

Pennfield Press

June 2024 Newsletter

Growing in Christ Through Faith, Family, and Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

On our national calendar, Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer. We at church also begin a new season, called the season of Pentecost. Its beginning was marked by the Feast of the Trinity, which this year fell on Memorial Day weekend. Yes, Pentecost is not just one day in the year where we dress pulpit and lectern and ourselves in red; rather, it denotes an entire season that lasts into fall and entails no less than twenty-four weeks. During this time, we are asked to trace the activity of the Holy Spirit. Whenever we pray, we enlist the Holy Spirit; whenever we worship and seek to follow Christ, we do; whenever we share our bread and resources with the stranger and on behalf of the church's ministries, we are engaged in Holy Spirit work. The season of Pentecost used to be called Ordinary Time and the liturgical color is green. It's because in the ordinary, every-day activities and exchanges the gradual growth and transformation happens that marks us as "the new creation in Christ."



We kick off the month with the celebration of communion **on Sunday, June 2**. Right after worship we'll spend twenty minutes or so to **pull weeds around our flower beds**, so dress casually and bring your garden gloves. After that, enjoy refreshments and the delicious treats from the Atma/TenBroek kitchen. Please note that the Men's Breakfast will return in the fall.

On **Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m.**, we will raise our voices at a **Meditative Concert and Hymn Sing for the Pentecost Season**. We are pleased to have the Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek sing under the direction of Dr. Carl Witt. This service will have scriptures, prayers, hymns, and anthems. It will be followed by a reception.

On **Sunday, June 16**, the Presbyterian Women have prepared a treat in celebration of Father's Day.

And on **Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m.** we give thanks for the life of Kathleen Lyon, who was a charter member of our church, an elder, and former clerk of session. The memorial service will be followed by a luncheon and you may sign up to bring a salad (potato, veggie, fruit) or some dessert.

Let us engage and faithfully collaborate with the tender moves of the Holy Spirit this month and beyond.



Pastor Annemarie

Adult Education Classes

Our Adult Education offerings will resume in August.

Worship

We look forward to the **meditative worship** service on **Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m.** at our church. Dr. Carl Witt, music director and organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek, will be leading the choir in anthems and hymns, while Pastor Annemarie will coordinate the service. The theme of this service will be the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers and in the church.



Please note that pianist Paula Krontz-Harris will be taking the summer off from teaching piano and playing in worship. We are grateful that Denise Carter is able to cover. Thank you, Denise!

--Harry Scheuffele, Elder and Chair of Worship

Fellowship and Evangelism

Many thanks to those who donated to and worked at our church rummage sale. Several items are still listed on websites and we continue to sell flowers and plants. The proceeds from the bake sale will be added to the total as well. Please keep in mind these upcoming events:

Sunday, June 2 - A short work bee right after worship to help weed our flower beds. Wear casual clothes and bring garden gloves.

Tuesday, June 4 - The Joint Presbyterian Women Salad Supper is at 6 p.m. at The First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek. The speaker is our Pastor Annemarie Kidder. Her topic is "American Empress: Marjorie Merriweather Post." Please bring a salad.

Friday, June 7 Cereal City Parade 6:30-7:30
Downtown starting at Kool Family Center

Saturday, June 8 Cereal Festival Downtown Battle Creek with free cereal served 8-11:30 a.m.



Sunday, June 9 Concert and Hymn Sing at Pennfield Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. with the Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church. Invite a friend!

Sunday, June 16 Father's Day Be sure to go for coffee hour after morning service....the PW have put together a special treat for everyone. And bring a friend!

Please remember to invite people to worship and to one of our many fellowship opportunities.

It's easy to ask a friend or neighbor. Just give it a try. We also have church business cards in the narthex. Keep a few them in your purse to hand out.



Greeters

June 2 Mark Atma and Ruth TenBroek

June 9 Erin and Sara Galloway

June 16 Jean Smith

June 23 Dennis and Sandra Shaffer

June 30 Laurie Riley and Carla Stine-King

Refreshments

Mark Atma and Ruth TenBroek

Sandi and Bill Rothney

Jean Smith and Lois Shubert

Laurie Riley and Carla Stine-King

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, Clerk of Session and Chair of Stewardship and Mission

Membership “Dues” to Our Denomination, PC(USA)

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

If you attend worship in person, please be present no later than 9:50 a.m. The first ten minutes prior to the live broadcast will include announcements 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 for the upcoming sermon.



Northeast Food Pantry News

On May 11 the U.S. Post Office along with the Food Bank had a Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Northeast Pantry was blessed to receive 5700+ pounds of canned/boxed food from this drive. Our shelves are well stocked. Thanks to the community and the postal carriers for providing and collecting this food. We received canned vegetables, fruit, meats, soup, tomato products, boxed dinners, dried beans, rice, some condiments and sauces. We still have a need for toilet paper, bar soap, unscented baby wipes and boxed cereal.



The spring Meijer Simply Give Double Match Day is June 15. The food cards we receive from Meijer following each campaign are a valuable resource for the work of the pantry.

Thanks for all you do for the Northeast Food Pantry. We at the Pantry are truly blessed.
--Laurel Riley, Coordinator

Deacons' Corner

This year May Flowers looked a little different for us. Instead of the usual May Day Flowers, we shared and delivered some of the Mother's Day flowers which were generously donated by a member.

Just a reminder that your Deacons are here for you at any time. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Listed below are the Deacons and their assigned church families.

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

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

Presbyterian Women (PW) and Hannah Circle Bible Study

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--Lois Shubert, Moderator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 7: Richard Adler

15: Deanna Stults; Mick Shubert

16: Denise Carter

19: Glenn Alday

20: Michelle Jarrard

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 3: Eric and Beth Tucker

20: LuAnne and Martin Pierson

21: James and Roxie Perry

27: Kent and Rebecca Elliot;

Susan and Jim Jordan



With Christian Sympathy

Our prayers are with the family of Elder **Kathleen Lyon**, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 25. A Memorial Service will be held here at church on Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m., followed by a luncheon. Memorial donations may be made directly to our church.



The Session

The Session, composed of six elders and the pastor, governs every area of church ministry, including the work of the deacons.

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

Fellowship and Evangelism--Christine Ayres (Chair)

Christian Education--

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),

Clerk of Session: Aaron Jordan

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Annemarie S. Kidder