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Growing in Christ Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship

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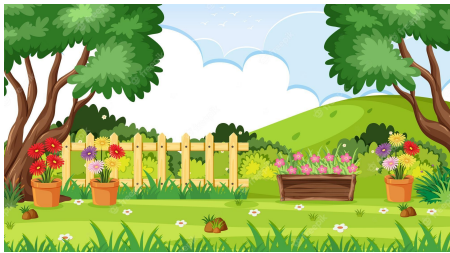
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Dear Friends,

The thunderstorms and sweltering heat remind us of vegetation and growth. Crops and weeds together are growing at record speed. And Jesus' parables remind us what the kingdom of God is like: It starts small like a tiny seed, a gesture or word of kindness and truth, yet can expand and multiply.

Jesus entrusts us with the precious cargo of seeds that we are to scatter. And he believes that we are also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, his fertile soil. Are you sowing this summer and are you loosening the soil of your heart so grace and love can grow?

This month is filled with fellowship activities and outings on Sundays after church. We will leave church **around 11:30 a.m. and carpool** to the various places.



On **Sunday, August 6** we celebrate communion. After fellowship time, we will embark on a **Garden Tour** at the home of Gayla Metzger, our church pianist. Gayla is a master gardener and she cultivates acres of perennial and vegetable gardens, replete with a bubbling creek, wooden bridges, hidden pathways, prairie land, horses, and wildlife. Please wear comfortable shoes for our visit and walk. The Metzger family live at 3100 Halbert Road.

On **Sunday, August 20** we will make a trip to Trish Thurman-Steele's new painting shop in Bellevue, The Buzy Paintbrush. The shop offers classes for those who want to learn how to paint with acrylics. So, she has kindly offered to give us a **free one-hour painting lesson**. If you have always wanted to wake up your inner artist or try out something new or simply refresh your painting skills, here is your chance. The Buzy Paintbrush is at 110 N. Main Street in Bellevue.

Finally, on **Sunday, August 27**, we will meet after church for **lunch** at the newest restaurant in downtown Battle Creek, called the New Holland Brewing Company. After months of construction and remodeling, this restaurant is finally open. It has plenty of indoor and outdoor seating overlooking the river and offers a variety of food choices. It is located at 64 W. Michigan Ave, right off McCamley.



Looking forward to seeing you in church and at many of these fellowship outings.
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.

--The Pastor's Class will start mid-September again.

We will meet at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary to study the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul, along with several of his letters. No book has yet been selected for this class.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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



Fellowship and Evangelism

Please remember 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

Aug. 6 Judy Lines-McFadden and Frank Geren
Aug. 13 Saskia and Steve Phillips
Aug. 20 Mike and Beckie Monroe
Aug. 27 Mark Atma and Ruth TenBroek

Refreshments

Susan Jordan and LuAnne Pierson
Jeff and Trish Steele
Joan MacGregor and Debbie Trayer
Darrell and Marcia VanVleet

Stewardship Update and Online Giving

We are grateful for your generosity in giving of your time, talent, and financial contributions. Giving is steady and we are very pleased with that.

Also, please remember that you can give online by going to our website, www.pennfieldpresbyterian.org. A Give Now button will take you to the giving page, where you designate how you wish to give and from where to draw the funds. You can also set up regular contributions by creating a log-in profile. There is also a hyperlink posted on our live worship videos on Facebook that will take you directly to the giving page of our church.

Property and Finance

We have received an additional check from our insurance company. The total cost of the pipe break was over \$32,000 of which about \$10,000 was covered by our insurance. Since the pipes that broke were underground, the damage was only partially covered. Recently we have taken \$6,000 from memorial funds to cover expenses. A bill of \$11,000 remains yet to be paid.

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.

Thank you to all those who are helping to weed and water our flower beds and pots. We are also grateful to our cleaning crew for keeping the church in wonderful condition. Good job everyone!
--Lois Shubert, Chair



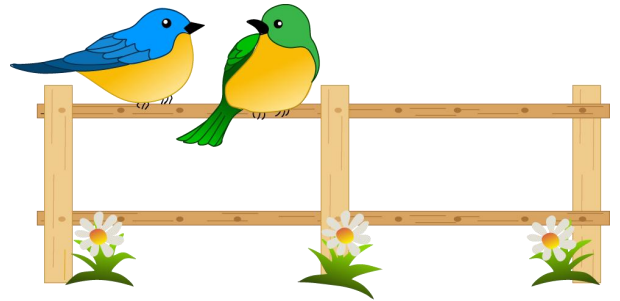
Worship: In-Person and Via Facebook Live

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. The first ten minutes prior to the live broadcast will include announcements, sharing of information, and personal prayer requests.

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 posts are also on our church's FB page and remain there.

Office Hours: Mon.-Tue. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jean Smith, our financia/office secretary, is at church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, along with a few hours on Thursday or Friday.



Deacons' Corner

Preparations are under way for the **CROP walk to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24** at Leila Arboretum. Please mark your calendars. Registration is at 2:30 p.m., the walk at 3 p.m.

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

Carla Stine-King will serve: Rose - Stevens

Mark Baxter will serve: Stine-King - Walker

If you have a prayer request, please contact me at jessicaharvath1964@gmail.com.

--Jessica Harvath, Deacon Moderator

Northeast Food Pantry News

The Fall Simply Give campaign began on July 2 and runs through Saturday, Sept. 30. There will be two Double Match days, Saturday, Aug. 12 and Sept. 9 as a great way to help the Northeast Pantry. Our partner store is Meijer on Beckley Road. I will take any donations people wish to give on these days.



The pantry has been very busy with 50-55 clients weekly on the three days we are open. In addition to cereal, soup, canned fruits, and vegetables, the pantry is in need of toilet paper and bar soap. Toilet paper has gone up in price. Since only one roll is technically allocated per family every two weeks, we want to provide additional toilet paper for them. Thank you for your help!

--Laurie Riley, Coordinator



Presbyterian Women (PW) and Hannah Circle Bible Study

Thank you to all who helped make the PW joint Church Salad Supper a great success. A big thank you goes to Moderator Lois Shubert, the set-up and clean-up crews, and our pianist Paula Harris and “mystery speaker” Pastor Annemarie.

The Hannah Circle will be meeting **at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Northpointe Woods**. Martie Dull has graciously reserved a room for us, and we will be studying our last two lessons, No. 8, titled “Sabbath and Justice” and No. 9, titled “Sabbath and Community.” Please bring your own drink and a snack to share (such as veggies and dip, fruit, cookies, wraps). We will also be contacting you by phone or email as a reminder.

If you have already received the new Horizon Bible Study, titled “Sacred Encounters,” please bring that with you along with the current Bible Study booklet. Looking forward to seeing you soon!
--Deanna Stults, Bible Study Facilitator

Notes of Thanks

Thank you all so much for words of encouragement as well as the cards, Flowers and visits. It truly means a lot. I will hopefully be healed in no time and back to church. God Bless you all.
--Jessica Harvath

We also received several thank-you notes from friends and **members of the White family** about the newly begun Leon White Memorial Fund. Thank you to all of you who contributed to this memorial fund so far and those who intend to give yet. The fund has almost \$4,000 in it at this point. Please note that only the interest may be taken out and that this fund will remain an ongoing memorial to the Rev. Dr. Leon White, Pastor Emeritus, who served Pennfield Presbyterian Church for twenty-five years.



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

