

Pennfield Press

April 2024 Newsletter

Growing in Christ Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

The joy of the resurrection is grounded in our faith in eternal life. If we trust that Christ has been raised and that we and our loved ones in Christ will be with him, then Easter and these next forty days are filled with meaning. But, according to the church father Ignatius of Antioch, if we sever daily life from our walk with Christ, if we praise him with one half of our mouth while making a sour face with the other, then we are worshipping Christ only half-way and are only a half-way Easter people. Let's not sever what we believe from how we act and let the joy of the resurrected life and its hope permeate our entire being.

We begin the month with the **Men's Breakfast on Sunday, April 7 at 7 a.m.** The men cook their own breakfast and afterwards study the preaching text of the day with the pastor. It's also Communion Sunday in worship.



On **Sunday, April 14**, I will be on study leave and the Rev. Brent Folkema will be preaching. My time will be spent in Brazil with visits to museums, churches, and the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro. While I'll be back in worship on April 21, I will not be teaching a class in April. We will resume adult education in May, with the ongoing study of the writings of the Apostle Paul.

During these forty days of the Easter season, may the risen Christ make himself known to you fully, as he did to his disciples. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Annemarie

Adult Education Classes

In March, Pastor Annemarie taught classes on the Apostle Paul's letters to the early churches. He wrote to guide and counsel the churches in Galatia, Thessalonica, and Corinth. The classes were edifying and left us with a desire for more classes in the future.

Our own Denise Carter presented a seminar on healthy eating and cooking with plant-based foods. The presentation was excellent, informative, and addressed questions about a plant-based diet. She will present again for us in on **Sunday, May 5**.

Please also note there is an ongoing opportunity for an ecumenical Bible study led by our friend Rev. Roxie Perry every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Second Missionary Baptist Church.

--Kathy Lyon, Christian Education Chair

Fellowship and Evangelism

Our Maundy Thursday service was beautiful. It was so nice to have a full sanctuary with three other churches joining us. Afterwards nearly everyone gathered in Fellowship Hall for coffee and homemade cookies. On Easter Sunday after worship, the Presbyterian Women served hors d'oeuvres and finger food. Thank you all for contributing and helping with both events.

Here are some other events of interest:

--SPRING GATHERING (sponsored by Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women)

April 20 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch included. Cost \$20.

At: The First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek

Speaker is Author Ann Byle, who wrote "Chicken Scratch"

Deadline to register: April 7

Pre-register with Christine Ayres or Lois Shubert

--FREE CONCERT at the First Congregational Church of Battle Creek

April 28 4 p.m.

The Gilmore 2024 Young Artist Harmony Zhu will play with a reception to follow

Note: This is the last of this series of free concerts for this year.

I personally have attended several of these over the years. I believe there are 4-5 of them per season. Vast Variety of entertainment. They are wonderful. As activities come up that I think will be of interest I will post them on our Fellowship bulletin board and also announce. If anyone knows of other things that would may be of interest to our church family, free or otherwise, please let me know.

--Christine Ayres, Chair



Greeters

April 7 Sara and Erin Galloway

April 14 Kathy Lyon and Donna Teichman

April 21 Laurie Riley and Carla Stine-King

April 28 Mark Atma and Ruth TenBroek

Refreshments

Chris Beaver and Marti Dull

Lois Shubert and Jessica Harvath

Laurie Riley and Carla Stine-King

Mark Atma and Ruth TenBroek

Stewardship and Mission

Thank you for your faithful giving. We rely on your financial contributions to balance our budget and continue the important work and mission of the church.

"Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. . . "

--Aaron Jordan, Elder and Chair of Stewardship and Mission



Membership “Dues”



Please remember that the church is required to pay annual membership dues, or per capita apportionment, for every member on our rolls. The current membership due is \$40 per person per year. Please know that this amount is separate from your regular giving and pledge. We appreciate receiving your contribution to help us defray the cost of being a connectional church. Please mark your check “per capita.”

Office Hours

Jean Smith, our financial/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.

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 pastoral 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.



Property and Finance

Please remember our **church-wide rummage sale to be held on May 9, 10, and 11**. As you de-clutter your home, please let us have your smaller items and bring them to church on either Sunday or Monday during office hours. They are being put in the room next to the library. No clothes, please. Larger items will need coordinating with Lois Shubert or Christine Ayres and can be brought to church the week of the sale.

--Lois Shubert, Chair

Northeast Food Pantry News

The Meijer Simply Give spring campaign begins on Sunday, March 31 and runs through Saturday, June 29. The Double Match Day will be Saturday, June 15, 2024. This means that your \$10 donation is matched by \$20 from Meijer for a total of \$30.

The pantry always welcomes donations of cereal, canned fruits, canned vegetables, and soups. We can also use toilet paper, bar soap, and fragrance free baby wipes. Thanks for all you do for the pantry through your time, talent, and treasure.

--Laurel Riley, Coordinator



Deacons' Corner

The Deacons did not meet in the month of March but are still keeping in touch with the congregation and can be contacted for any concerns or issues which may arise. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at any time.

Listed below are the Deacons and their assigned church families. If we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know.

Sandi Rothney will serve Adler - Beaver

Karen Newhard will serve Boyer- Goll

Joan MacGregor will serve Halbert-Jarrard

Jessica Harvath will serve Jordan-Metzger

Susan Jordan will serve Monroe - Prince

Carla Stine-King will serve Riley- H. Smith

Luanne Pierson will serve J. Smith-Thomas

Mark Baxter will serve Trayer- Yost

If you have any prayer requests or needs, please reach out to Susan Jordan at dancerj@sbcglobal.net or Karen Newhard at newhardkl@gmail.com

--Karen Newhard and Susan Jordan, Deacon Co-Moderators

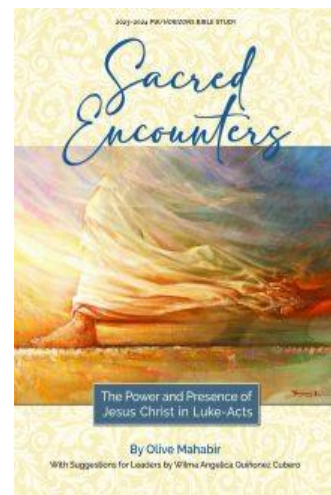
Presbyterian Women (PW) and Hannah Circle Bible Study

Thank you for all who made Easter morning coffee and conversation special by furnishing hors d'oeuvres. We loved the variety!

The Hannah Circle

The Hannah circle has changed the date of its meetings to the first Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, **April 2** on Lesson 8, which is "Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship" (based on Acts 16:11-15). Lydia's example of baptism and acceptance of a new way of life points us to a central element of following Christ. We will meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. for a bring-your-own lunch and fellowship, with the meeting beginning at 1 p.m.

--Deanna Stults, Bible Study Facilitator



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1: Isabelle Link

2: James Perry

7: Tracy Goll

12: Jessica Harvath

14: Joann Preston; Corey Shubert;

Annalee Link

18: Eric Tucker



No Anniversaries



Yoga Classes to Start Up Again

Come join us for yoga with instructor Amanda Wallace Rasmussen on all five Mondays in April, beginning **April 1**. Classes meet at church from 5:30 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. The cost for all five classes is \$65. You will save \$5 by preregistering and calling the church office at 269- 965-0818. One individual class for drop-in is \$15. These sessions are also for beginners. Let's strengthen our bodies together!

Thank You for the Easter Flowers

Our sanctuary looked beautiful on Easter morning. Thank you, Lois and Christine, for decorating and all those who donated hyacinths, lilies, and tulips. You may take home your flowers anytime after Easter Sunday; those left will be planted in our flower gardens.



In Memory of:

Our grandson Jaime Cano and our parents by Christine and Butch Ayres

Nelson Dull by Martie Dull

Harden and Dorothy Hoffman and Frank and Marie Higgs by the Higgs Family

My deceased family members by Annemarie S. Kidder

Garry Lines and Walt McFadden by Judy Lines-McFadden

Dorothea and Bob Daily by Kathy Lyon

Dave and Jackie Jordan and CC. "Bud" and Virginia Wascher by Jim, Susan and Aaron Jordan

Archie MacGregor by the MacGregor Clan

Loved Ones by Bruce and Karen Newhard

Loved Ones by Marty and LuAnne Pierson

Don Preston by Joann Preston

Our deceased family members by Bill and Sandi Rothney

Marjorie and Jarrad by the Scheuffele Family

Our Parents by Dennis and Sandy Shaffer

All our loved ones before us by Mick and Lois Shubert

Our Loved Ones who are with our Lord by Jean Smith and Val Hodge

Alice and Donald Stine by Laurie, Karen, Mickey, and Carla

Our loved ones by Deanna Stults

Jo VanBoven by Sam VanBoven

Douglas VanVleet by Darrell and Marcia VanVleet

In Honor of:

All those serving in the military by the Baxter Family



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--Christine Ayres (Chair), Kathy Lyon (Elder)

Christian Education--Kathy Lyon (Chair)

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

Worship and Music--Harry Scheuffele (Chair), Christine Ayres (Elder), Aaron Jordan (Elder), Lois Shubert (Elder)

Administration and Personnel--Lois Shubert (Chair), Christine Ayres (Elder), Kathy Lyon (Elder)

Clerk of Session: Aaron Jordan

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Annemarie S. Kidder

