

Pennfield Press

June 2022 Newsletter

Growing in Christ Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

With the start of this month and Memorial Day we tend to say that summer is here. Soaring temperatures and abundant weeds in garden and lawn are proof. The heat makes us tire more easily and invites a slow-down. As students have graduated and schools are in summer recess, we at church are slowing down a little as well.

The liturgical season that begins this month is the season of Pentecost, lasting until October. It is the season of the Holy Spirit, the power behind all things, the comforter, the advocate, the stabilizing energy that gives us strength and perseverance in our Christian life of faith.



These days we certainly need strength with a healthy helping of hope. So much has changed in just these past few years. After the global pandemic, there is now a war in Europe, growing national drug use and abuse, human trafficking, and financial worries--all threatening our sense of stability and global peace. What used to be true doesn't seem to be any more. The ideals we trusted are laced with cracks. The values we thought enduring are coming apart at the seams. Maybe we are becoming less sure about where we stand--on religious issues, such as the role of women in the church, worship attendance, and financial giving; or on public issues, such as gun control, cannabis use, abortion rights, same-sex marriage, climate change. Maybe we have even gone so far as to reverse our former treasured opinions and moral stance--something we never thought possible before. And now we are wondering what remains stable and which center still holds.

Let's remember especially now what and who our center is. It's not a political party or candidate. It's not a local or national leader or sports team. It's not better jobs, less inflation, stricter laws and police. For us, it's Jesus, also called the Rock. He is and ever should be our center, the central relationship in our lives, the one whose voice we hear and who informs our decisions and actions so that whatever we do for the sake of justice and unity and peace, we do for God--by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Annemarie

Adult Education Classes

--**The Contemporary Issues Class** will take off during June, July, August. The class will reconvene in September.

--Book Study: "Traveling Mercies" by Anne Lamott

This class will meet weekly for the entire month of June. We meet via Zoom and in person on **Sundays at 11:15 a.m.** The class is being led by Pastor Annemarie.

Anne Lamott is a best-selling author who came to faith at a Presbyterian church in California, where she continues to serve as a teacher and elder. One of her famous quotes is her definition of prayer. "There are only two kinds of prayer," she says. "Help! Help! and Thank you! Thank you!" Looking forward to seeing you in class.

--New Bible Study: "Missing the Mark--A Crash Course on the Subject of Sin"

This class will meet weekly for four times in June. We will meet in **person only on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the Church Library.** The class is being led by Pastor Roxie Perry. Topics include a definition of sin, sin's origins, the effect of sin on human life and creation, and what to do about it.



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

We continue to have Coffee and Conversation after worship. Jean Smith has once again taken on the job of scheduling greeters and servers for Coffee and Conversation. Please check the schedule posted in each month's newsletter and follow up with her if you need to make any changes.

--Sara Galloway, Chair

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



Greeters and Refreshment Providers are:

Date	Greeters	Coffee/Refreshments
June 5	Marti Dull and Lila Back	Cathy and Jesse Boyer
June 12	Erin and Sara Galloway	Steve and Jeanette Higgs
June 19	Kathy Lyon and Donna Teichman	Joann Preston and Lila Back
June 26	Dennis and Sandy Shaffer	Christine Ayres and Marti Dull

Thank you for making us a welcoming church!

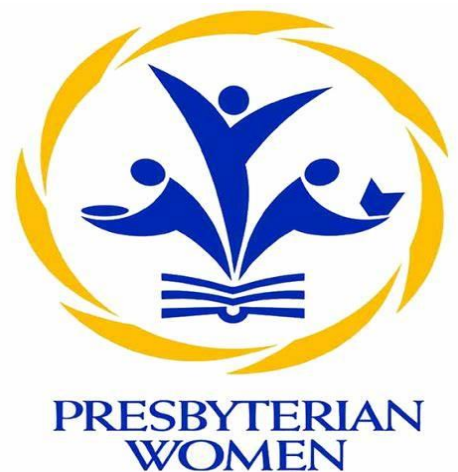
Presbyterian Women

Thanks to all who provided baked goods and those who bought them at our Bake Sale at the Church Auction. This really helps to replenish the PWC Mission Fund.

TRI-Church Salad Supper Yes, life is getting back to normal!! The Annual Tri-Church Salad Supper will be held at the **First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m.** Call Jean Smith at church or Sara Galloway to sign up by June 1 to reserve your place.

We will wrap-up the year at our meeting on **June 27 at 1 p.m. in the Church Library.** Please join us then.

--Sara Galloway, Moderator



Hannah Circle

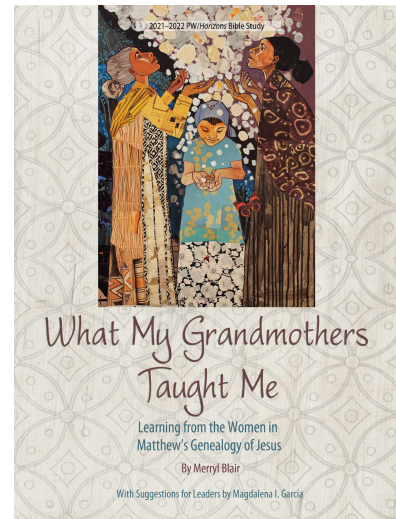
The Hannah Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, June 14 at noon** at the home of Deanna Stults at 14427 Acorn Cove Trail, Battle Creek 49017. Please bring your own lunch, and drinks will be provided.

Our study will begin at 1 p.m. as we finish up the lesson, titled “What are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?” Through the stories of outsiders and marginalized people we see the kingdom of God, in which the last are made first. If you don’t have the book, and would like to join us, please read the first chapter of Matthew.

We would like to invite any woman who may be interested in our Bible study for next year, “Celebrating Sabbath.” A sample preview will be available at the meeting. The author of the new Horizon Bible study is the Reverend Dr. Carol Bechtel, professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan.

We look forward to seeing new faces, as we study and fellowship together each month. Please join us!!!

--Deanna Stults, Bible Study Facilitator



Property and Finance--May Benefit Auction



Our Church Auction turned out great! The weather was perfect. Sun hats, sunscreen, sun glasses and Corvettes were the highlight of the sale! People got some pretty good buys and auctioneer McMillen served us well. A few more sales are pending online. Thanks to all those who helped before, during, and after the sale. Without your help this wouldn't have happened. It is truly a blessing when people can come together and help make a difference.

The Memorial Garden is shaping up nicely. This month the grounds were opened up to the public. The area has been plotted, squared off, and markers have been placed for the burial of cremains. The church family area also has been updated. We also have granite markers to help family members easily identify their loved ones. These past few months, we have worked diligently to create a peaceful, country setting. Please, take a stroll down to our Memorial Garden to see for yourself how beautiful the area looks with new plantings and garden decor.

I want to thank all the committee members for working many, many hours to make this happen. This has been in the making for several years and finally has come to fruition. I am praising God for providing us with the vision to make this happen.

If you are unable to walk down the steps, please speak with me or Lois Shubert to get driving directions to the garden. All things are possible through Jesus Christ our Lord!

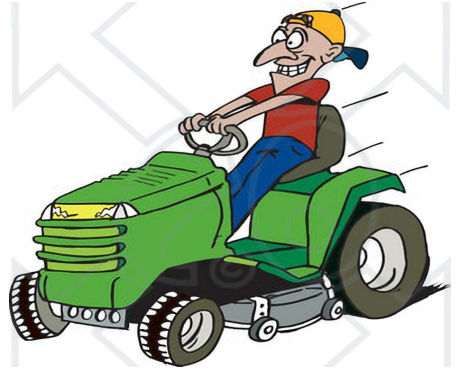
Blessings
Christine Ayres, Chair

New Lawn Mowing Crew--Thank You!

Our new team has started to maintain and mow our five acres of lawn. What a great crew they are! There are several seasoned members that continue in this ministry along with many new ones. Members of the new crew are (in no particular order): Steve Higgs and Mick Shubert (Captains), Steve Phillips, Bill Rothney, Jim Jordan, Mark Baxter, Jesse Boyer, Butch Ayres, Jeff Jarrard, Jesse Harvath, and Dennis Shaffer. Thank you for helping in this way! You guys rock!

If you would like to help with weeding of our flower beds, please let us know. Thank you also for keeping your pledge current and for paying your per capita.

--Christine Ayers and Lois Shubert, Property and Finance



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



The Deacon's delivered the May Flowers last week to our homebound members and friends. They received many comments about how much they appreciated our church family and how they loved the visits with our deacons. Members out of town will received a card. A huge Thank you goes to Sandi Rothney and Cathy Boyer for putting together the arrangements and to all the deacons who made home visits and calls.

The deacons continue to touch base with our members and friends assigned to them on a monthly basis. If you have not heard from your deacon in a while, please let me know.

Also, remember that if you have a prayer request for the deacons' prayer chain, please contact me at jessicaharvath1964@gmail.com. All prayer requests are being kept confidential.

--Jessica Harvath, Deacon Moderator

Stewardship and Mission: The SHARE Center

Please continue to consider the SHARE Center as a place where we could answer a call to serve in the Battle Creek community. Many other churches are participating at the SHARE Center. 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, contact their volunteer coordinator, Kathy Antaya, or contact me directly.

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

Northeast Food Pantry News

Things are going well at the pantry. Our numbers are increasing. We are now averaging between 30-40 families weekly. School will be out soon so there will be an even greater need for food because kids will be home for breakfast and lunch during the week.

Thanks to food and monetary donations we are able to keep our shelves stocked in order to meet the needs of our neighborhood. However, we can always use soup, jelly/jam, chips, cookies, crackers (any and all kinds), canned spaghetti sauce, mayo, mustard, ketchup, sugar, flour and toilet paper. Also, keep turning in your Family Fare Direct your Dollar receipts. We must have the whole receipt; and it must say Direct Your Dollars. We are only about \$6000 away from having another \$150,000 worth of receipts. We will turn these into Spartan Nash (Family Fare) and will get a check for \$1000. This money will be used to purchase shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes/toothpaste, and hand/body lotion. There is great need for these items.



As a reminder, Meijer's spring Simply Give campaign is going on until July 2. The Double Match Day is Saturday, June 18, 2022. Your \$10 donation is matched by Meijer with \$20 for a total of \$30. Northeast's partner store is Meijer on Beckley. Thanks again for all PPC does for the Northeast Pantry neighborhood: food, money, volunteers, Family Fare receipts, Simply Give donations, love and prayers. You are AWESOME.

--Laurie Riley, Coordinator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 3: Char Pierce

5: Susan Mauney

7: Richard Adler

14: Pat Farrington

15: Deanna Stults

Mick Shubert

19: Glenn Alday

20: Michelle Jarrard

27: Dick Walker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 3: Eric and Beth Tucker

20: LuAnne and Martin Pierson

21: James and Roxie Perry

27: Susan and Jim Jordan

Kent and Rebecca Elliot





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)

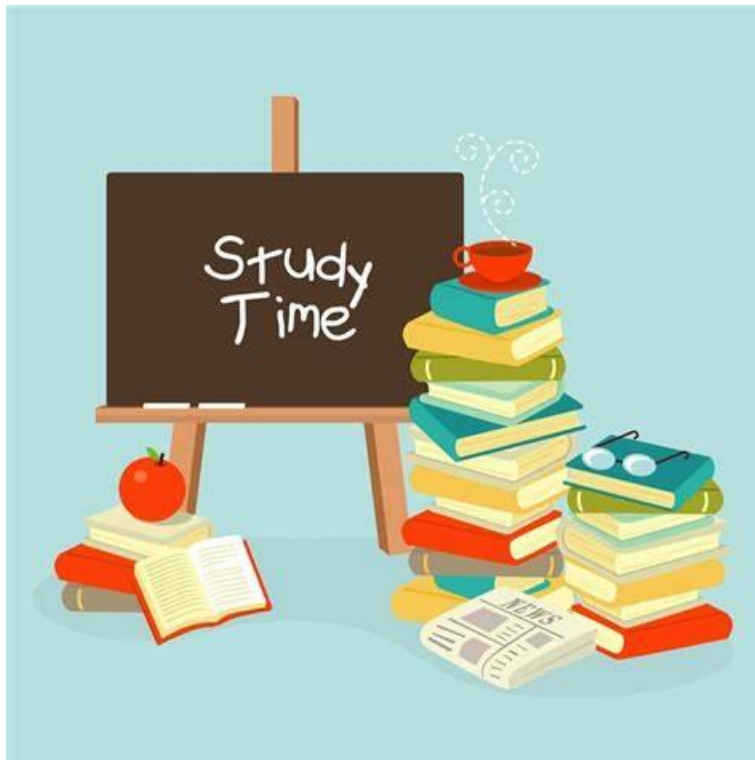
Worship and Music--Kathy Lyon (Chair), Aaron Jordan (Elder), Christine Ayres (Elder)

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

Clerk of Session: Kathy Lyon

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Annemarie S. Kidder

Follow-Up Joint Officers Retreat and Self-Study



Elders and Deacons met again on May 21 to finish up the self-study portion of the retreat.

Members of the Self-Study Team are now Christine Ayers, Sara Galloway, Marie Hull, Kathy Lyon, Laurie Riley, Karla Stine-King, Harry Scheuffele, and Lois Shubert.

The purpose of a self-study is to look at the history of our church, assess where we are currently, and suggest potential next steps.

A self-study is suggested to be done every five to ten years, whether a church is looking for a pastor or not. In our case, the last self-study was done in 1998-99. In other words, we were long overdue!