
HPC Connections

Knowing, Growing, Sharing, and Serving

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A message from Reverend Sharlyn

A few Sunday's ago I preached about Thomas, the twin, from the gospel of John, chapter 20. It was the story of how Thomas would not believe the other disciples who claimed they had seen the risen Lord. He said he would only believe that Jesus was alive if he could see for himself the holes in Jesus' hands where the nails had been. And Jesus returned to where he had come before to show himself to the others. Now Thomas was able to see and believe, as well.



That sermon was about the doubts many of us have. In fact, I suggested that perhaps we - you and I - are the other twin. Those in worship that day were asked to write on index cards something that you have doubts or questions about. I got some very good questions. Here are a few of them:

- * Will I really get to see my loved ones again someday?
 - * What will we look like when we are in heaven?
- Will we have a body and will it be recognizable?
- * Was there a real Adam and Eve and did creation really happen as Genesis says?
- Where does science fit in?
- * Why do bad things happen to us who are trying to follow Jesus?
 - * Does everything happen for a reason?

Starting on June 18th, I will be preaching a five week sermon series

based on your questions. If you did not have a chance to write a question you have about the faith, but would like to, please do so and email me at pastor@hollypc.org Or you can write it down and give it to me.

I would like for this to be a beginning point for having opportunities to discuss our faith and all the questions we might have. I am planning a class where we can come together and have informal faith discussions. You will be notified soon of when that class will begin. Keep your eye out for the announcement about the Side Door Class.

With June upon us, we are now at the end of the Easter Season and we begin the season of Pentecost. We celebrate that amazing day when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they were given power to speak in other languages, to preach the good news of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. And on that day, many people became believers in Jesus and they went home to their own countries and the word spread like wild fire. The church was born and grew and had power to accomplish many things because of the Holy Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit that is in us today, still giving us what we need to be disciples, to read the scriptures and to have our eyes and hearts open to the message we have in that scripture. It is the Holy Spirit that will show us truth and help our doubts become belief.

May the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be upon our congregation as we seek to be obedient in reaching out to others with the good news of forgiveness, grace and salvation so that all may come to know that Jesus Christ is Lord!

In His Name,
Reverend Sharlyn

Sunday June 4th

- is **Pentecost** Sunday and Rev Sharlyn would prefer everyone to wear something that represents power to them, preferably

RED.

Also, don't forget worship starts at our new time of 10:00am.



Happy Anniversary



How amazing! Congratulations and God Bless you all!

Pastor Shaun & Michelle Hardimon June 1st - 18 yrs.

Nick & Sara Pettit June 9th - 5 yrs.

Tom & Penny Schettling June 24th - 45 yrs.

Gordie & Jan Bradshaw June 27th - 42 yrs.

If we have missed your anniversary, please notify Sherry our office manager.



Happy Birthday Wishes go out for the month of JUNE TO:

Desiree Cook June 1st

Madie Elliott

Timothy Hadley

Cora McDonald June 6th

Fred Gates

Marissa Cook June 23rd

Sara Goldsmith

June 23rd

Elizabeth Kici

Carol Ohlmacher

June 24th

Ellie Goldsmith

June 25th

Janet Lyles

Charlene Clement

June 26th

Reisa Hamilton

June 28th



Senior Recognition

Senior Recognition is on Sunday June 4th at our new Worship time of 10:00 am Service. This is to recognize all those that will be graduating this year. A reception after worship with cake will be held in honor of Angel Vliet and Makenzie Nash.



**June
2017**

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

10:00 Worship

3:00 pm AA

Monday

7:30 pm AA & Alanon

Tuesday thru Thursday

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

Schedule of Additional Events

1-Jun 7:00 pm AYSO

- 3-Jun All Church Clean up Day 9:00am - 3:00 pm
- 4-Jun Worship 10:00 Spring/Summer New time
Senior Recognition Reception
- 6-Jun 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting Alma College
Team Meetings
Worship 6:30pm-7:30pm
Personnel 7:00pm-7:30pm
Information Technology 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Christian Education 7:30pm - 8:30pm
- 9-Jun 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- 11-Jun Fellowship ***Team Meeting*** 9:30 am
- 13-Jun ***Team Meetings***
Finance 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Care 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Outreach 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Property 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- 15-Jun Newsletter Deadline
- 17-Jun 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- 18-Jun Healthy Check up
- 20-Jun 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- 23-Jun 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry
- Jun 28 7:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
- Jun 28 7:00:pm Presbyterian Men's Bible Study
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Congratulations!

Class of 2017

Makenzie "Kenzie" Jean Nash

Daughter of Kimberly Felch and step father Dan Felch

Graduating from Grand Blanc High School. She enjoys hunting, fishing, and drawing. Kenzie will be taking CNA classes in the fall.



Angel Mae Vliet

Daughter of Terry and Julie Parish
Graduating from Lake Fenton High School.
Active member in the 4-H horse program.
Enjoyed cheerleading and softball.
Will be attending Mott Community College studying nursing.

A Word from Pastor Shaun

As I am writing this we are celebrating Mother's day and in a couple of weeks we will be honoring those we have lost during Memorial day with a joyful celebration in early June for Father's day.



I would encourage all of us not to wait until these days come to honor

both those living and those who have passed on. Too often we say we will make time, or something is happening in our lives so we don't have time, or we make the excuses that we get tired of hearing the same stories or talk about people we don't even know.

But too often we continue doing the same things we have always done and then when someone passes on we make statements like I should have made more time for them. Or you ask yourself as you go through their personal belongings what were they thinking when you find something you don't understand.

Start today to make time for your mother and father. Make time to hear their stories even if they are repeated and get those special receipts to food and those special pictures that mean so much to you.

Pastor Shaun-

From your Finance Team

Income	April	\$12,895.27	YTD	\$41,753.26
Expenses	April	\$11,009.75	YTD	\$50,201.90

Dads or Grads?

Do you ever give gift cards for Father's Day (that man who has everything and you just don't know what they'd like) or graduation gifts? Consider ordering a gift card through the scrip program. There are plenty to choose from, big gift or small, for the handyman, outdoors man, grease monkey, avid reader, or music lover in addition to the more familiar restaurant or gas cards. See the complete list here:
<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Browse#?saved>

Orders will be collected on Sunday, June 4, and delivered to you at church on Sunday, June 11. Please see Vicki Lyles if you have any questions.
Vicki Lyles

A Note from Rev. Sharlyn

Please check out my blog site at <http://www.sharlyndgates.com> and follow as I do something I've always loved doing - WRITING. In my blog I write about life events and how they can help us to experience God in our lives. My latest post is about an experience I had recently, which caused me to be a bit embarrassed once I realized my problem. It's titled Are You Plugged In? I'd love to hear your feedback.

New Prayer Ministry

Each Sunday following worship, there will be elders in the back of the sanctuary ready to pray with anyone who comes. A quiet, sacred space for prayer will be set aside for that purpose. Please come and know that whatever you share with an elder will be held in complete confidence. If you feel called to be one who prays with and for others, please let one of the pastors or elders know. Let's pray for one another!

Friends

With

Needs

Can you volunteer to show them a craft? Do you have a talent you can show them? A job you did or still do you can tell them about. God has brought us these gifted mentally and physically challenged people into our lives to bless us. They need 20 to 30 minutes of your day on a Tuesday. Contact Rev. Sharlyn, Reisa or Sherry at the office.

From the Lions' Den

Forty-two years ago last month, I committed my life to Jesus Christ. I was a freshman in college who had never set foot in a church service until that time. I was blessed by having a caring group of friends who were trained in discipling new believers. They helped me learn about the Bible, the church, and most importantly about my new life in Christ.



Probably the thing I struggled with most was the idea that if God's love was free, why then should I be expected to contribute weekly to the church via the Sunday offering? I had come to believe in the gospel - but

I still had my reservations about the church.

That skepticism may be wise, but, ultimately, I had to answer some soul-searching questions about my reluctance to give. Was I using my skepticism as a convenient excuse to cover for what really was just selfishness and greed? I wasn't any more generous to other causes even if I wasn't giving as much to the church as I ought. Even more to the point, if I had truly given my whole self over to Christ, should that not also include my possessions?

I grudgingly gave - five dollars a week when I was in attendance. But it wasn't until a couple of years had passed that I gained new insight into the purpose of my giving. I was given a copy of Ron Sider's now classic book, *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, in which the author, a theologian and sociologist, laid out the Biblical perspective on our affluence and the world's need. I was introduced to the prophets of the Old Testament, and how they condemned their pious, wealthy neighbors who saw wealth as an end in itself at the expense of the poor around them. I learned that faith wasn't just about me, or what happens to me when I die, but it was about God's design for humankind - what Jesus called "the Kingdom of God."

I then came to understand a core principle of our faith: that the stewardship of our possessions is not just about what we owe God, it was about bearing witness to the love of Jesus Christ for the sake of others. In other words, *stewardship* is both *worship* and *mission*. And, as the prophets testify, the acceptability of the former is based largely on the compassionate generosity expressed in the latter.

Biblical stewardship is not about paying the bills or purchasing spiritual goods and services. It is even less about personal financial enrichment. It is about using our possessions to glorify God by becoming agents of God's compassionate justice in the world.

Much has been written about the supposed financial meltdown of the major denominations. That is true only when we look at our resources through the lens of institutional maintenance. Although we are still one of the wealthiest denominations in the history of the world, we have fewer people giving, and they are increasingly giving not to the institution but to a specific concrete purpose or cause that makes a difference in the world. We should see this less as a crisis than as an opportunity. Presbyterians haven't gotten poorer, they have gotten wiser. Younger generations have rejected institutional self-preservation and require that we not only put our money where our mouth is, but that we also put our hands and feet there too.

In the month of June, the Presbytery will be focusing on new visions of stewardship. The equipping time at our June 6 Presbytery meeting will feature Rev. Stephen Keizer of the Presbyterian Foundation who will lead us in a "Congregational Stewardship Assessment" process by which we can see how our stewardship is integrated into the life and mission of our

churches. Then on June 24 we will host a Presbytery-wide workshop on "New Visions of Stewardship" that is designed to help churches adapt to a changing society's patterns of giving and mission. This is an extraordinary opportunity that I hope our churches will take full advantage of.

Someone once said, "Stewardship is everything we do once we say, 'I believe.'" May we learn how to be faithful stewards of God's gifts for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Faithfully,
Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter
dsaperstein@presbylh.org

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School The Adult Sunday School is now completed for the summer and will start again in September.

Presbyterian Women's & Men's Bible Study will meet on the last Wednesday of June, July and August for Bible study and will resume meeting weekly in September at 7:00pm.



Information Technology Team

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

Care Team

Quote: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you. Psalm 55:22



Praying for our church family & friends. . Concerns & Joys

- Strength, renewal, and healing for: Ron Howe, Hadleigh Banks, Karen

Haneline, Julie Parish, Sherry (Mary Renico's daughter), Cari Oldenburg (friend of Cathie Killewald), Lois Kelly, Paul Burnett (Cathie Killewald's neighbor), Joan Davis, Margaret House, Sheila Ostrander (Amy Davis's cousin), Doris Colegrove, Fran Olson, Rachel Sparling.

- Peace, comfort and healing for the family of Andrew Nicholson, families of the Manchester Concert bombing victims, families of the M59 & Argentine Rd Victims- five were killed, three critically injured on May 9th. Prayers for our members who are home bound or in care facilities.
- For our country and its leaders. For peace. Pray for this church and both our pastors.

Pray for Missionaries & Lake Huron Presbytery

The Rev. Cathy Chang and family serving in the Philippines, Michael and Rachel Ludwig serving in Niger, Colby and Sarah Keefer & family in Ypsilanti (Athletes in Action), and Allen and Deedee Iobst & family in Spain.

- Pam Brackbill and the Rev. Tom Brackbill (Alma-First), as they deal with Younger Onset Alzheimer's Disease. Pam is at the care of Masonic Pathways.

Healthy Check up will be Sunday June 19th 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 **anyone** who would like to volunteer for the Baby Pantry Team.

Giving your time or resources to this wonderful outreach ministry will bless you in so many ways! Just reach out to Judy

Studer or Cathie Killewald if you are interested in supporting this ministry.



UPCOMING DATES:

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

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

- Boys pants (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Boys shirts (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Boys PJ's (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)

We are in need of wipes.

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 and Reisa Hamilton.

Property Team

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.

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

Thank you.

Property Team - Randy Cook, Lori Goldsmith, 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

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

- [Newsletter link:April Family](#)



- Keefe Family picture December 2016

Colby and Sarah Keefe
and family

Newsletter link:May
Newsletter link:April



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

Fellowship Team

- Fellowship Team meeting will be on Sunday June 11th at 9:30am in the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- We will be having our Senior Recognition Reception Sunday June 4th with Cake, coffee and punch to recognize Kenzie Nash and Angel Vliet. Also, it is Pentecost Sunday so remember to wear **RED**.
- Thank you to everyone who make Fellowship and coffee run so smoothly this season. We will start back up in the fall in September.

If you have any questions, please see one of us below.
Thank you.

Fellowship Team

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

Personnel Team

Charlee Litten, Lisa Martin, 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

Our 2017 Session

Class of 2017

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

Class of 2018

Reisa Hamilton	Outreach	(248) 766-7719
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

Class of 2019

Bob Killewald	Finance Team	(248) 310-2410
Randy Cook	Property Team	(221) 221-9044
Charlene Clement	Christian Ed	(810) 869-2632

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