



From the Pastor's Study. . .
Rev. Dr. Sharlyn Dehaven Gates



Dear Church Family,

Can you believe it? As you receive this newsletter, I will have been your pastor for 5 full months! Time sure does fly when you're having fun, and Fred and I are having a great time at Holly Presbyterian Church with all our new friends in Christ!

We have spent this time getting to know one another, trying a few new things in worship together, doing some planning in committees and have had some social events as well as study. I feel so blessed that God led me to serve as your pastor and give thanks each day for that gift. Even though it is definitely hot with the season of summer bearing down on us, we know that fall is just around the corner, and with fall comes lots of exciting church activities. I'm looking forward to spending lots of time with our Teens for Christ as we have more youth events scheduled, as well as beginning Confirmation. Sunday School will begin again, studies, mission opportunities and stewardship.

But, one of the most exciting events coming up is the Fall Congregational Retreat at Echo Grove Camp, which will be September 30-October 2 (including worship on Sunday morning!) We are planning lots of fun activities for young and old and in-between, as well as meaningful times for conversations about our future as HPC. As your new pastor, hearing your voices, your hopes and dreams for the church will be so helpful as I make plans to lead us into the coming years.

I am hoping that everyone who is able will make the effort to attend this great event. Already there are people working on details to make it be a great experience. There are people who are praying for the event and for each member of the church.

We have so much to look forward to! I hope you will join me in helping to grow us into the future!

May God bless the members - current and future members – of Holly Presbyterian Church as we genuinely seek God's will for us and as we pray for the Holy Spirit to be our guide.

Peace and Grace!

Pastor Sharlyn



ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Work Day Saturday, August 6th

We will be removing carpeting in the basement area, and painting windows and other small tasks. More information will follow, please see Dan Nash, so you can help with this effort. Everyone's participation is important.



Reunion With Cause Friday, August 12th

The 8th Annual Reunion with a Cause will take place at Holly High School on Friday, August 12th. The Holly Presbyterian Church is proud to have a team that is led by Jim and Roberta Single. Please join them in the continued fight against cancer, and help those in Holly that need your support. Donations will be accepted at church on the following Sundays: July 24th; July 31st; and August 7th.

See Roberta to sign up! [You can also click here for more information.](#)



Echo Grove All Church Retreat September 30th through October 2nd

Mark your calendars for September 30th – October 2nd. Fun and relaxation in a beautiful setting! We will be looking at our vision for our church and how we will grow moving forward. Everyone's participation is so important! Have questions? Concerns? Ask Pastor Sharlyn or Laura Parker. Registration forms available in Narthex or you can [click here for more information and a registration form.](#) **REGISTER TODAY!**

[Join the conversation on the Holly Presbyterian Church's Facebook page.](#)

[forward to a friend](#)

Mission Statement

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

Our Mission is to :

- Worship God in a faithful and joyful manner;
- Teach the Good News of the Christian faith, share that faith with each other and reach out to those beyond the church;
- Be a loving 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.

AUGUST 2011 CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, August 1

Office is closed

7:30 pm -- AA and Alanon meetings

Tuesday, August 2

9:00 am - 2:00 pm -- Office is open

The pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

7:00 pm - Christina Eductin Commitee Mtg.

Wednesday, August 3

9:00 am - 2:00 pm -- Office is open

The pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

6:00 pm - Building Use Committee Mtg.

7:00 pm - Worship Committee & Team Mtg.

Thursday, August 4

9:00 am - 2:00 pm -- Office is open

The pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

Friday, August 5

9:00 am - 2:00 pm -- Office is open

Saturday, August 6

Office is closed

All Church Work Day 9am - 3pm

Sunday, August 7

10:00 am -- Worship Service

3:00 pm -- AA meeting

Monday, August 8

Office is closed

7:30 pm -- AA and Alanon meetings

Tuesday, August 9

9:00 am - 2:00 pm-- Office is open

The pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

Wednesday, August 10

CHURCH FUNDRAISING!



Great Lakes Scrip announcement

GLS is our new fundraiser for the church that raises funds through your normal, everyday purchases.

How it works

Great Lakes Scrip (Scrip) is a gift card based on a fundraising program. When you purchase a gift card through Scrip, you pay the face value of your gift card, but Scrip charges the Holly Presbyterian Church a discount price. For example, if you purchase a \$100 gift card to a gas station, you pay \$100 and receive \$100 worth of gasoline. Scrip, however, only charges the Holly Presbyterian Church \$92 and the church earns \$8 from that one purchase. Discounts range between 2% and 16%. [Click here for a list of participating retailers and their discount rates.](#)

Please see Christine Cook or Vicki Lyles for more information. Orders placed Sunday will be available for pick up the following Sunday.



We are still collecting community share points from the bottom of your Vg's receipts. Please place your points in the wall pocket in the church kitchen.

Thanks!

9:00 am - 2:00 pm-- Office is open
The pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling
7:00 pm - AYSO Mtg - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 11

9:00 am - 2:00 pm -- Office is open
The pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

Friday, August 12

9:00 am - 2:00 pm - Office is open
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm - Reuion With A Cause @ Holly High School
Wedding Rehrrersal - Barton

Saturday, August 13

Office is closed
Wedding - Barton

Sunday, August, 14

10:00 am -- Worship Service
Following Worship - Ice Cream and Sloppy Joe Social
12:00 pm - Teens For Christ Mtg.
3:00 pm -- AA meeting

Monday, August 15

Office is closed
7:30 p.m. -- AA and Alanon meetings
Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m -- Office is open
The pastor is on vacation

Wednesday, August 17

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m -- Office is open
The pastor is on vacation

Thursday, August 18

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -- Office is open
The pastor is on vacation

Friday, August 19

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m -- Office is open
The pastor is on vacation

Saturday August 20

Office is closed
The pastor is on vacation

Sunday, August 21

10:00 a.m. -- Worship Service

**MORE
EXCITING
NEWS!**

**New Outreach
Ministry led by The
Teens For Christ!**



On Sunday July 17th the Teens For Christ were commissioned in their newest project, a baby pantry that they have named "In The Beginning". The baby pantry will be a free resource for parents of infants, providing new and gently used clothing, linens, incidentals, diapers, formula, and emotional support for families experiences atough times. The enite church has committed to support our youth in this important ministry. The youth are looking for adults that are willing to work with to get the baby pantry ready for it's September 17th Grand Opening. Contact Cathy Privette, Christine Cook or the church office if you would like to help.

The pastor is on vacation. Ann & Bill Roberston preaching in her absence.

3:00 p.m. -- AA meeting

Office is closed

Monday, August 22

Office Closed

7:30 p.m. -- AA and Alanon meetings

Tuesday, August 23

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m -- Office is open

The pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

7:00 pm - Session Mtg.

Wednesday, August 24

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m -- Office is open

The pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

Thursday, August 25

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -- Office is open

The pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

Friday, August 26

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m -- Office is open

Saturday, August 27

Office is closed

Sunday, August 28

10:00 a.m. -- Worship Service

3:00 p.m. -- AA meeting

Monday, August 29

Office Closed

7:30 pm - AA and Alanon Mtgs

Tuesday, August 30

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Office is open

Pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

Wednesday, August 31

9:00 am - 2:00 pm - Office is open

Pastor is available for appointments, pastoral calls, or counseling

Our Missionaries

Please pray for our missionaries. Up to date information on them can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall:

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**Ice Cream Social
& Sloppy Joe Lunch**

Sunday, August 14

Invite a friend to experience the fellowship here at Holly Presbyterian Church! The fun will take place immediately following Worship.



Our Family OF Faith!
Congregational Portrait - June 10, 2011

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

September 2011

**Sunday School Rally
September 11th!**

Make a note to remind yourself that Sunday School begins this day!

**The Gathering Place 9:15am
Adult Sunday School 9:30am**

Fall Worship Service Time
Our worship service resumes the **10:30 am** schedule on September 11th

October 2011

**Fall Arts & Craft Auction
October 23rd!**

Whether you are a crafter or a shopper, or a little bit of both, make sure you plan to participate in this fun event! Preparations are underway now. If you would like to help in any way please contact Donna Miller or the church office.

Colby and Sarah Keefer

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Office Hours

Regular office hours are:

9:00 am - 2:00 pm T-F

The secretary is out of the office on Mondays.

The pastor's hours are currently:

9:00 - 2:00 pm M -Th

Pastor Gates may be reached at 620-428-2671 or by email at
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**Add to
your
prayer
list**

Prayer Chain requests can be made to the church office by calling 248-634-9494. All prayer requests will be passed along to Pastor Gates, and to Roberta Single to start the chain. The Prayer Chain is always welcoming new participants. If you would like to join us in this prayer ministry please contact Roberta Single for the Phone Chain and Kay Vander Kuy for the E-mail Chain.

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