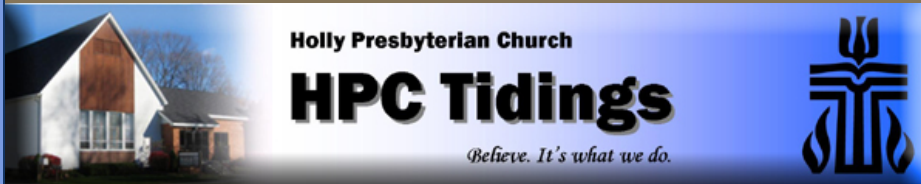


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Re-Treat!

A Message From Our Pastor. . .

Are you excited about our fall retreat? It's coming very soon now - the end of this month! After a very busy summer with weddings, Vacation Bible School, a wedding vow renewal (all of which were great fun and meaningful events), not to mention having our Oklahoma grandchildren in Michigan for a month - I can honestly say I am VERY ready for a retreat in a beautiful setting in the fall. What could be better than to have a time away with very special friends (our church family) in a lovely setting, with good food that is prepared for us, great music, fun, meaningful conversations and special worship services? I can't think of anything better, really.

Last year's first congregational retreat was such a success that every evaluation told us you wanted to do it again. It was a treat to be together. So, we are going to *re* treat! We are treating ourselves again to another all-church family event.

Because the cost of staying two nights was a bit much for some last year, plus just being a way from home seemed difficult for a few, the decision was made to stay just one night this year. We will arrive on Friday evening, September 28th and will go through most of

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NEW FALL WORSHIP TIME!

the day on Saturday, the 29th. Our focus is on the fruits that we as a church produce as we grow stronger in our faith and commitment. It will be a great kick off to the all-church initiative, titled "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" that will follow the retreat for the coming five weeks.

The purpose of a retreat, of course, is to *retreat!* We retreat away from our normal, busy schedules for a "time away" - a time that is intentionally set aside for the purpose of rest, play, of focusing on a particular theme, a time for prayer and meditation, a time to either be alone or to spend quality time with certain people. I hope this fall's retreat will be all of those things for us. Of course, it will be its very best, if YOU come and participate.

As we kick off our new fall programs with Sunday School, Worship and new Bible Studies (be sure and note new times!) and as we are intend on planning for new members as the church grows, let us joyfully come together for this special event to help us be bound together in fellowship, vision and spiritual growth. As the old song goes: "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." I know we will be blessed as we meet together for this great event. Let us *re treat!* Be sure and see the information for registering that is in this newsletter and in other visible places in the church, or contact Laura Parker today!

May the Lord be our Vision and our Guide.

Peace and Grace!

Rev. Sharlyn



Our worship service will officially begin at 11:00am beginning on September 9th, 2012.

Session voted to approve this new time at their meeting on August 21st.

Please note the following new Sunday morning schedule on your calendars.

Beginning Sept. 9th, 2012:

Sunday School: 9:30am

- Adult Study: Located in The Fellowship Hall
- Children's Class: The Gathering Place for Kids - Lower Level

Fellowship Hour: 10:30am

Worship Service: 11:00am

The Baby Pantry is Growing!

"Gods' Orchard"



**"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

**On Friday, September 28th and Saturday,
September 29th the congregation will retreat to
Echo Grove to share in fellowship and faith
development and love. . .
Ooh, and there is some FUN planned too!**

**Join us for 24 hours of
fruitful fellowship, worship and fun!
Register today for the Echo Grove Fall Retreat
coming up on September 28th and 29th, 2012!**



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

Sept. Dates & Times

Friday, Sept. 14th
10:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, Sept. 22nd
10:00am-2:00pm

Friday, Sept. 28th
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

Registration fliers and forms are in the Narthex on the table or you may [click here](#) to print the registration form now. You may turn in your completed form and the deposit to Laura Parker, Vicki Lyles or the church office before September 14th. Registration forms are also available on our church website www.hollypc.org.

The facilities are handicap accessible, with semi-private bedrooms with bath and you can even pick your roommate! A car pool is planned for anyone who would like a ride, just let the office know when you register.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

- Sep 2 WORSHIP 10:00am
 AA 3:00pm
- Sep 3 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Sep 4 TECHNOLOGY MTG 7:00pm
- Sep 5 WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 7:00pm
- Sep 6 PRAYER & STUDY at the Gate's Home
 6:30pm
- Sep 9 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
 THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS
 9:30am
 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
 WORSHIP 11:00am *New Time*
 RALLY DAY POTLUCK Following
 Worship
 AA 3:00pm
- Sep 10 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Sep 11 STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm
- Sep 12 OFFICE CLOSED

for the first phase
our building recovery
project.

We have received \$16,960
in total pledges and we
have received just over
\$14,345 of the total pledged
funds.

Our goal is \$30,000

Please prayerfully consider
how you can support the
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!

- Sep 13 CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG 6:30pm
CHRISTIAN ED. MTG Rescheduled TBD
OFFICE CLOSED
PRAYER & STUDY at the Gate's Home
6:30pm
- Sep 14 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm
RETREAT REGISTRATIONS DUE!
- Sep 15 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS
9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am *New Time*
AA 3:00pm
- Sep 16 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Sep 18 OUTREACH 6:00pm
SESSION 7:00pm
- Sep 20 PRAYER & STUDY at the Gate's Home
6:30pm
- Sep 22 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm
- Sep 23 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS
9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am *New Time*
AA 3:00pm
- Sep 24 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Sep 25 PROPERTY MTG 7:00pm ** Tentative
FINAL RETREAT PLANNING MEETING
7:00pm
- Sep 28 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT @ ECHO
GROVE
- Sep 29 CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT @ ECHO
GROVE
- Sep 30 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS
9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am *New Time*

Prayer &



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 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



Study Group

Home Fellowship!

September will be our last month of this Prayer & Study Group. If you have not join us yet, you are welcome and encouraged to come any Thursday evening that you are able.

In this final month we will focus on the final theme in the series: Extravagant Generosity. It is an informal, fun and hopefully a meaningful time of discussion and prayer for our church. I hope to have members of all ages come. If young adults need a nursery, let me know and we will make arrangements.

Our address is 578 Dockside Circle. Everyone is welcome!

Peace and Grace!

Rev. Sharlyn



Holly's Reunion With A Cause Cancer Walk UPDATE

The previously postponed event has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 23 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and will be held in the First Baptist & Calvary Methodist church yards. Mark your calendars to participate and support our team! A flyer with more information will be available soon on Sundays. Any Questions can be directed to Roberta Single.

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.



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 he ministries here at HPC!



October Events! Mark you Calendar

Red Cross Blood Drive
October 19th
2:00pm - 7:45pm

Snoop Party!
October 20th
7:00pm

Trick or Treat Outreach
October 31st
6:00pm

BACK TO SCHOOL! OUTREACH PROJECT!



Order Date: September 2nd!

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?

*"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 will be collecting school supplies for kids in need until Sept. 9th.

Suggested items:
Backpacks, Crayons, Markers, Pencils, Highlighters, Lined Paper, Binders, and Glue Sticks.

Spread the Word!



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.



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!



***FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR
BEGINS AGAIN SEPT. 9TH!***

This half hour of fellowship before service is a wonderful way to connect with other members & friends in the church family. We gather in the fellowship hall from 10:30am to 11:00am and enjoy a light morning snack & beverage. If you want to help with this important part of the

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!



October 19th, 2012

2:00pm - 7:45pm

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

For more information call Amie Davis at 248-887-7085

Office Hours: September Dates

The office will be closed from September 12 -15th While Laura is on vacation. The answering machine will be checked

church life, please sign up to host the fellowship hour. A sign up sheet is available; see Roberta Single or Amy Jones for more details.

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, Bill Renico, 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, and Steve Fuller.
- For all those who are struggling with economic set backs, family problems, and emotional upheavals.

Joys

- For Kendra and Andrew Horton, who joined in Holy Matrimony on August 25th, 2012 at Crystal Lake Golf Club in Beulah, Mi. May God bless their future!
- For Quinn Elliott as he begins his new position, being promoted to Staff Sargeant in the United

regularly.

Basement Repairs & Recovery Update!



The progress on repairs and recovery of the west end of the churches basement is coming along nicely.

- The interior walls and related materials have been completely removed
- An engineer has looked at the stripped down foundation & walls. We will know more once we have his complete report.
- Heating & cooling professionals have looked at the options for the space and are preparing proposals.

States National Guard. We pray for God to gift him with continued wisdom and strength as he trains others in service to our country.

RALLY DAY POTLUCK!

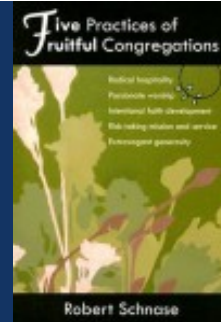


Rally the Troops. . . it's September!
And that means we get to start Sunday
School,
Bible Studies, & Fellowship groups!

Let's gather together as a family of faith to
kick-off a new year of learning & growth!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

Bring a dish to share. Drinks, & paper products will be provided. Right after worship in the Fellowship Hall! Come see what exciting opportunities await everyone!



The *Five Practices of The Fruitful Congregation* booklets will be available on September 30th after worship. Each family in the church can stop by the "Fruit Stand" to pick up your copy of this terrific devotional booklet!

If you would like more than one copy for your household please let the office know by:
Calling: 248-634-9494
Emailing:
office@hollypc.org
Leaving note in Laura Parker's church mailbox



There is nothing better in this life than sharing God's love with kids!

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2012 SESSION

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| Jim Lyles | Clerk |
| Brian Parker | Technology Committee |
| Christine Cook | Christian Education Committee |
| Lori Goldsmith | Property Committee |
| Roberta Single | Congregational Care Committee |
| Gerry Jackson | Stewardship Committee |

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