
HPC Connections

Knowing, Growing, Sharing, and Serving

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A word from Rev. Sharlyn

Celebrating World Communion

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ... Holy Communion ... is always a very special time to me, and I think to all of you as well. In the Roman Catholic Church there are seven sacraments that are celebrated. All of those are certainly important "means of grace." They are ways that we experience God's grace to us. But protestants have concluded that there are two sacraments - Baptism and The Lord's Supper - because those are the two acts that Jesus commanded us to do. And while different denominations have various theologies about those two sacraments, the fact is, we all celebrate them.

That is why I especially love World Communion Day, which is always the first Sunday in October. I love it because it brings to us a reminder that we, at Holly Presbyterian Church are a small little part of a great big Christian family. I imagine every Christian around the world making their way to the Table - the Supper- that Jesus gives us in Communion. I envision all of us at the same time on the same day holding the bread that represents Jesus' body that was broken for us and hearing those words spoken - "This is my body, given for you. Eat this in remembrance of me." And then, all of us taking the cup and hearing Him say, "This is my blood of the New Covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Drink this in remembrance of me." And all of us eat the Bread of Life and drink the Cup of Salvation together. Around the world. All of us bound together in Christ, in this meal. We become His Body- strong and



empowered to carry out the mission Jesus gave us: to make disciples, to feed the hungry, to care for the poor, to visit those in prison, to love and do justice and to walk humbly with Him throughout our life.

Of course, I realize that even if every single Christian Church in the world celebrated The Lord's Supper on that day, we would be doing it at various times due to time changes, etc. But still, the image is meant to be there.

We are the strong, united Body of Jesus Christ in the world. We are the shining light for a world in darkness and pain. We are the compassionate, loving, forgiving, caring hands and feet of the One who calls us and sends us out to serve.

Come, all you who are His family. Let us celebrate Holy Communion with Christians around the world on Sunday, October 2nd. Let us rejoice in our strong bonds with all who are disciples of Christ. May the Lord bless us all and keep us strong in faith and service.

Peace and Grace!

Reverend 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

Don't Forget

A Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on October 9th to Elect a new elder.

Trick or Treat Outreach

Join us on Monday October 31st at 5:00pm - 5:30pm for set up for Halloween Trick or Treat Outreach. We will have coffee, hot chocolate, popcorn, games, bathroom, rest stop and of course....candy.

Trick or Treating is from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it any time between now and Sunday October 23rd.

Thank you so much.
Outreach Team



October 2016 Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

9:30 am A.S.S. Adult Sunday School
10:30 Fellowship & Coffee
11:00 am Worship
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

7:00 pm Presbyterian Men Bible Study on Luke

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

"Bad Girls of the Bible and what we can learn from Them"

Schedule of Additional Events

Oct 2 9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship Team Meeting

10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee

11:00 am Worship

World Communion Sunday

Potluck after Worship

2:00 pm Crop Hunger Walk - Bush Park, Fenton

3:00 pm AA

Oct 3 7:30 pm AA & Al Anon

Oct 4 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs

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

Oct 5 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs

1:00 pm Grief Support Meeting

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

Women's Retreat Fall Gathering-Saginaw

Oct 6 7:00 pm AYSO

Oct 8 9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee

Oct 9 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee

12:00 pm Congregational Meeting to elect an elder

3:00 pm AA

7:30pm AA & Al Anon

Oct 10 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs

Oct 11 **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
- 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs
- Oct 12 7:00 pm Presbyterian Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
- 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs
- Oct 13 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Oct 14 Newsletter Article Due
- Oct 15 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
- Oct 16 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee
- 11:00 am Worship
- Healthy Check up
- 3:00 pm AA
- 7:30 pm AA & Al Anon
- Oct 17 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs
- Oct 18 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch
- Oct 19 1:00 pm Grief Support Meeting
- 7:00 pm Presbyterian Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
- 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs
- Oct 20 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Oct 22 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
- Oct 23 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee
- 11:00 am Worship
- 3:00 pm AA
- 7:30 pm AA & Al Anon
- Oct 24 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch
- Oct 25 7:00 pm Presbyterian Men's Bible Study
- Oct 26 7:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
- 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs
- Oct 27 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Friends with Needs
- Oct 28 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Fall Clean Up-Bring your own lunch
- Oct 29 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
- Oct 30 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee
- 11:00 am Worship
- 3:00 pm AA

5:00 - 6:00 pm Set up for Treat or Treating

Oct 31 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Treat or Treating Outreach

7:30pm AA & Al Anon

A Word from Pastor Shaun

In the next couple of weeks the farmers will begin taking in the soy beans and corn they planted last spring. For some this will be a bumper season for others they will barely be harvesting enough crops to pay the bills it took to plant and maintain the crops all year.

Just like the farmers we have people both locally and around the world that will not have enough money to purchase food and will go to bed hungry tonight. When you truly look at the amount of food that is produced and wasted in this country it is amazing we can't feed everyone who needs food.

This week I challenge everyone to read and pray around the scripture Matthew 25:34:40. Once you have prayed and read the scripture I challenge everyone to become involved in some way to feed other in the local area.

Here are some ideas:

- Put some non-perishable goods in the container in the Narthex of the church that is used to feed people in Holly.
- Go participate in the local "Crop Walk" by either walking or rock in a rocking chair October 2nd at Bush Park in Fenton starting at 2pm. About 25% of money that is raised stays in local Fenton area with the rest going to fight hunger around the world.
- Talk to some of your friends or family and either go to the North End Soup Kitchen or Eastern Food Bank in Flint.

May the Peace of Christ Be With You,
Pastor Shaun

Fall Rummage Sale

Bring your Fall and Winter

donations starting Sunday, October 16th after worship. We will start set up at that time. We will continue setting up and collecting your donations Monday Oct 17 thru Wednesday Oct 19th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, or until done.

The Rummage Sale is Thursday October 20th 9:00 am - 5:00pm, Friday, October 21st 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday, October 22nd 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.



Many hands and items are needed to make this a success. Please see the Fellowship Team for questions.

Sunday School

The Christian Education Team needs to know a count of how many children, and their 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 August \$ 8,900.68 YTD \$96,242.43

Expenses August \$10,894.72 YTD \$97,847.11

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



From the Lion's Den

In previous columns I have explored how the church's place in society has changed over the past fifty years. I have talked about how religion - especially mainline Protestantism - used to be at the center of our civic lives, but has been displaced. This "disestablishment" of religion has had the effect of forcing the classic Protestant denominations to rethink their identity and mission, and retool for a new ministry context.

In this column I want to discuss how those changes have affected the practice of ministry. Not long ago, ministry was a prestigious profession. Indeed, the very word "profession" originally was applied to only three occupations: medicine, law, and ministry, and all were held in high social esteem. According to Gallup, as recently as 1985, over 2/3 of Americans rated ministers "high" or "very high" in honesty and trustworthiness, putting ministry among the most respected occupations. By 2015, that number reached an all-time low of 45%. Demographic analysis shows that regard for ministry is lowest among younger generations, indicating that an even greater decline is looming. The result is that what was once a high-status, low-stress profession has become a low-status, high stress job.



- The growth of the "consumer model" of American religion has diminished the authority of the minister and increased pressure to satisfy a diverse set of member expectations.
- Declining membership has caused many churches to reduce paid support staff, and forced more ministers to serve two churches or hold two jobs.
- The growth of two-income families (and single-parent families) along with increased options for early retirees has diminished the core volunteer pool for churches. This has increased the expectation that the minister should do more tasks that used to be performed by volunteers.
- What used to be a profession valued because of the time it

permitted for prayer, study, and leisurely pastoral calls now requires an average 56 hours/week in a full-time position. At presbytery minimum salary, that works out to less than \$15 per hour.

- Those hours are increasingly spent in administration, a task that is ranked low in personal satisfaction among ministers. A typical pastor spends up to 20 hours a week in administration. Pastors now must often be business executives, personnel managers, professional counselors, tech wizards, community organizers, and youth programmers on top of being preachers, teachers, scholars, and care-givers.
- The first clergy malpractice suit in America was filed in 1979. Since then, ministry has taken on a legal dimension heretofore unknown. The increased awareness of clergy sexual abuse and other forms of misconduct - which has helped bring justice, healing, and necessary accountability - has also brought suspicion upon innocent pastors, and created a hyper-vigilance about interpersonal boundaries.

I could go on, but the point is clear: ministry today is a more demanding, less socially-rewarding occupation than ever before. And ministers are increasingly subject to job-related stress and strain that can lead to ministry burn-out, loss of spiritual vitality, and reduced effectiveness in ministry.

In my next column, I will address how we can help to remedy this condition for the health of our pastors and our congregations.

Faithfully,

Dan Saperstein
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Christian Education

Adult Sunday School 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 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.

Women's Bible Study Our study is based on the book, *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs. This study will be led by Reverend Sharlyn. We will begin each week at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the church downstairs. If you do not have a book, please let Sherry in the office know so she can order one for you. This book is fun and informative. Hope many of you will join in!

Presbyterian Men's Bible Study Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Gathering Place. 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.

Grief Support Group

The grief support group will meet every other week on Wednesday. For October, we will meet on the 5th and 19th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Even if you have not lost a loved one, but have a life changes you are struggling with, or if you just feel the need to be with others for support, please join us! This group will be led by Reverend Sharlyn and Elder Linda Burns, our Stephen's Minister.

Technology Team

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

Care Team

Praying for our church family & friends. .
Concerns



- For those serving, or who have served, in military service.
- Strength, renewal, and healing for: Buck Buchanan (Kathleen Howe's brother), (Alisha Sollund (Carrie Duncanson's friend), Hadleigh Banks (Mandie & Josh's Banks 3 mo. old daughter), Dan

Nash, Celia Pettit, Amber (Dorothy Leaming's granddaughter), Annie Duncan (CRE at Mundy PC), Terry & Julie Parish, Margaret Rainey, Bill Stiles & family, Fran Olson, Cecilia Borema (Margaret Rainey's granddaughter), Peggy Ranger, Keith Magnuson (Kevin Magnuson's father), Barb Brown, Bob Killewald, Paul Burnett (friend of Cathie Killewald), Tom Schettling, and Lois Caryl.

- Prayers for the family of Cameron Wells (Barbara Wells brother-in-law), Gerald Call (Pam Remillard's father).
- Prayers for our members who are home bound or in care facilities.

Presbytery Prayer Requests

- Elder Kathy Grimes, of Elkton Chandler and Kinde-First who is being treated for breast cancer.
- 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 October 16th Nurses Karen and Char 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, Judy Studer, Ellen Paulson, Lisa Martin, Charlene Clement and Emily Martin.

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, October 14th 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, October 22nd 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Friday, October 28th 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

- New families to the community that are struggling to make it. They appreciate the help we give them. They are in need of a better job or a job to keep their family going.
- 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

1. Fall Clean Up will be Saturday October 29th From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please bring a sack lunch. Any tools you can bring would be appreciated. The Property team will have a list of jobs that need to be done.

2. The following jobs still need to be completed:

- 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.

3. 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.

4. 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

September Newsletter

Support our Missionaries

Iobst Family picture 2015
Josiah Phoebe, Thomas,
Deedee and Allen from Left to Right

Newsletter link: [August Newsletter](#)
Kids Newsletter: [Summer Project 2016](#)



Keefer Family picture 2014

Colby and Sarah Keefer
and family

Newsletter link: [September Newsletter](#)

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



Fellowship Team

- Fellowship Team meeting will be on Sunday October 2nd at 10:00 am in the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- **October 2nd we will hold our Pot Luck after Worship for World Communion Sunday.** Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Enjoy the fellowship!
- **Fall Rummage Sale Dates Thurs. Oct 20th 9-5, Fri 21st 9-5 and 22nd 9-12.** Bring in your Fall and Winter items starting Sunday Oct 16th after church we will begin set up. We will continue receiving items and setting up Monday Oct 17th from 9-3 thru Wednesday 18th from 9-done. Helpers are needed.

Thank you.

Fellowship Team

Margaret Perry, Beth Dryer, Donna Miller, Colleen Spring, Roberta Single, Cathie Killewald, Elizabeth Kici, Judy Studer and Fran Olson.

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

School Supplies-Holly Area Youth Assistance
School Supplies for Haiti

2016 Session

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