

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.

June 2014

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Reflections From the Pastor ...

The month of June brings summer events that I'm looking forward to ... a vacation to North Carolina as I go to visit my father. My brother, David, and I will be there with Dad at the same time. What joy to see them both! Pastor Shaun will preach on June 8th (Pentecost Sunday) and Rev. Robert Lakey will fill the pulpit on June 15th (Father's Day).

When I return I will join those from our church and the presbytery who are riding the bus and going to our Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly (GA) in Detroit. It will be exciting to be present for the opening worship of this great event bi-annual in our denomination and to witness the election of the next Moderator

Missionary

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 Current Newsletter**](#)

Operation Transit: Campus Crusade for Christ missionaries, **Allen and DeeDee lobst** are beginning their move back Spain after a year here in the USA with family & friends.



Alan and Dee Dee, along with their children, will be returning to their mission work in Algeciras-Cadiz spreading the Good News!

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

or

[**Lobst Newsletter**](#)

denomination and to witness the election of the next Moderator. In preparation for the 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Committee to Review Biennial Assemblies recommends these value statements: That the common life of the whole church, as evidenced in our meetings, will reflect the mind of Christ, demonstrating consolation, spiritual sharing, compassion and sympathy, and doing nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regarding others as better than ourselves. We will be in full accord and strive to model the faithful, obedient, humble and self-emptying of Jesus Christ.

That our engagement with one another in the ministry of the gathered church will reflect the transforming love of God, enabling us to discern God's will together. We will use our gifts on behalf of one another and the world, giving glory to God. We will love genuinely and hold fast to all that is good. We will rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering and persevere in prayer. We will live in harmony with one another and overcome evil with good.

Good values from Scriptures for all of us in all we do!

Let us be in prayer for the commissioners and for all who will seek to discern God's will for our denomination as they vote on pending issues. Summaries of the meeting will be available sometime later. May God continue to bless our Church and give us wisdom and guidance for the future.

Peace and Grace!
Reverend Sharlyn



Reflections from Pastor Shaun...

Greetings...

Many of us know that Memorial Day is an American holiday day set aside on the last Monday of May to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Some of us were like other Americans on this day by visiting cemeteries, watching parades and spending time with our family.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Church Worship & Picnic
at Lakeside Park
July 13th at 10:00am**

Breakfast Together
For our Retreat Scholarship
Fund
July 22nd at 9:00am

Annual All Church Retreat



Camp Echo Grove
August 22-23, 2014
Mark your calendar now!
**Registration begins May
18th!**

**Retreat Scholarship
Breakfast & Talent
Auction!**
June 15th
Before worship!



Similar to Memorial Day, churches across America also set aside time to remember all those who have passed during the last year. This is called "All Saints' Day" held on the 1st of November. Some people, like the descendants of the French Canadian settlers around St. Martinsville, Louisiana, will observe this day in the traditional French manner, by laying wreaths and bouquets on even the most obscure graves. Others will set aside a special Sunday service to light a candle and read the names of those from their congregation that have passed into the greater life in the past year.

As important as these two different days are to remember, we must be sure to remember to set aside time. to not just remember who Jesus Christ was, but also revisit him every day through prayer, song, reading the bible, and sharing who Jesus Christ is with those outside of church. When we take these actions, we change from something that is as routine as putting a flag at a memorial maker or flowers on a grave, to being part of the living life of Jesus Christ on this earth today. We stop only sharing memories of the past, but begin to also make new memories for others through sharing Jesus Christ with them.

Peace through Christ-
Shaun

Finance Team Report

2014 Income and Expenses

April Income and Expenses

Description	April 30,2014	Year to Date
INCOME	\$ 9,883.15	\$41,068.60
EXPENSE	\$10,576.67	\$48,057.02

Keeping the Sabbath for All!

Sunday is such a special day to set aside business and to come for worship and prayer, praising God together with songs and Scriptures, celebrating The Lord's Supper with one another.

I want to encourage everyone to come with hearts and minds ready for worshipping God and for spending time in fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ, encouraging one another, sharing joys together and lifting one another up in Jesus' name.



**Mark your calendar to
enjoy a delicious
breakfast prepared by
Randy Cook & Team!**

*If you would like to help plan the
retreat see retreat chairperson Sara
Pettit for more details or email her
by
[Clicking Here](#)*

**BAKE SALE FOR BOILER
FUND:**

Our next yummy fundraiser is
this week on June 8th!
Plan to bake,
or buy...
whichever one you are more
skilled at doing :)

**SUMMER WORSHIP
HOURS**

On June 15th, Father's Day,
we will begin to observe our
summer worship schedule.
Sunday school and fellowship
hour will be suspended and
Sunday worship will begin at
10:00am each week through
Labor Day. We will return to
our regular schedule on
September 7th, 2014.

Please remember that all who come for Sunday worship are longing and needing that Sabbath time. It is not a time when those who work in the church, whether in a paid position or as a volunteer on a team, should be approached with things that need to be done or with complaints about something.

Each team leader and the office administrator all have mail boxes where you can put a note in for them. The Property Team has a work book in the narthex where you can add something that needs to be done. All phone numbers of each team leader, office staff and pastors are listed on the back of every bulletin. Email addresses are listed in the church directory. Let's agree to refrain from distracting others in their preparation for worship and in their need for keeping a Sabbath. May the Holy Spirit remind us all!

~ Pastor Sharlyn

June Calendar of Events

- Jun 1 TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:30am
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am - Communion
AA 3:00pm
- Jun 2 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Jun 3 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm

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 Jun 4 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
 Jun 5 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS STUDY 6:30pm
 AYSO MTG 7:00pm
 Jun 8 TEENS FOR CHRIST MTG 9:30am (Last week before summer break)
 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am (Last week before summer break)
 GATHER 'ROUND CELEBRATION FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR 10:30am
 BAKE SALE FOR BOILER FUND
 WORSHIP 11:00am - (Last week before summer worship hours start)
 AA 3:00pm
 Jun 9 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
 Jun 10 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 TEAM PARTY NIGHT 6:30pm
 Jun 11 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon - Cribbage!
 Jun 12 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 Jun 13 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
 Jun 14 GENERAL ASSEMBLY - DETROIT All Day
 Jun 15 BREAKFAST & TALENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER 9:00am
 WORSHIP 10:00am SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS!
 AA 3:00pm
 Jun 16 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
 Jun 17 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 SESSION MTG 7:00pm
 Jun 18 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon - Cribbage!
 JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 Jun 21 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm
 Jun 22 WORSHIP 10:00am
 SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR 11:00am
 AA 3:00pm
 Jun 23 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
 Jun 24 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 Jun 25 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon - Cribbage!
 Jun 26 SOCIAL GATHERING FOR MENTALLY ILL & SENIORS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
 Jun 27 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
 Jun 28 PRIVATE EVENT Parvin Wedding
 Jun 29 WORSHIP 10:00am
 AA 3:00pm
 Jun 30 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm



Sunday School & Study Opportunities!

The Gathering Place for Kids
 will begin Summer Break on June 15th
 Classes resume September 7th 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](http://hollypc.sparkssundayschool.org)

Adult Sunday School 2013-2014
will begin Summer Break on June 15th
Classes resume September 7th at 9:30 am

Wednesday Lunch Bunch!

12:00 noon

The Lunch Bunch meets at noon on Wednesday for an informal Bible study. We will be switching focus for the summer months, and sharing fellowship as we play cribbage each week.

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.

June 5th is our next study, we hope you will join us.

Praying for our church family & friends. . .

Concerns

- 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, Raelene Morgan, Judy Blackburn, Grace Ranger, Brian Palmero, Sara Erzen, Leon Parker, Maxine Bolyea, Kennedy Todd, Jaymi Whalen, Don Murphy, grandfather of Josh Banks, Pamela Lender, Alex Parker, Cal Voorheis (Grandson), Larry Blakemore, Ron Mikulak (Karen Haneline's brother) the Keith Ketzler family, Beth Krauss, Rev. Mark Knisley of Hopewell Presbyterian Church (TN), Keaton Banks, and Maxine Bolyea.

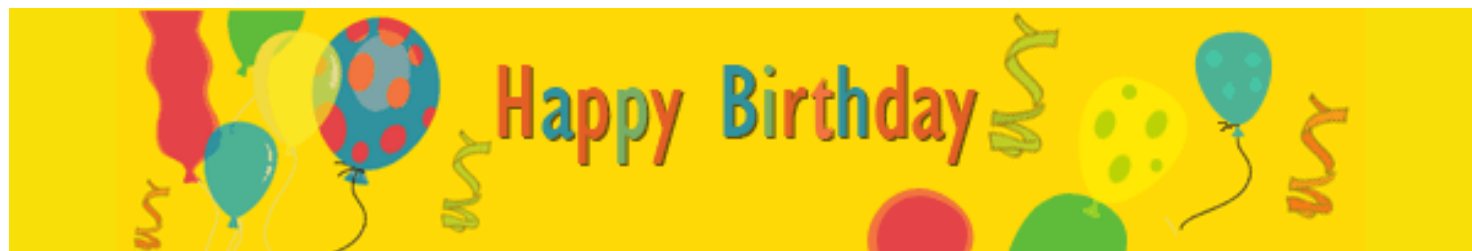
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- We thank God for the fullness of spring and arrival of warmer weather!



PC(USA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN DETROIT

We have a great opportunity to ride a bus with other Presbyterians from our presbytery to attend our General Assembly in Detroit on Saturday, June 14th. A bus will leave Kirkridge Presbyterian Church in Grand Blanc at 8:30 a.m. and will arrive back at 10 p.m. that night. The cost is \$20. Lunch is on our own. We will see the opening worship service and the election of the new moderator! *The bus only holds 32 so we need to get our reservation in ASAP!* Please call or write the office or Pastor Sharlyn if you are interested in going. Or you can contact Stephanie Cervini at scervini@presbylh.org or 989-799-7481 x3. _



As part of our Care Team game plan we will recognize birthdays and anniversaries each month. Please take a moment and pray for each of these people this month.

Birthdays: Desiree Cook June 1 ~ Madie Elliott June 6 ~ Cora McDonald June 6 ~
Marissa Cook June 23 ~ Sara Goldsmith June 23 ~ Elizabeth Kici June 22 ~
Carol Ohlmacher June 24 ~ Ellie Goldsmith June 25 ~ Janet Lyles June 25

Happy Anniversary

*Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things*
(Corinthians 13:4-8)

Anniversaries:

Shaun & Michele Hardimon June 1:15 Years ~ Nick & Sara Pettit June 9:2 Years ~
Jennifer MacDonald June 19:10 Years ~ Gordie & Jan Bradshaw June 27:39 Years!



Team Party Night!

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Have you been thinking about joining one of the Teams in the church

(formerly called committees) 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, which for this month is **June 10th**, 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. . . .

- All those affected by the violent weather recently.
- Shelby Offrink, daughter in-law of the Rev. Jim Offrink (HR) and wife Sally who is battling cancer. Shelby and her husband Ben have two young daughters. We lift the entire family up in prayer.
- The Rev. Ernesto Badillo, our long-time Board of Pensions Representative, and his family as Ernesto battles colon cancer.
- The Presbytery of Detroit as they prepare to host the 221st General Assembly in June.
- Prayers Of The Presbytery: Each issue of the Presbytery's Bi-Weekly Brief features two congregations or ministries within the presbytery that we ask each of you to pray for. The prayers of the faithful are a powerful tool!
- We lift up: Marlette-First, and Mt. Pleasant-First



Support HPC Ministries by ordering Scrip Order June 1st - Delivery June 8th

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!](#)

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. June 13, 10am - 12pm, Sat. June 21, 10am - 2pm, Fri. June 27, 10am - 12pm

BABY PANTRY HOSTS ARE NEEDED TO HELP!
IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER EVEN FOR A FEW HOURS
PLEASE LET BEKI COOK KNOW! THANKS!

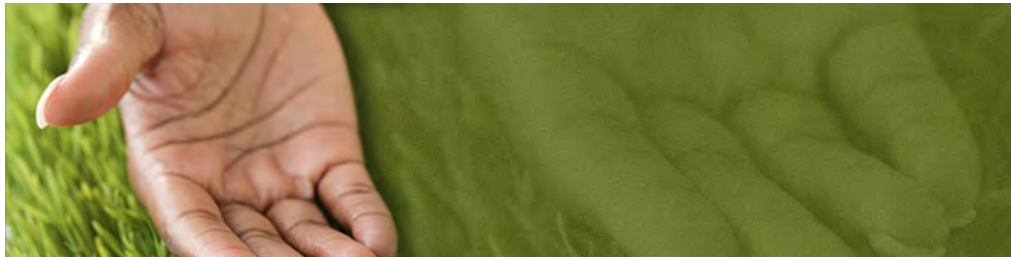
SUPPLY NEEDS:

We are low on all sizes of diapers, wipes, tissues, and hand soap. Please help us keep this important ministry well stocked. 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

Your 2014 Session

Class of 2014

Karen Haneline	Care Team	(248) 634-7339
Judy Studer	Outreach Team	(248) 634-8918
Margaret Perry	Fellowship Team	(810) 735-7692

Class of 2015

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

Class of 2016

Christine Cook	Christian Education Team	(248) 887-6647
Lori Goldsmith	Property Team	(248) 397-9722
Bob Killewald	Finance Team	(248) 310-2410

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