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

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Dear Friends,

This month again we have a shorter version of our newsletter.

We continue to livestream every Sunday at 10 a.m. from the facebook page Annemarie Kidder. Please remember to click like, comment, or share the post. The worship video is also posted on our church's facebook page, so you can catch up on Sundays you might have missed or watch the service again. The special music by Gayla Metzger and Franklin Ballard is also posted separately. Thank you to those who have been assisting others in getting online. Please contact the church office if you'd like to receive a weekly copy of the sermon.

Our Presbytery recommends that we not meet for in-person worship in our sanctuary until after Sunday, **Sept. 13**. When we do, we will continue to practice social distancing and wearing a face mask. We will also continue to livestream our worship services as our online "congregation" has steadily grown. Currently, our Session is exploring potential upgrades to our sound system, which is the original one from over forty years ago, and installing digital cameras and recording devices. Our communications coordinator, Lois Shubert and our chair of Worship Committee, Darrell Van Vleet, have been meeting with sound technicians for bids on these upgrades.

This month, we will celebrate Holy Communion on **Sunday, Aug. 2**. You will find the liturgy for the worship service at the end of this newsletter, so you can print it out and have it ready, along with some bread and juice or wine. The communion liturgy will also be blended in during worship.

On **Sunday, Aug. 9**, we will have another drive-through Coffee Hour outdoors. Please note that we will gather **at 11:15 a.m.** on that day to give people watching the worship service online enough time to get to church. We will follow the same procedures as last month's. Please line up in the driveway, pull up by the front door to pick up a song sheet, then park in the lot facing the front door while keeping the distance of one parking space. Note: there will be no food drive that day, only a celebration!

There are actually three celebrations happening that day:

1. Our graduates will be recognized. They are: Peter Atma, son of Mark Atma and Ruth Tenbroek, from college; Elijah Brown, son of Sheri Harris and grandson for Neal and Mickey Harris, from high school; Aidan Tucker, son of Eric and Beth Tucker, from high school. They will be receiving their "Jesus Can Do Anything Socks." Riley Eberhard, daughter of Troy and Susan Eberhard and granddaughter of Tom and Laurie Riley, graduated from high school and has already received hers.
2. A third-grade Bible will be given to Isabelle Link, daughter of Joy Thomas.
3. And we will receive our confirmands, who have successfully completed the requirements for membership and have written a personal statement of faith in lieu of meeting with and being examined by the Session. They are: Aidan Tucker, Joshua Tucker, Kaylee Tucker, Alanalee

Link, and Margaret Link. Mentors were Susan Jordan, Elsie Page, Donald Preston, Lois Shubert, and Darrell Van Vleet. The confirmands will each receive a Bible that we hope will be a companion to them in their Christian journey for many years to come.

On **Sunday, Aug. 16**, the Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema will be our guest preacher again as I will be on vacation for two weeks. We look forward to her message and are so grateful for the many ways in which she so enthusiastically supports our ministry. The following **Sunday, Aug. 23**, our worship team gets a break and we will post a worship video instead by our new Interim Synod Executive, The Rev. Chip Hartwick, who has just now moved to Michigan from the Chicago area.

The **Contemporary Issues Class** continues to meet at 11 a.m. via Zoom throughout the summer every week, unless otherwise noted. We are grateful to Tom Beaver for facilitating and sending out the study material beforehand. We are also grateful for all those helping others with Zoom or by assisting them through a dial-in connection. Please contact Tom directly if you'd like to be added to the email list.

In September, we will start a Bible Study to run parallel with the Contemporary Issues class. The study is on the **Sermon on the Mount** and the book is written by Amy-Jill Levine. Copies of the book will be available on the first day of class, **Sept. 20**. The cost is \$10. Please let me know if you'd like one.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in prayer Cathy LaValley, who is recovering from surgery, and also our homebound members.

We wish a Happy Birthday to:

Aug. 2: Dan LaValley

Rebecca Elliot

5: Stewart Ayres

9: Jenna Atma

13: Bruce Newhard

16: Steve Higgs

20: Ross Jarrard

26: Martin Pierson

29: Chris Beaver

Andrea Paul

30: Betty Fox

And a Happy Anniversary to:

Aug. 8: Jim & Lois Fleming

11: Debbie & Dennis Trayer

19: Todd & Andrea Paul

20: Bruce & Karen Newhard

26: Glenn & Carol Alday

Here is the Communion litany, which you may wish to print out, but which will also be blended in:

Opening Prayer (in unison):

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and lift up your holy name,
through Christ our Lord.

Hymn after Sermon

#520 "Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face"

Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face,
here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all our weariness upon you lean.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for us spread;
here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.

Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Song during Communion (sing twice)

#2164 "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

May we who have shared this holy meal,
go out as glad disciples of our Lord,
following in his way,
feeding others his name and words,
and living his love for the world. Amen.

Please continue to give thanks and praise to our Lord for his goodness and steadfast love.
I am sending you the joy and peace of Christ,