

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.



March 2014

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Missionary Updates. . .

Athletes in Action missionaries, **Colby and Sarah Keefer**, continue to reach college athletes in the

"To follow Jesus means to live our lives as authentically as he lived his. It means to give away our ego and follow the God of love as Jesus shows us how to do it."

Henri J. M. Nouwen

Lent is a perfect time for us to slow down and to reflect on our lives and how we are living out our commitment to follow Jesus. I like this quote from Henri Nouwen, especially his use of words about living as authentically as Jesus lived his life.

I think about the main things Jesus taught by example: He loved unconditionally; He put others first; He sacrificed his own comforts for the sake of many; He was forgave others no

name of Christ.



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

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

Operation Transit:
Campus Crusade for
Christ missionaries,
**Allen and DeeDee
Iobst** Joined us for
Worship and a potluck
January 26th to share
their work with us! It
was a joy to have
them with the HPC
Family!



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

matter how cruel; He went to God in prayer often, finding a secluded place to be alone; He broke bread with his friends and family and, I think, must have enjoyed their company a great deal!

As I walk the Lenten Journey this season, I plan to be conscious of how I am doing with authentically living these characteristics of the one I follow and love - Jesus, our Lord.

Will you join me?

Peace and Grace,
Reverend Sharlyn



Reflections from Pastor Shaun. . .

Today was Valentine's Day and as I listened to the different conversations about what would make a perfect day for everyone, I started to think about what I would say if my daughter Abby asked me why I fell in love with her mother. Well, it didn't take me long to come up with the answer because it is the little things in life that make me love her ... like:

- She eats chicken with her fingers
- She lets me play video games
- She makes my lunch in the morning
- She lets me eat a whole pint of ice cream

training conferences,
and feeding their
faith.

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

or

[Iobst Newsletter](#)

- We say the same thing at the same time when we are talking
- She brings in the trash from the curve after working all day
- She still dated me after seeing I drove a purple Barney mobile

Then I would end by telling Abby that being in love is more than getting flowers, gifts, candy, or a dinner. It is being married to someone who truly loves and accepts you for who you are and doesn't try to change you but grows in love and life with you until death. Because flowers will wilt, gifts will lose their value, candy is only good until the last piece is eaten and dinners only taste good until you push yourself away from the table.

So remember to get to know and love someone for who they are first instead of being impressed by the flowers, gifts, candy, and dinners.

Peace in Christ- *Shaun*

March Calendar of Events



Mar 5	ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER & SERVICE 6:30pm
Mar 6	PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS STUDY 6:30pm AYSO MTG 7:00pm
Mar 8	PRIVATE EVENT- WHALEN
Mar 9	TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:00am SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am

FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
 WORSHIP 11:00am *DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME*
 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 AA 3:00pm
 Mar 10 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
 Mar 11 TEAM PARTY NIGHT 6:30pm
 Mar 12 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
 Mar 14 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
 APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 Mar 16 TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:00am
 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
 WORSHIP 11:00am SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
 AA 3:00pm
 Mar 17 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
 Mar 18 SESSION MTG 7:00pm
 Mar 19 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
 Mar 22 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm
 Mar 23 TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:00am
 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
 FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
 WORSHIP 11:00am THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
 AA 3:00pm
 Mar 24 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
 Mar 26 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
 Mar 28 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm

Finance Team Report

January Income and Expenses

Budgeted income:	\$9,679.91
Budgeted expense:	\$11,716.15

Donations to cover our Per Capita expense received through the end of February were \$395.15. Thank you.

For You To Consider:

2014 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 \$2523.15 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 2014 the amount is \$ 24.03 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)

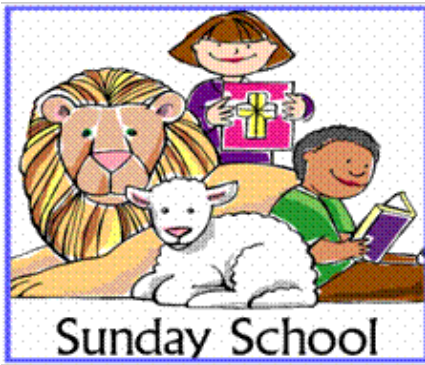
While our church has paid Per Capita from general funds in the past, for the past few years we have asked each member to pay their own Per Capita expense if possible. Our finances just don't allow us to cover it anymore. Please mail or deposit into the offering plate your check marked "Per Capita" to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

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.sparkssundayschool.org)

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Adult Sunday School 2013-2014 **Sunday at 9:30 am**

Comparative Religions is our current topic and it has been very interesting so far! 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. Everyone is welcome to join us any week you are able.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch! **12:00 noon**

The Lunch Bunch meets at noon on Wednesday for an informal Bible study. We are currently studying the Book of Genesis. Charlee Litten is the leader for this study and does a great job of helping look at the scriptures in new ways and with great joy

and humor! Everyone is welcome to attend when ever they are able, just bring your bible if you have one (We have loaners too!) and little something for your lunch!

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.

April 3rd is our next study, we hope you will join us.

Praying for our church family *Prayers of Concern*

- For those serving or who 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 Beatrice Johnston, Judy Blackburn, Nicole Conway, Grace Ranger, Brian Palmero, Fred Gates, Butch & Linda Crider, Sara Erzen, Jeff Watkins, Leon Parker, Maxine Bolyea, Kennedy Todd, Sandy Brown.
- For all those affected by the violence and war around the globe.
- For all those suffering as a result of the devastating weather, natural disasters, and global violence these past months.

Prayers of Joy

- We pray that this season of Lent will truly be a time of renewal for us

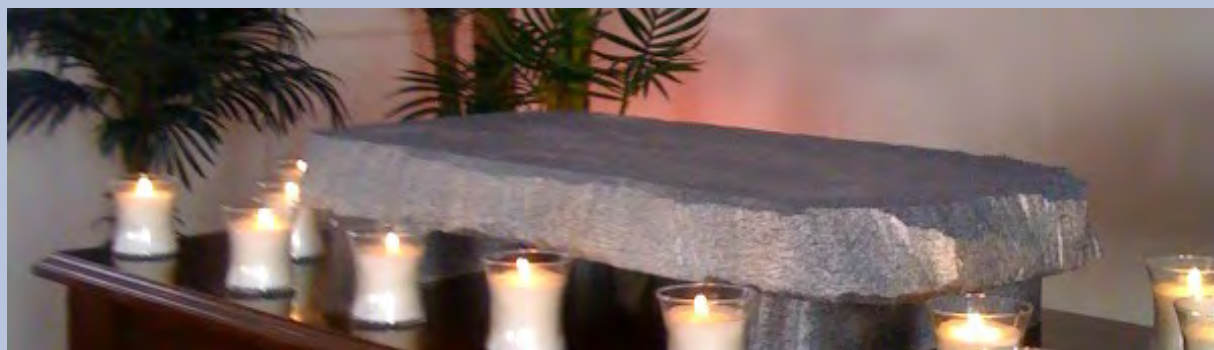
and for all the congregations in our community.



TEAM PARTY NIGHT!

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Have you been thinking about joining one of the Committees in the church (now called Teams) but are not sure which one would be a good fit for you? Well, we are doing a new thing which might help you to figure it out - and have some fun while doing it. Every second Tuesday of the month, beginning with March 11th, all the Teams will meet together at 6:30 for a light supper and then will separate for doing their Team work. Later, they will come back together to share with one another what they are planning. You could come and visit different Teams to see where you feel God might be leading you. Our Teams have a good time together and we would like to share that with more of our congregation. We hope you will join us!



Prayer Requests from Presbytery. . . .

The Presbytery of Detroit as they prepare for the upcoming 221st General Assembly in June 2014.

Rev. Doug Abel and the Vassar-First Congregation as they celebrate his Installation as their Pastor on Sunday, March 2nd.

Each month Presbytery is asking us to pray for two churches. This month the churches are:

- Grand Blanc - Kirkridge Presbyterian Church
- Caro - First Presbyterian Church



Support HPC Ministries by ordering Scrip Order April 6th - Delivery April 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 Team Update:



SANCTUARY ROOF UPDATE: The new roof is on the sanctuary. The contractors worked hard in very cold temperatures to get the job done. May God bless them for their hard work. The funds to pay for this project have come in through a variety of sources and we are blessed by such amazing dedication!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **SPRING CLEAN UP DAY APRIL 12th**

Spring is really coming!!!

Let's get our facility ready for Holy Week and the Community Good Friday Service that we are hosting!

HELP KEEP OUR BUILDING SAFE & SECURE.

A friendly reminder to everyone that we all need to be sure that doors are being locked, and pulled tightly closed when leaving the building. We have had a few instances where doors have been found open or ajar. Thanks!



Bake Sale

Boiler Fund Bake Sale!!!

March 9th will be the next bake sale to support our efforts to replace the old boiler. Please support this effort by baking or by eating. . . Which ever you are better at :)

Margaret Perry is the contact person for this month. Let her know if you have any questions!

In the Beginning News!



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.
- Pray for the Kline children and their grandparents as they continue to adjust to life changes.

UPCOMING DATES:

Fri. March. 14, 10am -12pm. Sat. March 22 10am -2pm, Fri. March. 28, 10am -12pm.

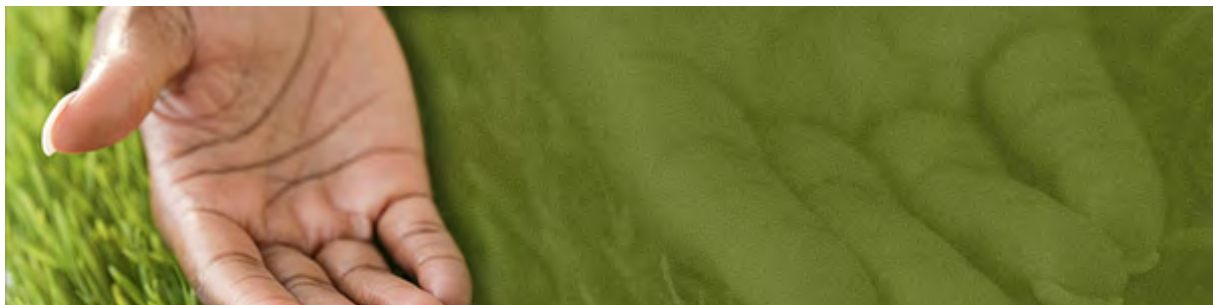
SUPPLY NEEDS:

We are low on size 3-5 diapers, tissues, hand soap, and baby toiletries. Please help us keep this important ministry well stocked for the winter season. Many of our families work seasonal jobs and winter can be particularly difficult. If you feel called to this ministry please see a TFC member, Christine Cook, or Laura Parker.

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

Mark 10:16

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

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.

Your 2014 Session

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