

Pennfield Press

May 2023 Newsletter

Growing in Christ Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

This month we continue to celebrate the Easter season. We hear stories of Jesus' appearances to his followers and may reflect on the meaning of the new life he gave us.

We are kicking off the month with a **congregation-wide retreat on Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This retreat is being led by the Rev. Jake and Dawn Kaufman. Its purpose is to revisit our church's recent milestones and next steps in crafting our ministry together. We will have light refreshments and be finished by 12:30 p.m.

On **Sunday, May 14**, we will celebrate Mother's Day with the **Rev. Roxie Perry preaching**. She will also be preaching on **May 21, which is Ascension Sunday**, as I will be on vacation and study leave in Germany (for a 45th Class Reunion) and in France.

On Sunday, May 28, we will celebrate **Pentecost**, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' followers and the Birthday of the Church. Please remember to wear an article of red clothing and if able, bring a little pot of a red geranium, which we will plant in flower pots by the church entrance.

Please remember also that the memorial service for the **Rev. Leon White will be on Sunday, June 4 at 2 p.m.** Both his daughter and son will be coming, as will his extended family. We hope to see you there as well as gather in witness to the resurrection unto new life in Christ.

And now a benediction that seems especially fitting for these weeks of Easter joy and Spirit power:

What we choose changes us.

Who we love transforms us.

How we create remakes us.

Where we live reshapes us.

So in all our choosing, O God, make us wise;

In all our loving, O Christ, make us bold;

In all our creating, O Spirit, give us courage;

In all our living may we become whole.

And the blessing of God almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and those you love, and those for whom you pray, this day and forevermore. Amen.



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Pastor Annemarie

Adult Education Classes

--The Wired Word/Contemporary Issues Class

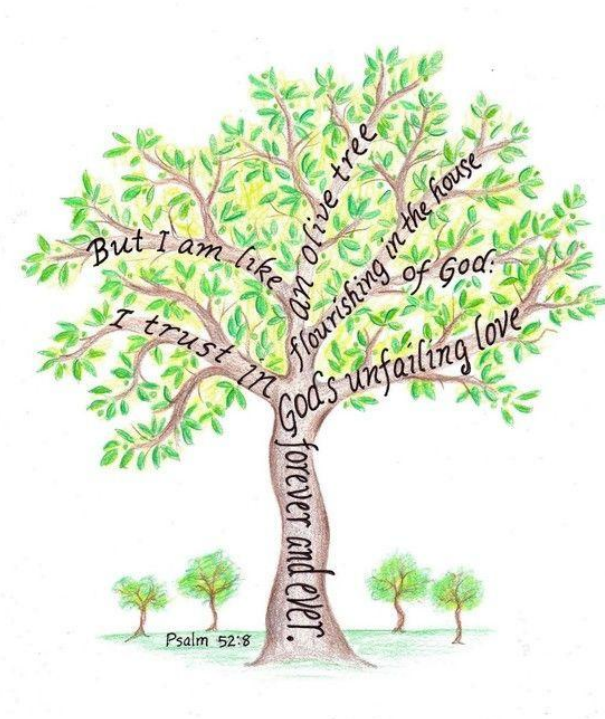
This class addresses topics of current interest in the areas of social, economic, and political areas which are examined through the lens of the Christian faith. You will receive the articles with discussion questions beforehand. An email will be sent prior to the next class meeting this month. If you would like more information about this class, please contact Mark Atma at markatma@comcast.net.



--Making Sense of the Bible, Continued at 11:15 a.m.

We will finish up our study on May 7 at 11:15 a.m. The Zoom link sent to you earlier still works for this last session. Please bring your book. And bring your suggestions for future studies.

Congregational Retreat on Saturday, May 6



Four years ago, the Session scheduled a congregation-wide retreat with the Rev. Jake and Dawn Kaufman. The results of this retreat provided fresh direction and vision for the church and creative ways of connecting with the community. After working on our 2022 Self-Study, the Session felt it was time to have another congregational retreat to brain-storm ideas in moving ahead.

We are delighted that the Rev. Jake and Dawn Kaufman are again available to lead us in this experience. The Kaufmans have read our 2022 Self-Study and they have met with several elders and the pastor to plan for the main points to be addressed during this retreat.

We will gather in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, May 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** with a brief bagel and coffee/tea break in between. Please put this date on your calendars.

The 2022 Annual Report and the 2022 Self-Study

Additional copies of the church's self-study and the 2022 Annual Report are available in the Narthex. Please remember that we are allocating one copy per household. Please make sure you have read our self-study prior to the retreat.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 4: Sara Galloway
10: Joan Van Orman
14: Phillip Jarrard
15: Joan Williston
17: Elise Jarrard
19: Sandi Rothney
28: Joey Steele
30: Becki Monroe



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 1: Mike and Becki Monroe
7: Marie and Mitch Hull
17: Phil and Elise Jarrard
19: Gayla and Ron Metzger
23: Carolyn and Don Hammond
26: Tom and Laurel Riley
30: Christine and Stewart Ayres



Fellowship and Evangelism

I want to encourage you to use the church's business cards to invite others to worship, especially for Pentecost Sunday, May 28. It is good to share Christ with others and invite them into our community of faith.

Thank you to all the greeters and refreshment hosts. You make us a welcoming church.

--Sara Galloway, Chair

Greeters

Refreshments

May 7 Christine Ayres and Joann Preston	Jeff and Trish Steele
May 14 Steve and Jeanette Higgs	PW and Lois Shubert
May 21 Karen and Bruce Newhard	Kathy Lyon & Donna Teichman
May 28 Jessica Harvath and Joan VanOrman	Mick and Lois Shubert

Stewardship Update

Please keep in mind that we as a church need to receive in **contributions about \$10,000 each month** in order to break even. This cost consists of salaries, staffing, insurance, utilities, office supplies, mission giving, web and phone services, and maintenance of our property and building. We appreciate your generosity of giving in time, talent, and financial contributions.

Property and Finance

Our boiler is finally working with the piping repair completed. We have received only about half of the cost for the repair from our insurance, so we may need to raise funds to make up the difference.

We want to thank our mowing crew, which has begun the work. The crew consists of five teams of two people; five of them are church members and five others are friends of the church. We sure are blessed!

Currently we are putting together a “weeding team” to keep the weeds at bay, especially in our flower beds. If interested, please let me know. Again, we thank our cleaners, who are doing a terrific job in keeping God's house sparkling clean.

--Lois Shubert, Chair

Worship and Music

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Amen!

A big thanks to all those who participated in our Passion Play on Palm Sunday, the “costume designer” Lois Shubert, the actors, and those who picked up and nursed along our palm branches.

The Maundy Thursday literally blew me away. I was so overcome by Jesus’ journey from washing his disciples’ feet to the betrayal and agonizing pain he had to endure by the hands of evil. If you attended that service you know what I mean. If you weren’t able to attend, please make an effort to come next year. The pain God had to experience when seeing his only son be treated so heinously, and knowing he could have stopped it at any time, but didn’t...He allowed it...TO SAVE US! You and me! What an amazing Loving God he is! To feel it that night, felt so raw...thank you Jesus for all the suffering you went through for us.



On Easter Sunday our sanctuary was permeated by the scent of the flowers you had given. Thank you for your generosity and those who arranged them in the sanctuary. And thank you Pastor Annemarie for always getting the message through to us. You keep us engaged and wanting more.

Regarding music, I want to welcome Denise Carter, who will be taking the slot of Franklin Ballard, though Franklin will still play for us at least four times a year. Also, thank you to soloists Judy McFadden and Carla Stine-King for their wonderful musical contributions.

Our sound and video team has welcomed Mark Baxter, who blends in the comments during livestream. Lois Shubert and Joey Steele are operating the sound and video capably. Currently, we would need a few people to straighten up the sanctuary right after church, which shouldn’t take but a few minutes. Please let me know and many thanks!

--Christine Ayres, Chair

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.

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

Office Hours are Mon.-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.



Deacons' Corner

The deacons will be delivering May flowers to our homebound members on **Sunday, May 7 after church.**

Here is the updated list of which deacon is assigned to which members.

Jessica Harvath will serve: Adler - Carter

Karen Newhart will serve: Cope- Heath

Harry Scheuffele will serve: Hewitt- Metzger

Susan Jordan will serve: Monroe - Riley

Jessica will serve: Rose - Stevens

Mark Baxter will serve: Stine-King - Walker

Lila Back will serve: Joan Preston, Jay and Sally Moore, Rev.

Roxie Perry and Franklin Ballard

Steve Phillips will serve as our handy man for repairs and running errands and deliveries.

Please contact the deacon moderator if you have not heard from your deacon yet.

In addition to the prayer cards available on Sundays, you may ask for prayers directly by contacting me at jessicaharvath1964@gmail.com. All prayer requests are being kept confidential.

--Jessica Harvath, Deacon Moderator



Northeast Food Pantry News

The Meijer Simply Give Spring campaign began April 2, 2023 and runs through Saturday, July 1, 2023. The Double Match day will be Saturday, June 17, 2023. On this day Meijer matches \$20 for every \$10 donated for a total of \$30. This is a great way to provide funds for the pantry. I will be willing to take any donations from our congregation and friends to Meijer on Beckley that day. Also: Please remember that **Family Fare has discontinued the “receipt program,”** so there is no longer a need to collect them and bring them to church.

The pantry can currently use donations of boxed cereal, canned fruit, canned meat, crackers (especially those in sleeves like saltines and Ritz), soup, toilet paper and bar soap.

Thanks again for all you do to support the Northeast Food Pantry by your volunteering and through monetary and food donations and your prayers.

--Laurie Riley, Coordinator

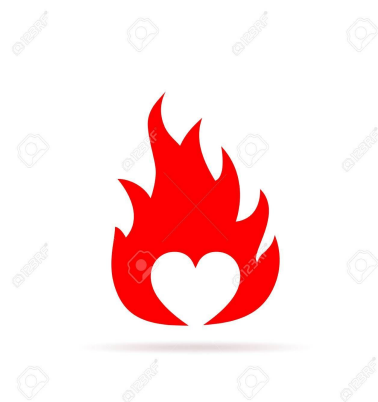
Presbyterian Women (PW)

In May, the PW Board will meet on **Monday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will be planning for our ecumenical community-wide event, the **Salad Supper on Monday, June 12 at 6 p.m.** Please save the date and plan to invite a friend!

Hannah Circle

We will be studying Lesson 8 of the Horizon Bible Study, titled “Sabbath and Justice.” The scripture reading is Isaiah 58. All women of the church are invited to join us, as we gather **Tuesday, May 16 at 12:30 p.m.** in the church library. Please bring your own lunch and drink. Our study begins at 1 p.m.

--Deanna Stults and Marie Hull, Bible Study Facilitators



A Note of Thanks

Thank you all so much for being there for us as we struggle with the loss of our Jaime. We so appreciated all your thoughts and prayers, your encouraging words, phone calls, texts, visits, and attending the Celebration of Life for my grandson Jaime A Cano.

Your loving support has been a blessing of comfort during this difficult time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue this heavy-laden journey of grief. On behalf of my whole family, I appreciate and thank you so very much. May God bless you.

--Christine Ayres

A Note of Joy

Wanted to share about the Grand Opening of my Painting Party Shop, called The Buzy Paintbrush, in Belleville on Saturday, May 13, 4 to 8 p.m. The shop is located at 110 N. Main St. Later this month I will be offering there step-by-step painting parties for both adults and children. Come spend some relaxing time painting a beautiful picture. No experience necessary. For more information, find me on facebook at Trish Thurman-Steele or talk to me at church.
--Trish Thurman-Steele



The Session

The Session, composed of six elders and the pastor, governs every area of ministry in our church. It also oversees the work of the Deacons. The Pastor is the teaching elder who equips and calls forth by preaching and teaching those willing to hear and respond to God's call in service.

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

Fellowship and Evangelism--Sara Galloway (Chair)

Christian Education--Kathy Lyon (Chair)

Stewardship and Mission--Aaron Jordan (Chair), Lois Shubert (Elder), Christine Ayres (Elder), Mike Monroe (Elder)

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