

The Fruitful Church

"But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives. Much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard." - Galatians 5:22

Can you believe it is October already? I so love this time of year with fall colors, the chill in the air, the smell of soup or apples and cinnamon. Even though I know winter is right around the corner, I always welcome the fall weather!

I'm also excited about the fall season in the church. Every fall season is something I look forward to because we start anew with our activities like Christian Education and coffee hour. The children are back in full force, plus new things begin.

This fall we have several new things beginning at HPC and I encourage you to look over the schedule carefully and find something that works for you. The goal of the Christian Ed Committee was to have something to offer everyone of every age in the congregation.

One of the new things that is happening this fall is our all church initiative that will kick off on Sunday, September 30th, following our congregational

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The Baby Pantry is Growing!

in the beginning

***In the Beginning* is open on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, in addition to the third Saturday.**

retreat. This initiative is titled: "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." It is based on a book by Bishop Robert Schnase and it helps us focus on how we are doing with each of the five main practices congregations do. We all know that we should practice hospitality, worship, study and prayer, missions and giving.

But in this initiative, we will be looking at how we might kick those up a notch or two. Looking at how Jesus practiced hospitality we will see what it means to do *radical* hospitality. Thinking about the people of faith in the Old Testament as well as the disciples and the apostle Paul and the early Christians, we will think about how we practice *passionate* worship. Looking at how we want to grow in the faith, we will consider how we do *intentional* faith development. Looking at our experience with doing missions, we will think about what it means and why we would want to do *risk-taking* missions. And last, we will consider what it means to practice *extravagant* generosity.

Schnase is a Bishop in the United Methodist Church and his experience has led him to believe that congregations who practice these five things, in the way their adjectives describe, are congregations that are very vital and are growing in many ways.

Last year at our retreat, we all agreed that we want to grow - in numbers and in faith. This year, we focus on setting goals that will help us grow. I hope you will join in with this five week program by reading your daily devotional and attending worship on Sundays. I hope you will decide on one of the five practices you are especially interested in and join a work group to set goals for that practice.

Oct. Dates & Times

Friday, Oct. 12th
10:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 20th
10:00am-2:00pm

Friday, Oct. 26th
10:00am-12:00pm



CAPITAL BUILDING CAMPAIGN Update!

Capital Building Campaign Pledges

This campaign is to raise the funds needed to complete the repairs and recovery of the west end basement.

We are still hopeful that more of us will be called to pledge for the first phase our building recovery project.

We have received \$16,960 in total pledges and we have received just over \$14,686 of the total pledged funds.

Our goal is \$30,000

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the

Work groups will meet on Thursday evenings at the church. On our last Sunday of the initiative, we will have an all-church gathering so the work groups can present their ideas and the congregation will decide which ones we will implement and focus on for the year.

We just finished a summer series of sermons that led us through The Acts of the Apostles. It was really the acts of the Holy Spirit that moved and empowered the apostles and the early church. That same Holy Spirit is leading us today. I'll say it one last time ... with the Holy Spirit, anything can happen and it probably will!

Hold on to your hats for we are setting out on an exciting journey together!

Peace and Grace!
Rev. Sharlyn

Are you a SNOOP?

efforts to repair and maintain a safe healthy place of worship & service to God!



HOLLY CANDLE CO.
is partnering with us on an ongoing fundraiser!

This local company uses only Michigan grown soy products in their top quality candles! You can pick up a packet in the narthex. Each time we have \$250 in orders we will place an order and they will custom create our order for us. See Mandie Banks if you have any questions.

We keep 40% of all proceeds!

If you love candles or know someone who does please consider participating!



COLLECTING USED CELL PHONES & INK JET CARTRIDGES!

If you have old cell phones, or empty ink jet cartridges that you want to get rid of we can help! The church is



Congregational Care will be hosting a
"Snoop Party"
Saturday, October 20 7-9 pm
In the Fellowship Hall.

This is a fun evening playing a gift exchange game that requires a "white elephant" unwrapped "gift" in a brown grocery bag, or, you could choose to buy something under \$5.00.

If you've never played,
come along and bring a friend!
Also, bring an appetizer or something to snack on. Beverages will be provided. Card tables will be needed, if you have one. Any questions?
Contact Roberta Single at 248-634-4360

collecting these items as part of the "Phoneraiser" fundraising program. We collect the items and mail them in to Phoneraiser, who checks the phones and pays us for any functioning phones and useable ink cartridges and then properly recycles the unusable items. This great program provides us with a no-cost, easy fundraiser, and a way to be good stewards of God's creation by protecting groundwater that would be contaminated by the chemicals in these items.
A drop box is in the narthex.



Save Your VG's Receipts!

Bring your VG's receipts to church and we can turn them to generate funds through VG's Community Share Points program. There is a poster with a pocket for the receipts in the kitchen.



OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

- Oct 1 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
Oct 2 TECHNOLOGY MTG -Rescheduled
Oct 3 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 7:00pm
Oct 7 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS
9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
AA 3:00pm
Oct 8 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
Oct 9 STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm
Oct 10 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG 6:30pm
CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm
Oct 11 OFFICE CLOSED until 1pm Friday
FIVE PRACTICES WORK GROUP
7:00pm
Oct 12 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm
Oct 14 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS
9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
AA 3:00pm
Oct 15 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL for Infant & Preg.
Loss 6:45pm
Oct 16 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
OUTREACH 6:00pm
SESSION 7:00pm
Oct 18 DIGGING DEEPER STUDY 7:00pm
FIVE PRACTICES WORK GROUP
7:00pm
Oct 20 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm
Oct 21 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS

YOUR INTERNET SEARCHES CAN HELP THE CHURCH!

Check out Good Search
online to find out how!
It's SO easy and has
great potential to support
the ministries here at
HPC!



November Events! Mark Your Calendar. . .

Anniversary Celebration
for In the Beginning
Baby Pantry
Sat, November 3rd

InGathering Banquet
Celebrating the Fruits of
God's Orchard
Sun, November 11th

Digging Deeper Study
Thur, November 15th

Spread the Word!



9:30am
 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
 WORSHIP 11:00am
 AA 3:00pm
 Oct 22 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
 Oct 24 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
 Oct 25 FIVE PRACTICES WORK GROUP
 7:00pm
 Oct 26 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Oct 28 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
 THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS
 9:30am
 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
 WORSHIP 11:00am
 Oct 29 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
 Oct 31 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
 Oct 31 TRICK OR TREAT OUTREACH 6:00pm



Baby Pantry

Our 1st Birthday!

Open House Celebration

Saturday Nov.3rd

10am - 2pm

October marks the first anniversary of the opening of the baby pantry. We will be inviting our In The Beginning Baby Pantry families, and supporters to

Nursery Care Attendant Opening

Personnel will soon begin the search to staff our church nursery. Share this opportunity with anyone you know who may be interested.



Great Reading! [Click this link. . .](#)

THE PARISH PAPER!

Each monthly issue of The Parish Paper provides ideas, insights, research-findings, and practical methods that strengthen the effectiveness of congregations in accomplishing God's purposes through their various ministries.

GIVE BLOOD!





join us for a special celebration! This important ministry has reached out to over 40 families in the Holly area, showing them the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. Join us to celebrate this amazing ministry that has been led by our Teens For Christ Youth Group!

October 19th, 2012

1:00pm - 6:45pm

Support the Red Cross Blood Drive being held at the church.

For More Information
Call the Church Office
or Reply to this Email.



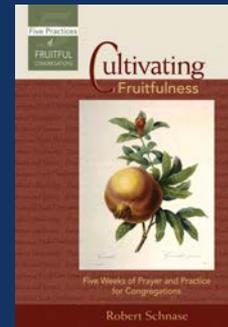
Order Date: November 4th!

Great Lakes Scrip Program is a simple and easy way to support Holly Presbyterian Church.

Here's how it works:

- On the First Sunday of each month order your gift cards at face value for your favorite restaurant, retail store, gas station, movie theater, etc. (the list is endless)
- On the Second Sunday of each month you will receive your order.
- The church will earn, on average, 4-5% of the face value of the cards ordered.

Have you asked yourself this questions?



*The Five Practices
of The Fruitful
Congregation
WORK GROUPS*

**Thursday Evenings
in October &
November!**

Come join in the dialog about our future! You can pick one group or come to All of them!

Radical Hospitality
October 11th 7:00pm

*"If I want to shop locally,
how can I do that with scrip?"*

Well. . .

These gift cards can be used right here in Holly:

AutoZone
CVS/pharmacy
Hallmark
Marathon
Mobil
Rite Aid
Subway
Wendy's

We hope that you see something you like, and will purchase some gift cards to help support your church! Orders can be turned into the Great Lakes Scrip table on the first Sunday of each month, or placed in the offering plate. See Christine Cook on Sunday to place your order.

The Stewardship committee hopes everyone will prayerfully consider supporting this fundraising program. Please see the order form that has been included with your bulletin.

Thank you for your support!



Trick or Treat Outreach Event!

Join us in showing the radical hospitality of HPC with neighboring families who are trick or treating! We even get see some of our own little HPC kids dressed up and having fun!

We will pass out candy to little ones, and provide hot drinks for all!

Passionate Worship
October 18th 7:00pm

Intentional Faith Development
October 25th 7:00pm

Risk Taking Mission
November 1 7:00pm

Extravagant Generosity
November 8 7:00pm

Property Update. . .

The boilers have been started up and a few repairs have been done. The progress on repairs and recovery of the west end of the churches basement are moving forward. Excavating is being scheduled, and decisions are being made by the committee and session.

**ALL CHURCH
WORK DAY
OCTOBER 27th**

If you would like to help, or provide candy see Karen Haneline or Judy Studer, or reply to this email.

Prayer Concerns & Joys

"I pray according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with the power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."

Ephesians 3:16-17

Concerns

- For all those who are in nursing homes, shut in, or seeking comfort and healing.
- For Dan Nash, Ardath Regan, Quinn Elliott, Travis, Beatrice Johnston, Harriett Striggow, Virginia McDonald, Elizabeth Kici, Roberta Single, Matt Nash, Pat Frank, Judy Studer, Rose Marie and Bruce McColl, Lisette Cotaling, Steve Fuller, Gordie Bradshaw, and Mark and Del Ridley.
- For all those who are struggling with economic set backs, family problems, and emotional upheavals.

Joys

- For the fellowship & fun shared by those who were able to attend the Congregational Retreat at Echo Grove this year.
- For our newest members, the Caloia Family. May God bless Billy & Krystal, and Isabelle and William as they become a part

9:00am - 3:00pm

We will gather to do regular maintenance and fall cleaning through out the building, to work on preparing the west basement for the upcoming work. The Property Committee is looking for someone who is interested in landscaping to serve as the coordinator for those efforts.

of the HPC family!

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Our Ruling Session Members are:

2012 SESSION

Jennifer Chanter	Personnel Committee
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Lori Goldsmith	Property Committee
Roberta Single	Congregational Care Committee
Gerry Jackson	Stewardship Committee
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