

Pennfield Press

September 2022 Newsletter

Growing in Christ Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

With the end of summer a new cycle begins. For students it means the beginning of classes and a new school year; for us at church it means the beginning of a new season of learning, worship, and service.

As a kick-off to several activities, our Fellowship and Evangelism Committee is sponsoring an overview of various study opportunities on **Sunday, Sept. 11 after worship**. Featured at this “Fall Connect” will be the offerings in adult education, the Horizon Bible Study, and the Men’s Breakfast. Please be sure to visit Fellowship Hall and sign up for these study and fellowship opportunities.



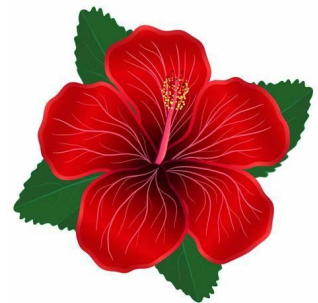
Another exciting offering is the return of our yoga class with Amanda Wallace. We will again meet on Mondays at 9 a.m. in the Music Room. Amanda will bring the yoga mats, but no props at this time. The class will begin meeting on **Monday, Sept. 19** for five sessions. The cost for five sessions is \$40, for a single session \$10. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex.

Our Self-Study Committee has met a few more times and drafted a questionnaire that will be distributed and mailed to the entire congregation shortly. We hope to have the tallied results by next month.

As we enter fall, I encourage you to return to worship in person, if possible. Several of you are watching worship online, either while we are live or later in the day or the week. While it is good you can connect online, it is not the same as seeing others and being seen. Jesus came in the flesh, and that makes the Christian faith and our discipleship thoroughly incarnational and physical. Attending worship is not only a service unto the Lord but also a service unto those with whom we worship. By our attendance, we become a Christian witness, an encouragement, a visible reminder to others of our faith.

“Let us do good to everyone then,” says the Apostle Paul, but “especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10). See you in church. With joy and peace,

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. The Wired Word is the curriculum used, and it includes Bible references to shed light on the week's issues.



If you join the emailing list, you will receive the articles with discussion questions beforehand. We will continue to meet virtually via Zoom with dates to be announced. A Zoom link will be sent via email prior to each class. If you would like more information about this class, please contact Mark Atma at markatma@comcast.net.

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

We will resume the study of *Traveling Mercies* on **Sunday, Sept. 18 at 11:15 a.m.** We are only about half-way through. The class will meet in person in the sanctuary and online via Zoom. A link will be sent by the previous Saturday.

If you have not yet purchased a copy of the book, you may do so at the local bookstore or online. The class is facilitated by Pastor Annemarie



--**Monthly PW Bible Study for Women**

The class meets in the Library for fellowship on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. and for study and prayer at 1 p.m. For details, see the blurb on the Hannah Circle (in this newsletter) or contact Deanna Stults or Marie Hull.

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



The Fellowship Committee wishes to thank all who helped with the funeral of Elinor Thorpe. Your help made the day go smoothly and was greatly appreciated by the family. The fellowship coffee time after worship has been a great joy to all. Thank you to all who have provided refreshments.

Also thank you to the greeters for a great job. All of this makes our church a welcoming place of worship. Please remember that 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
Sept. 4	Laurel Riley and Carla Stine-King	Don and Carolyn Hammond
Sept. 11	Martin and LuAnne Pierson	Mick and Lois Shubert
Sept. 18	Darrell and Marcia VanVleet	Christine Ayres and Martie Dull
Sept. 25	Richard and Kathy Adler	Joann Preston and Lila Back

Thank you for making us a welcoming church!

--Sara Galloway, Chair

Presbyterian Women

After our summer hiatus, it is time for Presbyterian Women in the Congregation to begin the 2022-23 year. The PWC Coordinating Team Invites All Women to join us in the Music Room during coffee hour on September 11, 2022. We will be presenting information about the programs of PAWC for the year.

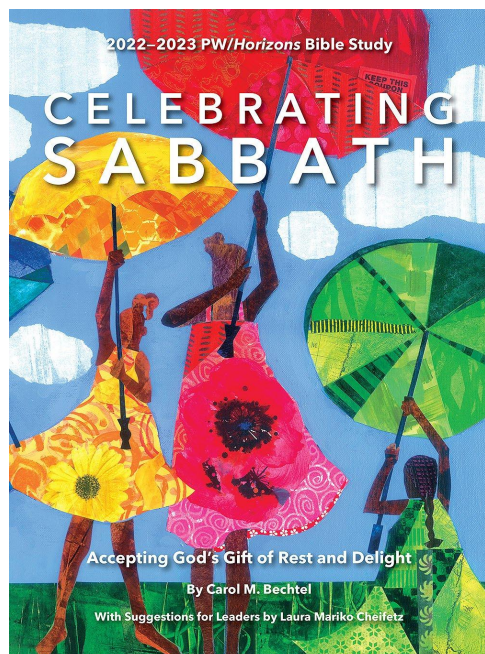
These will include local and world wide Mission Programs, local church projects and an introduction to our Bible Study. This 20-minute program will catch everyone up to speed after a too long pause in our activities. We hope to see everyone there.

PW--All Women--All Together--We Make a Difference!!

Sara Galloway, Moderator
Hannah Circle



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**



The Hannah Circle will begin a new Horizons Bible Study, titled “Celebrating Sabbath.” The first meeting, which includes discussion and prayer, will be on **Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 1 p.m.** in the Library. We will gather for fellowship at **12:30 p.m.** where you may bring your own lunch.

The study is authored by Carol Bechtel, professor at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. We learn that 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.

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. Books will be available for pick up in the Library and during the Sunday morning gathering on Sept. 11.

For questions, please contact Marie Hull or Deanna Stults.
--Deanna Stults and Marie Hull, Bible Study Facilitators

CROP Walk set for Sunday, Sept. 25--3 p.m. at Leila Arboretum

The Deacons, with the help of Elder Marie Hull, will participate in the Battle Creek CROP Walk. This year eight or more churches are participating.

When: Sunday, September 25, 2022.
2:30 p.m.--Registration and signing Walk Waivers

3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Walk

Where: Leila Arboretum, which is also sponsoring the Walk. Registration is by the fountain.

Who Benefits: 25 percent of the money raised will be split among local programs, incl. The SHARE Center; New Vision Outreach, Second Missionary Baptist Church outreach; Salvation Army Meals, and Urbandale Seventh Day Adventist outreach.

How to Donate: To donate online to our Pennfield Presbyterian team, go to: www.crophungerwalk.org. Select “Donate” in the blue ribbon at the top of the page. Then in the “Search for...” box, type “Pennfield” and a list will appear; choose Pennfield Presbyterian and follow directions.

To donate by check, please make it out to CWS/CROP, and bring it to the Walk, or give at church by Oct. 1. Cash is accepted, but must be converted to check before forwarding to CWS.



Pledge Update

In a few days, Jean Smith, our financial secretary will be sending out giving statements. Please make it a point to review your giving status and if possible keep your pledges current. This will help us budget our expenses for the rest of the year.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness!



Property and Finance

This summer we had numerous people helping to pull weeds and exhume unwanted saplings and trees growing in the flowers beds and gardens. A big thank you goes to the gardeners and weeders of the flower beds, pots, and gardens:

- Susan Jordan
- Bruce and Karen Newhard
- Christine Ayres
- Mick and Lois Shubert
- Steve Phillips
- Cathy Boyer

To those weeding the playground:

- Marie Hull
- Laurie Riley
- Mick and Lois Shubert
- Christine Ayres



Coming up the driveway we are now greeted with beautiful trees, ground covers, and flowers in bloom. Also, a big thank you goes to our lawn-mowing crew, consisting of 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. The lawns are looking great.

A few weeks ago, the Shuberts power-washed the patio and painted the newly installed brick work. We could still use some help with painting indoors where the paint has chipped, faded, or cement has crumbled. Let me or Lois know if you could help with painting.

For the past month, a small group of volunteers has been covering the custodial responsibilities, with great success. The building is looking great! So, the committee has decided to have volunteers only to fill this position, rather than hiring a custodian. Individual members will take on certain jobs, areas, and responsibilities. It looks as if we will be ready to implement this plan soon. Thank you to those who have already agreed to be part of the new custodial team. Please contact Lois Shubert, if interested.

Finally, we are excited to share that a young man will be helping Lois Shubert operate our sound/video system. Joey Steele, a home-school student and son of Trisha Steele, is familiar with our system software. After training, he will take over one or two Sundays each month. God surely has a way of providing!

--Christine Ayres, Chair of Property and Finance

Men's Breakfast

A group of men will be at the "Fall Connect" event on **Sunday, Sept. 11** after worship in Fellowship Hall.

They will discuss and coordinate planning for any upcoming Men's Breakfast meetings, which includes a delicious breakfast and a Bible study, led by the pastor, on the sermon text of the day.



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 and Connecting With Our Church Family

At the last deacons meeting on July 12, the list of which deacon is to serve which members was updated.

The deacons are: Sandi Rothney, Karen Newhard, Harry Scheuffele, Joy Thomas, Carla Stine-King, Lila Back, Jessica Harvath, and Steve Phillips.

Here are the assignments:

Adler-Beaver, Preston, Prince: Sandi Rothney

Boyer-Fleming, Stevens, Baxters: Karen Newhard

Fox-Heath: Harry Scheuffele

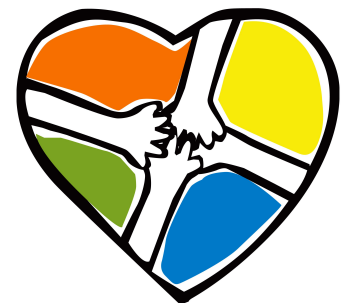
Hewitt-Kidder: Joy Thomas

Lewis-Monroe, Riley, Pierce, Pierson, VanBoven, LaFleur: Carla Stine-King

Moore-Phillips, Perry: Lila Back

Shaffer-Teichman, Rose, Rothney, Hull: Jessica Harvath

Thomas-Yost: Steve Phillips



For prayer requests to the deacons' prayer chain, please contact jessicaharvath1964@gmail.com or by phone. All prayer requests are being kept confidential.

--Jessica Harvath, Deacon Moderator

The SHARE Center

Imagine your wallet is lost or stolen. Imagine that you don't have a certified copy of your birth certificate. And you have little or no money. How would you replace the documents? One place that can help those who use the facility and services is the SHARE Center. In 2021 they helped individuals replace 23 Social Security Cards; 38 State IDs and 74 birth certificates.

The SHARE Center is also offering individual-sized bags of produce such as tomatoes and peppers for free to their guests. The garden is producing abundantly!



The Battle Creek SHARE Center serves over 2,000 guests annually. Please consider the SHARE Center as a place of service. 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

Yoga Class to Start on Monday, Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.

After a two-year hiatus, Amanda Wallace is back with us for yoga lessons. As before, we will gather in the Music Room on Mondays at 9 a.m. The class will be for five sessions at the cost of \$40 per person. Individual lessons are \$10 per person. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex or you may call the church for reservations as space is limited.



Northeast Food Pantry News

The food pantry is doing well. We have been busier this year than at the same time last year in helping to feed our neighbors in need. The next Meijer on Beckley Rd. Simply Give double match day is **Saturday, Sept. 10.**

Also, please keep collecting Family Fare receipts. We are working on our 5th \$150,000 worth of receipts which gets the pantry \$1000 in cash which we use to buy toilet paper, bar soap, laundry soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toothbrushes/toothpaste. Currently the pantry is in need of jams/jellies, crackers (any kind), snacks for kids (chips, cookies, granola bars, etc. especially individual sized packages), and canned fruit.

Thank you family and friends of PPC. Everything you do for the pantry is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

--Laurie Riley, Coordinator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 7: Lyra Elliot

9: Mark Baxter; Jesse Boyer

18: LaJean Hewitt

20: Mitch Hull

22: Dorothy Stevens

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 8: Rick and Emily Harvath

9: Darrell and Marcia VanVleet

11: Mick and Lois Shubert

15: Richard and Kathy Adler



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