

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.



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Love One Another. .

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Thoughts on love from your pastor

As we begin the month of February, many of us think about love. Valentine's Day is fast approaching. Children will have parties and give out those fun little valentines and cute little heart candies to their friends. Sweethearts will enjoy sentimental cards, chocolates, roses (if they are really sweet ,



"God So Loved the
World. . ."

Upcoming Events!

Ash Wednesday **Soup Dinner &** **Ash Service**

February 13th
6:30 pm Dinner
7:15 pm Service

Congregational **Meeting**

February 24th
Following Worship

Alma Youth Mix

Teens for Christ
will attend the annual
Presbyterian youth
Rally at Alma college
March 1-3



Adult Sunday School

Begins at 9:30 am. The
Beatitudes Study with
Barb Brown meets in the
Fellowship Hall, and HPC
101 with Rev. Sharlyn
meets in her office.

and if the budget allows!) It is the month to
say "I love you!"

Fred and I have enjoyed many a Valentine's
Day together. Did you know he is a true
romantic? He never disappoints with the
sweet cards he gives. I always look forward to
getting them and have saved most every card
I have ever received from my sweetheart.
(Guess you could say I'm a romantic too!)

It is a joy to celebrate these kinds of things
when you are in love and life is going great,
isn't it? Thing is, the longer I live and serve
as pastor, the more aware I am that there are
many men and women who are lonely and
grieving. Some are observing the first year of
the death of a spouse or loved one. Some are
trying to get over the pain of divorce or
separation. Many will spend Valentine's Day
alone.

I am ever aware that nothing in life stays the
same. Our journeys lead us on winding paths
with twists and turns, not knowing what will
be ahead. Yet we can be sure there will be
change at some point.

I am also ever thankful for love. While I am
thrilled to have the love of my husband still
thriving and growing, I am especially thankful
for our Christian love. That "Love Divine, All
Loves Excelling" that is given to us through
Jesus and that is commanded for us to give
one another.

Jesus says the greatest commandment is to
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength.' The second is this:
'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no
commandment greater than these." (Mark
12:30-32, NIV)

All are welcome to attend either class.

The Gathering Place for Kids

Begins at 9:30 am.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch

Will resume meeting every Wednesday at 12:00 pm on January 9th. The topic will be Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Led by Charlee Litten.

The Digging Deeper Study is on Hiatus until after Lent.

ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the annual Report will be available February 10th for you to read prior to our annual congregational meeting on February 24th following worship.

Where would we be without that Christian love ... a love that supports us and lifts us up, carries our burdens to the Lord, gives a hug, a smile, shares in tears, forgives, never judges, walks along with us in our joys and in our sorrows?

As the old hymn says "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity." (Johann Hans Georg Nageli, John Fawcett, 1782, ©Public Domain)

This Valentine's Day, may you know God's love, divine love, a love that excels all other loves, regardless of where you are in your life. May every day of every month find us speaking and doing acts of love in the name of Christ, our Lord.

"Love one another, as I have loved you."
(John 13:34, NIV)

In Christ's Love,
Rev. Sharlyn

February Calendar of Events



Feb 2 ALL CHURCH WORKDAY 9:00am
BABY SHOWER FOR HARDIMON'S 1:00pm at
FentonPresbyterian

Feb 3 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG **Following
Worship**
AA 3:00pm

Feb 4 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Feb 5 TECHNOLOGY MTG 7:30pm

Feb 6 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 6:30pm (At The
Parker's)

Feb 8 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm

Feb 10 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am **BAKE SALE
TOO!
WORSHIP 11:00am
AA 3:00pm

Feb 11 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Feb 12 STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm

Feb 13 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP DINNER & SERVICE
6:30pm
CHRISTIAN ED. MTG (TBA)

Feb 16 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm
PLAY GROUP 12:00pm-1:30pm

Feb 17 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
AA 3:00pm

Feb 18 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Feb 19 OUTREACH 6:00pm
SESSION MTG 7:00pm

Feb 20 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon

Feb 22 BABY PANTRY 10:00am - 12:00pm

Feb 24 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am
THE GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS 9:30am

FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am
Feb 25 WORSHIP 11:00am
Feb 27 AA 3:00pm
AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon

Praying for each other. . .

Concerns. . .

- For all those who are in nursing homes, shut in, or seeking comfort and healing.
- For Dan Nash, Ardath Regan, Travis, Beatrice Johnston, Harriett Striggow, Virginia McDonald, Lisette Cotaling, Steve Fuller, Barb Brown, Gladys Havenstein, Judy Merritt, Evie Gudith, Ethel Weithoff, Bruce Dryer, Charlee Litten and Family as they grieve the loss of her mother, and for Del Ridley and Family as they grieve the passing of Mark Ridley.
- For families of Pat Frank, and of Ivah Curle, who have both passed into the greater life.
- For all those who are struggling with economic set backs, family problems, and emotional upheavals.

Joys. . .

- For the newest members of our church family, Donna DeNise, Sandy Brown and Jennifer McDonald, as they reaffirm their faith. May God's grace and love shine on and through each of them.
- For our incoming 2013 Session, including newly ordained Elders, Nick Pettit and Charlee Litten.
- For the arrival of Abby Hope Hardimon, daughter of Michele and Shaun Hardimon, born Dec 29th, 2012. May God's continued blessing be upon this new family!

Order Scrip This Week!

Order February 3rd - Delivery February 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 at:

[http://www.glscrip.com/shop/Search.aspx?
SearchType=2&CategoryID=0&PageIndex=1](http://www.glscrip.com/shop/Search.aspx?SearchType=2&CategoryID=0&PageIndex=1)

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!!

Property Update. . . .



Work Day Scheduled for February 2nd!

9:00am - 3:00pm

Come one! Come all!

Come See All the Progress!

Bring a Sack Lunch!

Your 2013 Session

Class of 2013

Christine Cook	Christian Education	(248) 887-6647
Lori Goldsmith	Property	(810) 397-9722
Roberta Single	Congregational Care	(248) 634-4360
Gerry Jackson	Stewardship	(248) 459-0240

Class of 2014

Amy Jones	Congregational Care	(248) 249-4279
Karen Haneline	Outreach	(248) 634-7339
Amanda Banks	Christian Education	(248) 382-5110
Judy Studer	Outreach	(248) 634-8918
Margaret Perry	Worship	(810) 735-7692

Class of 2015

Charlee Litten	Personnel	(810) 694-0095
Dessalee Cook	Worship	(248) 634-5680
Jim Lyles	Clerk	(248) 634-4610
Nick Pettit	Technology	(810) 869-4883

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Sharlyn Gates 248.369.8893(h)
620.423.2671(c)

Commissioned Ruling Elder Intern: 810.635.0586(h)
Shaun Hardimon 586.292.8772(c)

In the Beginning News!



Parent Child Play Group
Every third Saturday of the month!

***A time for parents of infants and
toddlers to join together to share
and learn from each other!***

12:00pm-1:30pm

*Located in the Fellowship Hall
For more information contact Krystal Caloia at
kcaloia1007@yahoo.com*

UPCOMING BABY PANTRY DATES:

Fri. Feb 8, 10am - 12pm

Sat. Feb 16, 10am - 2pm

Fri. Feb 22, 10am - 12pm

Winter is a particularly difficult for many of our families because a good number of them work seasonal jobs like landscaping, construction, and snow removal that are dependent on weather. We serve many families that are working hard to improve their circumstances and make a better life for themselves. Please consider becoming a *regular supporter* of this important ministry with your time and or resources.

If you feel called to this ministry please see a member of TFC, Christine Cook, Krystal Caloia, or call the office.

**Items that are in constant need include:
Kleenex, Diapers and Pull Ups, Wipes,
Lotions, Hand soap & Diaper Rash
Cream!**

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING GIVING RECORDS: Giving envelopes and all documentation related to tax deductible giving will be disposed of in July of the following year. The church provides all parties who have made a tax deductible gifts with semi annual contribution statements in July, and annual contributions statements in January each year. It is important to review those statements and notify the office of any discrepancies promptly.

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 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.

For You To Consider: 2012 PER CAPITA

APPORTIONMENT Just as each member helps support our local church, each church has a responsibility to support the mission of the governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



Our congregation's share of the support for PC USA General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery of Lake Huron amounts to \$2428.62 and is due in mid-February. The amount billed to our church is calculated by the total of church-wide expenses divided by the total number of members. For 2012 the amount is \$ 23.81 per active member (non-confirmed youth or children are not included in this Per Capita assessment). "Per Capita is an opportunity for all active members of the Presbyterian Church throughout the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly and independently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicious functions that identify a Reformed church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians." General Assembly minutes, Part 1, 1995)

While our church has paid Per Capita from general funds in the past, for the past few years we have asked each member to pay their own Per Capita expense if possible. Our finances just don't allow us to cover it anymore. Please mail or deposit into the offering plate your check marked "Per Capita" to cover the number of active members in your household. Pew envelopes are also available.

The Session gratefully thanks you in advance for this voluntary giving and support of the larger family of the Presbyterian Church (USA). **THANK YOU!**



Bake Sale

BAKE SALE ! FEBRUARY 10th, 2013

Congregational Care Committee is sponsoring a bake sale the second Sunday of each month. *The proceeds are going toward the Boiler Fund.* Anyone willing to donate baked goods for this cause will be greatly appreciated. CCC will furnish the baked goods for February 10th. Items will be sold on a donation basis. If you have questions call either Donna Miller (248) 634-3450 or Roberta Single (248) 634-4360