

# Pennfield Press

## September 2020 Newsletter

*Growing Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship*

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Dear Friends,

Last month, we received the recommendation from our Presbytery to postpone re-opening the church for in-person worship until January 2021. On Aug. 30, the Session met to discuss this proposal. The consensus was that we might aim for opening the church on Nov. 29, which is the first Sunday in Advent, so as to celebrate Advent and Christmas services in person.

This date is tentative and much will depend on the number of Covid-19 cases reported in our county. If the numbers are favorable, we will follow strict safety precautions.

1. All in attendance will need to wear a mask and keep at least 6 feet of distance. (The seats in the pews will be marked to indicate where to sit.) Seating will be toward the back.
2. There will be no social gatherings in the narthex either before or after worship.
3. The sanctuary and narthex capacity combined cannot exceed 30 people, which may mean that reservations need to be made by phone or email the week prior.
4. There will be no access to Fellowship Hall or the lower level.

Please know that Session is concerned for the safety of our members and hopes that you understand that these measures are intended to protect you, the ones we love.

Regardless of when we re-open for in-person worship, we hope you will continue to join us regularly for live-streamed worship on Sundays via facebook and for adult education classes via Zoom.

To contact us and for prayer requests, please call or email the church office or the pastor.

Happy Labor Day weekend and please join us for online communion on Sunday, Sept. 6, for which the liturgy is attached on the last page.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Annemarie



## A New Sound System

For the last couple of months, the Session has been receiving bids to replace our sound system. The current system is from the 1980s. It runs in analog mode and requires numerous buttons for adjustment and finetuning. The new system will be digital and operated from a laptop in the sanctuary. It will include both sound and video (with two cameras) that are linked to our livestream. The new system will give us greater flexibility with our livestreamed worship services and enhance the overall quality of our sound on video and in person.



Our old system will be donated to a foundation that distributes sound equipment to churches in developing countries.

The majority of the cost for the system will come from memorial funds. If you would like to contribute, you may do so by marking your check "Sound System" on the memo line.

## Adult Education Classes on Sundays

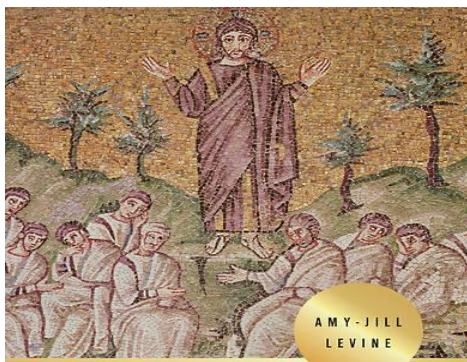
### Contemporary Issues Class

This class meets weekly via Zoom on Sundays at 11 a.m. Starting on Sept. 20, the class will meet at noon. Addressed are topics generated by the "Wired Word," an educational service that takes news articles of current interest in the areas of social, economic, and political relevance and examines them through the lens of the Christian faith. You will receive the articles with discussion questions beforehand.



If you would like to join, please contact Tom Beaver [thbeaver@aol.com](mailto:thbeaver@aol.com) or by phone.

### Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount



This class will kick off on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. and will meet via Zoom. Study books are available at the church for \$10 per copy.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is among the most well-known speeches of his. What did it mean to the people who first heard it and how did it change their lives? The study will provide a historical and theological overview of Jesus' beloved teachings. The class will be facilitated by Pastor Annemarie.

**SERMON** *on*  
**the MOUNT**  
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

## Financial Giving

Please remember to keep your pledges current by mailing in your offering to the church. We appreciate your support of our church staff and programs.

If you need information regarding your current balance, please call the church office. Our Financial Secretary, Jean Smith, will get back with you in timely manner.

## Online Giving Through our Church Website

A quick and easy way to give is through our church website. Here are the simple steps to follow:

Go to our church website [www.pennfieldpresbyterian.org](http://www.pennfieldpresbyterian.org)

Click on the Give Now button (right hand upper corner or lower corner left)

Create a Giving Profile

This will connect you with our Church's Giving Page.

Enter either credit card no. or bank routing number and account number.

You can decide whether to set up repeated giving (monthly or weekly) or make a one-time donation.

You have the option of giving to the General Fund, which supports our annual budget, or to the Capital Fund, which supports individual building projects or capital improvements, such as the Sound System.

Thank you to those who are already taking advantage of this service!



## Livestreamed Worship at 10 a.m.

Here are a few more tips on how to tune into our live worship service.

Go to the facebook page of Annemarie Kidder shortly before 10 a.m. When the live broadcast is on, you will see a notification in the “bell” icon either in the upper right corner or the lower left corner. This “bell” icon will have a red dot now. Click on the bell (which is really the notification icon) and you will see a message saying “Annemarie Kidder is live.” Click on that message and the video will appear.

Please note that while the video is on, you are in a virtual community. That means you can interact with other viewers, such as greeting them or clicking “like” on their comments. Also note that the video will stay up, so you can go back later if you missed watching or you can watch it again. You can also comment on the video later on. The worship video will also be posted on our church's facebook page, where it will stay up also. Each Sunday, Lois Shubert, our tech coordinator, records the special music separately on her facebook page.

You can share the worship video to your own facebook page after the broadcast has ended. To do so, simply click the “Share” button beneath the video.

If you would like to prepare for worship ahead of time, you will find a blurb on our church's facebook page every Friday introducing the topic or gist of the upcoming sermon and the preaching text, which tends to be the Gospel from our revised common lectionary.

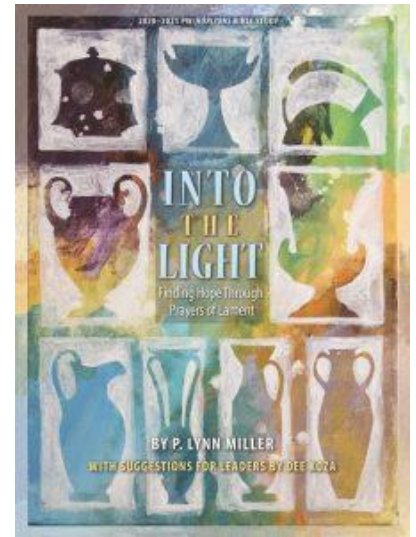
## Hannah Women's Circle

Welcome back to circle this year, as we include Marie Hull, along with Kathy Lyon and myself, as co-leaders.

Our Horizon Bible Study is called *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Psalms of Lament*. It will include opportunities to reclaim, or learn, the practice of lament, which can help us live faithfully in this in-between time, engaging the real world with our faith and our faith with the real world. The cost of the study guide is \$10.00 and \$15.00 for large print.

The Circle meets on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning Oct. 20. Please invite other women to join us. The study will meet via Zoom.

Deanna Stults, Circle Moderator



## Food Pantry and Food Bank

The Northeast Food Pantry is currently open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays providing food for the families in need in our community, as well as, baby items. Also, Meijer stores will be running an in-store Simply Give campaign this fall which will benefit all six food pantries in our neighbourhood. Our partner store is Meijer on Beckley Road. The dates are Sunday, August 23, 2020-Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020. The double match days are Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020. Or, if you prefer, you may make out a check to South Michigan Food Bank and mail to South Michigan Food Bank, 5451 Wayne Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49037 with "Northeast Food Pantry" on the memo line. Thanks, Laurie Riley

## Printed Sermon Copies

If you are unable to watch worship online, please contact the church by phone or email to have a printed copy of the worship service and sermon sent to you. Let's stay connected!

## Pastoral Care

Please keep in touch with one another during this time, especially with our homebound members. For prayer requests for the Deacons' prayer chain, please contact Dan LaValley or Ruth TenBroek, co-moderators of the Board of Deacons. For immediate needs, please contact Pastor Annemarie by e-mail, phone, or text.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Comment Section with Communion Liturgy for Sunday, Sept. 6**  
(Please has some bread and juice/wine ready prior to online worship.)

Opening Prayer (in unison):

Empty us, o Lord, of preconceived notions and prejudice.  
Empty us so that we might be filled anew with your Spirit.  
Empty us so that your Word might find room in us  
so we would act on it for your sake and to your glory. Amen.

Hymn after Sermon:

#291 (red hymnal) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free.**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing,

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free.**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.

Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.

With bold new decisions your people arise.

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free.**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

Communion Liturgy (please have some bread and juice/wine ready)

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.**

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread  
and the one cup

and you have made us one with Christ.

Help us to bring your salvation and joy to our neighbor.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

