

Pennfield Press

July/August 2021 Newsletter

Growing Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

What a great turnout for our annual church picnic with music and entertainment! It was good to see so many of you after the long separation. So as to offer more opportunities for fellowship again (while observing proper safety precautions), the Fellowship and Evangelism Committee has planned several other activities.

First, on **Tuesday, July 13 from 3 to 5 p.m.** we will have a Wave-a-Thon. This means we will sit by the main road near the electronic church sign and wave at passing cars. Please bring a chair, a beverage, and an umbrella as a sun shield. Prayer cards will be available at the table.



Second, we will start having **fellowship time again after worship**. Once a month, on Communion Sundays, there will be no adult education class at 11 a.m. (the Pastor’s class) but instead we will gather in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and light refreshments, or “Coffee and Conversation.”

Fellowship dates on Communion Sundays will be:

Sunday, July 11 (Host: Cathy Boyer)

Sunday, Aug. 1 (Host: Jessica Harvath)

Sunday, Sept. 5 (Host: Lois and Mick Shubert)

Third, please note that there will be **no in-person worship on Sunday, July 4**. Instead we will be posting a video put together by the youth of Lake Michigan Presbytery. (I was sorry that none of our youth members were available to take part in this video, though we sure tried:).

This means that **Communion Sunday will move to July 11** this month. Since we are now open for in-person worship, I will no longer send out the communion liturgy in the newsletter.

And fourth, the **Annual Pig Roast has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25** at noon at Elder Woody Booher’s new home. (Details to come in September.)

For now I wish you a Blessed Happy Fourth of July and lots of sunshine and Son time,

Pastor Annemarie



Property and Finance



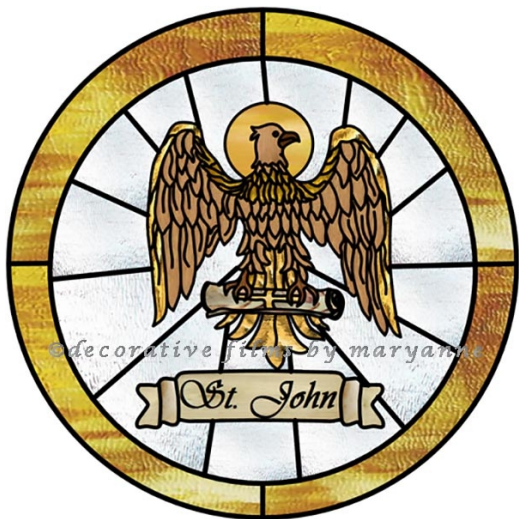
We had Comcast come in to do a reset on our phone and internet services for repair of router issues and phone. It took several attempts from their end and many hours on the part of church staff to get it fixed. We are also glad to have BC Sound and Stage, a local company, as our go-to tech support in case of glitches. Finally, please remember that we are still looking for a video-equipment savvy person, so we can move from use of the iPad to that of our camera system in the sanctuary.

A big thank you goes to our lawn-mowing crew, those who helped with the church picnic, and those willing to help water our flower beds.

--Lois Shubert, Chair, Property and Finance Committee

Adult Education Classes on Sundays

--**Contemporary Issues Class** will not meet in the months July and August, and our next meeting is in September. This class addresses topics of current interest in the areas of social, economic, and political areas which are examined through the lens of the Christian faith. If you would like more information about this class, Mark Atma is currently fielding any questions and may be contacted at markatma@comcast.net.



--Study on the Gospel of John

We continue to meet on Sundays **at 11 a.m.** via Zoom. Our meeting dates are on Sunday, July 18 and 25. There is no class on July 4 and July 11 (due to Fellowship time that day). You do not need a book to participate in the class; a Bible in current English will do just fine. A Zoom link is typically sent on Friday or Saturday.

Fellowship and Evangelism

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We also have now greeters scheduled to greet you at the main door on Sundays before worship:

July 11, 2021: Lila Back
July 18, 2021: Trina Sleper
July 25, 2021: Jessica Harvath

August 1, 2021: Cathy Boyer
August 8, 2021: Steve + Saskia Phillips
August 15, 2021: Darrell Van Vleet
August 22, 2021: Kathy Heath
August 29, 2021: Becki Monroe



Musical Talent to Be Featured in July

No in-person worship on July 4. On Sunday, July 11, we will celebrate Communion with **Paula Harris** joining us at the piano and **Carla Stine-King** in song.

On Sunday, July 18, **Franklin Ballard** will be leading us at the piano and in song.

On Sunday, July 25, **Gayla Metzger** will lead us at the piano and in song and **Jackie Burke** on the violin.

Worship: In-Person and Via Facebook Live

We 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. If you need a hearing device, please contact Lois Shubert beforehand. Livestreaming will begin at 10 a.m.



Summer Office Hours Remain Mo.-Tue. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jessica Harvath, our administrative assistant will be there from 9 a.m. to noon, and Jean Smith will be there from noon to 1 p.m. as well as being at church for a few hours on either Thursday or Friday.

Online Giving

If you would like to give online, please go to the church website, www.pennfieldpresbyterian.org. Click on the Give Now button, and you will be guided to our Giving Page. You have the option of giving to the General Fund, which supports our annual budget, or to specific projects, such as capital improvements or the deacons. Thank you for giving!



Livestreamed Weekly Worship and Facebook Devotions

We livestream our worship service from Pastor Annemarie's facebook page at 10 a.m. If you are early, you may have to refresh the page. Please leave a comment on the video page and a like, or share the video on your timeline. Each Wednesday Pastor Annemarie posts a devotion and on Fridays the scripture on which the upcoming sermon is based.

Monthly Evening Prayer on July 7 at 6 p.m.



This month we meet **on Wednesday, July 7 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

Although the Deacons will not be meeting again until August, they are not taking the summer off! They will continue to care for the congregation and friends through prayer, cards, and phone calls. Maybe even in-person visits! Each individual, couple, or family in the directory has an assigned Deacon, and the Deacons try to touch base with their group at least once a month. The hope is that these contacts will build relationships and let everyone know they are cared for. Questions or comments? Contact Susan Jordan or Marie Hull, Co-Moderators.

Please note: Prayer Cards are available on Sunday morning at the church's main entrance. Please fill out with name and contact info and drop in the offering plate. They will be shared with our deacons.

Financial Giving

Thank you for your regular financial contributions and for keeping your pledge up to date. We as a church are very fortunate that our expenses for the year continue to be below our income. For your current giving record, please call our financial secretary, Jean Smith, during office hours.

Northeast Food Pantry News--A Personal Note

Thanks to your Family Fare Direct Your Dollars receipts, we now have our third set of \$150,000 worth of receipts. The \$1000 that we will receive from Spartan Nash will be used to purchase shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes to give to our clients in need at the pantry. Thanks also go to Esther Rayburn for counting and tallying the receipts. Please continue to save and give us your receipts.

“Thank you to the congregation of Pennfield Presbyterian Church for all you do for the Northeast Food Pantry--the grocery donations, the money sent to the Food Bank Challenge, the Family Fare receipts, the Simply Give campaign, the donations of your volunteer hours, and the prayers
You are a true blessing to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your generosity in helping do God’s work here on earth.”

--Laurie Riley



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 1: Bill Rothney

5: Stewart Ayres

Marie Hull

9: Jenna Atma

13: Bruce Newhard

16: Steve Higgs

20: Ross Jarrard

26: Martin Pierson

29: Chris Beaver

Andrea Paul

30: Betty Fox

August. 2: Rebecca Elliot

2: Aidan Tucker

9: Margaret Link

11: John Baxter

Linda Baxter

Debbie Trayer

12: Sheri Harris

13: Bev Grimes

29: Jay A. Moore, Sr.

30: Laurel Riley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 8: Mark Atma and Ruth TenBroek

31: Nelson and Martie Dull

Aug. 8: Jim and Lois Fleming

11: Debbie and Dennis Trayer

18: Christy and Mark Halbert

19: Todd and Andrea Paul

20: Bruce and Karen Newhard

23: Jon and Karla Shotts

26: Glenn and Carol Alday

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 (elder)

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

--Stewardship and Mission: Woody Booher (elder)

--Administration and Personnel: Bart Sleper (chair), Darrell VanVleet (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:

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

Staff Members

The Rev. Dr. Annemarie S. Kidder, Pastor

Jean Smith, Financial Secretary

Jessica Harvath, Administrative Assistant

Bill Rothney, Treasurer

Gayla Metzger, Pianist and Organist

Franklin Ballard, Pianist

Lois Shubert, Worship Coordinator

Joy Thomas, Custodian

