

Pennfield Press

March 2021 Newsletter

Growing Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

We are about half-way through Lent and I wonder how you are doing with your particular Lenten practice. Have you abandoned it altogether or are you limping along with some days going better than others? I know I am not doing as I should.

I had hoped to read a lot more than I have so far, and the books are piling up by my chair unopened and unread. Some of you have shared that you plan on reading the Bible more. As valuable as this proposition is, reading the Bible, sitting with it, and letting the words percolate is not quite that easy.

So, if you want to dig a little deeper with Scripture, I suggest you pick one Gospel, preferably Matthew, Mark, or Luke, and just read one “scene” a day (since chapters often contain many scenes). By scene I mean one event in the life of Jesus, one action moment, one story, one dialogue and saying. Read it a second time, maybe out loud. And now listen to the particular word or words that might rise to the surface. Hold that word, that phrase, and ask the Lord what he wants to point out to you with it. Then, throughout the day, see if this word or phrase gains more momentum and color and meaning. In the evening, thank the Lord for new insights into his word and purpose for you.

This month we have several opportunities for a little cheer.

On Sunday, March 7 after our Communion worship service at 10 a.m., we will meet virtually via Zoom at 11 a.m. It’s a time to have fellowship and conversation and catch up with one another. There will be no 11 a.m. adult education class that day.

On Sunday, March 14, we “spring forward” by one hour for daylight savings time. Don’t forget to set your clocks an hour ahead, so you won’t be late for live worship.

And on March 28, we celebrate Palm Sunday with a drive-through fellowship time at 11:15 a.m. in our church parking lot. We will have palm branches available for you to pick up and wave and keep throughout the year. In return, we ask that you bring some canned food or dry goods for our Food Pantry.

Wishing you a fruitful Lenten season and looking forward to “seeing” you online and in person,

Pastor Annemarie





Property and Finance

The sound and video system is fully installed, and we have begun using it. The glitch we experienced a few weeks ago was caused by a modem reset and update through our internet service provider. We should be going forward without interruptions now and hope to train a few people to become familiar with the system. Please let me know if interested.

--Lois Shubert, Chair Property and Finance Committee

Adult Education Classes on Sundays

--**Contemporary Issues Class** This class meets weekly via Zoom on Sundays at noon. Addressed are topics of current interest in the areas of social, economic, and political areas which are examined 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 at thbeaver@aol.com or by phone.

--Book Study on Christian Practices

We continue our study of the five essential practices of the Christian life, taught by Pastor Annemarie. The book we are using is Adam Hamilton's The Walk. The book makes for great Lenten reading apart from class. We will continue to meet for our study on March 14 and 21 at 11 a.m. via Zoom.

Lenten Practices of our Members and Friends

Thank you to all who shared their Lenten discipline and provided us with inspiration.

- I will daily read the scriptures.
- I will increase my time of meditation.
- I will eat healthy.
- I will spend half an hour daily listening to God.
- I will read the Upper Room devotional guide daily.
- I will do a liquid fast once a week.
- I will change the way I feed my body so as to eat sacrificially rather than indulgently.
- I will be giving up my views on politics.
- I will become more aware of God's presence in my daily life.
- I will make more time for daily Bible reading and prayer.
- I will be less negative about people's short-comings.
- I will be practicing healthier eating and exercise daily.
- I will write a personal note of encouragement to people in my life at least five days per week.
- I will spend more time reading and studying the Bible since I am not as self disciplined as I could be.
- I will spend as much time with the Bible as I do playing games on my phone.
- I will cut back by one meal a day.



Fellowship and Evangelism

Let's get together in fellowship! Please mark these dates on your calendars.

March 7, 2021 11:00am A Zoom fellowship meeting, so have your coffee or tea and crumpet ready. Look for Pastor Annemarie's email to join Zoom. It will be great to see everyone!!

March 28, 2021 11:15am Palm Sunday: A drive-through fellowship with palms that will be handed out and a brief liturgy. When you come you can bring donations for the food pantry. We will also pass out prayer card that you can fill out and they will be given to the deacons' prayer chain as well as shared on the first Wednesday of the month during Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.

June 13, 2021 12pm-1pm Music in the Park and church picnic at church. Bring yourself, a friend, a chair, lunch, and bug spray. Beverage provided. Music will be provided by Paul Freeburn. Flower baskets from Pennfield Gardens will be for sale.

Also, please remember that many people are in the digital world, so this is where we meet them these days. Let's share the Sunday worship service on our own timeline. You might also want to share Pastor Annemarie's pre-sermon post on Fridays. Plus, we have prayer cards available at church to announce live Evening Prayer on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.



Easter Flowers to Order

It's that time of year to think about Easter flowers for the chancel area and communion table. Perhaps you would like to have flowers in memory of a loved one that has passed away or maybe have flowers to honor someone special in your life that gives you joy.

Flowers available are tulips (\$6), daffodils (\$6), and lillies (\$10). You may order flowers via email at pennpresBC@gmail.com, by calling the church, or in person during office hours

on Mondays and Tuesdays 1 to 5 p.m. Please make out the check to the church and mail in or drop off.

Your flowers will be available for pick-up after worship on **Easter Sunday, April 4**. Flowers not picked up will be planted in our gardens. Let's make the chancel area a beautiful backdrop for Easter Sunday!

Worship: Meeting In-Person and Via Facebook Live

We continue to meet for in-person worship while also livestreaming via facebook. If you choose to attend worship, please be present at least ten (10) minutes prior to 10 a.m. Livestreaming will begin at 10 a.m. Entry will be at the main church door only. Please wear a mask while in the building. Thank you all for working together!

Financial Giving

Thank you for your 2021 Pledge. We appreciate your support of our church programs and ministries. Giving statements have been mailed. For questions, please call our Financial Secretary, Jean Smith, at church, who will be available on Monday and Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Online Giving

A quick and easy way to give is through our church website, www.pennfieldpresbyterian.org. Click on the Give Now button and you will be guided to our Giving Page. Enter either credit card no. or bank routing number and account number. You have the option of giving to the General Fund, which supports our annual budget, or to specific projects, such as capital improvement or the deacons. Thank you for giving!

Musical Talent to Be Featured in March

On Sunday, March 7, the musicians leading us in worship will be **Gayla Metzger** at the piano and in song and **Jaclyn Burke** on the violin.

On Sunday, March 14, **Paula Krontz Harris** will lead us on the piano. Mrs. Harris is a music teacher and professional accompanist.

On Sunday, March 21 we look forward to **Franklin Ballard** leading us at the piano and in song.

And on Sunday, March 28, we welcome back **Paul Freeburn** on the guitar and in song.



Livestreamed Weekly Worship

Please worship with us regularly on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. via facebook live. And let us know you are online by leaving a comment, liking, or sharing the video. (The “like,” “comment,” and “share” buttons can be found directly beneath the video. You can click at any time during the live broadcast or afterwards.) These “clicks” serve as our worship attendance pad. Each Wednesday Pastor Annemarie posts a devotion and on Fridays the scripture on which the upcoming sermon is based.



Monthly Evening Prayer on March 3 at 6 p.m.

We meet again **on Wednesday, March 3 at 6 p.m.** via facebook live for evening prayer. Go to Annemarie Kidder on facebook and wait for the little red notification dot in the bell icon to appear. Click on that icon, and you will be joined in a live broadcast. Evening prayer is a time of scripture reading, a brief meditation, and the lifting up of those we wish to pray for. Simply put your requests in the comment section while we are live. And invite others to join.

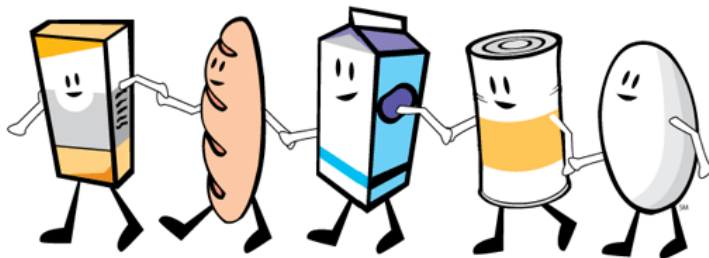
Pastoral Care and Deacons' Ministry

Please continue to check in with one another during this time of physical/social distancing. Our deacons have a system by which to connect by phone with our entire membership, so you might contact your deacon for help also. The new deacons will contact you shortly.

For prayer requests for the Deacons' prayer chain, please contact Susan Jordan, co-moderator of the Board of Deacons. For immediate needs, please contact Pastor Annemarie by e-mail, phone, or text.

Membership Directory Update

This year the updated Church Membership Directory was sent via email. For those without email, the directory was or is being delivered by one of our deacons. A few hard copies of the church directory are also available in the Narthex at church. If you have changes in personal information, please share them with our financial secretary, Jean Smith. Please note her changed office hours: She will be available at church on **Mondays and Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**



Northeast Food Pantry News

Meijer is having a first time ever Simply Give winter campaign. This campaign will run from Sunday, February 14 to Saturday, April 10, 2021. There will be two double match

days Saturday, March 13 and Saturday, April 3. On double match days Meijer will contribute an additional \$20 for every \$10 contributed by the public. The cards will be available at the registers at the Meijer on Beckley during the entire winter campaign time. Thanks to everyone who is willing to contribute to make this campaign as successful as the holiday campaign. This is another opportunity to help your neighbors in need. I am again willing to take any donations to Meijer that people want to send to me.

--Laurie Riley

Thanks to everyone who has been collecting and giving the Northeast Pantry your Family Fare receipts. We are working on collecting the last \$40,000 towards \$150,000 worth of receipts. This will be our third set of \$150,000. The pantry receives \$1000 for each set of \$150,000 worth of receipts we turn in. Esther Rayburn has been very gracious in taking on the counting and tallying of these receipts. It is a very time consuming endeavor.

I am also appealing for help in another way. After 19 years of volunteering, John Worthington has retired from pantry work. He had the responsibility of ordering and picking up food from the Food Bank once a week on Monday mornings and delivering and unloading the food at the Northeast Pantry. I am looking for someone who is willing to pick up from the Food Bank and unload at the pantry, perhaps on a rotating basis. Please let me or Elsie Page know if you or someone else is willing to help take on this mission. Thanks.
--Laurie Riley

Hannah Women's Circle

The Hannah circle is a group of women joining together to examine and share with each other using the Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible study. Our study this year is Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament. The study for March is about life and all the things that happen in it. Using the Bible and study guide, we move to understanding and finding hope in it all. Circle is a beautiful time of sharing and learning together. All women are invited to join us in this time of love and blessing.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom. The subject this time is "Lamenting Life," found in chapter five of the book. Marie Hull will send out the meeting invitation shortly before the meeting date. If you are not yet on the mailing list, be sure to let me, Kathy Lyon, Deanna Stults, or Marie Hull know and we will take care of that right away. If you can't join by Zoom, we can patch you in by telephone so you can participate by audio.
--Kathy Lyon

Our Sympathy

Our prayers are with the family of Don Farrington who joined the Church Triumphant last month. The committal will be private. A memorial service is planned for later in the year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

13: Joy Thomas
15: Hope Crisher
16: Jeff Jarrard
18: Kent Elliot
21: Jim Fleming
23: Helen Smith
27: Cassie Cope
31: Marcia VanVleet
Kathy Garms



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 8: Keith & Michelle Martens
10: Cathy and Jessie Boyer

Our Church's Leadership in Ministry

Session Committees

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Annemarie S. Kidder
Clerk of Session: Cathy Walsh Boyer

Property and Finance: Lois Shubert (chair),
Karen Newhard (elder), Darrell VanVleet

Worship and Music: Darrell VanVleet (chair),
Lois Shubert (elder), Woody Booher (elder)

Stewardship and Mission: Tom Beaver (chair),
Woody Booher (elder)

Administration and Personnel: Bart Sleper (chair), Darrell VanVleet (elder), Tom Beaver (elder)

Fellowship and Evangelism: Trina Sleper (chair), Lois Shubert (elder)

Christian Education: Kathy Heath (co-chair), Laurel Riley (co-chair)

Deacons

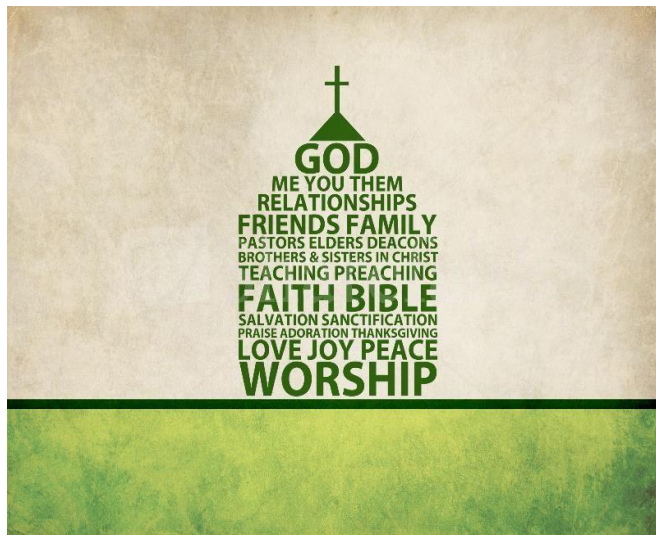
Co-Moderators: Susan Jordan and Marie Hull

Deacons: Susan Jordan, Marie Hull, Sandi Rothney, Steve Phillips, Rosemary Hahn, Joy Thomas, Marcia VanVleet, Lila Back, Harry Scheuffele

Deacon Assigned to Members:

(Deacons serve a group of members and friends based on last name; to look up your deacon, please consult the list below.)

Adler to Beaver: Sandi Rothney
Booker to Fleming: Marcia VanVleet
Fox to Heath: Harry Scheuffele
Hewitt to Kidder: Joy Thomas
Lewis to Monroe: Marie Hull
Moore to Phillips: Lila Back
Pierce to Schlubatis: Susan Jordan
Shaffer to Teichman: Rosemary Hahn
Thomas to Yost: Steve Phillips



Comment Section with Communion Liturgy for Sunday, March 3, 2021

(Please print out for livestreamed worship)

Opening Prayer (in unison):

Calm us, gentle Spirit, into a quietness that heals.

Open wounded hearts to the balm of your word.

Speak to us in clear tones.

And revive our dead bones

unto new life and hope in Christ. Amen.

Hymn after Sermon:

#83 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,

how passing thought and fantasy,

that God the Son of God should take

our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us to evil power betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death,
for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

Communion Service

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.



Communion Music

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

Eternal God,

we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself as a sacrifice to us.

Liberated from sin and strengthened,

we go now and give ourselves for others

as an offering, through Christ our Lord. Amen.