

# 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 2014

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### God's Team ...

Last Saturday I went to Williamston to watch my grandson, Andrew, play soccer. They lost. For the third time in a row. Andrew plays defense and he's doing a good job, putting a lot into it; taking his part



## BOILER FUND BAKE SALE!

Support this important cause by baking or buying! This Sunday, on Oct 12th, 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.

## FALL CLEAN UP DAY!!

Saturday,  
October

18th 9am-3pm

Please come for this very important day to make our church shine. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Remember, many hands make work light.



seriously.

After the game, I went to lunch with Andrew and all the family. As we were waiting for our food, Andrew said, "If the other team members would just work as hard as I do, I just know we could win!"

His dad was quick to tell him that it wasn't respectful of the team to assume they weren't trying. I was happy for that comment. But on the way home I kept thinking about it and how it applies to us, as a congregation.

The truth is, Andrew has a point. If all the team works together, gives their best - we have a much greater chance of winning the game!

What game? What team?

Well, I think we, as the Body of Christ, as a congregation who is made up of members who say we are disciples of Jesus, doing his work here on earth - in a way we are part of a team - God's Team!

Paul says God equips the Church (Team) with everything it needs to accomplish the mission it is called to (we could call that mission the Game). We have lots of people who have various abilities and when everyone is using their ability, their talent the best they can the whole Team functions much better and has a good chance of accomplishing the goal - the mission - winning the Game.

Of course, some members are not able to do as much as they may have done in the past. Some are getting older. Some are still very young. But each person, each team member has something they can contribute to the whole. When just a few are doing most of the playing, they can't possibly keep going forever without getting run down, burnt out, and perhaps even wanting to quit altogether!

I think it is important for each of us as members of the church and as followers of Christ, to look at what our expectations are as a member. Do we join a

website or call 248-820-3767



## All Church Bonfire & Cook Out!

Sunday, October 19th  
3:00-6:00pm  
Margaret Perry's  
Home 13126 Seymour  
Rd.  
Gaines, Mi 48436.

Church will provide plastic tableware, condiments and paper plates. Please bring your hot dogs to roast over the open fire, or other meat to cook (grill will be going) and dish to pass. Directions on table in the narthex.

If you have questions call Margaret at 810-735-7692  
See you there!!

church because of what the church does for us? Or do we join because we know this is the place where God is calling us to serve and use our talents for God's purpose? Hopefully, it is for both reasons.

As a part of God's Team, I encourage you all to pray about where you are on the team and to see if you are giving your best for the good of the whole. We have many places where we need more team members - people who will help with Sunday School and the nursery, people who can serve on the Care Team, showing care and compassion to members; we need people on the Outreach Team who are working for the goals of reaching out to the community and the world in mission; we need more people serving on the Fellowship Team, or the Property Team, or on Finance.

We are a part of the team - God's Team. Are you giving it your best? May God bless us, and call us, and motivate us all to give our very best for His sake! When we all do our part - surely we will win the Game!

Peace and Grace!  
Rev. Sharlyn



## *Associate Pastors Message. . . .*

Are you ready for Halloween? Have you selected the candy you want to hand out? Have you figured out what face or scene you will carve out of your pumpkin? Is there a new light bulb in your porch light for the kids to see?

Just as we need to turn on our porch lights so that the kids know to come to your door for candy, we need to be the light of the world so others can see the good we do as Christians.

*"You are the light of the world - like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father".*

*~Matthew 5:14-16*

If your neighborhood does not have its own trick-or-treaters I encourage you to come shine with the Outreach and Christian Education Teams as we open the church to families in the community on Friday, October 31st, during the scheduled Trick or Treating time for the city of Holly from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Let's show local Holly families what being a part of God's family is like by shining our light brightly! Help is always needed to decorate, help with setting up & making hot drinks, provide wrapped candy, and most importantly come and talk with families and have fun watching the little ones have a good time!

-Shaun

***Growing Together in Faith!***  
***Sunday School for all ages has begun!***

# **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.*

# MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



*Don't sit on the couch, come on out!  
Wednesdays at 7:00pm for the Men's Bible study that Randy Cook is leading. Great things are happening! Be a part of it.*



## Save the Date! OCT. 31ST Trick or Treat Outreach

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### **Ways that you can participate:**

Help decorate, help with setting up & making hot drinks, provide wrapped candy, popping corn, and most importantly come and talk with families and have fun watching the little ones have a good time!

# October Calendar of Events



- Oct 1 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
LUNCH BUNCH 12pm-pm  
MENS BIBLE STUDY 7pm
- Oct 2 AYSO 7pm
- Oct 5 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am  
TEENS FOR CHRIST 9:30 am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30 am  
WORSHIP 11:00 am  
AA 3 pm
- Oct 6 AA & ALANON 7:30 pm
- Oct 7 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm
- Oct 8 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
LUNCH BUNCH 12pm-2pm  
MENS BIBLE STUDY 7pm
- Oct 9 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm
- Oct 10 BABY PANTRY 10 am-12pm
- Oct 11 SNOOP PARTY 7pm-9pm
- Oct 12 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am  
TEENS FOR CHRIST 9:30 am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am\*SPECIAL DAY\*  
BAKE SALE 12:00pm  
AA 3pm

Oct 13 AA & ALANON 7:30pm  
Oct 14 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
TEAM PARTY NIGHT 6:30pm  
Oct 15 \*\*\*\*NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE\*\*\*\*  
LUNCH BUNCH 12pm-2pm  
FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
MENS BIBLE STUDY 7pm  
Oct 16 BOSSES DAY  
FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
Oct 18 BABY PANTRY 10am-2pm  
CLEAN UP DAY 9am-3pm  
Oct 19 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30am  
WORSHIP 11:00am  
BONFIRE AND COOK-OUT 3pm-6pm-Margaret Perry's  
AA 3:00pm  
Oct 20 AA AND ALANON 7:30pm  
Oct 21 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
SESSION 7pm  
Oct 22 LUNCH BUNCH 12pm-2pm  
FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
MENS BIBLE STUDY 7pm  
Oct 23 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
Oct 24 BABY PANTRY 10am-12pm  
Oct 25 WEDDING SCHRAM/PARISH-PRIVATE EVENT  
Oct 26 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am  
TEENS FOR CHRIST 9:30am  
FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE 10:30 am  
WORSHIP 11:00am  
Oct 27 AA 3pm  
Oct 28 AA & ALANON 7:30pm  
Oct 29 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
Oct 30 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm,  
LUNCH BUNCH 12pm  
MENS BIBLE STUDY 7PM  
Oct 31 FRIENDS WITH NEEDS OUTREACH 12pm-4pm  
TRICK OR TREAT OUTREACH 6pm-8pm



## *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, Brian Palmero, Maxine Bolyea, Kennedy Todd, Jaymi Whalen, Pamela Lender, Ron Mikulak, Beth Krauss, Rev. Mark Knisley, Dan Nash, Mandie Banks, Fred Roeder, Dan Goodearl, Jim DeHaven, Jim Hope and family, Marjorie Smith, Connie "C.J" Brummeler, Bernice Schettling, Sharon Lowes, Jean Long, Zach Williams, Bob Killewald.

### Joys

- Pastor Sharlyn and Pastor Shaun we are so fortunate to have you. Thanks for all you do!



## ***Snoop Party!***

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
FUN TIMES COMING UP!**

Fellowship Team will be hosting a "Snoop Party"  
Saturday, October 11th, from 7-9 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.

This is a fun evening playing a gift exchange game that requires a "white elephant" unwrapped "gift" in a brown grocery bag, or, you could choose to buy something under \$5.00. Also, bring an appetizer or something to snack on. Beverages will be provided. If you've never played, come along and bring a friend as well. Card tables will be needed, if you have one.

Any questions contact Roberta Single 248-634-4360.

## ***Finance Report***

Budgeted Income

August \$ 8,878.83

YTD \$91,403.25



## Our Missionary Updates. . .

### University of Michigan Athletes in Action

Athletes in Action missionaries, Colby and Sarah Kefer, continue to reach college athletes in the name of Christ.



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

[\*\*Kefer September 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 September 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. The word is he is still recouping at home and doing better than expected, he still has a long road ahead of him.
- Congratulations to The Rev. Linda Graham and welcome her to the Presbytery! She is at Cass City First and Cass City-Fraser.
- Elder Peggy Ronk, Commissioned Ruling Elder of Breckenridge-Emerson, and her family. Both Peggy and various close family members of hers are experiencing significant health issues.
- Congratulations to The Rev. Katja Gruening! Katja is serving as Pastor of the Sandusky and Yale-First churches.
- 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.



## **Order Scrip this Summer!**

**Order October 5th - Delivery October 12th**

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!](#)

## OUTREACH UPDATE

What a beautiful day it was at John Bowman Chevrolet Customer Appreciation Day for the Outreach Bake Sale. The sale produced over \$270 and was a big success. The money will help Holly Area Youth Assistance with school supplies and The Grace Centers of Hope for Easter baskets for their resident's children. The generous donation of bake goods from the congregation were much appreciated. Outreach would like to thank John Bowman Chevrolet for letting us participate.

## 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:

#### October

Fri. October 10th 10am - 12pm, Sat. October 18th 10am - 2pm,  
Fri. October 24th 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 .

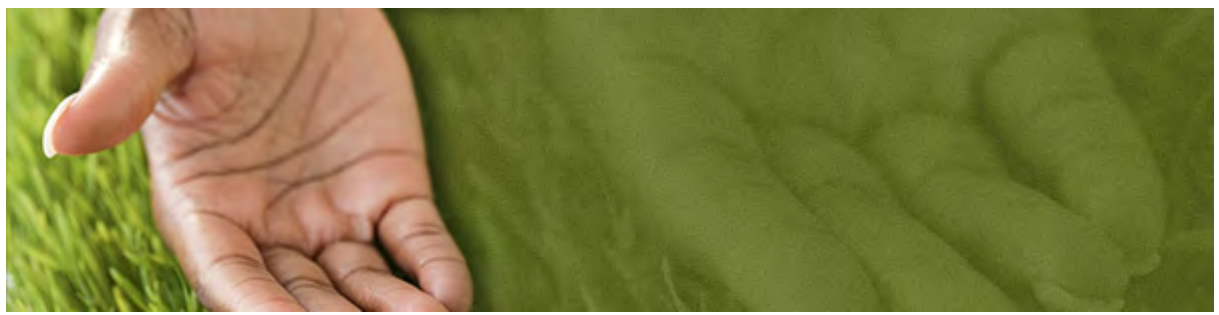
*"And he took the Children in his arms, put His hands on them  
and blessed them."*

*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 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

*Our 2014 Session*

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Class of 2016	Jim Lyles	Clerk	(248) 634-4610
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