

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 2014

Introducing a New Member of the HPC Staff!

We welcome Sherry McLaughlin as our new Office Manager. Please stop by and get to know her. Here is a little message from Sherry, introducing herself to you.

We had a wonderful time at the retreat at Echo Grove! I was asked by a couple of people to share the Creation Poem I wrote for our Friday night skit so I'm putting it here for you to see.

Yes, I took some liberties with the Scripture. This is the SDGT version of creation. (Sharlyn DeHaven Gates Translation). Just for fun. Hope you enjoy it.



*Office Manager:
Sherry McLaughlin*

Hello, I'm Sherry McLaughlin, your new Office Manager. I'm married to my wonderful husband Tim. We will be married 29 years the 28th of this month. We are Hollyite's. Went to school in Holly and lived in Holly almost all our lives. We reside in Davisburg, and are members of Holly Church of the Nazarene. We have two boys, Travis who is 23 and Dillon 20. Travis is still at home working full time for Lars David in Holly and Dillon lives in Durand. I enjoy my pool and camping in Oscoda in the summer, oh and I do BRAKE for all Garage Sales. I enjoy reading Janet Evanovich. I am thrilled to be working here with Pastor Sharlyn and at the Holly Presbyterian Church.

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CREATION POEM© Sharlyn DeHaven Gates

In the beginning there was chaos we're told
That's the wise word from the days of old
The Hebrew term is tohu vavohu
Which means void - just between me and you.

Anyway, God's spirit floated around
Over earth and water and a little bit of ground
And that's when God decided to make a little order
So he started creating - made some days long, and
some, shorter.

He spoke out the words and then there was light.
The sun for the day, moon and stars for the night
God separated earth, water and sky
And created a paradise. Want to know why?

After creating the sky, ground and sea
He started to vision some folks just like me
He took him some clay and he rolled it and said
This is a man with a body and head

He gave him the name of Adam, you see
Which means red clay of which he would be
made of the dust and to dust he'll return
But, first, there was lots for this human to learn.

Then God took a rib from that newly formed man
And created a woman and they walked hand in hand.
For the helpmate he made, God chose the name Eve
And Adam was happy! You'd better believe!

The creator of all saw he was on a roll
So he formed him some animals to make the world
whole
There were monkeys so funny who swing from the trees
Eating bananas and picking at fleas

There were elephants, huge, with long curling trunks
Who ate peanuts and showered themselves - and the
monks
Giraffes with long legs who could reach a tree top

Praying for our church family

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, Kennedy Todd, Jaymi Whalen, Pamela Lender, Ron Mikulak (Karen Haneline's brother), Beth Krauss, Rev. Mark Knisley of Hopewell Presbyterian Church (TN), Keaton Banks, Maxine Bolyea, Dan Nash, Mandie Banks, Fred Roeder, Dan Goodearl, Marge Smith.

Joys

- For the beginning of a new school year! May it be safe and joyful!

And camels with humps who could run and not stop

There were cows who would moo
Horses who whinnied
Dogs who would bark and ...
Even a guinea.

There were kitties galore who were showing their attitude Mosquitoes, spiders, snakes - c'mon, show a little gratitude!

There were sheep that were woolly and needing some care Stubborn goats and donkeys - see them? Right there!

So many animals in this amazing paradise
Created by God who is ever wise. Who said "I'll be with you on this journey of life."
Through joys and your sorrows and even your strife.

I'll give you three things that go with you to the end Surely, Goodness and Mercy I'll send
To follow you always until you come home
From your journey in faith, never more to roam.

Peace and Grace,
Rev. Sharlyn



BOILER FUND BAKE SALE! YEAH!!!

Support this important cause by baking or buying! This Sunday, on Sept 14th, the Fellowship Team's popular fundraiser bake sale will be held before and after worship. Mary Renico and Beth Dryer are this month's contact persons. Let them know if you can help.

Associate Pastors Message. . . .

Can you believe that autumn is beginning? You can tell because kids are back to school. . . the silver maples are beginning to turn red. . . the soy bean and corn fields are turning from bright green to golden brown.

For Michele and me we look forward to this time of year because of the cooling temperatures and the beautiful palette of colors shooting from the tree limbs. In

order to get close to these colors we love to walk through the woods, and look at the colors as we kick the leaves around our feet.

If you are not sure what to do this autumn, let me suggest you take some time to get out and have fun with your family. Go to the local cider mill to have some donuts and a glass of apple cider, or take in a local high school, college, or professional football game and cheer on your favorite team. If nothing else, go out and rake up a bunch of leaves and dive in or throw them around!

Regardless of what you decide to do, enjoy the time with your family and make new memories this autumn.

-Shaun

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!



***SEPTEMBER 14TH
POTLUCK LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP.***

Sunday School for all ages will begin!

***THE GATHERING PLACE 4 KIDS:
Curriculum: *Spark Ignite Faith!****



YOUNG ADULT STUDY

Rev. Sharlyn will lead the young adult class.

HIGH SCHOOL

Pastor Shaun will lead the high school youth on the new book and study:

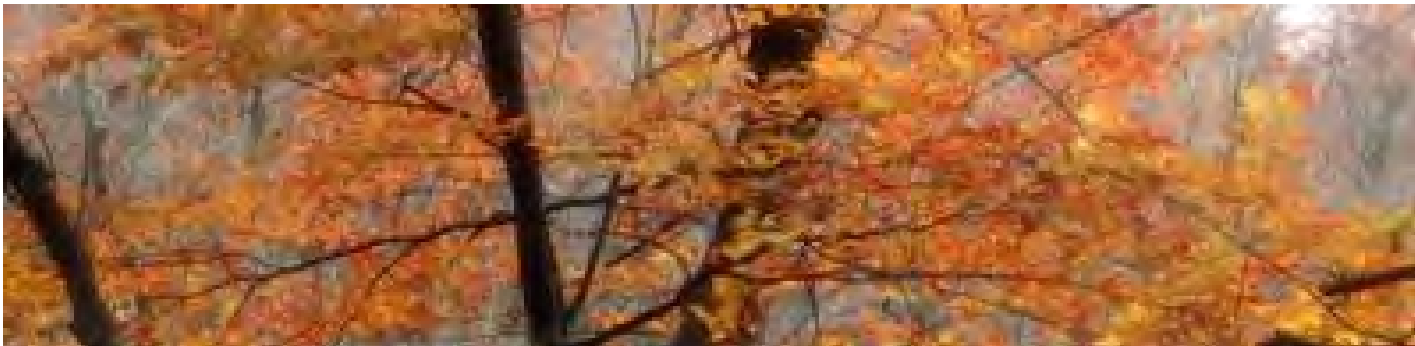
GOD'S NOT DEAD

Come Enjoy This Exciting Discussion!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 2014-2015:

"Comparative Religions" is our current topic. What do the basic tenants of the world's five major religions and philosophies have in common? We will be studying the way these markedly different belief systems have set up their moral codes, showing the great number of similarities, and a number of the differences between them, and looking at how each of the systems currently influences the actions of nations on the world stage.

September Calendar of Events



- Sep 8 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Sep 9 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
TEAM PARTY NIGHT 6:30pm
- Sep 10 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- Sep 11 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Sep 12 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
- Sep 14 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
RALLY DAY POTLUCK LUNCH 12:00pm
AA 3:00pm
- Sep 15 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Sep 16 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
SESSION MTG 7:00pm
- Sep 17 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- Sep 18 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Sep 20 BABY PANTRY 10am - 2pm
- Sep 21 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP HOUR 10:30am
WORSHIP 11:00am
AA 3:00pm
- Sep 22 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm
- Sep 23 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Sep 24 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH 12noon
- Sep 25 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- Sep 26 BABY PANTRY 10am - 12pm
- Sep 28 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:30am
FELLOWSHIP HOUR 10:30am

WORSHIP 11:00am

AA 3:00pm

Sep 29 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm

Sep 30 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS 12:00pm - 4:00pm



Our Missionary Updates. . .

University of Michigan Athletes in Action

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.

[**Keefer Summer Newsletter**](#)

OPERATION TRANSIT!

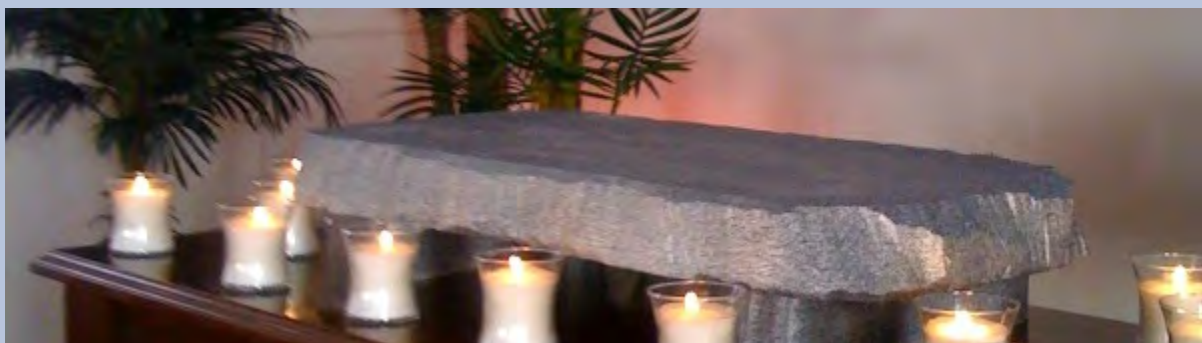


Campus Crusade for Christ missionaries, Allen and DeeDee Iobst, continue to reach people in the name of Christ and distribute bibles.

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

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

[**Iobst Summer Newsletter**](#)



Prayer Requests from the Lake Huron Presbytery:

- Kris Noble, son of Elder Vicky Bright (Sandusky) who was in a very serious accident last month. While he is now recouping at home and doing better than expected at this stage, he has a long road to recovery ahead of him.
- The Rev. Dr. Robert Emrich and wife, Carol on Bob's retirement as Pastor of Saginaw-First on June 30th. Congratulations to both!
- The Rev. Lucy Waechter Webb (former Candidate Under Care of LHP) and husband Daniel on the recent birth of their first child, Gillian Ruth. Lucy is the daughter of Elders John and Sue Waechter (Midland-Memorial). Congratulations to the whole family!
- 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.



Order Scrip this Summer!

Order September, 7 - Delivery September 14th

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!](#)



Bake Sale

As we did last year, Outreach will be holding another bake sale on Saturday Sept. 27th 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. 26th, the night before the sale.

The money earned the past two years 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.

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.
- Pray for those parents who are not getting enough hours on their work schedules.
- Pray for those parents who are seeking work.

UPCOMING DATES:

September

Fri. September 12, 10am - 12pm, Sat. September 20, 10am - 2pm,
Fri. September 26, 10am - 12pm

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

If you feel called to this ministry please see Beki Cook, Christine Cook, or Laura Parker .

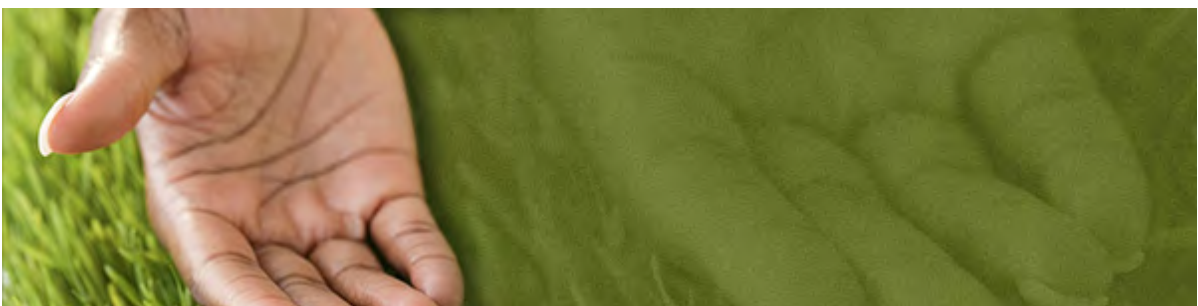
*"And he took the Children in his arms, put His hands on them
and blessed them."*

Mark 10:16

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 lobst 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

Our 2014 Session

Class of 2014	Karen Haneline	Care Team	(248) 634-7339
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	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	(248) 634-4610
Class of 2016		Technology Team	
	Christine Cook	Christian Ed.Team	(248) 887-2012
	Lori Goldsmith	Property Team	(810) 397-9722
	Bob Killewald	Finance Team	(248) 310-2410
Minister:	Rev. Dr. Sharlyn Gates	(620)423-2671 (c)	(248)369-8893 (h)
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