

# Pennfield Press

## April 2022 Newsletter

*Growing in Christ Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship*

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Dear Friends,

We are enjoying more sunshine and warmer days. The beginning of spring has brought us, amidst some snow flurries and iced driveways, the budding of trees and the petals of Lenten roses and snowdrops. We were just informed by our florist that there will be no daffodils for Easter service--as the growers or the flowers, or both--are on strike.



What if God went on strike one day? What if all our prayers remained unanswered, all our offerings and self-giving remained unacknowledged, all our worship were moot, and no peace like a river would flow through my soul? We rely on God daily, whether we know it or not, whether we are conscious of his presence or not. We count on the workings of natural laws, chemical reactions, scientific advances, medical knowledge, creativity in the performing and visual arts, detailed reporting of life-changing or life-giving facts and events, and the social

exchanges we commonly call love and grace.

God peeks out from beneath the covers of goodness, beauty, and truth. And this month, God appears in full splendor. No other event in human history shows the concrete features of the one who created the universe, created the earth, created anything living, created us. We call this event "Easter." For on Easter, the God who came to us in human flesh and who had been cruelly put to death, this God comes back to life so as to live for all eternity. And because he is alive, we who trust him with all we have got, we too shall have life eternal---not in ten or twenty or thirty years, but right now.

Will you join us on the Easter journey? **On Sunday, April 3** we will celebrate communion and have a hymn sing. Caleb Metzger, Gayla Metzger's grandson, will lead us at the organ and we get to raise our voices in joyful song. **On Sunday, April 10**, we will celebrate Palm and Passion Sunday with liturgical dance and a dance processional, led by Susan Jordan, while waiving our palm branches and hearing later on a reading of the Passion narrative of our Lord. **For Easter Sunday, April 17**, we will have one service at 9:50 a.m. followed by special treats in Fellowship Hall. And on **Sunday, April 24**, the Rev. Roxie Perry will be bringing the message while I'm away.

Wishing you now a blessed Lenten season, a holy Holy Week, and Happy Easter! Halleluia! Amen!

Pastor Annemarie

## Adult Education Classes



--**The Contemporary Issues Class** addresses topics of current interest on social, economic, and political issues and examines them through the lens of the Christian faith. You will receive the articles with discussion questions beforehand.

We continue to meet virtually via Zoom on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00pm. And then again we meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm. You will receive a Zoom link via email prior to the class.

If you would like more information about this class, please contact Mark Atma at [markatma@comcast.net](mailto:markatma@comcast.net).

### --**Finishing up our Lenten Study on The Lord's Prayer**

This class meets both in person and via Zoom on **Sundays at 11:15 a.m.** and is being led by Pastor Annemarie. We are using the book by the popular writer and pastor Adam Hamilton, titled *The Lord's Prayer*, where we explore the various parts of what Jesus recommended we pray about.

The class will finish up this month with only two more meetings, namely on April 3 and April 10. Please bring your suggestions for future studies to our class sessions.



### **Worship: In-Person and Via Facebook Live**

We meet for in-person worship and we livestream via facebook. If you attend in person, please **be present no later than 9:50 a.m.** If you need a hearing device, please contact Lois Shubert beforehand. Livestreaming will begin at 10 a.m.

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

Jean Smith, our financial and office secretary, is in the church office from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays**, along with a few hours on either Thursday or Friday.

## Fellowship and Evangelism--Open Again for Fellowship!

The Session voted at its March meeting to have again our fellowship time after worship. Starting on **Sunday, April 3**, we will have again Coffee and Conversation in Fellowship Hall right after worship. The adult education class will meet at 11:15 a.m.

Each Sunday prayer cards are available in the narthex to fill out and drop in the offering plate after worship. The prayer requests will be forwarded to our deacons' prayer chain and remain confidential.




Greeters and Refreshment Providers are:

Date	Greeters	Coffee/Refreshments
April 3	Sara and Erin Galloway	Christine Ayers
April 10	Kathy Lyon/Donna Teichman	Joy Thomas and Daughters
April 17	Mick and Lois Schubert	Fellowship Committee
April 24	Laurie Riley/Carla Stine-King	Susan Jordan

Thank you for making us a welcoming church!

## Presbyterian Women and Hannah Circle

We want to thank the members of the congregation for their generous support of our March Mission Project, "Coats for Kids". We are still tallying up the donations and will have a final amount in the May Newsletter. Deanna Stults will be calling women to invite them to attend the PWC board and general membership meetings. We are also looking for some people to fill positions on the board. The next board meeting is **Monday, April 25 at 1 p.m.** in the church library. Please join us then.  
--Sara Galloway, Moderator

Yeah ...we are meeting again, in person  and will be gathering in the library on Tuesday, April 19 at 12:30 p.m. (bring your own lunch, if you like) Our study will be at 1 p.m. with a lesson on Mary, who has the courage to say Yes to God, even though she faces disgrace, experiences a bewildering birth, a risky escape as a refugee, and a message that warns of the death of her son. Mary meets all of these difficulties with thoughtfulness and steadfastness. All the women of the church are invited to this meaningful time of fellowship and study! Hoping to see lots of you there!!  
--Deanna Stults, Bible Study Facilitator





## Property and Finance--Our May Auction!

The Session is excited to announce a benefit auction set for **Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to noon in our church's parking lot.** Currently we are looking for [your items or services](#) to be auctioned off. Ten percent of the proceeds will be evenly split between SAFE House (a local shelter for women and children) and our local Northeast Food Pantry.

A professional auctioneer, Claude McMillian, is offering his services to us.

You may bring **small items** to church on any Sunday after worship or during office hours on Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Large items** will accepted the week prior to the auction.

But you may also provide some **services**. Here are services that are already being offered, which may give you an idea of what we are looking for:

- Mystery 1 hour Classic car ride
- Mystery 1 hour Corvette car ride,
- 1 hour Massage by Karen Smith, massage therapist
- Family Boat ride on St. Mary's Lake
- German three-course meal for four people
- Beauty Make-over

For questions on potential items to donate or services to offer up for auction, please contact Elders Lois Shubert or Christine Ayres.

Thank you also for keeping your pledge current and for paying your per capita. You may also give online from our church website, [www.pennfieldpresbyterian.org](http://www.pennfieldpresbyterian.org). Click on the Give Now button, and you will be guided to our Giving Page. Thank you for giving!

## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

**Palm Sunday**, April 10 at 10 a.m.      Processional dance with palm branches, a reading of the Passion Narrative, and Blessing of the Palms

**Maundy Thursday**, April 14 at 6 p.m. Meditative Service with Communion

**Good Friday Service**, April 15      At First Presbyterian Church on Capital Ave. The church will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. for people to come and go for prayer and reflection with different stations and artifacts representing Jesus' journey to the cross.

**Easter Sunday**, April 17 at 9:50 a.m. Resurrection worship, followed by fellowship and refreshments

## **Livestreamed Worship and Facebook Devotions**

We livestream worship from Pastor Annemarie's facebook page at 10 a.m. Please leave a comment and like. Each Wednesday a devotion is posted and on Fridays the scripture on which the upcoming sermon is based. All worship services and devotions are also on our church's FB page and remain there.

## **Deacons' Corner**

We welcome as our newest deacon Karen Newhard, who will be ordained into office on April 3. Our deacon moderator is Jessica Harvath. If you have a prayer request for the deacons' prayer chain, please contact Jessica directly at [jessicaharvath1964@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaharvath1964@gmail.com). All prayer requests are being kept confidential.

## **Stewardship and Mission: The SHARE Center**

The SHARE Center on Grove Street in Battle Creek provides "a mutually-supportive, safe space with resources for the recovery of vulnerable people who are experiencing issues with homelessness, mental health, hunger, or addiction." They serve about 3,500 people with meals each year. Barriers to recovery and stability are addressed by assistance with obtaining vital records, transportation, and mental health support. The homeless and under-housed people (eg, someone sleeping on a friend's couch temporarily) are linked to services and jobs or benefits. Support groups and addiction recovery services are offered. And veterans are being served, along with mothers with children.

Since we as Presbyterians are called "to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor," based on the Matthew 25 initiative by our Presbytery, we might consider the SHARE Center as a place where we could answer that call. Maybe it's working in the resource room by sorting items, such as toiletries, food, or clothing. Or maybe it's making and serving soup. For more information, please go to their website, [www.sharecenterbc.org](http://www.sharecenterbc.org), contact their volunteer coordinator, Kathy Antaya, or contact me directly.

--Marie Hull, Elder and Member of Stewardship and Mission Committee



## **Northeast Food Pantry News**

The winter campaign for Meijer Simply Give ends April 2, 2022. The Spring Campaign will begin the next day on April 3, 2022 and will run through Saturday, July 2, 2022. The Double Match day will be Saturday, June 18, 2022. For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on this date, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20 bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. The Neighborhood Food Pantry Ministries partner store is Meijer on Beckley. Northeast Food Pantry is part of this group and benefits from the donations generated from the Simply Give campaigns. Thank you for your generosity and support.

--Laurie Riley, Coordinator

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1: Isabelle Thomas Link

2: Dolores Carter; James Perry

6: Trina Sleper

7: Tracy Goll

12: Jessica Harvath

14: Joann Preston; Corey Shubert; Alanalee Link

18: Eric Tucker

27: Jan Moore



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY--none

## New Church Directory--April 2022

A new church directory in alphabetical format was sent to you via email. Please note that this directory should be saved on your computer as it is in legal-size format.

If you prefer a hard copy, they are available at church in the narthex. Please note that an earlier directory with a yellow cover was issued containing several omissions and errors. Please discard and pick up the **corrected and latest version, which has a blue cover.**

## Our Session of Ruling Elders

Property and Finance--Christine Ayres (Chair), Mike Monroe (Elder)

Fellowship and Evangelism--Sara Galloway (Chair)

Christian Education--Marie Hull (Chair)

Stewardship and Mission--Aaron Jordan (Chair), Marie Hull (Elder), Christine Ayres (Elder), Mike Monroe (Elder)

Worship and Music--Kathy Lyon (Chair), Aaron Jordan (Elder), Christine Ayres (Elder)

Administration and Personnel--Lois Shubert (Chair), Christine Ayres (Elder), Kathy Lyon (Elder)

Clerk of Session: Kathy Lyon

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Annemarie S. Kidder

## Joint Officers Retreat and Self-Study

Elders and Deacons met on Saturday, March 19 to review the Book of Confessions, the Book of Order, and our church's bylaws. We also began the first steps in our self-study by revisiting the church's history, going back to its beginnings in 1961. Since we have more work to do, we will continue this process with another joint officers' retreat for our deacons and elders on **Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m.**

Members of the Self-Study Team are Sara Galloway, Marie Hull, Kathy Lyon, Laurie Riley, and Lois Shubert. Please contact Kathy Lyon if you are interested in serving this way.

