

Pennfield Press

June 2023 Newsletter

Growing in Christ Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

From Pentecost on we are in the liturgical season of the Holy Spirit until the end of October. Our sanctuary cross will retain the red drapes while pulpit and lectern are clothed in green, which is the color of growth. Together both colors symbolize that we as Jesus’ followers are allowing the Holy Spirit to work its slow growth in our lives. The readings will reflect the theme of spiritual growth, raising the question whether we have grown in the Lord since we first met him. How do you define your own spiritual growth?

This month is filled again with activity and celebration. **On Sunday, June 4** we will celebrate Trinity and Communion Sunday. **At 2 p.m. we will have the memorial service** for the Rev. Leon White, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. Both former pastors, the Rev. Doug Nettleton and the Rev. Nelson Lumm will be participating in the service and several family members will offer their own words of remembrance.

Our congregation-wide retreat last month, led by the Revs. Dawn and Jake Kaufman, yielded great insights for next steps. We want to provide you with a summary of these insights and plan to share them with you. We will also make available the minutes of the retreat in hard copy.

On Monday, June 12 at 6 p.m., the women of the three Presbyterian churches in town will gather at our church for the PW salad supper. Please remember to bring a dish to pass and a friend or neighbor.

On Sunday, June 11 and 18 at 11:15 a.m. I will offer a Refresher Course in the Christian Faith (also called a New Member class). It’s for those interested in church membership as well as anyone wishing to brush up on the fundamentals of the Christian faith. This class will not be offered via Zoom. Hope to see many of you there.

In closing, I offer the refrain of one of my favorite hymns for the Pentecost season, titled “Spirit” by James K. Manley. “Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.”

With joy and peace,

Pastor Annemarie



Adult Education Classes

--The Wired Word/Contemporary Issues Class

This class is taking a break for the summer and will reconvene in the fall. If you would like to be notified directly in the future, please contact Mark Atma at markatma@comcast.net.

--New Member Class and Refresher Course of the Christian Faith at 11:15 a.m.

The class will meet on June 11 and 18 in the sanctuary for a summary and overview of the basics of our Christian faith. We will address the elements of worship, the nature of the church and mission a brief history of the church, and our form of government. It will be taught by Pastor Annemarie.

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

June 3: Char Pierce

7: Richard Adler; Lila Back

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

Fellowship and Evangelism



I want to encourage you to use the church's business cards, available on the table in the narthex, to invite friends to worship. 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

June 4 Martie Dull and Lila Back
June 11 Erin and Sara Galloway
June 18 Jean Smith and Lois Shubert
June 25 Dennis and Sandra Shaffer

Refreshments

Susan Jordan and LuAnne Pierson
Sandi and Bill Rothney
Joann Preston and Lila Back
Christine Ayres and Martie Dull

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

We have received an additional check from our insurance company, yet will still need added funds to cover the cost of the pipe break. More on that later.

Many thanks to the faithful members of our mowing crew, which are: Mark Baxter, Dennis Shaffer, Jim Jordan, Mick Shubert, Steven Higgs, Steve Phillips, Jeff Jarrard, Marty Pierson, Jesse Harvath, Butch Ayres, Bill Rothney.

We are still in need of volunteers to help water our plants. If you could help with that, please let me know.

--Lois Shubert, Chair

Worship and Music

Our worship team and pastor are working hard to make Sunday mornings an uplifting experience. For this month, June 18, we are excited to have Tahila Henry singing a solo while being accompanied by Denise Carter. Both Tahila and Laurie Riley have been members of the local Christian music group called Echoes of Grace. And since I have seen the group perform before, I am especially excited to hear Tahila.



I pray that you will keep cool and well hydrated during this hot spell that is forecast for the coming weeks. Also please let me know if you are available on occasion to help straighten out the sanctuary after worship. Blessings to you.

--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

Thank you to the deacons and friends who prepared the flowers and delivered them to our homebound members. They absolutely loved the flowers as well as the visit. Great job everyone!

Here is the 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.

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

Northeast Food Pantry has been very busy over the last month. I am predicting that we will get even more clients in need of help with food once school is out and their children are home for the summer. School children get breakfast and lunch at school. The family food budgets gets stretched in the summer. During the pandemic, the schools provided food for their families. I don't know what the schools will be able to do this summer. There are Meet-Up, Eat-Up centers across the Battle Creek area that provide sack lunches for eligible school children which helps some if families take advantage of the resource. More families rely on the food pantries in the summer. The Northeast Pantry is in need of canned soup, canned meat, canned fruit and vegetables, crackers, boxed cereal, toilet paper and bar soap. We can also use financial donations sent to the Food Bank in the name of Northeast Food Pantry.

The next Meijer Simply Give Double Match Day is June 17, 2023. I would be willing to take any donations for Meijer to Meijer Beckley on June 17 for anyone who wants to give it to me. Meijer is a great resource to the work of the Neighborhood Food Pantries.
Thank you for all the ways in which you help the work of the Northeast Food Pantry.

--Laurie Riley, Coordinator



Presbyterian Women (PW)

We will have the **Salad Supper on Monday, June 12 at 6 p.m.** This is an annual gathering of the three Presbyterian churches in town and this year is being sponsored by us. Please bring a salad dish to pass. Part of the program is an old-fashioned hymn sing with Paula Krontz-Harris and a mystery speaker.

Hannah Circle

The circle will not be meeting in June but plans are to meet sometime this summer to finish up both lessons of our Horizon Bible Study. We will notify you directly by phone and email of our meeting.
--Deanna Stults, Bible Study Facilitator

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to all those who have stopped by my new store where people can learn how to paint in acrylics. If you have wondered where to start with painting, stopping by at my store is a great start. I also do birthday parties and showers, thereby providing a little bit more hands-on entertainment. The store, called the Buzy Paintbrush, is located downtown Belleville at 110 N. Main St. It is open most weekdays. For hours and more information, please find me on Facebook at Trish Thurman-Steele or talk to me at church.

We will also schedule a free paint class at my store sometime this summer directly after worship for members and friends of the 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.

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