



## Holly Presbyterian Church Newsletter Mid March/April 2024

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### **Exciting News**



If you haven't heard we have a new pastor, Pastor Chris Thomas. We have also *changed worship time to 11:15am.*

Pastor Chris Thomas was born and raised in Northern California. He sensed a call to ministry at the age of 19 and attended San Jose Christian College

to receive a Bachelor's degree in Bible and Theology and Counseling Psychology. He worked in Youth Ministry throughout his undergraduate and graduate education. He later attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for his Master of Divinity and received a call as a pastor in the Presbytery of Detroit thirteen years ago. He has served two congregations in the Presbytery of Detroit, one as an Associate Pastor and the other as Senior Pastor. He is currently working doing leadership development and spiritual formation discipleship outside of the local church context. Pastor Chris is married to his high school sweetheart Stacy for 21 years and they have four kids ranging from ages 17 to 11 (Amaris age 17, Aletheia age 16, Azariah age 14 and Anastasia age 11). With their kids, two border collie mixes, pit bull and chickens, they currently live in Holly, MI.

Love in Christ,

Chris Thomas

## Thoughts From Ted



Recently I surprised (maybe even scared) a number of the people I work with. What did I do that surprised them so much? I committed what my mother used to call “a neat-ness.” By that she meant that something that normally was, at best, disorganized or, at worst, a complete mess, was straightened out.

That’s what happened in my office. Normally my desk is full of stacks of paper, random items from people, the odd book or three, and folders of meeting minutes and records. Frankly, most of the time, it is simply a mess. But then I committed “a neat-ness.” Old papers were thrown away or a few of them filed. Extra kids toys were returned to their place. Borrowed books were returned to their owners. Desk surfaces that hadn’t been seen in a long time were visible and could be cleaned themselves.

And every person I worked with who came into my office and saw it said something along the lines of “I don’t even recognize it anymore!” This was my “neat-ness.”

But as I put things back in order, I found myself wondering how it happened. I didn’t intend for it to get that messy. I did leave any of it there over the months on purpose. I really didn’t notice that it was getting messier and messier. But it did.

Which made it a good reminder that even in the life of the church, things can get messy – can get out of control – and we don’t even really notice. A little repair in the church gets put off. Why would we support that new mission – we’ve got our things to support. We’ll check on our neighboring church when we have the time. And before we know it the “desk” of our church is covered with junk that covers up where Christ might normally be found.

As we head into spring and past Easter, may we keep the “desks” of our lives clear of anything that might cover up what Jesus is calling us to do. And who knows what surprises we might find?!

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk

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Bible Study is on April 14<sup>th</sup> & April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am.



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### **Easter services:**

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday – 11:15am

March 28<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday – 7:00pm

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – No service-Holly Calvary has one at 6:30pm.

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday – 11:15am



### **Calendar of Events for April**

Mon	Apr 1st	April Fools Day
Tues	Apr 2nd	6:00pm Outreach Team
		7:00pm Information Technology Team
Fri	Apr 5th	10:00pm Baby Pantry
Sun	Apr 7th	10:30am Coffee
		11:00am Worship
Sun	Apr 14th	10:00am Bible Study
		10:30am Coffee
		11:00am Worship
Tues	Apr 16th	7:30pm Property Team
Wed	Apr 17th	1:00pm Worship Team
Thurs	Apr 18th	7:00pm Session Meeting
Fri	Apr 19th	10:00 Baby Pantry
Sun	Apr 21st	10:30am Coffee
		11:00am Worship
Sun	Apr 28th	10:00am Bible Study
		10:30am Coffee
		11:00am Worship

### **Finance Team**

#### **February**

Income    \$5,468.66       YTD   \$12,862.17

Expenses   \$6,002.16       YTD   \$14,739.34

*Bob Killewald and Vicki Lyles*



### **Happy Birthday! May God bless you all year long!**



Margaret Perry April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Gerry Jackson April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Cathie Killewald April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Broady Cook April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Jan Bradshaw April 25<sup>th</sup>

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## **Happy Anniversary**

Walt & Barb Brown April 21<sup>st</sup> 62 years!!

**May the Good Lord continue to bless you both for 2024! We love you!**

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## **From the Congregational Care Team**

If you have prayer requests, please submit them to Karen Haneline (email address- [haneline526@gmail.com](mailto:haneline526@gmail.com) , phone 248-894-3489) of the Congregational Care Team.



### ***April quote***

**Prayer of thanks:** **Sierra and Dalton Sink** were not injured in the Grand Blanc tornado last month (their house was damaged).

**For healing:** **Donna Miller; Gordie Bradshaw; Jerry Watkins** (Laura

Parker's dad) recovering from broken femur; **Jessica Duis** (Jim & Vicki Lyles niece) complications have arisen regarding her thyroid cancer treatment. **Sherry McLaughlin** gain strength after pneumonia; **Penny Schettling** recovering from second hip replacement.

**Ongoing prayers:** **Barb Brown, Don Neuville, Mark Bolen, Steve in FL, and Jim Killewald.**

**Prayers for those suffering:** for all those affected by war, severe weather, hunger, gun violence, abuse, and/or addiction.



**We lift up those in prayer from the Presbytery**

- **Our churches** currently in pastoral transition.

**Our Mission Co-Workers:**

**Lucy Der-Garabedian** serving in Lebanon.

**Cathy Chang** and family serving in the Philippines. Cathy Chang is now back in the Philippines after several weeks assisting with her father's recovery and transition to home health care.



***Iobst Family***



***Keefer Family***

**Coffee and Fellowship Time**



**Coffee Fellowship**

Come at 10:30am for some coffee, snack and Fellowship. Please see the signup sheet and see what date might work for you to serve. Signup sheet is in the narthex.



Baby Pantry dates are:

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> and Apr 19<sup>th</sup>

**Thank you in advance to our volunteers.**

**Recycle**



We are looking for your used ink cartridges. Bring in your ink cartridges and any batteries you have. Thank you.



## **2024 Session Members**

Clerk.....	Jan Bradshaw.....	2024
Christian Education.....	Dessalee Cook ...	2025
Congregational Care.....	Margaret Perry ...	2026
Finance.....	Bob Killewald.....	2025
Information Technology..	Brian Parker.....	2024
Outreach.....	Donna DeNise.....	2025
Property.....	Jim Lyles.....	2026
Worship.....	Tom Schettling...	2024
Moderator and Pastor-Pastor Chris Thomas		

