

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.



September 2013

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It's September!!!! I am so excited about this fall and all that is planned for Holly Presbyterian Church!

One of the most exciting things is that we are going to be starting our



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

August Newsletter

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

Alan and Dee Dee, along with their children, will be spending this year in the United States reconnecting with family, attending training conferences, and feeding their faith.

children's Sunday School and nursery in the new area downstairs. Can't you just envision our children there - the small ones in the nursery, our teens in their youth room and the others in the Gathering Place area with all types of learning and crafts going on? What joy it will be!

I am so grateful to our property committee and for all who volunteered to work in many ways, and also to everyone who contributed financially to make it happen.

I'm also excited about the adult programs beginning this month - Adult Sunday School with Barb Brown leading, and the Wednesday Lunch Bunch with Charlee Litten leading.

At the end of the month we will RETREAT! Take a Sabbath - a time for rest and renewal; a time for prayer and for fellowship.

I love the Fall. Even as we see leaves and some plants dry up and die, new things are coming about. It makes me think of what Qoheleth wrote in Ecclesiastes 3 - "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted ..."

September 2013 is a new season - a

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

time for letting go of some of the old
and letting new things be born. May
our spirits be renewed in this new cycle
of time. I pray you will decide to
engage intently with your church family
- that we might grow together in our
faith, our fellowship and our relationship
to the One who has all our time in His
hands.

Peace and Grace!
Rev. Sharlyn

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS!!

I am so happy to welcome Shaun Hardimon as our
new Pastor for Young Adult Ministries! We have
been working on this goal for a while and finally it is
happening.



We have such a good group of young adults in our congregation
but we have not been able to get much organized for you ... until
now! Shaun is excited about getting to know you and helping to
get activities and times for fellowship started that will help you
get to know him and each other better.

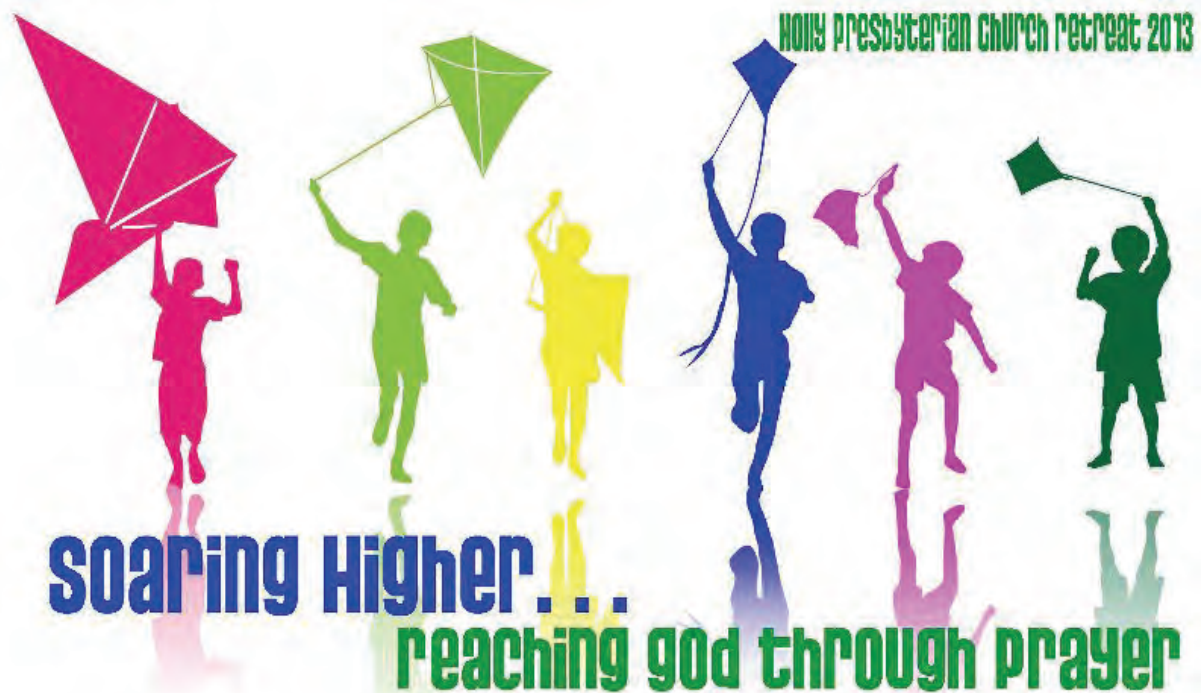
Shaun and his wife, Michele and their baby daughter, Abby have
been a part of the life of our congregation for close to 2 years
but Shaun has been serving a nearby church recently. We are
glad to have them back with us!

I hope you will come to worship and get to know Shaun and his
family and talk with him about the things you are hoping might
happen for your age group. It will help him tremendously.

Also, the Fall Retreat at Echo Grove would be a great time to get to know Shaun. Please see the information in this newsletter and consider attending with your family. We will have so much fun together!

We give thanks and praise to God for sending Shaun, Michele and Abby to us!

Reverend Sharlyn



It's not too late. . .
to join the rest of us at the
All-Church Retreat!
September 27th & 28th

*Starting with Dinner & Worship on Friday evening,
and continuing Saturday with meaningful messages
on prayer and rest.*

The \$95.00 per person fee covers your
overnight accommodations, our meals, retreat
materials, and best of all. . . joyful rest & reflection.
Children 2 and under are free.

"But, I can't come for the both days!"

*No problem! You can join us for just one of days for a
discounted rate. Call or email (by simply replying to
this email)*

*Laura in the office to find out more details.
(248)634-9494*

Register today!

[Click Here](#)

To Download the Registration Form



***A New Year of Learning
and Growing Together!***

***Rally Day Sunday School Kick Off
September 15th, 2013***

Celebrating with a Potluck Lunch!

*Everyone is encouraged to share in this special time together as a
Church Family! Paper goods and Drinks will be provided. Bring a
dish to share if you are able :)*

Amazing Learning Opportunities!

The Gathering Place for Kids Toddlers to Teens!

We are excited to begin this new year in our newly remodeled space! The gathering Place is being decorated in the theme inspired by the visioning project that we did with the kids last spring. The theme for our children's space is Noah's Ark, motivated by our having overcome the great flooding and entering a new time of promise! The Teens have their own room for the first time in a number of years and will be designing the decor themselves!

We will use a workshop rotation model from Spark Activate Faith curriculum that will allow families to access information and materials online! We can't wait to have your children back with us! Toddlers to Teens!

Starting at 9:30am. Snacks will be provided.

*Find out more about our new
curriculum by clicking on this link below
and registering your family*

[The Gathering Place Spark Online](#)

Adult Sunday School

We welcome Barb Brown back to the leadership of this study with great joy! It is going to be a great way to start your week! Comparative Religions will be our topic for the coming year. How does one religious tradition often differ so markedly from another? This is something we will be studying since religions, which form the foundations for a wide range of moral codes, can and do influence the actions of nations on the world stage, of which we are a part.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will resume meeting at noon on Wednesday for an informal Bible study on Wednesday, September 18th. This fall's focus will be on the Book of Genesis. Charlee Litten has agreed to continue as the leader for this study so we know it will be as great as it was last year! (Thanks Charlee!). Everyone is welcome to attend whenever they are able, just bring your bible and a little something for your lunch! If you have any questions see Charlee Litten before or after worship. Consider joining this great fellowship & discussion!

The Digging Deeper Study is on hiatus until January.

September Calendar of Events



- Sep 1 WORSHIP 10:00am Communion
 SCRIP ORDER TAKEN TODAY!
 AA 3:00pm
- Sep 2 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Sep 4 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG 7:00pm
- Sep 5 AYSO SOCCER MTG 7:30pm
- Sep 7 WORSHIP TEAM RETREAT 9:00am
- Sep 8 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
 BOILER FUND BAKE SALE Before & After Worship
 WORSHIP 11:00am **NEW WORSHIP TIME!!!
 AA 3:00pm
- Sep 9 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Sep 10 STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm
- Sep 11 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG 6:30pm
CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm
Sep 13 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
Sep 15 RALLY DAY! SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
RALLY DAY POTLUCK LUNCH 12:00pm
AA 3:00pm
Sep 16 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
Sep 17 OUTREACH MTG 7:00pm
SESSION MTG 7:00pm
Sep 18 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
Sep 21 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm
Sep 22 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
TFC KICK-OFF!! 12:15 - 2:15pm
AA 3:00pm
Sep 23 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
Sep 25 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
Sep 27 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT @ ECHO GROVE
Sep 28 CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT @ ECHO GROVE
Sep 29 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
TFC MTG 12:15 - 2:15pm
AA 3:00pm
Sep 30 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Praying for our church family

Prayers of Concern

- 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, Beatrice Johnston, Harriett Striggow, Gladys Havenstein, Judy and Paul Blackburn, Evie Gudith, Ethel Weithoff, Marjorie Smith, Del Ridley, Marilyn Hope, Nicole Conway, Raelene (Hill) Morgan, and Irene (Bailey) Raby, Bruce Dryer, Keaton Banks, Carol Ohlmacher, Fred Gates, Grace Ranger, Brian Palmero, Carson Wallace, and Steve Fuller.

Prayers of Joy

- For the completion of the adoption process of Abby Hope Hardimon. May God's continued blessing be upon the Hardimon's.
- 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 arrivals of new babies into the Holly Presbyterian Church family; Holden Pettit, Son of Sara and Nick Pettit, Savannah Whalen, daughter of Kati and Pat Whalen, and Garrett Caloia, son of Krystal and Billy Caloia. May God continue to bless these families as they welcome these new members into their families.
- For the marriage of Judy Merritt and Paul Blackburn. May God bless their union.



Prayer Requests from the Lake Huron Presbytery:

Elder Carol Gage, Church Treasurer of Kinde-First and her husband Mike Gage, Carol has recently been admitted to hospice.

Elder Dale Snell, Clerk of Session, Breckenridge-Emerson and his wife Shirley both of whom are experiencing significant health issues. They have recently moved to the Masonic Pathways in Alma where Dale is in rehab for hip problems among other issues and Shirley has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

The Rev. Mike Wilson, Sandusky, who is recovering from surgery for colon and lymph node cancer.

Karen Banaszak, Certified Christian Educator, who continues to experience significant health issues mostly relating to MS.

The Rev. Louise Brokaw, General Presbyter, who begins her new journey as an Honorably Retired member of presbytery.



Order Scrip this Fall!

Order October 6th - Delivery October 13th

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
[Clicking Here](#)**

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.



[Click Here!](#)

Property Update. . . .

Progress on the Basement Renovations!



There has been a busy crew working diligently to get this project finished! The walls are painted and the murals have been started! The nursery bathroom has a new floor! Glass block has been installed in two of the windows. The next phase is the finish plumbing, drop ceilings, and flooring installed and/or painted.



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

- Cover insulation in storage room ceiling
- Finish carpenters - drop ceiling,
- Floor painters
- Decorative painters (see Laura Parker)

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.

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.



Calling All Knit Wits!

Hey Knit Wits. . .
or anyone who likes to
knit or crochet. . .

Roberta Single has a lot of Beanie Babies that need blankets! Once the Beanie Babies have their own little blankets they will be taken to the pediatric units at Genesys Hospital and Huron Valley Hospital. Let Roberta know if you are interested in making some blanket and she will bring the beanies to church.



OUTREACH PROJECT

POP CANS WITH A PURPOSE

Outreach will be conducting a pop can drive during the months of September and October in order to raise money to support several on going projects. If you would like to help with this outreach fundraiser, please save your pop can return receipts and place them in the clear envelope in the kitchen OR place your clean returnable pop cans in the marked tub

located just outside the kitchen.



Bake Sale

BOILER FUND BAKE SALE! SEPTEMBER 8th, 2013

The Spring Bake Sales raised \$659.18 for the boiler fund. Congregational Care Committee is once again sponsoring a bake sale the second Sunday of each month. Anyone willing to donate baked goods for this cause will be greatly appreciated. If you have questions call either Fran Olson 248-628-9216 & Roberta Single 248-634-4360.

All proceeds are going toward the Boiler Fund.

In the Beginning News!



Parent Child Play Group
... resuming later this fall!

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

Prayer requests from our families:

- Pray for all those is difficult relationships, struggling with emotional and physical abuse, and self doubt. May they be

comforted by the love of Christ.

- Pray for young families facing custody conflicts - may they find peace and resolution.
- 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. September 13, 10am - 12pm
 Sat. September 21, 10am - 2pm
 Fri. September 27, 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*



OUTREACH BAKE SALE: BAKERS NEEDED!

As we did last year, Outreach will be holding another bake sale on Saturday Sept. 28th at John Bowman Chevrolet in Clarkston during their customer appreciation celebration. Kenzie Nash is coordinating this event. We would like to ask some of the fabulous bakers

in our congregation to contribute baked goods for our bake sale.

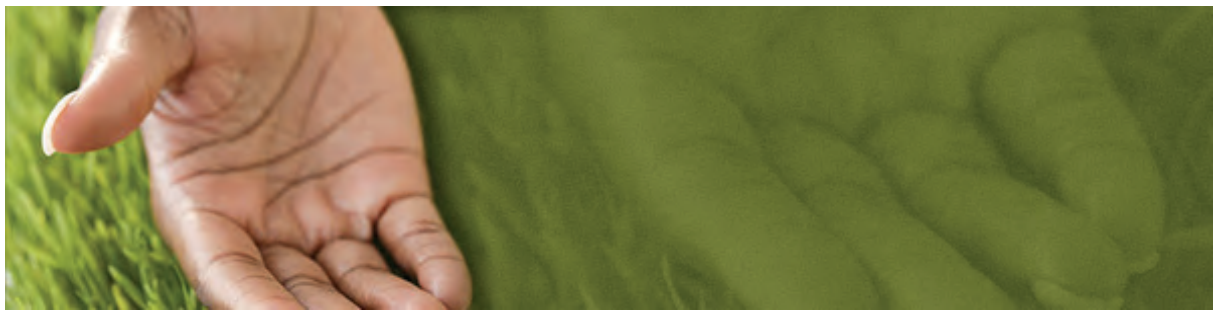
If you would be willing to donate a baked good, please sign the sheet in the narthex or let Judy Studer know at 248-634-8918. Baked goods should be at the church by 7 o'clock Fri. Sept. 27th, the night before the sale.

The money earned last year was used to donate 50 Easter baskets to Grace Centers of Hope and to donate school supplies to Holly Area Youth Assistance. Both Outreach projects were supplemented by generous donations from our congregation. We plan to do two bake sales at John Bowman this year in order to expand these worthwhile projects.

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

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
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

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Shaun Hardimon

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