

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.



**July / August
2013**

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KISS, KISS, KISS!

Don't forget, we are trying out some new things this summer as we lean into the KISS theme. But before you pucker up, remember, KISS means: Keep It Simple Summer!



Missionary Updates. . .

Athletes in Action missionaries, Colby and Sarah Keefer, continue to reach college athletes in the name of Christ.

To catch up with them and their latest news click the link below.

[**Athletes in Action**](#)
May Newsletter

Campus Crusade for Christ missionaries, Allen and DeeDee Iobst, continue to reach people in the name of Christ and distribute bibles.

To catch up with them and their latest news click the link below.

[**Campus Crusade for**](#)
[**Christ Operation**](#)
[**Transit Website**](#)

**Adult Sunday
School
and
The Gathering**

That's right. No public displays of affection here (although kissing isn't a bad thing!) We just want to lighten up and make things a little simpler and save a little money while we are at it.

So, as we told you before, the bulletin you will be seeing for the rest of the summer will be the same one each week. And it needs to stay in the pew, so don't forget to leave it. Just take out the insert and you will have all you need in the way of announcements for the week. Remember, this is just for the summer and it will save the church a little money and lots of paper! Please be patient and give it a try.

Thank you to all who signed up as a volunteer in the office. We appreciate having so many who are willing to help, however, there was not a sufficient number of people able to volunteer for the hours needed to carry out the original plan. At the present moment things will remain as they have been while we look at other options. The office will be open for the regularly scheduled days and hours.

I hope you are enjoying the Monday's Messages, which are just one of the new things we are trying out. Our Strategic Planning Team continues to meet and are working on ways we can implement the great ideas you had for our Five



Place for Kids

*Will be on Summer
Break until Sept. 9th*

**Wednesday
Lunch Bunch**

Meets every
Wednesday at Noon.
The current topic is
the Book of James.
Led by Charlee
Litten.

Lunch Bunch will
study James until
July 24th and then
break until
September. Please
note there is no
lunch bunch on July
5th.

**The Digging
Deeper Study is on
Hiatus until Fall.**

Practices of Fruitful Congregations:

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk-Taking Mission
- Extravagant Generosity

We also have a Restructuring Task Force, busy working on ways we might change our committee structure and looking at other ways we could streamline some of what we do.

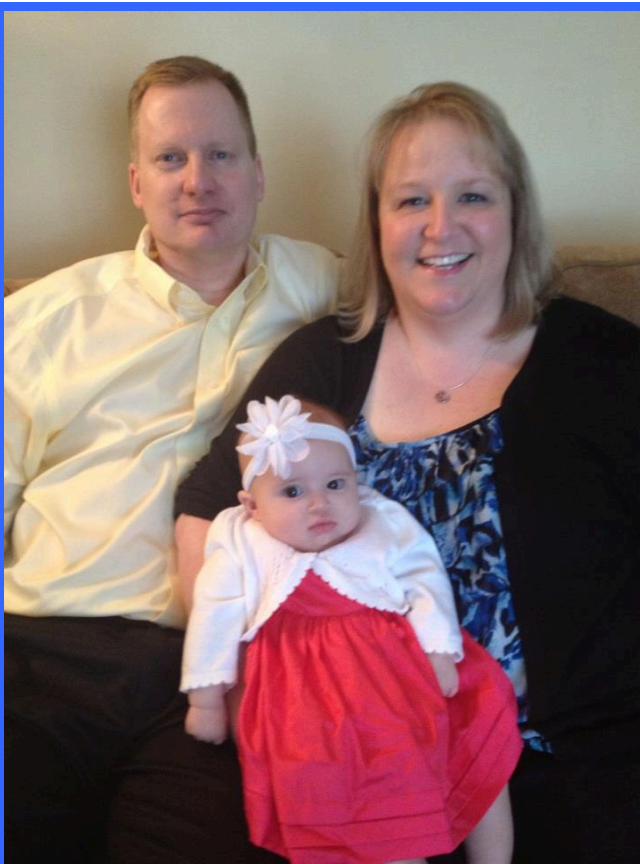
Things are moving along at HPC! I hope you are as excited as I am about our future! God is doing new and great things among us! God bless you all.

Reverend Sharlyn

EXCITING NEWS!!!!

WELCOME SHAUN, MICHELE AND ABBY HARDIMON!!!

God is blessing Holly Presbyterian Church with this great new thing! Starting soon, Shaun will be commissioned to HPC by the Presbytery of Lake Huron to serve as our Commissioned Ruling Elder. He will serve as Associate Pastor of Young Adults. Shaun and the Session agreed that he will serve 10 hours a week, focusing on ministering to our young adults - ranging from college age to 40 something! He will preach one time every six weeks, will be



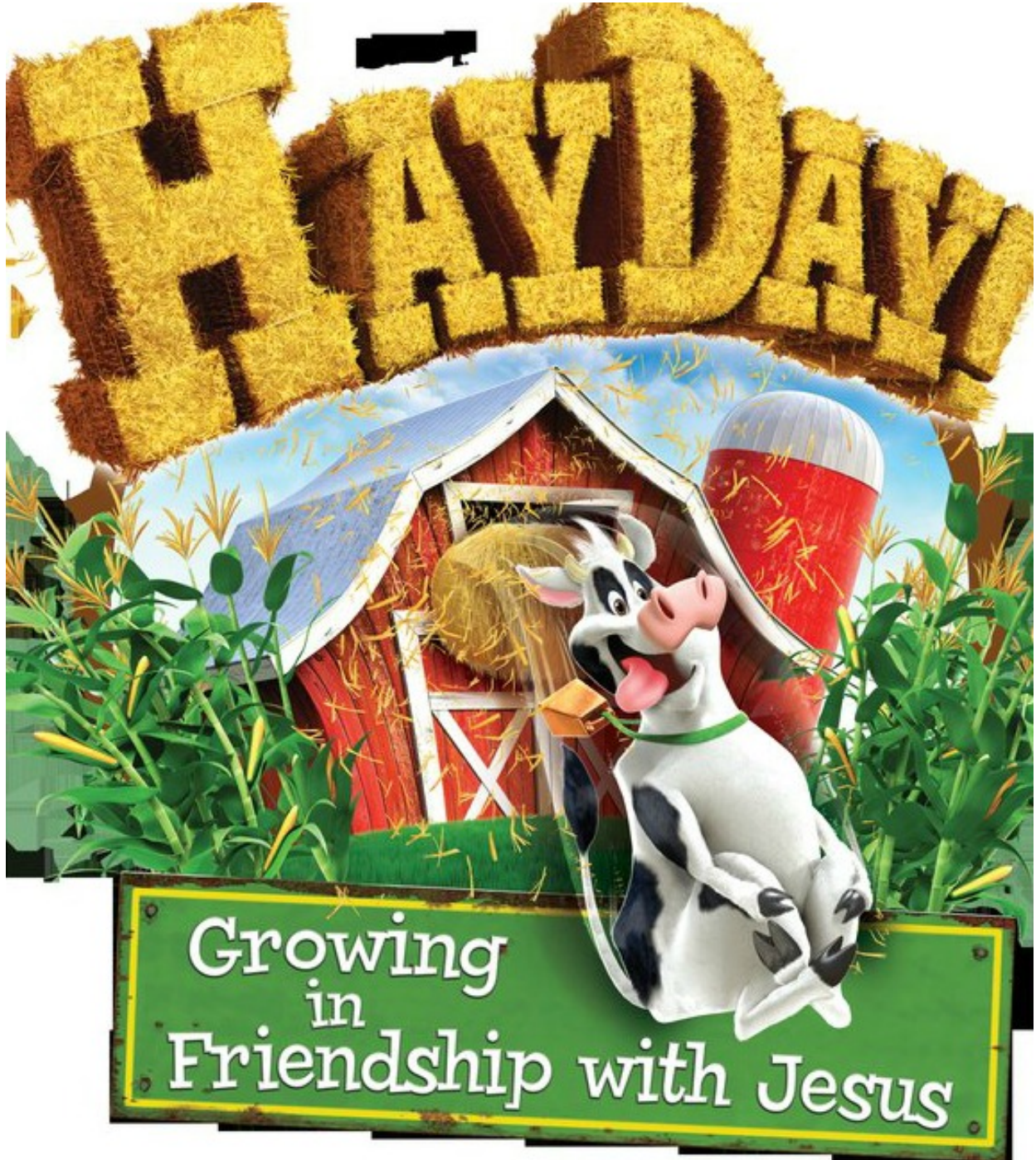
able to administer the sacraments and moderate the Session as needed. Here's the catch - we will pay him a plate of baked goods once a month so if you are a baker and want to show your appreciation, please sign up!

We already know Shaun and Michele as he was with us as an intern while working on becoming a CRE. The Committee on Ministry will soon form an administrative commission for the purpose of

commissioning Shaun to serve in this capacity. He will be commissioned to our church for the majority of the time and as a back up to the Swartz-Creek/Mundy Presbyterian Church as needed.

We are so blessed to have Shaun, Michele and Abby back with us. I know you will want to welcome them and express your joy in their being with us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
Spread the Word!
It's going be a real HAY DAY!



Friday August 2nd

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Saturday August 3rd

3:00pm - 5:30pm

Sunday August 4th

Special Worship at 10:00am & Celebration following worship.

July/August Calendar of Events



- Jul 1 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Jul 2 TECHNOLOGY MTG 7:30pm
- Jul 3 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG 7:00pm
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 7:00pm
- Jul 7 WORSHIP 10:00am Communion
SCRIP ORDER TAKEN TODAY!
AA 3:00pm
- Jul 8 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Jul 9 STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm
- Jul 10 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG 6:30pm
CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm
- Jul 12 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
- Jul 14 WORSHIP IN THE PARK 10:00am - Lakeside Park
AA 3:00pm
- Jul 15 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Jul 16 TFC LEAVES FOR TRIENNIUM!!!
OUTREACH MTG 7:00pm

NO SESSION MTG

Jul 17 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon

Jul 20 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm

Jul 21 WORSHIP 10:00am - Guest Minister Rev. Pat Harton
AA 3:00pm

Jul 22 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Jul 24 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon Last One 'Til September

Jul 26 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm

Jul 28 WORSHIP 10:00am Guest Minister Rev. Karen Blatt
AA 3:00pm

Jul 29 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Jul 31 SET-UP For VBS

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Aug 2 HAY DAY! VBS 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Aug 3 HAY DAY! VBS 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Aug 4 WORSHIP 10:00am Communion
VBS Picnic & Celebration! Following Worship!
SCRIP ORDER TAKEN TODAY!
AA 3:00pm

Aug 5 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Aug 6 TECHNOLOGY MTG 7:30pm

Aug 7 CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG 6:30pm
PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG 7:00pm
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MTG 7:00pm

Aug 9 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm

Aug 11 WORSHIP 10:00am
AA 3:00pm

Aug 12 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Aug 13 STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm

Aug 14 CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm

Aug 17 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm

Aug 18 WORSHIP 10:00am
AA 3:00pm

Aug 19 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Aug 20 SESSION MTG 7:00pm

Aug 23 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm

Aug 25 WORSHIP 10:00am
AA 3:00pm

Aug 26 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Praying for our church family

Concerns

- For those serving or have served us and our country in military service.
- For all those who are in nursing homes, shut in, or seeking comfort and healing.
- For those struggling with economic set backs, family problems, and emotional upheavals.
- For Dan Nash, Travis, Beatrice Johnston, Harriett Striggow, Gladys Havenstein, Judy Merritt and Paul Blackburn, Evie Gudith, Ethel Weithoff, Marjorie Smith, Del Ridley, Marilyn Hope, Nicole Conway, Raelene (Hill) Morgan, and Irene (Bailey) Raby, Bruce Dryer, Chantel Kline, the family of Mary Whalen, Krystal and Billy Caloia, and Sara and Nick Pettit.

Joys

- Prayers of thanksgiving all of the hard work, and dedication, of those members who volunteer on committees that keep the church running smoothly!
- For the safe arrival of Sarah and Kolby Keefer's new son, Jairus Craig Keefer, great-grandson to Bruce and Beth Dryer.



Prayer Requests from the Lake Huron Presbytery:

Rebecca Francek , Inquirer Under Care of the Presbytery continues to experience significant health issues including a recent hospital stay.

Karen Banaszak, Certified Christian Educator, and her loved ones, Karen continues to experience significant health issues along with battling MS.



Order Scrip this Summer!

Order August 4th - Delivery August 11th

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 by

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!!

ALL NEW VG'S SHARE PROGRAM!

VG's grocery store has a new program that will replace the Community Share Points Program we are familiar with now. Please click on the link below to see how you can participate going forward. If you have further questions



please see Jan Bradshaw.

Property Update. . . .

We Have Hand Rails!

The new hand rails have been installed on our handicap ramp and it open for business! Praise be to God!

We thank the team from Friend Fabricating for all their hard work creating hand rails that are up to code and beautiful!



Progress on the Basement

Renovations!

As we make the final PUSH to get the work on the West Basement done in time to move the Nursery & Sunday School back over for the new school year, there are a few projects that the congregation could help get done.

Immediate Volunteer Jobs

for Finishing the West Side of the Basement

- Nails in ceilings in classrooms, hallway, and nursery need to come out
- Radiator covers all need to be cleaned, sanded and painted with white enamel spray paint (See Vicki, Lori or Broady to buy paint)
- Clean everything and vacuum, including storage area in nursery.
- Cover insulation in storage room ceiling
- Scrap railing and return funds/check to Vicki Lyles
- Take copper scrap to scrap yard (in storage room)

Needed:

- A person skilled in doing flooring to put in new floor for nursery bathroom
- Finish carpenters - ceiling, painting
- Floor guys

Our property committee is small but mighty! They are skilled

with the ability to do great work and they have. Of course, they all have full time jobs so their time is limited, yet they have spent many hours at the church, giving time and skill for the glory of God.

Can You Water? *Help will be needed this summer. . .*



. . . to keep the flower beds weeded and planters watered. If you are willing to help with this please let the church office know. . . or just come up and do it if you like! Thanks!

Please - Keep the entire Property Committee in your prayers as they work hard to juggle the work here at HPC with their own careers and home lives.

In the Beginning News!



Parent Child Play Group
On break for the Summer!

For more information contact Krystal Caloia at kcaloia1007@yahoo.com

Prayer requests from our families:

- Pray for all those in difficult relationships, struggling with emotional and physical abuse, and self doubt. May they be comforted by the love of Christ.
- Prayers for Mark, who suffered a stroke.
- Prayers for Chantel Kline who had surgery on her foot to repair an injury, that she will heal quickly and physical therapy goes well.
- Pray for those parents who are not getting enough hours on their work schedules.
- Pray for those parents who are seeking work.

UPCOMING DATES: Fri. July 12, 10am - 12pm
Sat. July 20, 10am - 2pm
Fri. July 26, 10am - 12pm
Fri. August 9, 10am - 12pm
Sat. August 17, 10am - 2pm
Fri. August 23, 10am - 12pm

Items we need include: Diapers, Kleenex, wipes, lotions, baby wash & diaper rash cream!

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

"And he took the Children in his arms, put His hands on them

and blessed them."

Mark 10:16



Reunion With A Cause

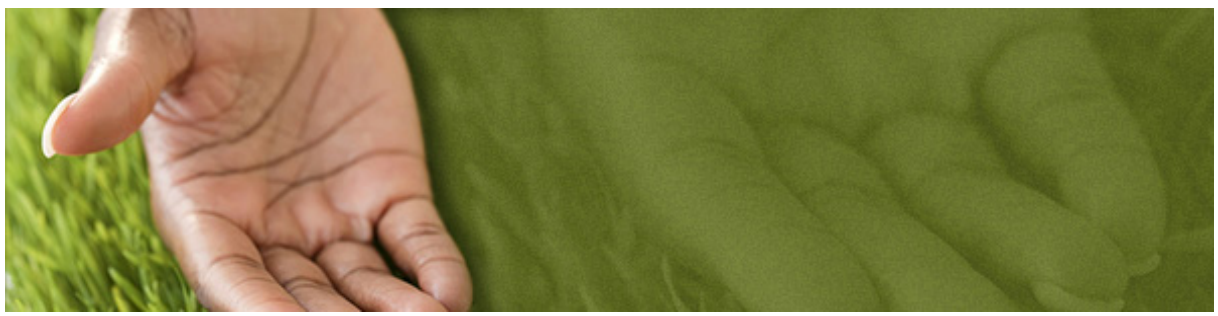
Cathie Killewald will be setting up a table July 28th and August 4th to introduce and promote the annual event called 'Reunion With a Cause'

that raises money for cancer patients and their families. The event takes place annually at the Holly High School Track. All donations and offers to help are very much appreciated. This event has helped many people in our local area to cope and overcome cancer challenges. Cathie will answer any and all questions regarding the event.

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 mailing 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.

Supporting Missions . . .



The Keefer Family-Athletes in Action
Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor, Mi

The Iobst Family- Operations Transit
Algeciras, Spain
(Both Working Under Campus Crusade for Christ)

Grace Centers of Hope
Pontiac, Mi

Ennis Foundation
Pontiac, Mi

HPC Christmas - Adopt a Family

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry
Holly, Mi

Your 2013 Session

Class of 2013

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| Roberta Single | Congregational Care | (248) 634-4360 |
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Class of 2014

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| Karen Haneline | Outreach | (248) 634-7339 |
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Class of 2015

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