

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.



October 2013

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It seems summer has flown by and here we are, well into fall! With fall comes our busy season in the church (although it seems every season is busy!) We have begun our Christian Education programs, rejoicing that our children



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 September 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.

are back in the newly remodeled area in the lower level of the building. So many of you have put so much money, time, talent and energy into that project, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Before long, we will be thinking about our pledges for the coming year with our stewardship program. It is a time to seriously, and prayerfully consider what God is leading us to give back and to make a commitment, because writing those commitments down help us to plan for the ministry of the church.

Sometimes unexpected things happen and we find ourselves getting behind in our pledge. And sometimes we find we aren't able to keep the commitment we made. I don't ever see the pledges, but if that ever happens to you, you can certainly let me know and I will be sure it is passed on to those who work with our finances.

I wanted to let you know that we are running somewhat behind from where we normally should be in our giving. That, of course, can change from month to month. But, the Session agrees that it would be helpful for you as members to have some updates on where we are financially. So once a month we will put that update in the newsletter and bulletin for your information.

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

**Campus Crusade
for Christ
Operation
Transit Website**

Lobst Newsletter

Thank you! Thank you for all you do to make sure that Holly Presbyterian Church continues, as it has for so many years, to teach the faith to young and old, to have good music, to keep the building running and in good shape, to keep staff, and to be a vital ministry in the community. You are appreciated and loved!

Peace and Grace!
Your Pastor and Friend,
Rev. Sharlyn

Reflections from Pastor Shaun. . .

As some of you may remember from the September newsletter, I have returned to the church to work with the young adults in our congregation. This is both a time of excitement and nervousness as I begin to listen to what both God, and the young adults would like to see in the future.

Over the next couple of months I will be working with Pastor Sharlyn and others within the church on planning ways to engage and bring together the group of young adults we have in the congregation.

No one person can know everything, so I would like to hear from the young adults in the congregation about what they would like to see from their church in the future. If anyone has any ideas, or would like to be a part of planning our new ministry please contact me at pastorshaun@hollypc.org or feel to talk to me at church. Lastly, Michele, Abby and I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome back to the church and for being part of our lives over the last couple of months with Abby's adoption and baptism.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS:

Year-to-date (August 31, 2013) Income/Expenses Holly Presbyterian Church Financial Summary:

August 2013 Income	\$ 7,489.54	YTD Income	\$77,628.01
August 2013 Expenses	\$12,340.22	YTD Expenses	\$95,743.62

"Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
1 Peter 4:10

Two New Church Endowment Funds

Would you like to see our church's finances stable far into the future, protecting Holly Presbyterian Church into perpetuity? One way to achieve this is through an endowment fund. Personal endowment funds can be difficult to setup and manage. With Session's approval, earlier this year the Stewardship Committee set up two endowment funds with Ameriprise Financial, the Holly Presbyterian Church Investment Fund and the Holly Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund.

The Holly Presbyterian Church Investment Fund is a fund where the church is allowed to spend any and all of the funds. The Holly Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund is to be invested in income generating funds and the church is not allowed to touch the principal and is allowed to spend only the income it generates. Having money in both these funds will help protect and stabilize our financial future.

These two funds are now active. Families can now choose these funds to be identified in memorial giving. The funds can also be identified in wills or trusts. You can even give money directly into them now. Please contact anyone on the Stewardship Committee if you would like further information.

World Communion Sunday

October 6th, 2013



Worship & Lord's Supper 11:00am



Sunday School & Study Opportunities!

The Gathering Place for Kids
Sunday at 9:30 am

Our kids program uses the Spark Activate Faith curriculum and is a Workshop Rotation modeled classroom where our kids get to explore their faith through, art, science, cooking, computers, games, stories, music & drama!

Register your family and Check it out!
<http://hollypc.sparksundayschool.org>

Adult Sunday School 2013-2014

Sunday at 9:30 am

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!

12:00 noon

The Lunch Bunch meets at noon on Wednesday for an informal Bible study. 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 little something for your lunch!

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

For anyone interested in exploring membership at Holly Presbyterian Church we will offer a new members class in October with Pastor Sharlyn. Class will be Sunday mornings, October 13, 20, and 27 from 9:30Am to 10:00 am. If you are interested in joining us please contact the church office by calling 248-634-9494 or sending an email to office@hollypc.org

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Abiding Hope"

Each month the women of the church are invited to gather together with Rev. Sharlyn as she leads the Horizon's 2013-2014 Bible Study "Abiding Hope". We will meet the first Thursday of each month to explore the word of God in Exodus

and Deuteronomy. The Study Materials are available for a cost of \$10 if you do not already subscribe to Horizon's Magazine. Please let Laura parker know if you need to have a book ordered for you. November

October Calendar of Events



- Oct 6 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am World Communion
TFC MTG 12:15 - 2:15pm
AA 3:00pm
- Oct 7 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Oct 8 STEWARDSHIP MTG 7:00pm
RUMMAGE SALE SET UP Tues - Thurs Help Needed!
- Oct 9 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
CONGREGATIONAL CARE MTG CANCELED
CHRISTIAN ED. MTG 7:00pm
- Oct 10 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP Last Day! Help Needed!
- Oct 11 RUMMAGE SALE 9:00am - 5:00pm
BOILER FUND BAKE SALE at Rummage Sale
BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
- Oct 12 RUMMAGE SALE 9:00am - 4:00pm

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- Oct 13 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am Baptisms
PRIVATE PARTY FELLOWSHIP HALL 12:00pm -2:30pm
NO TFC MTG
AA 3:00pm
- Oct 14 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Oct 15 OUTREACH MTG 6:00pm
SESSION MTG 7:00pm
- Oct 16 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- Oct 19 PW FALL GATHERING BAY CITY 9:00am
BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm
- Oct 20 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
TFC MTG 12:15 - 2:15pm
AA 3:00pm
- Oct 21 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Oct 22 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- Oct 25 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
- Oct 26 ALL CHURCH WORK DAY 9:00am
PRIVATE PARTY FELLOWSHIP HALL
- Oct 27 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
TFC MTG 12:15 - 2:15pm
AA 3:00pm
- Oct 28 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Oct 30 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- Oct 31 TRICK OR TREAT OUTREACH 6:00pm

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 Dan Nash, Travis, Beatrice Johnston, Harriett Striggow, Gladys Havenstein, Judy & Paul Blackburn, Ethel Weithoff, Marjorie Smith, Marilyn Hope, Nicole Conway, Raelene (Hill) Morgan, and Irene (Bailey) Raby, Carol Ohlmacher, Grace Ranger, Brian Palmero, Carson Wallace, Fred Gates, Bill and Mary Renico, Keaton Banks, Dell Cruickshank, Dorothy Leaming, and Jim Hope.
- For those affected by the violence in Egypt, Syria, Kenya and other volatile areas across the globe.
- For wisdom and integrity in our nations leaders.
- Prayers of Joy

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- Prayers of thanksgiving all of the hard work, and dedication, of those members who volunteer on committees that keep the church running smoothly!



Prayer Requests from the Lake Huron Presbytery:

- The Rev. John Becker (Honorable Retired from Vassar-First) and wife Emily on Emily's recent diagnosis of leukemia. She is currently being treated at the Cleveland Clinic.
- Elder Mike Gage, Kinde-First whose wife Carol passed to larger life last month.
- The Rev. Mike Wilson, Sandusky, who is undergoing treatment for colon and lymph node cancer.
- Karen Banaszak, Certified Christian Educator, who continues to experience significant health issues mostly relating to MS.



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 Updates. . .Mark your Calendars!!



ALL CHURCH Fall Clean Up DAY!

Many hands make light work!

Sat. Oct 26th from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

"TO DO LIST"

- Drill holes in stumps and fill with rock salt or Epsom salt
- Clean light fixtures
- Remove Screens
- Install storm windows
- Remove and store A/C units in offices
- Sweep exterior walkways
- Remove grass and fill cracks in parking lot
- Wipe down hand prints, scuff, etc. on wall in The Gathering Place
- Clean (dust, vacuum, etc) The Gathering Place
- Disconnect sink in old boiler room
- Yard work
- Clean and organize large storage room, west side basement.

Please bring the appropriate clothing, tools and necessary supplies for the project you will be working on. Some supplies are available so please check with Lori Goldsmith, Gerry Jackson, Broady Cook or Randy Cook before making any unnecessary purchases.

If you know of something you would like to add to this list, please contact Laura Parker in the office or Lori Goldsmith

Property Committee will be providing lunch!
:D

We hope to see you there!!!

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.



Trick or Treat Outreach

It's time to reach out to the local community and share the hospitality of God's people!

The Outreach Committee will be collecting candy for the little "tricksters & goblins"

stopping by the church on Halloween,
Thursday October 31st.



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.



FALL/WINTER RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Friday, Oct. 11th from 9:00am - 5:00pm,
Saturday, Oct. 12th from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Please participate in helping with set-up, working, or tear

down, and please donate items for the Congregational Care Committee's second fundraiser of the year. The Rummage Sale proceeds will go to the General Fund, and the Bake Sale proceeds will go to the Boiler Fund.

Suggestions for the sale are holiday decorations, fall and winter clothes, boots, gloves and outerwear. Children's toys, books and games are popular. Also, clean useable household items and working electronics. Homemade arts and crafts are welcomed too!! The most popular bake sale items are cookies, breads, muffins, brownies, cookie bars and pies. Let's make this "THE BIG ONE"!

Bring items to fellowship room starting Sept. 29th.

Any questions, contact Mary Renico at 810-694-3281 or Fran Olson at 248-628-3161, or CCC member. Thanks for your support. Congregational Care Committee.



Bake Sale

BOILER FUND BAKE SALE!

October 11th & 12th, 2013

In Conjunction with Our Fall Rummage Sale!

Anyone willing to donate baked goods for this cause will be greatly appreciated. If you have questions call either Fran Olson 248-628-9216 & Mary Renico 810-694-3281.

All proceeds are going toward the Boiler Fund.

In the Beginning News!



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

Resuming later this fall
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.
- 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. October 11, 10am - 12pm
 Sat. October 19, 10am - 2pm
 Fri. October 25, 10am - 12pm

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

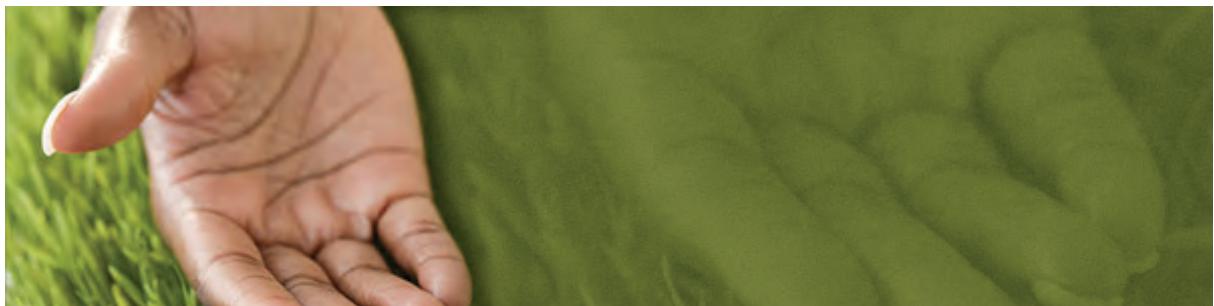
If you feel called to this ministry please see a TFC member, Christine Cook, or Krystal Caloia.

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

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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