \$8 per session or \$42 for all six sessions.



### **To Keep in Prayer**

Marshall Hlatko, Dolores Carter, Char Pierce, Helen Yates, Chuck Romine, Don Farrington, Jack Hagist, Mark Baxter, and Burrel Stults.



### **Our Sympathy**

We extend our condolences to the family of Orv Stevens who joined the church triumphant on Oct. 9. Orv and Dorothy Stevens were long-time members of our church. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

### **Previous sermons**

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





# Church PROPERTY

## Property & Finance

We have made many improvements to our property in recent months. Please take a look at the picture boards in Fellowship Hall which were lovingly put together by Elder Lois Shubert. We are grateful to all who gave funds for capital improvements and the beautification of our church inside and out.

### **New Railing Installed**

One of our newest members, Steve Phillips, made the new wrought-iron railing leading up to Fellowship Hall. The former railing was too low with bars too wide. Many thanks go to Steve, Darrell VanVleet, Jim Noble, Lois Shubert and Bruce Newhart for helping with the reinstallation and painting of the railing.

### **New Chair Lift installed**

Last month we received the gift of a new chair lift which makes the church fully handicap accessible. We thank everyone for the gift of their time in installing it.



### **Hannah Circle Bible Study**

The Hannah Circle will meet for the PW Horizon Bible study on **Tuesday, Nov. 19**. We will meet for lunch at 12:30 followed by the Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. The study will be facilitated by Pastor Annemarie. Study books are still available in the Library for \$10.

### **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study**

The next men's breakfast will meet at 7:00 a.m. on **Sunday, Nov. 10**. We will cook breakfast and study the preaching text for that Sunday. All men are invited and be sure to bring a friend.

### **Day Light Savings Time**

Please set your clocks back on **Saturday, Nov. 2**, so you will be in worship on time. We wouldn't want you to be late.

**Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5**



**OPENER:**

Nov. 3: Laurie Riley  
 10: Darrell VanVleet  
 17: Tom Beaver  
 24: Mark Baxter

**GREETERS:**

Nov. 3: Don & Carolyn Hammond  
 10: Carla Stine-King & Laurel Riley  
 17: Mitch & Marie Hull  
 24: Susan Jordan & Kathy Lyon

**USHERS:**

Nov. 3: Cathy Walsh & Esther Rayburn  
 10: Dennis Shaffer & Darrell VanVleet  
 17: Tom Beaver & Richard Adler  
 & Dick Walker  
 24: Jim Noble & Dan LaValley

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

Nov. 3: Cathy Walsh, Char Pierce  
 Esther Rayburn, Laurel Riley

**LAY READER:**

Nov. 3: Jay Moore  
 10: Ruth TenBroek  
 17: Carla Stine-King  
 24: Cathy LaValley

**LOCK UP:**

Nov. 3: Jay Moore  
 10: Burrel Stults  
 17: Steve Higgs  
 24: Mark Baxter

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:**

Nov. 3: Stewardship  
 10: Burrel & Deanna Stults  
 17: Jeanette & Steve Higgs  
 24: Chris Beaver & Kathy Heath

**COUNTERS:** Darrell VanVleet & Bev Grimes

Nov. 2: Mickey Harris  
 3: Jason Cope  
 8: Suzanne Beaver  
 11: Sally Moore Michelle Martens  
 17: Maggie Goll  
 19: Noah Brown  
 20: Erin Galloway Peter Atma Todd Paul, Jr.  
 26: Laura Nettleton  
 27: Burrel Stults  
 30: Nelson Dull

**SERVERS DURING DECEMBER****OPENER:**

Dec. 1: Jay Moore  
 8: Mick Shubert  
 15: Darrell VanVleet  
 22: Mark Baxter  
 29: Don Preston

**GREETERS:**

Dec. 1: Lois & Mick Shubert  
 8: Burrel & Deanna Stults  
 15: Tom & Chris Beaver  
 22: Jay & Sally Moore  
 29: Bruce & Karen Newhard

**USHERS:**

Dec. 1: Sally & Jay Moore  
 8: Mick Shubert & Bart Slepser  
 15: Darrell VanVleet & Eric Tucker  
 & Dick Walker  
 22: Mark Baxter & Tom Beaver  
 29: Don Preston & Burrel Stults

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

Dec. 1: Jay & Sally Moore  
 Deanna & Burrel Stults

**LAY READER:**

Dec. 1: Tom Beaver  
 8: Trina Slepser  
 15: Mitch Hull  
 22: Aaron Jordan  
 29: Jay Moore

**LOCK UP:**

Dec. 1: Mick Shubert  
 8: Jay Moore  
 15: Ross Jarrard  
 22: Don Preston  
 29: Burrel Stults

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:**

Dec. 1: Lois & Mick Shubert  
 8: Jay & Sally Moore  
 15: Rosemary Hahn & Woody Booher  
 22: Debbie Trayer & Susan Jordan  
 29: Bev Grimes & Carolyn Hammond

**COUNTERS:** Cathy Walsh & Kathy Lyon

Nov. 16: Don & Joann Preston  
 22: Dan & Cathy LaValley



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## Monthly Planner

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