

HPC Connections



Knowing, Growing, Sharing, and Serving

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A word from Rev. Sharlyn

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. - 1 Cor 12:14



How did it get to be September so soon? Somehow the summer has flown by and we are quickly entering that season where things in the church pick up at a faster pace! Are you ready? Ready or not, here we go!

I enjoy summer and vacation but I always look forward to getting back into our full schedule in the church. We focus more on our studies of the Bible and the Christian faith. We gear up our mission activities. We have coffee hour and fellowship times and our sanctuary is not so hot. The choir sings again. It's busier, but everything feels kind of new and fresh and exciting to me.

On September 11th we will once again have our Fall Kick Off with a pot luck and a Ministry and Mission Fair - that is, all our teams will have a display up, showing us what each team has been working on and giving opportunity to see if there is a place especially for you on one of the teams. Pastor Shaun writes in his article about the need we have for more participation on our teams. September is a great time to make a decision about where your talents and gifts are and to join in with helping to make our ministries a great success.

If you have been busy with summer activities and have not made it to worship lately, this is a great time to get back into the routine of Sunday School and worship. Not only is it important for us to nurture our faith and strengthen our knowledge of the Bible, but it's important to the church that its members be active. When we are gathered together for worship, or Bible study or fellowship, there is an energy that is exciting and vibrant in the church. But, when members of our church family are not present, we feel it. We miss that important presence. Never think that your absence is not felt. Never think that your presence is not of great

value. It takes all of it's members being actively involved for a family to feel whole and healthy.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth about the importance of each member using their gifts for the good of the entire church, referring to the congregation as a body. He wrote: *If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 1 Cor. 12:15-20*

We are at our best when we are all together. I look forward to seeing what God plans to accomplish through us - His congregation at Holly Presbyterian Church in this new season.

Peace and Grace!
Rev. Sharlyn

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding in South Louisiana (Baton Rouge and the Gulf Coast). You can join the response and encourage those in need by standing the "GAP" - **Give. Act. Pray. Give**- financially online www.presbyterianmission.org/pda, by phone at 1800-872-3283 weekdays between 8:00 am to 6:00 pm or mail check to Presbyterian Church USA, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Either way designate DR000191 to be sure the money goes to the flood victims. **Act** - Volunteer to help; contact the PDA National Call center at 866-732-6121 or learn how the congregation can help families who lost everything. **Pray**- for the families impacted by flooding through loss of property and livelihood; for the first responders and all others that put themselves in harms way to care for people impacted.



You can also check out other recent disasters the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been involved in if you would like to donate to any of those or see what they have been doing.

Information from our bulletins and calendar as well as special projects and disaster relief can be found on our website at www.hollypc.org

Chonda Pierce's Happily Laughter After

Christian Comedian Coming to Clarkston - Mt. Zion Church



September 23rd at 7:00 pm Chonda Pierce, Happily Laughter After, September 23rd at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:00pm. General Admission- less than 10 people \$31.95, more than 10 people \$22.00. Please say yes next to your name, and how many, on the blue Fellowship of Worship books (attendance) or call the church office. We will order tickets Sept 7th and advise the cost on Sept 4th by bulletin and e-blast or sooner.

Hurry tickets will go fast. She has a movie coming out in October! It is so nice to go to the show and see something nice.

Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall or call the office for more information.



September 2016

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

9:30 am Adult Sunday School starts Sept 11th
10:00 am Worship, 11:00 am starts Sept 11th
10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee starts Sept 11th
3:00 am AA

Monday

7:30 pm AA & Al Anon

Tuesday thru Thursday

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs

Wednesday

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch starts Sept 21st
7:00 pm Presbyterian Men Bible Study on Luke
7:00 pm Presbyterian Women Bible Study on Luke

Schedule of Additional Events

Sep 1 7:00 pm AYSO
Sep 4 10:00 am Worship & Communion
Sep 6 **Team Meetings:**
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Information Technology
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Worship
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Personnel
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Christian Education

- Sep 9 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Sep 11 Fall Kickoff & Potluck
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Team Meeting
10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Potluck and Ministry/Mission Fair
- Sep 13 **Team Meetings:**
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Finance
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Care
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Outreach
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Property
- Sep 15 Newsletter Articles Due
- Sep 16 4:00 pm Wedding Private Rehearsal
- Sep 17 4:30 pm Private Wedding
- Sep 18 Bake Sale
12:00 pm Healthy Ck up w/ Nurse Karen
- Sep 20 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting Flushing
7:00 pm Session Meeting
- Sep 22 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
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A Word from Pastor Shaun

Team Member's Wanted!

Do you have a few hours a month? Have you ever wanted to help in the church but not sure if you have the right experience? Want to help but not lead a team?

Well the different teams in the church are looking for people like you. Who can only help a couple hours a month, have no experience and just want to help without leading. And if you want to bring a friend the teams will be happy to have you both.

So keep your eyes open for the September team meeting nights in the bulletin, on the webpage, or during announcements.

See you there,
Shaun

Fall Kickoff!

Sunday, September 11th is our big Fall Kickoff. Sunday School begins again and worship goes back to 11 a.m. A potluck will follow worship, along with our Ministry

and Mission Fair where our ministry teams will have displays showing the focus and work of each of their teams. It's a great opportunity to prayerfully see where your talents can be used to help make your church the best it can be. Mark your calendar and please plan on joining in.

Sunday School

The Christian Education Team needs to know a count of how many children, and the ages, we will have for Sunday School this year. We want to provide classes for all who come. Please let us know soon so we can plan. Rev. Sharlyn will be leading the Christian Ed team for a while so please email her at pastor@hollypc.org or call the church office at 248-634-9494 and leave a message for her if you have a child who will be in Sunday School.

Eric Mowery will continue as the nursery attendant and will be working with our little ones, giving them a good start with Bible stories and music. We are in need of volunteers to help Eric this year.

Barb Brown will teach the adult class and we hope that many will come join in.

Finance Team Update

Income	July: \$11,026.25	YTD: \$87,341.65
Expenses	July: \$10,475.90	YTD: \$86,952.39

Praise God! We have overcome that terrible beginning of the year deficit.

Vicki Lyles

Thanks,
Finance Team
Bob Killewald, Vicki Lyles and Laura Parker.

From the Lion's Den

My mother was a smoker. Like many of her generation, she started smoking as a teenager, unaware of the health risks she was inviting. Once the dangers of smoking were publicized, she tried to quit, but a lifetime of habits is hard to break. She finally did quit, though, but it was too late, and cancer was already



taking her life at the age of 61. Change - even life-saving change - is hard.

Earlier this year, I wrote a series of columns in this space about the challenges facing American Presbyterians in our day. I discussed the reasons for our chronic membership decline, the increasing marginalization of churches in a post-modern, post-Christendom America, and the need to develop a new way of being the church to adapt to this changing landscape.

I call that new way becoming an "inside-out" church. By "inside-out," I mean a church which is not content to sit inside the church building trying to attract those who are outside to come join them to encounter God. Instead, an inside-out church is one which recognizes that we are called out from our churches to engage our neighbors in the world where Christ is already present in mission. The church building is no longer the destination for our mission but its base.

This is a tidal change in how the church has operated over most of its history in North America. It recognizes that our situation is more like the church of the mid-first century than the church of the mid-20th century. But change is hard, especially the kind of change that forces us to adapt our ways of being the church to a new and different set of challenges.

You might be familiar with the parable of the frog in the kettle. The parable points out two ways of trying to boil a live frog (don't try this at home). The one way is to boil a kettle of water and then throw the frog in. That doesn't work because the frog will detect the hostile environment and jump right out. The second way is to put the frog in a kettle of cold water and raise the heat so slowly that the frog doesn't even know it. The frog will simply stay in the kettle until it is boiled to death.

The world is changing around us, but if we do not recognize the change and get out of our comfort zone, we will end up like the frog. Change consultant Robert Quinn calls this "the normal state" that leads to "slow death":

The failure to change is a process of closing down, of ceasing to respond to the changing signals from the world around us. As we become increasingly closed, we lose energy and hope. We experience negative emotions such as fear, insecurity, doubt, and denial that lead us to shut out the signals being sent by evolving external realities. We thus become increasingly disconnected and lose still more energy

In [churches], the same dynamics come into play. We all spend most of our time unconsciously colluding in our own diminishment and the diminishment of the [church]. We collectively lose hope, turn to self-interest, and experience increasing conflict. The [church] becomes more disconnected and loses more energy. At both individual and [congregational] levels, we tend to choose slow death over deep change. (Building the Bridge as You Walk on It, p. 19)

The work of transformation isn't easy. We are creatures of inertia. We settle into routines and expectations that create a comfort zone in which we operate. Whenever we try to break out of those comfort zones and change those routines and expectations, hidden forces of inertia within the organization rise up to return us to the normal state of terminal comfort.

Change consultants call these adaptive challenges. They are different than the kind of problem solving we are used to doing that merely require applying some



technical skill or launching some new program. Using a medical analogy, technical challenges are like broken bones: the physician resets the bone, puts the limb in a cast, and the healing will happen. Little is expected or required of the patient. But adaptive challenges are stopping smoking or maintaining long-term weight loss. They require the full participation of the patient to change behaviors and a larger community, typically, to assist in resisting the physical, social, and emotional pressures to return to the former condition. 12-step programs are examples of adaptive change (Heifetz & Linsky, *Leadership Without Easy Answers*).

Adaptive challenges require new ways of thinking and acting. Real transformation can't happen by technical fixes like changing the worship service or starting a new program. It only happens when we change our way of thinking, and our desire for change is greater than our natural preference for the safe and familiar.

Changes are happening around us. The heat is on and no one will turn it off. We can recognize the change and get moving, or sit and boil.

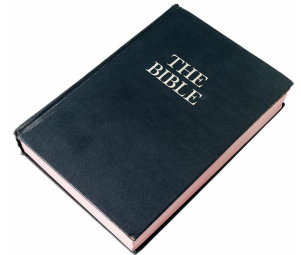
Faithfully,

Dan Saperstein
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Christian Education

Adult Sunday School class will start meeting on September 11, after Labor Day. We will be continuing our study of the Gospels, covering Paul's Letters to the Romans.

We will meet at 9:30 on Sundays, and will finish just before Coffee Hour at 10:30. If you are not a teenager anymore, you are welcome to the 'big kids' Sunday School. [small treats provided, bring your own water or coffee.]



Wednesday Lunch Bunch Bible Study- Each Wednesday at noon. We will be taking a break in September and starting back up on September 21st at 12:00 pm. We will be studying Luke. You are welcome to join us. Please bring a little something for your lunch! A good time of learning and fellowship. If you have any questions see Charlee Litten.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. From now to Advent we will be studying the Gospel of Luke. This is a class led class. Please join us. Each week we discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. (We do study, but we have a good time together as well.)

Presbyterian Men's Bible Study Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. We meet in the Community Room. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke from now through to Advent. This is a class led class. Please join us. Each week we discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. It is a good learning time and fellowship as well.

Technology Team

Technology Team members are Sara Pettit, Walt Brown, Jim Lyles, and Brian Parker.

Care Team

Praying for our church family & friends. .
Concerns



- Joyfully we announce the birth of Timothy Dylan, born August 17th weighing 7lbs 5oz and 20 in long. Proud parents are John & Lindsey Schultz and proud grandparents, Rick& Margaret Perry.
- For those serving, or who have served, in military service.
- Strength, renewal, and healing for: Gerald Call (Pam Remillard's father), Jamie (Laura Arrington's daughter), Judy Wood, Fran Olson, Chuck Wietoff (Ellen Paulson's brother), Amy Davis, Karen Haneline's nephew, Cecilia Borema (Margaret Rainey's granddaughter), Peggy Ranger, Keith Magnuson (Kevin Magnuson's father), Shonelle Wyatt (Sherry McLaughlin's great niece), Barb Brown, Bob Killewald, Paul Burnett (friend of Cathie Killewald), Gene Stevens, Tom Schettling, Joan Davis, Kay Vander Kuy, Lois Caryl, and Dale Huffman.
- Prayers for the family of Charles Jackson (brother of Peggy Ranger), the family of Christine Cook and the family of Shelley Foley-Trainor (Lisa Martin's friend).
- Prayers for our members who are home bound or in care facilities.

Presbytery Prayer Requests

- Elder Kathy Grimes, of Elkton Chandler and Kinde-First was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and had surgery last month.
- Rev. Cathy Chang and family who are serving in the Philippines.
- Michael and Rachel Ludwig, our Mission Co-Workers who are serving in Niger.

Healthy Check up will be Sunday September 18th Nurse Karen will be available to check your

- blood pressure
- oxygen rate
- glucose check

Get your vitals checked and be in charge of your wellness!

Note: These screenings are not intended to be a substitute for your doctor's care. Results are strictly for your information, and is not medical advice.

Care Team

Karen Haneline, Loretta Weiss, Beth Dryer, Linda Burns, Jennifer Chanter, Jan Bradshaw.

Outreach Team

In The Beginning News!

We are looking for **new** volunteers for the Baby Pantry Team. Giving your time or resources to this wonderful outreach ministry will bless you in so many ways! Contact Judy Studer or Cathie Killewald if you are interested in supporting this ministry.



UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, September 9th 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, September 17th 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Friday, September 23rd 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Items we need include: We are low on many clothing sizes:

- Boys pants (12-18 mo, 24 mo, 2T)
- Boys shirts (3T, 4T)
- Boys PJ's (18-24 mo, 2T, 3T, 4T)

We are in need of size 4 diapers. Also we need Kleenex, baby wash and baby socks.

Any donations can be placed in the crib in the narthex, or financial donations can be placed in the offering plate with a notation or envelope marked "Baby Pantry". Thank you for your generous support.

If you feel called to this ministry or just want to see what it is about please see Judy Studer or Cathie Killewald.

"And he took the children in his arms, put His hands on them and blessed them."
Mark 10:16

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 families expecting new arrivals this year. May they experience healthy pregnancies and safe deliveries.
 - Pray for those parents who are not getting enough hours on their work schedules.
 - Pray for those parents who are seeking work.

Thank you,
Judy Studer, Cathie Killewald, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash

Property Team

I have a job for you:



- Clean and paint boiler room floors
- Power wash and stain stairs leading to lower level
- Scrape and paint railings at rear entrance.

Supplies and materials will be provided.

Building Safety

A reminder to all to check the building for unlocked doors, water, or anything that could be pertinent to the building. It would be appreciated. We could easily prevent disasters.

We are a smoke-free property. No smoking on the Grounds or in the Building at HPC.

Thank you.

Property Team. Lori Goldsmith, Randy Cook, Broady Cook, Gerry Jackson, Tim Burns, Tom Schettling and Ellen Paulson.

Worship Team

Weekly Attendance

Don't forget to fill out the blue fellowship book for our record keeping of your weekly attendance. Not only is the entry used for important data the church needs to collect for accounting purposes but it is used to learn visitors names, address corrections, etc. Thank you.



Also, Worship is in need of volunteers. Open positions include substitutes and monthly positions for worship leader, ushers, greeters, and communion servers (must be an Elder of the church of serve Communion).

If this sounds like something that interests you see Linda Burns for details.

Worship Team

Linda Burns

Vicki Lyles

Gordie Bradshaw

Support our Missionaries

Iobst Family picture 2015

Josiah Phoebe, Thomas, Deedee and Allen from Left to Right

Newsletter link: [August Newsletter](#)



Keefer Family picture 2014

Colby and Sarah Keefer and family

Newsletter link: [July Newsletter](#)



The Outreach Team Laura Parker, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash,

James Lyles.

Fellowship Team

Fellowship Team meeting will be on Sunday September 11th at 10:00 am in the back of the Fellowship Hall.

September 11th we will hold our Pot Luck after Worship.

Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Enjoy the fellowship!

Thank you.
Fellowship Team
Margaret Perry

Personnel Team

Charlee Litten, Jennifer Chanter, Judy Studer, Dale Huffman

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)

HPC Christmas - Adopt a Family

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry
Holly, Mi

Friend with Needs

2016 Session

Class of 2016

Lori Goldsmith	Christian Ed. Team	(810) 397-9722
Bob Killewald	Property Team	(248) 310-2410
	Finance Team	

Class of 2017

Margaret Perry	Outreach Team	(810) 735-7692
Karen Haneline	Fellowship Team	(248) 894-3489
	Care Team	

Class of 2018

Charlee Litten	Personnel Team	(810) 694-0095
Ellen Paulson	Clerk	(248) 320-0375
Sara Pettit	Technology Team	(810) 730-8357
Linda Burns	Worship Team	(586) 482-3091

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