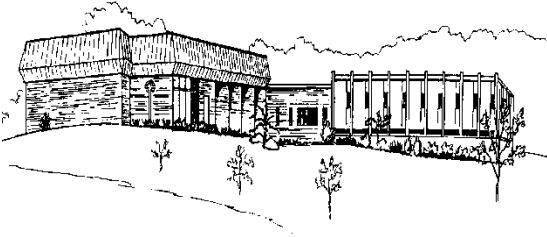


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September 2019 Newsletter



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

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Dear Friends,

With the change in color of trees, leaves, and grasses, we are reminded that the cycle of life never stops. Nothing stays the same for long. Our children grow, grow up, leave home. Our relationships change over time. Our bodies change, too. We will never be as young as we are today. We will never be quite the same a day or a week or a month from now.

We may not like change and would rather stay the same, have things the way they have always been. To have nothing change gives us a sense of comfort and security. It offers us the impression that all is right with the world when, in fact, it could mean the

Churches and their leaders who do not reinvent themselves, who do not adjust to the demographics and social and cultural climate, innovative technologies and advances will be decisions because money is becoming more members are few. Churches in our own our Presbytery, are closing at an alarming that we are used to employing in our churches no longer work. Many of the models that I was trained in since seminary and in earlier years in ministry have become obsolete.



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change, who do not quickly shifting along with the use of faced with difficult and more tight and denomination, including rate. Many of the models

Change is an indicator that there is life and that new life can and wants to spring up. Here in church, we have seen a number of changes. New mission and outreach and educational programs have sprung up, new ways of saving money and resources were implemented, and new friends and neighbors are using the space of our building. We have flung open our doors to the community. We have become a more welcoming and inviting church.

But these changes will also mean adjustments and some compromise on our part. Facilities get used by more people and “stuff” gets moved. Rooms that for years sat empty throughout the week and were being used only one day and one hour a week, now are being used at other times as well. The Fellowship Hall and our grounds have children and youth studying and playing as part of their home-schooling activities. The Music Room has a yoga class whose members are largely from our neighborhood. And soon there may be heard music and singing by children and youth and their music teachers as the Battle Creek Junior Music League will be using our building for meetings.

This month we will be receiving a total of seven new members. From what I am told, it is the first time in nearly 25 years that a new member class was this large. And for that we can give thanks to God. But new members will also mean new ideas, new energy, and again—change.

My prayer is that we will not resist change and the energy that new relationships, new programs, new venues of using our gifts can give. Let's welcome this God who never stays still, never rests, and always has something new to tell us and new ways of transforming us into his image and that of his son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

With joy and love,

Pastor Annemarie

Adult Education Classes

This month our adult education classes we will primarily focus on care of self and the earth, along with eco-friendly living. All classes will meet in the sanctuary at 11:20 a.m. after worship and coffee and conversation.

--Sunday, Oct. 6

"Eco-Friendly Living"

Care of the earth and our planet is fast becoming one of the major issues in public debate. In this presentation, we will learn of the causes of climate change along with the consequences and what concrete steps we can take to cut waste and become more discerning in the use of energy and natural resources.

Presenters: Mark Atma and Ruth Ten Broek

--Sunday, Oct. 13

"Eco-Friendly Living," continued

--Sunday, Oct. 20

"Principles for Optimum Health"

This class will provide an overview for healthy eating. What are the benefits of whole foods, which foods can treat and even reverse a number of chronic diseases, and how to select the healthiest foods. Also provided will be a number of recipes and food samples.

Presenters: John and Ruth Ann Coppin

John is a retired physical therapist with a MPH in Health Education. Ruth Ann is a retired dental hygienist and has received certification in Whole Foods Plant Based Cooking. Both are members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Battle Creek.

--Sunday, Oct. 27

"What was the Reformation all about?"

The Protestant Reformation of the early sixteenth century has had an enormous impact on the life of the church. This class will give an overview of the major changes in church doctrine introduced by Martin Luther and later by John Calvin.

Presenter: Pastor Annemarie S. Kidder



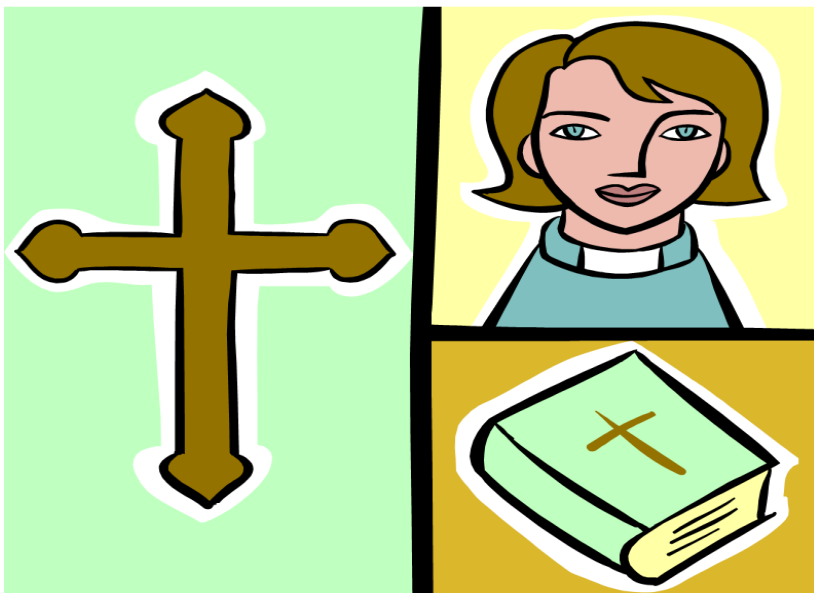
Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been set by Session for **Sunday, October 27** after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon, as well as nominees for Nominating Committee.

Presbyterian Women Annual Bedding Blitz--Changing Lives

Our mission project during October is the annual Bedding Blitz for the Charitable Union. New PILLOWS are needed again this year, as well as new or gently-used bedding of all kinds. The little bed will be in the hallway for your donations.

If you would rather give cash, we have ladies who would be happy to shop on your behalf.



Deacons Corner

The deacons are planning for this year's distribution of the community Christmas baskets. In addition to gifts, each year more funds are needed to help supply our families with a meal at the holiday season. We are asking you to be generous with your donations to the Deacon's Fund so we can continue helping needy families with children in the community. Look for more details and the deacons envelopes in November.

Prayer Chain

Our church now 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.

To keep in prayer

Marshall Hlatko, Dolores Carter, Char Pierce, Orv Stevens, Helen Yates, Chuck Romine, Don Farrington, Jack Hagist, Mark Baxter, and Burrell Stults

The Hannah Circle continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.



The theme of this year's Horizon Bible study focuses on the Ten Commandments. The study is being taught by Pastor Annemarie. We will meet for a sack lunch (bring your own) and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. and start the Bible Study at 1:00 p.m.

New Yoga Class to Start

We welcome back Yoga instructor, Amanda Wallace.

Her six-week yoga session will start on **Monday, Oct. 21** and meet again at 9:00 a.m. in the Music Room. The cost is \$8 per session or \$42 for all six.

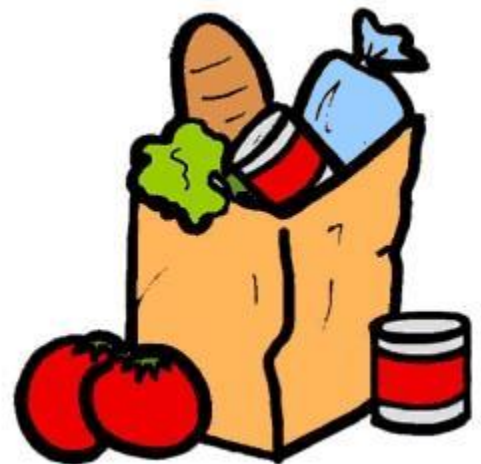


North East Neighborhood Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry's focus for the month of October is toilet paper, bar soap, and powdered laundry soap, as well as the regular staple items.

Family Fare receipts are still needed. Any receipt of purchase from the Family Fare stores can be put in the basket on the table in the narthex. When our pantry has received \$150,000 worth of receipts, Family Fare will donate \$1,000 to our food pantry. Every little bit makes a big difference! Volunteers are always needed.

Thank you to all the Pennfield Pres. volunteers and their donations of Time, Talent and Treasures.



Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has brought joy to 146 million children around the world through Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts. You can participate locally by donating items and/or volunteering the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am to noon, at the Covenant Hope Youth Center.

Suggested donations or craft supplies: crayons & pencils; hair bands & clips; miniature stuffed animals; match box size cars; empty prescription pill bottles; yarn & ribbon; scrap fabric over ¼ yard & felt squares; fishing line & hooks; Q-tips & small Band-Aids; decorated duct tape & letter-size envelopes; used greeting cards picture side; stationery & decorated typing paper.

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, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m.** If you want to work outside, please bring gloves and garden tools. See you soon!



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)



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."

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



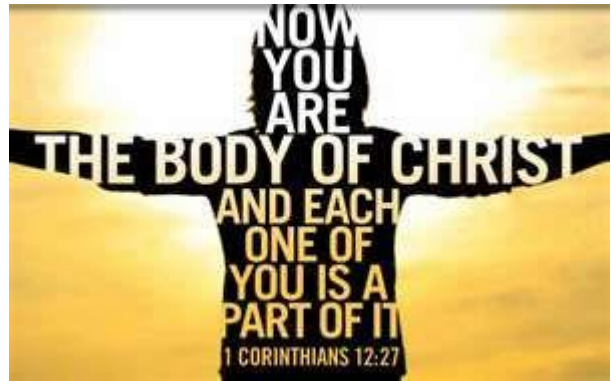
Church Directory Update

An updated church directory will be coming out in December and we need your help. Please check your information in the current directory and let the office know if there are 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 Dec. 1, 2019.



Pastor's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Each Tuesday at 11 a.m. we are meeting in the Library 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.



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

Birthdays

Oct 2: Jane Moore
3: Keith Martens
8: Kathy Heath Kristi Shaffer
9: George Garms
11: Doug Nettleton
13: Allison Halbert
16: Jim Jordan
24: Kathy Yost
25: Christy Cope Phillip Adler
26: Brittany Moore
27: Justin Pierson Tyler Pierson
28: Todd Paul
29: Luke Atma
30: Susan Jordan Esther Rayburn
31: John Goll

Anniversaries

Oct 6: John and Tracy Goll
9: Steve and Jeanette Higgs
11: Sandi & Bill Rothney
15: Jay and Sally Moore, Sr.
24: Jeff and Michelle Jarrard
25: Tom and Karen Lewis

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 & Charlotte Pierce
27: Joe & Jean Schlubatis

USHERS:

Oct. 6: Char Pierce & Kathy Lyon
13: Burrel Stults & Marty Pierson
20: Jeanette & Steve Higgs & Dick Walker
27: Marie & Mitch Hull

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Oct. 6: Jeanette Higgs, Kathy Lyon
Don Preston, Char Pierce

LAY READER:

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

LOCK UP:

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

COFFEE & CONVERSATION:

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

COUNTERS: Debbie Trayer & Kathy Heath

SERVERS DURING NOVEMBER

OPENER:

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

GREETERS:

Nov. 3: Steve & Jeanette Higgs
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
Kathy Garms, Laurel Riley

LAY READER:

Nov. 3: Jay Moore
10: Ruth TenBroek
17: Tom Beaver
24: Cathy LaValley

LOCKUP:

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

COFFEE & CONVERSATION:

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

COUNTERS: Darrell VanVleet & Bev Grimes

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