

# Pennfield Press

## June 2021 Newsletter

*Growing Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship*

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Dear Friends,

With the extensive rain in recent days, my garden has erupted in a virtual explosion of color. Shades of green in leaves and stems alternate with the pinks and purples and reds of flower petals. But as lush as things are, it also takes ongoing weeding and trimming. Several of you have said that I have a green thumb, though I think the comment is just as fitting that said that I probably have "green knees"--because weeding and trimming requires some kneeling.



It strikes me that kneeling and weeding are related. When we kneel, we pray, and when we pray we "weed out" some of the wild growth. What is the wild growth that invades your spiritual garden? As you pray and focus on God's presence, what type of growth, what kind of weeds are interfering with the inner beauty of peace and hope and joy? Try naming those weeds and calling them out, so they can be uprooted and pulled out.

Speaking of weeding, a big thank you goes to all those who have weeded and mulched our flowerbeds around the church and in the Memorial Garden. Take a walk along the sloping flowerbeds, the rebuilt patio and pathway, visit the gazebo, the labyrinth, and the picnic area with the fire pit.

This month we will gather outdoors as a community. On **Sunday, June 13 at noon** we will meet at church for our **Church Picnic**. Bring a chair, a dish, and table ware. And we'll be entertained by musician and singer Paul Freeburn.

Also on **Sunday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m.**, the Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** in the sanctuary for the purpose of reducing the size of our Session from nine to six members.



As always I look forward to seeing you for in-person worship or via facebook online. With joy and peace,

Pastor Annemarie

## Property and Finance



We continue to look for a video-equipment savvy person, so we can move from use of the iPad to that of our camera system in the sanctuary.

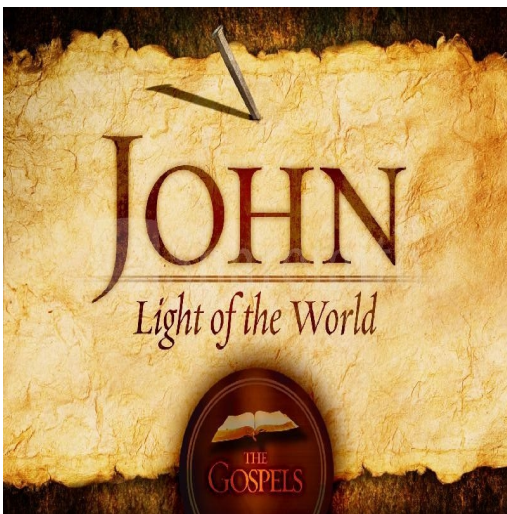
This month, repair work on the brick in the patio area will be done.

A big thank you goes to all those who helped clean up the flower beds around the church by weeding, planting, and spreading mulch.

--Lois Shubert, Chair, Property and Finance Committee

## Adult Education Classes on Sundays

**--Contemporary Issues Class** This class meets via Zoom. We are scheduled to meet on Sunday, June 6 and Sunday, June 27 at 12:15 pm. (Please note: we will not be meeting on Sunday June 13 or Sunday June 20). 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 as well as the Zoom meeting link. If you would like more information about this class, please contact Mark Atma at [markatma@comcast.net](mailto:markatma@comcast.net).



## --Study on the Gospel of John

This class meets Sundays **at 11 a.m.** via Zoom. The Gospel is the last of the four Gospels written. It is also the most complex, using metaphor and symbolism extensively.

Throughout the month of June, we'll continue to study John. As discussion starters, we are using Adam Hamilton's book John: The Gospel of Light and Life. You do not need a book to participate in the class; a Bible in current English will do just fine. A Zoom link is sent on Friday or Saturday.

Please note there will be no class on the day of the Church Picnic, June 13.

## Fellowship and Evangelism

Please join us on **Sunday, June 13 at noon** for Music in the Park and our **Annual Church Picnic** on the church lawn. Bring a friend, a chair lunch, and bug spray. Beverages will be provided. Live entertainment will be offered by musician and singer Paul Freeburn. And flower baskets from Pennfield Gardens will be available for sale.

On **Tuesday, July 13 from 3 to 5:30 p.m.** we will have a Wave-a-Thon. 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.



Please remember to share on facebook the worship service video along with the Friday scripture reading in preparation for Sunday that Pastor Annemarie posts on her timeline. And join us for live Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month via Pastor Annemarie's facebook page.

## Musical Talent to Be Featured in June



On June 6, which is Communion Sunday, **Gayla Metzger** will be leading us at the piano and in song. (Please see the liturgy at the end of the newsletter.)

On Sunday, June 13 we look forward to **Paula Harris** joining us at the piano and **Carla Stine-King** in song. On Sunday, June 20, **Franklin Ballard** will be leading us at the piano and in song.

On Sunday, June 27, **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. At this time, there is no fellowship/coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

## Office Hours are Mo.-Tue. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Since last month, the **church office hours are again 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.** 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.



## 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 have been below our income. If you need your current giving record or have questions about your contributions, please call our financial secretary, Jean Smith, during office hours.



## Online Giving

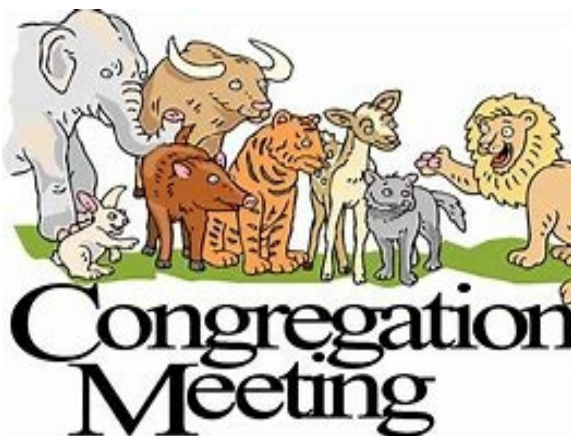
If you would like to give online but are having difficulties, please contact our administrative assistant, Jessica Harvath during office hours. The process of giving online is simple: Go to the church website, [www.pennfieldpresbyterian.org](http://www.pennfieldpresbyterian.org). Click on the Give Now button, and you will be guided to our Giving Page where one can enter either the 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 improvements or the deacons. Thank you for giving!

## Livestreamed Weekly Worship

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 June 2 at 6 p.m.

This month we meet **on Wednesday, June 2 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.



## Congregational Meeting Called for Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m.

The Session has called a special congregational meeting for the purpose of reducing the size of Session From nine to six members. The meeting will be in-person in the sanctuary and follow the regular worship service.

## Pastoral Care and Deacons' Ministry

For prayer requests for the Deacons' prayer chain, please contact Marie Hull or Susan Jordan, co-moderators of the Board of Deacons. For immediate needs, please contact Pastor Annemarie by e-mail, phone, or text, who will pass on your request to our deacons. Requests will remain confidential, as will any requests submitted on prayer cards.

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.



### May Flower Delivery

The Deacons' traditional May flowers distribution was very enjoyable this year, with less anxiety about delivering during the pandemic. Unfortunately two of our Deacons were ill on the day of, but others stepped up. Vases were delivered to shut-ins, severely ill folks, those who are grieving, staff, and others with major life challenges. Two out-of-town members were also sent simple arrangements. This way of saying, your friends from Pennfield Presbyterian are thinking of you, brings joy to the recipients and the givers. Making the arrangements doesn't take much time, and the Deacons cooperate in deliveries so no one has too big a load. Many thanks to all who made this possible!

## Hannah Women's Circle

The last regular meeting of the Circle year will be on **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 1 pm**. We will discuss Chapter Eight of Into the Light, and briefly review Chapter Nine, "The End of Lament."

The meeting will be on Zoom as per usual this year. The art to the right goes with Ch. 8, "God Laments," with redwood and ferns reminding of God's creation and vast love, and the vessel representing lament as a "container" for communication with God.

But wait...there's more! Vaccinations and the ebbing of the pandemic have brought us to the point of being able to gather safely in person. We can't wait for September for that, so we plan get together for a reunion and fellowship time. Details will be sent to those on the circle email list when available. Call Marie Hull if you have any questions.



## Northeast Food Pantry News

Thank you for your gifts of food items and financial contributions to the Food Pantry. Meijer on Beckley has another Double Match day for Simply Give on **June 19**, so each \$10 donation will equal \$30 to benefit the Food Pantry Ministries. We also have three new volunteers from our church at the Pantry, which are Ruth TenBroek, Harry Scheuffele and Mitch Hull.

Currently the pantry is in need of canned vegetables and jams or jellies, along with mayo, mustard, ketchup, sugar and flour. Staples are always welcome. Also, please save Family Fare receipts and bring to church as they convert into cash gifts for the Food Pantry. Thanks for all of your help and donations! --Laurie Riley



### OUR SYMPATHY

Our Christian sympathy goes to Chris Beaver and the Beaver family upon the death of Elder Tom Beaver. Tom was faithful member of the Session and a key leader in our church. In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to life eternal, we, the Session of Pennfield Presbyterian Church, commend him to our Lord Jesus Christ.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 3: Char Pierce

5: Durwood Booher

7: Richard Adler

14: Pat Farrington

15: Deanna Stults

Mick Shubert

17: Glenn Alday

20: Michelle Jarrard

27: Dick Walker



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### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 3: Eric and Beth Tucker

20: LuAnne and Martin Pierson

27: Kent and Rebecca Elliot

Susan and Jim Jordan

## 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



## Comment Section with Communion Liturgy for June 6, 2021

(Please have some bread and juice ready if joining us via facebook live.)

Opening Prayer (in unison):

Life-giver of the world, You breathed life into the flesh you created.

Breathe fresh life into the children of the earth, so by your Spirit they will work for peace with love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



#139 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, ancient of days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on they mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend: Come, and thy people bless,  
And give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour: thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be,  
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty,  
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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 Hymn #521 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

You satisfy the hungry heart, with gifts of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, o saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.

You satisfy the hungry heart, with gifts of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, o saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?

You satisfy the hungry heart, with gifts of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, o saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Prayer after Communion

You, o Lord, have given us the true bread from heaven.

**So strengthen us in your service**

**That our daily living may show our thanks,**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

