

# Pennfield Press

## July/August 2022 Newsletter

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

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Dear Friends,

With summer here, I hope you get to spend some time outdoors and perhaps catch up on reading. I for one will delve into the new novel by Allison Pataki on Marjorie Post of Post cereal fame.

Many activities will continue at church. That includes fellowship time with refreshments and surprise treats. The deacons will continue to make calls and keep in touch with those they serve. And our self-study committee will continue to meet to review our church's history and what has been accomplished over the past few years. Here are a few highlights:

--We were able to bring the church back from being in serious financial crisis to a stable footing. Thank you all for your stewardship and faithful contributions!

--We have no less than three outside groups meeting at our church during the week.

--We have a diverse and highly professional music ministry, thanks to our four musicians.

--We installed a new sound and video system, whose tech team allows us to livestream worship each week. (The additional prep work required is certainly worth it!)

--We moved away as much as possible from paper to electronic communication.

--Our public presence has been expanded via a redesigned church website, an active church Facebook page that gets updated and "fed" three times a week, and regular news articles in the Shopper and denominational magazines.

--A Memorial Garden is open to the public with brochures available at all local funeral homes.

--And we had a dozen new members join in the last three years along with the blessed addition of an associate friend and sister in Christ, Pastor Roxie Perry.



**On Sunday, July 10**, we will have our missionaries from the Philippines visiting. The Rev. Cathy Chang will preach and she and her husband, co-missionary, Juan Lopez, and their daughter will share with us during coffee hour.

I pray we can all hone in us the virtue of gratitude for the abundance in our life and at church, for what is good, what is lovely, beautiful, and true. As Caryl Micklem says in his hymn,

Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart and a discerning mind;

Give, as I play the Christian's part, the strength to finish what I start

And act on what I find."

With love and joy,

Pastor Annemarie

## **Missionaries to Visit our Church**

We are excited to welcome the Chang Lopez family to Pennfield Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, July 10**. The Rev. Chang will be preaching and during coffee hour the couple will share more about their mission work in the Philippines. Our church has been a sponsor of their work through the Presbyterian Mission Agency for many years. The last time they visited our church was five years ago.

Both the Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez work primarily with migrants and those caught in the trap of human trafficking and forced sexual exploitation. According to the United Nation's International Labor Organization, currently about 21 million people are victims of coerced labor and sexual exploitation. The couple's work is supported in part by churches in Asia and the United States, as well as by non-profit organizations and private donors.

If you would like to give in addition to our church's support of them, you may go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/rev-cathy-chang-and-juan-lopez/>.

Looking forward to seeing you in church!  
--Aaron Jordan, Chair,  
Stewardship and Mission Committee



## **Adult Education Classes**

--**The Contemporary Issues Class** is on break until September.

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

The class will continue in September and we will probably spend another month with it. So, it might still be worthwhile to get a copy of the book, available at bookstores and online.

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

We want to thank Pastor Roxie Perry for the marvelous job in leading this four-week study. What a great turnout there was! We hope she might repeat this class in the near future and offer another class in the fall.

## **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.

## **Summer 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 throughout the summer. Please check the schedule posted in each month's newsletter and in the Narthex and let Jean Smith know if you need to make any changes.

The Fellowship Committee also wishes to recognize and thank all who helped with setup and cleanup or Nelson Dull's Memorial service and luncheon. Thank you all--it was a great team effort and was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the Christian Ed Committee for organizing the Graduate recognition.

--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
July 3	Mark Atma and Ruth TenBroek	Susan Jordan and Laurie Riley
July 10	Chris Beaver and Kathy Heath	Bruce and Karen Newhard
July 17	Sandi and Bill Rothney	Steve and Jeanette Higgs
July 24	Don and Carolyn Hammond	Mark Atma and Ruth TenBroek
July 31	Bruce and Karen Newhard	Carla Stine-King and Chris Beaver
Aug. 7	Judy McFadden and Susan Jordan	Marti and LuAnne Pierson
Aug. 14	Mike and Becky Monroe	Dennis and Sandra Shaffer
Aug. 21	Char Pierce and Joann Preston	Kathy Lyon and Donna Teichman
Aug. 28	Steve and Saskia Phillips	Darrell and Marcia VanVleet

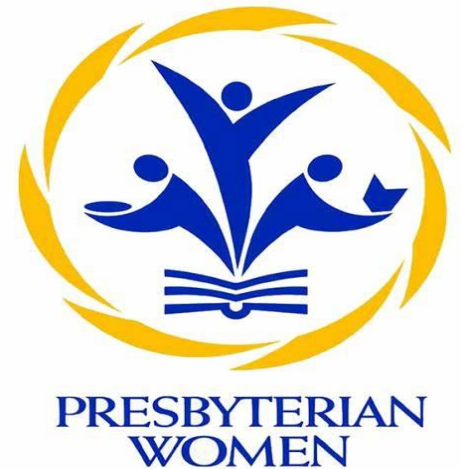
Thank you for making us a welcoming church!

### Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) held our final PWC Board and general membership meeting on June 27th. We summarized our successful year of fellowship, Bible study, and mission support, both locally and world-wide. Thanks to all who helped fund these efforts.

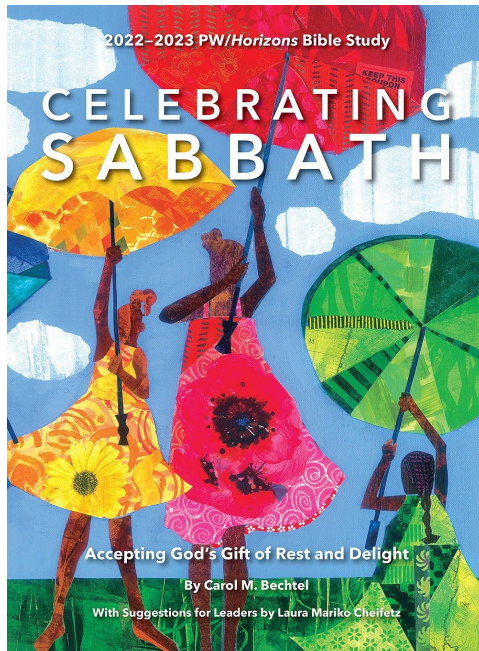
We are looking forward to the 2022-23 programs. Our theme for the coming year is "Celebrating Sabbath." Watch for more information over the summer and plan on joining us for our kickoff program in September. Til then have a summer filled with joy and peace.

--Sara Galloway, Moderator



### Hannah Circle

The Hannah Circle will be using the months of July and August for rest and relaxation. Our study "Celebrating Sabbath" begins the third Tuesday in September, **Tuesday, Sept. 20.**



Jesus invites all of us to celebrate the “gift” of Sabbath, allowing us to deepen our friendship with God and others and the rest of creation. It is a call to trust God to provide for our needs, and also involves a commitment of hospitality to others. It’s first and foremost about honoring God. We realize that worshiping in community is key for sustaining us in our Sabbath journey. Therefore, we would like to invite ALL women of the church to join us next year in this study. We will be ordering our books the first part of August. A copy of the study book is in the library if you care to preview it. If you have not already signed up, please contact Deanna Stults. This year, we will only be ordering enough books for those who **sign up by Monday, Aug. 8.**

We so enjoy our time with each other in fellowship and study, and would love to have you join us.

--Deanna Stults, Bible Study Facilitator

### A Thank You Note

A huge thank you to all who helped with Nelson’s worship service and luncheon. You all did a superb job, including the set-up and clean-up. It sure was wonderful to have our sanctuary filled with over ninety people. God bless all of you.

--Martie DePond Dull



## Property and Finance

I am excited to say that the work on our Memorial Garden has been completed. Now it is ready for the public as well as our members and friends. All local funeral homes have brochures to hand out to families who are considering cremation and want the type of spiritual ambiance that our church's Memorial Garden offers. If you have family, friends and neighbors that are considering cremation, take them a brochure, found in the narthex, and invite them to take a walk there and rest for a while in this peaceful setting.

The Memorial Garden is also a gathering place for wildlife. The other day I spotted a big rabbit in it which I sighted a few days later in the playground area, where it was feasting on some weeds.

Members of our mowing crew are doing an excellent job of keeping our grounds neat and beautiful. Thank you, Men, so much for your beautiful work there! Just be sure that you contact on your assigned week your partner to coordinate the time and the area that you are planning on mowing.

We have numerous planters these days on the patio, at the church entrance, and in the Memorial Garden. Chris Beaver, Lois Shubert, and I have been keeping these watered and the flowers deadheaded. But we could use additional help.



Also, help is needed for pulling weeds in our flower beds and the playground area. Weeds are an eyesore to visitors and we really need several helping hands here. If you could take only 30 minutes per week to pull a few weeds, we would be on safe footing again. Donating your time in this manner will beautify our church and can offer you also a deep sense of satisfaction.

If you are able and willing to help, please let Lois Shubert or me know. We can't wait to hear from you!

--Christine Ayres, Chair of Property and Finance

## Worship and Devotions

We livestream worship each week from Pastor Annemarie's Facebook page at 10 a.m. Please leave a comment and like. Each Wednesday the Pastor posts a devotion 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 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. For prayer requests to the deacons' prayer chain, please contact me at [jessicaharvath1964@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaharvath1964@gmail.com) or by phone. All prayer requests are being kept confidential.

--Jessica Harvath, Deacon Moderator

## The SHARE Center

Please continue to consider the SHARE Center as a place of service. Many local 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](http://www.sharecenterbc.org), contact their volunteer coordinator, Kathy Antaya, or contact me directly.



Here are some personal experiences there recently.

Each year, "the SHARE Center serves over 30,000 healthy and delicious meals to over 3,500 hungry individuals and families. We work hard to provide a nice atmosphere where families can eat together and people can build social capital and community." Of course, this time of year many of us feed our families with lots of fresh produce, sometimes from our own gardens. The SHARE Center staff like to do the same thing. Below are some photos I took. My husband, Mitch, and I went there to help assemble some new picnic tables. The fence is designed so individuals who are hungry can reach through and pick a tomato, zucchini, cucumber, etc. The locked gate prevents vandalism. The raised beds in the middle of the garden will produce more tomatoes, greens, etc. Clients can ask for helpings of vegetables from the raised beds. The cook will use the produce for meals, also.

Photo at left above: Mitch Hull examining newly assembled picnic table.



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

## Northeast Food Pantry News

Thanks to the help of our church's Family Fare shoppers, and many others, Northeast Pantry has reached a goal of collecting \$150,000 worth of Family Fare receipts. This is our fourth set and will give the pantry \$1000 in cash. The money will be used to purchase shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant, and hand/body lotion for pantry clients. We have already started collecting for our fifth set of \$150,000 worth of receipts, so please keep collecting them and putting them into the basket in the narthex at church, giving them to me, Laurie Riley directly, or mailing them to the Northeast Pantry, 342 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017.



Meijer will be kicking off the Fall Simply Give Campaign this July. The campaign will run a total of 13 weeks from **Sunday, July 3** through **Saturday, October 1, 2022**. There will be **two** double match opportunities, one on Saturday, August 13 and one on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Our partner store is Meijer on Beckley. The pantry continues to do good work with the help of our church family. Thank you!  
--Laurie Riley, Coordinator

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 1: Bill Rothney

2: Aidan Tucker

9: Margaret Link

11: John Baxter, Linda Baxter,  
Debbie Trayer

12: Sheri Harris

18: Glea Anthonissen

29: Jay A. Moore, Sr.

30: Laurel Riley

Aug. 1: Harry Scheuffele

2: Rebecca Elliot

5: Stewart Ayres, Marie Hull

9: Jenna Atma, Kevin Elliot

13: Bruce Newhard

16: Steve Higgs

20: Ross Jarrard

26: Martin Pierson

29: Chris Beaver, Andrea Paul

30: Betty Fox



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 8: Mark Atma and Ruth TenBroek

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

26: Glenn and Carol Alday



## 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

## Christian Sympathy



We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of **Beverly Grimes**, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 28, 2022 and whose funeral took place on **June 7** at the grave site with Pastor Annemarie officiating. A reception will be held on **July 14** from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Riverside Golf Club on Columbia Ave. You may also make memorial contributions by using the envelope found in the narthex.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of **Dolores Carter**, who joined the Church Triumphant on June 22, 2022 and whose funeral took place on **June 28** at Bachman Hebble Funeral Home with Pastor Annemarie officiating. You may still make Memorial Contributions by using the envelope found in the narthex.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of **Nelson Dull**, who joined the Church Triumphant on Oct. 19, 2021 and whose memorial service took place on **June 18** at church with Pastor Annemarie and Pastor Jack DePond officiating.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of **Elinor Thorpe**, who joined the Church Triumphant on Jan. 1, 2022 and whose funeral will take place at 11 a.m. on **July 18** at Pennfield Presbyterian Church with Pastor Annemarie and Pastor Mike Howard officiating.