

Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter



Holly Presbyterian Church is a community of faith in God that values peaceful, loving, and just relationships in our church, families, and the world.



July/August 2014

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Reunion With A Cause
Cathie Killewald will be

As you know (at least I hope you know) we are still in the process of working on a strategic plan for HPC. It is a long process but an important one as we look at where we have been, where we are today and where we hope to be in the future. Then we make plans ... take steps on how we get there.

One of the most important pieces of building a plan is looking at the organization's mission

setting up a table July 27th and August 3rd to introduce and promote the annual event called 'Reunion With a Cause' that raises money for cancer patients and their families. The event takes place annually at the Holly High School Track. All donations and offers to help are very much appreciated. This event has helped many people in our local area to cope and overcome cancer challenges. Cathie will answer any and all questions regarding the event.

Praying for our church family

Concerns. . .

- For those serving or who have served us and our country in military service.
- For all those who are in nursing homes, shut in, or seeking comfort and healing.
- For Beatrice Johnston, Raelene Morgan, Judy Blackburn, Grace Ranger, Brian

statement. If we don't know what we are about, we sure can't plan what we want to do! We also look at our vision statement because if we don't know where we are going, we just might end up going nowhere!

I know that many of you worked hard and long on the current mission statement a few years ago. And it is a good one! But ... experts tell us that churches (and other organizations) should revisit and probably rewrite their mission statement every three years. Because we are evolving; we are constantly changing, and so is the world around us.

Sara Pettit is leading us in this strategic planning effort. She is trained and experienced and we are blessed to have her willingness to share her gifts with us at no charge! To have a consultant come lead us would cost us thousands of dollars. Sara will be meeting with different groups in the church at various times to get to the specifics of what each group is doing, and what they think is important for the future of the church.

Recently, Sara met with Session members as we worked through our Mission and Vision statements. We actually discerned that what we have is very close to who we are today. We did a little tweaking though and I want you to see it and be thinking about it. Let me or Sara know what you think.

I will let you read the current statements which are on the front of each of your Sunday bulletins. Below are the new, revised statements. First of all, we switched what we call the Vision Statement to become the Mission Statement and vice versa.

Here is what we ended up with:

Our Mission: Holly Presbyterian Church is a joyful family of faith that nurtures knowing, growing, sharing and serving as followers of Christ within our church and around the world through peaceful and loving relationships.

This statement covers what our ministry teams do

Palmero, Leon Parker, Kennedy Todd, Jaymi Whalen, Pamela Lender, Ron Mikulak (Karen Haneline's brother) the Keith Ketzler family, Beth Krauss, Rev. Mark Knisley of Hopewell Presbyterian Church (TN), Keaton Banks, Maxine Bolyea, Dan Nash, and Mandie Banks, Fred Roeder, and Dan Goodearl.

Joys

- We give thanks for blessing & adventure that Katie Parker has been given to teach in North Carolina! May God provide her with grace and courage as she begins this new stage in her journey!
- Sara Erzen~ Cancer Free! Thanks be to God!

and hopefully what we are about as a Christian church, as followers of Jesus Christ.

And our Vision is to:

- * Worship and serve God in a faithful and joyful manner
- * Share the good news of the Christian faith with each other and beyond the church.
- * Live as a caring family dedicated to the biblical values of peace, love, faith, and justice.
- * Develop a dynamic presence in our community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit

I encourage you to think and pray about these. Do they ring true for you? Let us know what you think because at some point soon we will vote on it and it will go into our by-laws.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Peace and Grace,
Rev. Sharlyn



Associate Pastors Message. . . .

By the time you read this in July the General Assembly (GA) will have left the city of Detroit. I am sure there was much news coverage on items like the vote to divest from companies like Caterpillar, Motorola, and Hewlett-Packard related to the Israel and Palestinian conflict, as well as the work performed by the Committee on Civil Union and Marriage that dealt with issues like should the church redefine marriage between "two people" rather than between "a man and a woman."

Regardless of how you feel about the issues above I am saddened that we

continue to miss out on other great stories that should have been celebrated and shared with the masses by the Presbyterian Church (USA) at GA so the Commissioners and Advisory Delegates would have positive things to share with everyone when they returned to their home churches.

Some of those positive things are about how several different youth groups came together to perform mission work during the day in the city of Detroit and attended different sessions of the GA meetings at night, or how two of the newest 1001 worship communities have been started in Detroit and Howell. If that is not enough, how about doing a better job of celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program that has sent 1,250 YAV's for a year of service, but a lifetime of change, since 1994. Or, the three women who were recognized for their faithful witness at the Women of Faith Awards Breakfast Sponsored by: Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women.

Ladies and Gentleman, I don't need a crystal ball to tell you the divestment and any changes in how a marriage is defined will cause more churches to leave the Presbyterian Church (USA). What I also know is that the other things mentioned above are true reflections of people serving others as Christ would have us do as disciples, and these are the things we should be celebrating and making sure everyone around the world takes back to their home churches as motivation to continue to serve Jesus Christ.

-Shaun

*Don't Miss the Fun! Register Now!
Invite a friend. . .*



The Game of

LIFE

A Journey in Faith!

We will consider God's place in our lives as we walk this journey. Do you feel God close by you each day. . or do feel like you are just beyond his reach sometimes? Come join us as we seek God's presence and grace as we move along the path in this game we call life!

Pontoon Boat, Canoeing, Riflery, Archery, Swimming, Hiking, Board Games, Action Games, Bonfire, and even a Treasure Hunt!

Sit relaxing on a deck overlooking the beautiful lake, walk nature trails, and enjoy relaxing with good friends!

Print out the forms today and bring to church to register!

[Downloadable Registration Form](#)

[Downloadable Flyer](#)

Can't make it yourself. . . but want to help another member

attend by contributing to our scholarship fund? Awesome!

Retreat Scholarship Lunch & Game Day!

We're having the Talent Auction too!

July 20th, following Worship

All donation go towards scholarships and retreat costs for someone in our family of faith!

July/August Calendar of Events



July

Jul 14 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Jul 15 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Jul 16 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon - Cribbage!

Jul 17 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Jul 19 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm

Jul 20 WORSHIP 10:00am

AA 3:00pm

Jul 21 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Jul 22 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

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Jul 24 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Jul 25 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm

Jul 27 WORSHIP 10:00am

AA 3:00pm

Jul 28 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Jul 29 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Jul 30 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon - Cribbage!

Jul 31 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

August

Aug 3 WORSHIP 10:00am

AA 3:00pm

Aug 4 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Aug 5 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

TEAM PARTY NIGHT 6:30pm

Aug 6 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon - Cribbage!

Aug 7 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Aug 8 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm

Aug 10 WORSHIP 10:00am

FELLOWSHIP TEAM MTG After worship

AA 3:00pm

Aug 11 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Aug 12 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

SESSION MTG 7:00pm

Aug 13 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

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Aug 16 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm

Aug

17 WORSHIP 10:00am

 AA 3:00pm

Aug
18 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

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 4:00pm

Aug
22 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm

 ALL CHURCH RETREAT Echo Grove Friday - Sunday

Aug
24 WORSHIP 10:00am

 AA 3:00pm

Aug
25 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

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 4:00pm

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31 WORSHIP 10:00am

 AA 3:00pm

Our Missionary Updates. . .

University of Michigan Athletes in Action



Athletes in Action missionaries, Colby and Sarah Keefer, continue to reach college athletes in the name of Christ.



To catch up with them and their latest news click the link below.

[**Keefers Summer Newsletter**](#)

OPERATION TRANSIT!



Campus Crusade for Christ missionaries, Allen and DeeDee Iobst, continue to reach people in the name of Christ and distribute bibles.

To catch up with them and their latest news click the link below.

[Campus Crusade for Christ Operation Transit Website](#)

[Iobst Summer Newsletter](#)



Prayer Requests from the Lake Huron Presbytery:

- Kris Noble, son of Elder Vicky Bright (Sandusky) who was in a very serious accident last month. While he is now recouping at home and doing better than expected at this stage, he has a long road to recovery ahead of him.
- The Rev. Dr. Robert Emrich and wife, Carol on Bob's retirement as Pastor of Saginaw-First on June 30th. Congratulations to both!
- The Rev. Lucy Waechter Webb (former Candidate Under Care of LHP) and husband Daniel on the recent birth of their first child, Gillian Ruth. Lucy is the daughter of Elders John and Sue Waechter (Midland-Memorial). Congratulations to the whole family!
- Shelby Offrink, daughter in-law of the Rev. Jim Offrink (HR) and wife Sally who is battling cancer. Shelby and her husband Ben have two young daughters. We lift the entire family up in prayer.

- The Rev. Ernesto Badillo, our long-time Board of Pensions Representative, and his family as Ernesto battles colon cancer.



Order Scrip this Summer!

Order August 3rd - Delivery August 10th

We receive a small profit from the sale of each card, which goes toward our everyday expenses. The church should net approximately \$500 this year from this easy fundraiser.

In addition to the *gas, grocery, and restaurant cards* that most of us order throughout the year, there are also gift cards available for many *major retail stores, amazon.com, and iTunes*.

**Look at the complete list of cards available by
[Clicking Here](#)**

If you do not feel comfortable using a computer, talk to Christine Cook or Vicki Lyles and we can let you know if what you want is available. **Thank you for your support!!**

June 2014 Finance Report

Description	June 30, 2014	Year to Date
Income	14,816.57	65,578.93
Expense	10,455.55	69,249.60

ALL NEW VG'S SHARE PROGRAM!

VG's grocery store has a new program that will replace the Community Share Points Program we are familiar with now.

Please click on the link below to see how you can participate going forward. If you have further questions please see Jan Bradshaw.



[Click Here!](#)

In the Beginning News!



Parent Child Play Group
On break for the Summer!

*For more information contact Krystal Caloia
at kcaloia1007@yahoo.com*

Prayer requests from our families:

- Pray for all those in difficult relationships, struggling with emotional and physical abuse, and self doubt. May they be comforted by the love of Christ.
- Pray for those parents who are not getting enough hours on their work schedules.
- Pray for those parents who are seeking work.

UPCOMING DATES:

July

Fri. July 11, 10am - 12pm, Sat. July 19, 10am - 2pm,

Fri. July 25, 10am - 12pm

August

Fri. August 8, 10am - 12pm, Sat. August 16, 10am - 2pm,

Fri. August 22, 10am - 12pm

***Items we need include: Diapers, Kleenex, wipes, lotions,
baby wash & diaper rash cream!***

If you feel called to this ministry please see Beki Cook, Christine Cook, or Laura Parker .

*"And he took the Children in his arms, put His hands on them
and blessed them."*

Mark 10:16

For Your Information. . .

- If you have something that you would like included in the newsletter please submit it to the church office by the 15th of the month prior. Thanks!
- If you are not receiving the Email Newsletter and other e-updates and would like to, please call the office at 248-634-9494 and we would be happy to add your email to our list!
- If you have had a change of phone, email or mailing address in the past year, we would like to know so that we can make sure everyone's contact information is current in our database.

Supporting Missions . . .



The Keefer Family-Athletes in Action
Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor, Mi

The Iobst Family- Operations Transit
Algeciras, Spain
(Both Working Under Campus Crusade for Christ)

Grace Centers of Hope
Pontiac, Mi

Ennis Foundation
Pontiac, Mi

HPC Christmas - Adopt a Family

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry
Holly, Mi

Our 2014 Session

Class of 2014	Karen Haneline	Care Team	(248) 634-7339
	Judy Studer	Outreach Team	(248) 634-8918
	Margaret Perry	Fellowship Team	(810) 735-7692
Class of 2015	Charlee Litten	Personnel Team	(810) 694-0095
	Dessalee Cook	Worship Team	(248) 634-5680
	Jim Lyles	Clerk	(248) 634-4610
	Nick Pettit	Technology Team	(810) 869-4883
Class of 2016	Christine Cook	Christian Ed. Team	(248) 887-2012
	Lori Goldsmith	Property Team	(810) 397-9722
	Bob Killewald	Finance Team	(248) 310-2410
Minister:	Rev. Dr. Sharlyn Gates	(620)423-2671 (c)	(248)369-8893 (h)
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