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OUR CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

For all those who are
shut in, or seeking
comfort and healing.

Jack Smith

October Muse from Your Pastor

Rev. Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. - 1 Cor. 13:4-7 (NLT)

Dear Church Family,

Wow! We have lots going on at the moment, don't we? Some really good things are happening with Sunday School starting back up, our Teens For Christ are meeting every Sunday night for fun, food, fellowship and lessons. Thursday evening is Bible Study night for a

Dan Nash
Jerry Studer
Pat Frank
Ivah Curle
Ardatth Regan
Floyd Sneed

For all those affected by recent storms, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and tornados.

For our service men and women, and national and world leaders.



Regular Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Pastor Gates can be reached at

620-428-2671

or

pastorshar33@comcast.net

Holiday Auction Fundraiser! Sunday, Oct. 23rd

Whether you are a crafter, an artist, or love to shop and bid at auction, mark your calendar for this fun event! Preparations are underway now! A planning meeting will be held on October 12 at 7:00 pm If you have any questions see Donna Miller.

men's group and a women's group. The Congregational Care Committee is making sure we have goodies and coffee every Sunday morning. Our fall congregational retreat is almost here, with lots of fun and meaningful things planned for that event.

We also have hired member, Laura Parker, as our office manager. Laura has done a great job already of cleaning out and organizing the office. Her skills are top notch and I am glad to be working with her.

The grand opening of our Baby Pantry has been postponed until October 15th, but will be an exciting new outreach ministry for us, led by our Teens for Christ.

But, even with all the exciting ministries we have going on, there are also things to consider that have the potential for causing frustration, burn out and hurt feelings.

With the on-going issues of building repairs, our Session - and particularly the Property Committee - is working diligently to form the best plan that will get the job done in the most time and cost efficient manner.

All of our committees and our new office manager are dedicated members that have been elected by the congregation to serve the church. But, we must remember that they are people who are as hungry for worship and fellowship as we all are.

I am asking that we make a conscious effort to restrain from complaints, questions, or suggestions on Sunday mornings. In Christian love, let us respect and affirm those leaders whom we have asked to take the difficult jobs in the church. Finding ways to say thank you would be encouraging, especially at a time when the work is frustrating and time-consuming. Most of our committee chairs are volunteers who have full time jobs outside of the church.

You will begin seeing a suggestion box in the narthex

Current Fundraising Projects

HPC has a couple of fundraising projects going on at this time.

Our Congregational Care Committee is still collecting

Vg's Grocery Store Community Share

Points. These share points are found at the bottom portion of your Vg's receipt and signify the amount of funds that the company will re-invest into the community.

Our Stewardship Committee is offering the opportunity to order **Great Lake Scrip** cards (like a gift card) to businesses that you already frequent. These businesses have committed a certain percentage of the face value of each card to the church. I great way to make sure your normal spending can help support the church.

Our Presbyterian Women are planning a **Holiday Auction** this fall on October 23rd!

As part of our ongoing work to develop a long term **VISION** for the future of HPC we are offering **Journey of**

where you can write a suggestion or a message of appreciation for the committee chairs. Laura will then make sure they are sorted through and put in the proper mailbox downstairs.

Other ways to communicate with committee chairs are to call them by phone. Their phone numbers are on the back of the bulletin every Sunday and are always on the website at hollypc.org. Or you can call or email the office and Laura can give you the information you need to contact a committee chair.

When the Church goes through changes (which is inevitable, of course) there is a potential for great enthusiasm and excitement as well as a potential for conflict and frustrations. In the manner of mature, Christian love that the Apostle Paul writes about to the church in Corinth, let us love one another selflessly and patiently, considering the feelings of all and having the unity that we are called to have together as Christ's Church.

In this time of repairs and transitions let us commit to making exceptions to what we have always done. We may have to move a little and make room for one another until we have our own space again.

As we look ahead to the future of HPC, knowing that changes will have to take place if we are to be a vital, fruitful congregation in today's world, let us be in a spirit of prayer as we consider what is truly necessary to let go of and what is so important that we have to hold on to.

The most important thing of all is holding on to one another in love, patience, kindness, and faith.

May God's peace, forgiveness and amazing love be upon

Faith Candles

are available for \$12.50. They are comparable to Yankee Candle scents and make great gifts! See Brian Parker if you are interested in helping out ordering.

Teens For Christ!

The Teens will be meeting every Sunday evening at 5:00pm to prepare & share a meal, activities and the **Re:Form** study. "Anti-Workbooks" will be provided. Pastor Sharlyn will be leading this study and will also use it to lead our 2012 confirmation class!

Check the

TFC Facebook page for upcoming information on a trip to the ORCHARDS!

TFC NEEDS STUFF!

Wish list for their study materials.

The Teens are in need of some odds and ends of supplies to help with their creative program. If you have any of the items listed below,

us all, now and in the bright future of Holly Presbyterian Church!

In Christ's Love,
Sharlyn
Your Pastor and Friend

Adult Midweek Study & Fellowship

Thursday evening's at 7:00 pm the adults meet to study and pray together.

- Women's study led by Laura Parker is "Confessing the Beatitudes".
- Men's study led by Fred Gates will look at the Special Issue of Presbyterian's Today "What Presbyterians Believe"
- Men and Women meet jointly one Thursday each month to continue our "*Digging Deeper*" study led by Barbara Brown. The first group study will be on October 6th, continuing the first Thursday of each month.

Reaching out in Ministry....

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Teens For Christ are still collecting baby items for the pantry.

New and gently used clothing and linens, diapers, wipes, shampoo & baby wash are all welcome. The **GRAND OPENING** will be October 15th at 10:00 am with a Ribbon Cutting at 10:00 am. The pantry will be temporarily located in the Narthex coat closet until we complete the basement restorations. We need your help to promote the Baby Pantry with in the community.

FOOD PANTRY ALERT: The food need for people in our community continues to grow. We are continuing to take food to the food pantry at Holly First Baptist Church. Please bring canned and boxed goods to the Narthex each week.

Athletes In Action & Campus Crusade for Christ Newsletters are Here!

Items listed below or would be willing to donate them please let Sharlyn know.

Old magazines
Adult diapers
Blocks or boxes for staking
6 Bandanas
String
Toy UFO or Space Alien
Current Teen Heart throb Magazine
Frisbee
Deck of cards
Sticky notes
Assortment of hats
Sidewalk chalk
Sandpaper
5 colors of food coloring
Play dough or silly putty
Assorted newspapers
News magazines
Sponge and brushes for art
Toothpicks
Paper towel tubes
Straws
Blank paper
Assorted Craft Items
Sequins
Glitter
Feathers
Seeds
Beads
Small amount of potting soil
Handi wipes
Aluminum foil

Newsletters from the Keefer's and lobst's are available to view on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or on our website at www.hollypc.org Please pray daily for our missionaries. If you would like to send a note of support to our missionaries you can send them to the addresses below:

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Snoop Party

7:00pm Fellowship Hall

The church will hold a "Snoop Party" on Saturday evening, October 15th, at 7:00 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. Also, bring an appetizer or something on which to snack. Beverages will be provided. If you've never played, come along and bring a friend as well. Card tables will be needed, if you have one.

Any questions contact Roberta Single (248-634-4360).

October 2011 Church Calendar

- 2 Sunday: World Communion & Worship 10:30 am
AA Mtg 3:00pm
- 3 Monday: AA and Allanon Mtg 7:30pm
- 4 Tuesday: Congregational Care Mtg 6:30pm
- 6 Thurs: Adult Study: "Digging Deeper" 7:00pm
- 8 Saturday: All Church Work Day 8:30am
- 9 Sunday: Sunday School

Baseball cap
Toy pig
Ball of yarn
Clear vase with
straight sides
Small clear containers
Red, blue, purple,
green, orange sand
Simple jigsaw puzzle
At least 3 baskets

- Youth and Adult Classes 9:00 am
Coffee Hour 10:00am
Worship 10:30 am
AA Mtg 3:00pm
TFC Dinner & Mtg 5:00pm
- 10 Monday:AA and Allanon Mtg 7:30pm
11 Tuesday:Session Mtg 7:00pm
12 Wednes: Auction Committee Mtg 7:00 pm
AYSO 7:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
13 Thursday:Women's Bible Study 7:00pm
Men's Bible Study 7:00pm
15 Saturday:All Church Work Day 8:30am
Baby Pantry Grand Opening 10:00am
Snoop Party 7:00pm
16 Sunday: Sunday School
Youth and Adult Classes 9:00 am
Coffee Hour 10:00am
Worship 10:30 am
AA Mtg 3:00pm
FC Dinner & Mtg 5:00pm
17 Monday: AA and Allanon Mtg 7:30pm
20 Thursday:Red Cross Blood Drive
Women's Bible Study 7:00pm
Men's Bible Study 7:00pm
22 Saturday:All Church Work Day 8:30am
23 Sunday:Youth and Adult Classes 9:00 am
Coffee Hour 10am
Worship 10:30 am
AA and Allanon Mtg 3:00pm
TFC Dinner & Mtg 5:00pm
24 Monday:AA and Allanon Mtg 7:30pm
26 Wednes:Pastor Sharlyn begins Vacation through Nov. 6
27 Thursday:Women's Bible Study 7:00pm
Men's Bible Study 7:00pm

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